

founders to go towards the cost of the whole building, and the remainder, gained by exchange, was reserved for extras on the foreign part. This has made our quarters very comfortable, indeed; and I can assure you we thoroughly appreciate them, after our two years in a Japanese building of the kind we occupied. I think, perhaps, it might be interesting to you to know just what the founders have done towards the support of the school since its establishment, two years and a half ago, so I append a short financial statement, taken from the one given the day of the opening. You will see by it that their connection with the school is not merely in name, but that they have put their shoulder to the wheel, and are showing in a most practical way their determination to make the school a success.

The term was so late in beginning that, to make up for lost time, we had lessons for a half-day every other Saturday, and also kept the students till the 26th, instead of the 21st of December, and gave them a Christmas. It was the first experience for most of them, as very few came from Christian homes, and they enjoyed it immensely. But it was a very busy, as well as a very happy day. In the morning, the results of the examinations were made known to them, and at noon we all sat down to a fine Japanese dinner prepared by the older students, with the help and under the direction of the school cook. Then, in the evening there was an entertainment much of the same kind as our usual literary meetings, and after that came the Christmas-tree. None of the students were allowed to see it until it was all trimmed and the lamps were lighted; and when the doors were opened and they all came in to take their places for the entertainment, their delight knew no bounds, and they all seemed to feel that the only way to express their joy was by clapping their hands, which they did most heartily. Happy memories of the day will cling to them for many a year to come; and we trust that the day, with all its proceedings, impressed upon them in a fresh and striking manner the untold blessings that come to us from the gift of God's only Son, and also their duty of offering to Him in loving gratitude the undivided service of their hearts. They have all returned to their homes this morning for the holidays, and the building seems strangely, but charmingly quiet, after the unusual noise and cares of the last three months.