

boa from the same source, completed the costume and made a very happy and comfortable little girl.

There are forty-one girls in the Home and one at service with Mrs. Bolton. The general health of pupils is good. Nearly all are able to take their regular duties. I trust the sisters who so nobly support our work, may remember to pray for the success of our efforts to train these girls for lives of useful Christian service.

#### LATER.

The Home is filling up. Our forty-second girl arrived recently. The schoolroom and sewing-room capacities are taxed, and three dormitories are about full. The fourth is needed for a lumber room. From forty to forty-five girls are really as many as we can comfortably accommodate, and perhaps as many as one can command, though there is a decided turning toward the Home for education and training. A good fishing season enabled the parents and friends of the girls to do better in providing clothing for them.

The Home girls subscribed \$14.50 to the Twentieth Century Fund and \$6.00 to missions, which was an increase of \$2 00 this, out of their small earnings, represents genuine liberality

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### VICTORY OVER DEATH.

*From Miss Blackmore.*

SCHOOL.—Our school work has necessarily been somewhat hindered this term. The regular class work, the Sunday School and the class meetings have been kept up as usual, but the Wednesday meeting has been held only on alternate weeks, while the Literary Society, the English-speaking Society, the Normal class for Sunday School workers, the Friday morning Bible lesson for the Japanese teachers, etc., had to be discontinued. I do not know who look forward most eagerly to the comfort and convenience of the new building the foreign teachers, the Japanese teachers, the pupils or the servants.

Since our last report, two of our supported girls have been called to enter "that school where they no longer need our poor protection." Both were girls of more than usual