

among the poor at home ; and here, too, as there, the most really deserving are often those who suffer and die in silence, while those who solicit aid are those whose want is the result of their own idleness or improvidence. The dispensary will, we hope, be a true aid to them in their physical ills as well as in bringing them to know of the "true riches."

At present there seems to be no ground for doubt that the addition to the Kofu school will be needed. There are sixty-five pupils now, making both school-rooms and dormitories insufficient.

The Shizuoka school building is beautiful and substantial, and so light and airy that it makes one feel that the girls *must* be healthy and happy in it. There is so much light, indeed, that I am afraid, in the summer it will be troublesome, but all through the winter it is delightful.

I need not tell you that our hearts beat quicker when we read of the resolution of the Board *re* Mrs. Large's return, and thought that she might soon be among us again. Whatever the decision of the General Executive may be, it is good to know *our* Board has done all it can.

Next Monday is Thanksgiving Day with us. . . . In the evening our girls are to give a literary entertainment in the school-rooms, to which all the teachers and students of the boys' school are invited.

The King's Daughters met here last Saturday for their semi-annual gathering. It was refreshing to behold such a number of bright, earnest, young Christian girls together, and to see how much of real happiness these Christian friendships bring into their lives.

December 2nd. The last ship brought us your letter, containing the resolution of the Board meeting. We were glad to have such full and satisfactory news. Of course we are eager now to hear the decision of the General Board *re* Mrs. Large. It means so much to the work here whether she comes back or not.

On consultation with Dr. Macdonald we have decided to open the dispensary with the new year. Some preparations are required in the way of getting an outfit, and the doctor is so very busy now he could not come this month.

December 3rd. Interrupted. There has been a heavy