

selves, it was October 10th before we could allow the students to return, and even then the place was not in a fit condition for them to enter, for except in their sleeping rooms, the plaster was quite damp, and there were neither windows nor doors in. We began lessons at once—as many as could be taught in the dormitories—but it was not till a month later that we were able to get the full work running and use all the class-rooms.

In September there was a typhoon, and in October came the big earthquake, but the damage done either time was very slight in comparison with the loss sustained by many other buildings here. Our opening exercises were held November 23rd, although the building was not entirely completed; and since then I have been trying to persuade the carpenters to finish up odds and ends of work, and to get the house and school work done up in proper order; but disorder has reigned so long, that I find it difficult to bring things up to the mark at once. You will easily understand how this term has been a very unsatisfactory one in many ways; but we are looking forward to the next term being the best one we have ever had since the school began. No new students have entered since September, and one has withdrawn on account of her mother's illness. As Miss Blackmore is writing to you about the opening, I shall not refer to it, except to say that we are confident the day resulted in good to our work. The proceedings were of a decidedly Christian character, and there were many present to whom Christ is but a mere name, and who seldom, if ever, except when they attend our entertainments, hear a prayer offered to the true God, or a hymn sung in His praise. If they did nothing else, the exercises of the day would, at least, help to take away ignorant prejudice.

We send you photos of the building and of the school, taken a few days later. The former, together with the plan that I enclose, will give you a fair idea, I think, of the kind of a building we have succeeded in getting; you will see that it is partly foreign and partly Japanese. We find the combination works very well; and it was, of course, much cheaper than an entirely foreign building would have been. On the whole, we are well satisfied with the result, and feel we have got the full worth of the money expended. Only yen 1000, of the \$1,000 gold granted, was paid over to the