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PROBLEMS AT SAPPORO.

The date of your letter has exceedingly pleasant associations for me. It is the day on which my mother sailed for Japan.

Miss Margaret Moore, who helped us royally and did such fine missionary work here during the year and a half of her stay, left us at the close of the winter term. Three flourishing Sunday schools, a weekly preaching service, and a Y. W. C. A. for girl students of Sapporo, all owe their existence to her initiative in that short stay. Her going has left only two of us here for this term. Miss Smith and I manage, by omitting one or two classes and by availing ourselves of my mother's help. We have between 120 and 130 pupils, a good number to handle. The recommendation, last year, by the Minister of Education, for industrial rather than cultural training, shows even more effect this year. When our new sewing and other class-rooms

are put up this summer, will shall be able to strengthen the industrial side and to add, I hope, some cooking classes.

This spring one of our girls withdrew, to enter the Buddhist girls' school, because that has "Government recognition," and from it she could be exchanged into the equivalent class of the public school in the city to which her family were moving. But she found they had no English of the grade she had been doing, and her Japanese work was mostly review. It was not more than two weeks therefore, before she was applying for re-admission here.

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