

while in an unconscious fit, fell with his face over the "hibachi," and when found was terribly burned. Since that time he has not been able to leave his home. Saturday, Mrs. K. came to me for some more books, and told me that the day before she had found him rejoicing in sins forgiven. He could not read for himself, could not stand to have difficult matter read to him, and so these seven little volumes had been read. Through them he had seen himself a sinner, but having given all up to Christ, he was full of joy and determined that he and all his house would serve God. He recognized God's hand in his affliction. We do pray that the good work begun will continue. How very little idea we have of what, of all our work, will prosper!

Viscountess Y— has passed away. She had been ill ever since the birth of her last child, in October last, I think. I do not think that anyone, save the members of the family, had seen her for months. These people in high life shut themselves in so closely at such times. But in their home, the Word has been taught for a year and a-half by one of the students of the school, and for a long time the whole family attended church regularly. The Viscount is a regular contributor to the Azabu church. Seven or eight small children are left without the care of a good mother, for such she was. We are wondering if the funeral will be a Christian one.

We are pretty well shut into the house these days. The smallpox is very bad in the city, worse than it has ever been since I first came. Dr. Macdonald thought we had better give up all our outside work for a time, until the worst was over, as he said we could not tell when we were exposed to infection. The day he told us this, he said he met one person being carried off somewhere, and saw on the street another with the signs of it on him. One of the missionary ladies in Tsukiji died of it last week, contracted in a Sunday-school to which she went. Two others are down with the disease. It is hard to lay by all work, especially for those who attend regular meetings, for it is so hard to get the women out at any time, and after a few weeks of absence, we will probably find that some have forgotten to go to the meetings. We can but leave the results with God. In face of the doctor's advice, we dare not do other than we are doing. The numbers in the school are not falling off this