

and then contrast their life here with the want and neglect from which they have been taken. They are polite, obedient and industrious, earning about \$3.00 each a month by their work.

Kichinosuke, our only boy, who was taken into the home when a very little fellow, because there was no other way of providing for him, has just been apprenticed to a Christian barber in the neighborhood. We are very glad indeed to get so good a place for him. This leaves us with twelve little girls. At the closing exercises of the King's Daughters' School, and at the Christmas entertainment of the Azabu Sunday School, our orphans did their parts well, showing the careful training they are receiving.

#### King's Daughters' School.

*Our Keifu Jo Gakko has just completed its fifth year.* Only little girls of the poorest class—those who cannot pay the fee required at the public school—are admitted. The course of study includes only what will be helpful to them in every-day life—Bible lesson, singing of hymns, reading, writing, dictation, arithmetic, composition and sewing. We try to train them to work diligently and cheerfully.

During the five years they have made good progress in their studies, and their conduct is greatly improved. Indeed one would not recognize in these neat, cleanly little girls, the noisy, dirty children who first came to us. One child, who was specially unlovable and caused her grandmother a great deal of care and trouble, has greatly improved. When she learned that Christ died for her and of a God who hears and answers even the prayers of a child, she was filled with gratitude. She was very sorry for the trouble she had given to her grandmother and others, and is now as helpful and obedient as she was mischievous and disagreeable. Day by day she listens attentively to the Bible teaching and tells it all to her grandmother.

This is only one instance; there are many other similar cases that gladden the hearts of the King's Daughters. At