

like that of the old days, before the mission trouble, are coming back to us. Don't you think so?

#### SPECIAL OBJECTS.

I am afraid that the support of any child, with an unconditional plan to be carried out, would work disaster. I do not believe there is one boy in a thousand who would not be made utterly worthless by knowing there was such a programme before him independent of his own efforts, ability, or character. Special privileges would no longer depend, as now, entirely upon their own worthiness, but upon whom they happen to have for patron. Then, too, such plans are quite out of keeping with the policy on which we have always managed our orphanages. Our aim has been to rescue from want and suffering, children who have no relations able to support them; to give them in childhood a Christian training and an elementary education; to teach them from the beginning to work as far as possible for their own support, and then when they are older to put them to some trade by which they can earn an honest living, and thus become self-supporting and useful members of society.

#### BUILDING.

I have been waiting until we would see how our building would stand the rains before writing to you of our needs. Quite extensive repairs had to be put on the roof of the newest part after the typhoon last September, and since then it has given us no trouble. But the old part is in a very bad state. Last night we had a fall of snow, and to-day it has been raining constantly. There are so many leaks that no less than thirty-two tubs, basins, buckets, etc., were set about in different parts of the building to catch the drops. Even then the hall floors have been so wet that we could not have the girls pass through. Of course we had the floors wiped again and again; in fact the time of one servant and a good deal of my own has been taken up to-day in trying to keep the inside of the building from being flooded. Miss Munro had to roll up her carpets and take down her curtains, while five basins are needed to catch the