

dismay at the vacancies which they leave in Sunday School work, King's Daughters' Society, etc., etc., and with anxious misgivings arrange for the responsibilities which they have carried to be passed on to younger and less experienced girls, and then we smile at our own fears as we remember not so very long ago, with the same feelings we saw the "now graduates" first step into these positions, and how as the months passed they grew into the full measure of the demands made upon them. School closed with seventy-nine names on the roll—one, a trained nurse, having withdrawn shortly before, because her services were required in the hospital.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' SCHOOL.—Mrs. Ito's place had to be supplied by a very young helper, so both teachers this quarter have been more inexperienced than those who previously carried on this work. The President of the King's Daughters' Society was appointed Principal of the school, and the work has gone on very well. We have not thought it wise to encourage new pupils to enter, as these are always harder to manage. The boys' class had to be dropped, as neither of the young teachers was strong enough to undertake it in addition to work with the girls.

ORPHANAGE.—One of the pupils of the girls' school was married early in the New Year, and asked to have one of our orphans for a little maid in her new home. We hesitated as we had no child large enough to really go out to service, yet we did not wish to lose so good an opening. However, Mrs. Hara said she did not mind the child's being small, and we knew she would be kindly cared for, so another of our little band has started out in life.

Our orphans are gaining a reputation. A few weeks ago a teacher in the school for deaf, dumb or blind children, asked if we would let him have one for his home, saying he had heard of their being well trained children. As he is not a Christian his request could not be entertained.

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Our prayer for the last three months has been for wisdom to make the best use of each hour of every day. There was so much work that could be done, and to have wisdom to choose out of much we longed to do what would tell best for eternity has been the strongest desire of our hearts.

Mrs. Large and Mr. Miyama visited Shidzuoka in the early part of the year in the interests of the temperance cause. Having heard much of the good results which followed their