

find that living as we do in a constant bustle, with no moment alone day or night, is not conducive to making the best use of time, and school work with Bible preparation have claimed first attention; but we are coming now within sight of a better state of things, and hope to begin living again within a couple of months. It has only been a "staying on" with an endeavor to possess our souls in patience and keep our school together. It is a great cause for gratitude that we have been so well provided for and have lost none of our pupils from the lack of proper school accommodations. There have been many pleasant things too connected with all the crowding and discomfort, one of which is the getting to know the girls better in their every-day life, for here at the church seventeen of them, ten of whom are little girls under twelve, eat, sleep, play, study, and have school all in the one room which is practically the same as the one in which Miss Hart and I live at the end, being divided only by paper doors open over the top, and it is a constant amusement to hear the little dialogues, songs, and fun that go on during play time within two feet of where I am writing. I do not believe as many home girls would get along as happily together in such cramped quarters as do our seventeen, and I have yet to hear the first word of real complaint over the discomforts, though with us they are watching most eagerly the progress of the new school day by day, and there will be a real 'thanksgiving' held when we are settled in our bright and roomy school house."

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#### PROGRESS IN TEMPERANCE WORK.

MISS JOST writes from Kofu, under date of Nov. 28th, of great activity and grand success on temperance lines through the visit of Mrs. Large and Mr. Miyama to their city. She says: "I know you will be glad to hear of our meeting this afternoon. We are all so excited and delighted. There were about eighty women present—over fifty of these had no connection whatever with the school. About thirty handed in their names as wishing to join the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Miyama,