

and until the last professed to be a Christian. How terribly sad these things are!

Four new homes have been opened to us, and one young married lady seems to be deeply interested in the study of the Bible, and has introduced us to two of her friends.

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Miss Robertson writes from Shidzuoka, under date of December 4th, 1895:

"Our new building is progressing slowly. We will not be in it before March. It will be strong and well built, and quite pretty also, a credit to the mission. The carpenter says there is not such another for strength in Shidzuoka, and we have several fine public buildings. It will take nearly all the money granted to put up the building and pay the architect. The contract is yen 5,600, and the architect's fee is 10 per cent. on the whole. The carpenter will make little besides his experience, as wood is very high since the war, and workmen's wages are much higher than formerly. Everything, in fact, is much higher; all kinds of food as well as manufactures.

"We will be very glad to have our ladies back again—the work needs them. I am so glad everything has terminated so happily. I felt sure that nothing would dispel prejudice against Mrs. Large like her own presence. It must have been a trying time, but the result is cause for great thankfulness."

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## CHINESE WORK.

Report of Chinese Girls' Home for September, October and November, 1895.

I can scarcely realize that three months have elapsed since I assumed responsibility. There is a peculiar excitement in this "home" work that tends to the forgetfulness of time and self.

I would express gratitude to my Heavenly Father for His grace, help and presence during the quarter.

There are seven girls in the home, all of whom felt Mrs. Morrow's farewell very keenly; so much so that I did not suppose they would honor me by the affectionate appellation of "mamma," but they have from the first day I assumed