

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from May Number).

In the next room one girl may be reading an interesting book aloud, while the others sew. In the third room, perhaps, we will find several girls knitting hoods, mittens, stockings, etc. They will tell you that they are doing "King's Daughters' work," that they send money regularly every month to two orphanages, and where there are floods and earthquakes they want some extra money to send to the sufferers, so they are glad of these Saturday afternoons, when they can get a little extra work done.

In the fourth room are several little girls. They, too, are doing various kinds of work. They will tell you that they belong to the "Busy Bees' Society," that they have for nearly a year raised one (Japanese) dollar a month towards the support of a little girl in the school. This little girl's father died after a long illness, and her mother was not very strong and could not earn money enough to keep her two children, so had planned to sell the elder to be trained as a dancing girl. Miss Alcorn told them about her, and they wanted to help to support her in the school, and so formed themselves into the "Busy Bees' Society." When you become better acquainted with the "Busy Bees," some of them may, perhaps, ask you not to give all your mending to the "King's Daughters," but to keep some for them, as it is not always easy to get enough work to do in order to raise the monthly dollar. We have lingered so long with the "Busy Bees" that we will not be able to visit the other rooms this afternoon, for a bell is ringing. It is now four o'clock, and the girls must go out for an hour's exercise.

From 5 to 5.30 p. m. they again sew, knit, laugh and chat, that is those who are not in the kitchen helping to prepare the evening meal, or attending to the lamps, or other little duties.

At 6.30 the bell rings for evening prayers. At 7 the bell again rings, and study begins. Saturday evening is spent in preparing for the Sunday morning Bible classes. At 8.30 p. m. the younger girls go up stairs to prepare for bed, and the older girls go at nine. At 9.20 p. m. a bell rings and there is quiet in the school for ten minutes, which time is spent in silent prayer. At 9.30 p. m. lights are put out, and when we go round a few minutes later to say good night at the door of each dormitory, we find all the younger girls soundly sleeping, and sometimes some of the older ones also.

The work on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is very much alike. Wednesday, however, is spent in a somewhat different way, and in my next letter I will tell you about our Mondays and Wednesdays.

Perhaps before I write to you again, Miss Alcorn will tell you something about O. Hama San, the little girl for whom the "Busy Bees" are working, and we will also send you her photograph.

The object of our school is to bring many Japanese girls to a knowledge of the true God, and to train them so that they may grow into good and useful women.

Do not forget to pray for our Shidzuoka girls, that they may be able to say with us, "This God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our Guide even unto death."

Yours sincerely,

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DO WE ALWAYS THINK OF JESUS AS GOD.

When writing a former article, viz., "Something to Think of for the New Year," the writer did not know that Jesus was to be the theme of our S. School lessons for all these months. But it is pleasant to find that complying with St. Paul's directions in the 3rd and 1st of Hebrews, viz., Considering Christ, our thoughts are in unison.

One thought, it appears to us, is so very prominent in God's word and yet strange to say, is by many completely ignored, viz., the Divinity of Jesus or that he is indeed very God of very God. There is a certain class of people called Unitarians, who call themselves Christians, but would rob Jesus of His godhead. They take the name from Una, which means one, and say because we believe in the Trinity, or three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we break the first commandment, which commands us to worship but One God. But we believe in the Trinity, in Unity, the Three in One—one of the mysteries the human mind cannot wholly understand. Each person of the Godhead has His own special work in man's salvation. God the Father is specially spoken of as the Creator and upholder: God the Son our Saviour and Redeemer, and God the Holy Ghost, as our teacher, guide and comforter, and yet in many parts of Scripture each person is spoken of as possessing the power of all. We trust we do not degrade the subject by using an orange as an illustration. We have the rind, or skin, protecting the other parts of the whole orange, then the pulp, or flesh for food, then the seed, which is necessary for propagation. Thus it takes the three parts to make a perfect orange. That Jesus is God we learn from one of the names given by the angel at His birth, viz., Emmanuel. God with us. Again in Isaiah, when the prophet is telling of the child that is to be born as our Saviour in Bethlehem, who is to be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, etc.; Isa 9th and 6th. Again Paul says, Heb. 1: 8: To the Son He saith Thy throne O God, etc. Jesus Himself told the Jews—St. John 5: 8—Before Abraham was I am. The name I Am is one of the names given by God Himself, by which He is to be known as such to the people, and when the Jews charged Jesus with making Himself equal with God, He did not deny the charge. Again in Phil. 2nd and 6th St. Paul tells us He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. There are numerous other proofs which might be given, but we must not make our paper too long. Unfortunately, in the present day there are not a few who are tempted to disbelieve in the Godhead and Divinity of Jesus, but a study of the above texts as proofs may serve to settle the minds of some of our young people. The thoughtful daily study of God's word will prevent many wrong views of this, as well as innumerable other subjects. Read what St. Paul writes—2nd Tim., 3rd, 16th: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof and instruction, etc."

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Kind words, let us use them; especially round the fireside. More beautiful are they than gems or flowers; they will make a very paradise of the humblest home.