Dear Mummy:

How are you and the rest of the household? Was it a nice day at Kodani yesterday? It was exactly the kind of day I wanted. On the way to Nagano we saw many devices set to scare the crows away. One was a two-bladed propeller that whirled when the wind blew. Others were bamboo poles with a strip of cloth flying from it. At Nagano there were a bunch of people yelling and singing. At the end of each stanza they gave the "Gongdi!" Then for the soldiers and officers going away from the town, at many stations after that we saw the same thing. They gave yells for every train that had officers on it. After that we came to a huge flat valley with many different villages. Then we began to consume tea. Daddy got some ice cream too. Later we got some salted fish dried in an envelope and a package of salted beans. At Tazimi we saw clay hills and many factories making pottery. At the station we saw many boxes and loads of tires marked Rangoon and Bombay. Later we came into Nagoya which was the largest and finest in all Japan. We waited a while and Daddy got some food and a few drinks. Then we got a hundred boxes of those small sweet grapes for 15 sen. Then we went to the station and saw a troop train loaded with
soldiers bound for Kobe. Of course the
officers rode in a second class car which
was hardly filled. It went off amid
many cheers. In about 15 minutes our
train came and of course it passed the
troop train at the next station or two,
at Kyoto and Osaka the soldiers who
came to see the officers crowded so
close to the train that the station men
had to push them back. At last we
arrived at Sannomiya Station at Kobe.
Daddy was afraid the box and his suit-
we were behind us but the men ahead
of us on an express from Nagoya.
We went to the Mission House but it was
full so we went to this Hotel Tor which
is only a few doors away and got a satisfactorily room
for 40. We had a nice long sleep in
a comfortable bed. We then got some things
for me. In the afternoon I went to the
dorm. Everything was fixed up nicely.
The only trouble at school is that
I need a Bible and a dictionary. I
received the brown sweater and your
package. Thanks a lot. Love to
all.

Morton.