

not much eat, and too much slap." Poor little thing, she has found a lot of love and Christmas pleasures among us.* The "Home" was never more interesting to me than now --ten young girls and the baby boy, who is really a fine child. We had the mother and child baptized in the "Home," November 26th, the mother's fifteenth birthday. We had a few friends in; among the number, Crossley and Hunter, with Mrs. Hunter. They enjoyed the service very much, and, with other friends, remembered us at Christmas time. Sixteen went from the "Home" Christmas morning to church--our ten, and six of our married women. Then they all took dinner with us, and spent the day, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and family coming in to tea with some other friends. Christmas presents and all that is necessary for our comfort and pleasure were provided by our many friends. I would gladly give you a fuller account of our Christmas doing, only, as usual, I am hurried, and I dare say, you can imagine filling eleven stockings with boxes of candy, nuts, etc., and getting them safely placed for a Christmas surprise, so you will pardon deficiencies and know it is not for want of a will.

JAPAN WORK.

Letter from Miss Wintemute.

JO GAKKO, KOFU, December 26th, 1891.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—“The longest lane has its turning,” and at last has come the time for which I have impatiently waited all this fall, and which I have impatiently, though I confess it with sorrow, worked for on more than one day, the time when we can write to you to say that the new building is finished, and we are fully settled in it. The report of the July Council meeting gave you the form of building contract we succeeded in making with the founders. Work was begun early in July, with the hope that the building would be near enough completion to open school by the middle of September; but what with extra work caused by changes in the original plan, and by continual blunders on the part of the workmen and often of the contractors them-

* Since the above was written the case has been taken into court, and the judge ordered the child's return to the Chinaman.