

was a great treat and a complete success, and our opening exercises also went off nicely. Would like to write you more, but must not to-night.

Miss Blackmore writes of the new school in Azabu having been formally opened on the first of November, when the pupils looked and acted their prettiest. There was a large attendance of visitors, who expressed great gratification, one gentleman desiring a copy of the building plan, as he considered it most complete:

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*Miss Crombie writes from Karuizawa.*

I am getting stronger every day and am beginning to feel somewhat like myself again. I hope by September to be ready for full work.

How terrible the situation in China has become! Refugees are fleeing to Japan by hundreds, and every place is likely to be occupied. We have a daily prayer-meeting for China, in the church. All the Chinese missionaries who have spoken with regard to this crisis are of the opinion that, sad as the trouble is, it will redound to the glory of God in opening up the way to the further spread of the Gospel, and opportunities for missionary work.

A most beautiful thought to me during the year has been the assurance that my Creator and Lord has a plan in and for my life, and the life of each of His creatures; that He, the perfect and Almighty One, has a perfect ideal in view for me, and that all His dealings with me are designed to cultivate and develop my character, eradicating that which is bad, while drawing out and nurturing that which is good. In other words, casting out that which is carnal and implanting His own life within us. The more fully I realize this, the more it takes hold of my heart and mind, the more joy and peace are mine. This assurance, too, brings strength for service, and hope and courage amid perplexing and trying circumstances, for if God is always working to accomplish His glorious purposes in the Church, in individual life, and in the universe at large, where is left any room for discouragement or disappointment? Being in harmony with the Eternal, there can be no failure, for His cause is ours.

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## China.

*Hospital Report, by Dr. Maud Killam.*

The hospital and dispensary were closed on the eighteenth of July. Consul Fraser had repeated an urgent call to flee to the coast. Local affairs were ominous. The whole land was infused with an intense desire to eject everything foreign. We