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Report from Sapporo  
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Our Girls School still continues to prosper. We begin the year with many new pupils, but as we have lost a good many to marriage, removal to other places and other causes our number remains the same as from the first[:]  
sixty. Miss Light has conducted the work with great success during the first year ; [unreadable] trust the Mission will decide to retain her<sup>1</sup> in her present connections ; [unreadable] though she prefers not to become a Missionary she [unreadable] willing to remain an associate in the work as at present, and I think the Mission could not do better than to recommend that she be retained. I am quite unwilling to remain here alone as the work is so increased I can no longer manage it without assistance. If no one is to assist I shall be obliged to give up the work. The attendance at the preaching station opened by Mr. Sugeta from Sendai, less than a year ago, is very large, about seventy every Sunday, sixty two of whom are members of Presbyterian churches. The attendance at the Independent church is large also, and a very feeling exists between the two churches. We have three Sunday-schools connected with our work: one at the school, one at the preaching station and a union Sunday school in the Independent church, about two hundred pupils in all. The prayer meetings held twice a day during the week of prayer and which are being continued mornings and<sup>2</sup> this week are well attended and an unusual interest prevails. I understand that several persons have applied for baptism. Many of the non-Christian girls in our school seem deeply interested. Several union meetings have been held.

Signed  
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<sup>1</sup>The phrase *trust the Mission will decide to retain her* is not completely readable in the original.

<sup>2</sup>This word is somewhat unclear in the original.