

to know just what is best to do in cases where all the circumstances are so different from what they would be at home.

The two large girls who left school at Christmas, but who joined the King's Daughters' Circle, have been so busy with the silk all the spring that they could not attend any of the meetings before the first one of this month. The previous night was the last literary meeting of the term, and one of them came in time for that, and was also allowed to remain over Sunday, but the other one had to return after the King's Daughters' meeting on Saturday. Poor girls, they have much to bear, not only from direct opposition to Christianity in their homes, but from ignorant prejudice, and old customs and ideas that continually hem them in and make life almost unbearable after they have once had a taste of something freer and more satisfying. Their faith is tried so severely that if it were not for faith in the power of God's Spirit, I would have no hope of their being able to hold out at all. They were both here again for the meeting last Saturday, when we discussed the work to be taken up by the Circle; but the father of one told her it was the last time she would be allowed to come.

The increase in the spring filled our rooms to overflowing, so when the resolution of the Executive Committee arrived, we at once began to prepare the way for building by September, if possible. We sent a communication to the founders, and proposed a form of agreement, about which we thought there would be no difficulty whatever. But one thing after another came up, until it seemed for a time as if it would be impossible to come to any decision agreeable to both sides before the making out of the new agreement next spring. Working as we are here in close connection with the Japanese, where it is impossible for foreigners to own