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WE have thought to brighten our Christmas PALM BRANCH with the faces of a few more little Japanese orphans. You will remember that in our March number we gave you the picture of the girls and boys of Kanazawa Orphanage, and Miss Veazey, our dear Missionary, who has now gone back to that land in which she takes so deep an interest, and where she has done good service for the Master, gave us a pleasing description of them all, including the good Christian matron at the head. These who greet you today are a few younger ones, admitted later into that pleasant home-school. We wish we could tell you all about them. Of course each one has a "cute" little Japanese name with San at the end—a sort of title, we suppose, like Miss or Mr. We think this, because we know that the Japanese are so polite and have such nice manners. If we are wrong we hope some missionary friend will set us right.

Each one has a history no doubt. We all remember what Miss Veazey told us about one of the little girls, in the other group, who was rescued by the Missionaries when about to be sold as a slave for \$1. How delightful to think that any of them have been saved from such a fate, to spend their days in a happy home receiving help and Christian instruction from

kind teachers. You may wish them a "Merry Christmas," dear children of the PALM BRANCH, for, thank God, they know the meaning of the words now.

The latest news from Kanazawa is very pleasing. Miss Crombie says:

"In the Orphanage at present there are nineteen children. One has been taken in on trial this quarter, and another who was on trial having proved satisfactory, has been received. Masaki Okumura will go to Tokyo to enter the Azabu school as soon as there is some one for her to travel with. She is a bright and intelligent child and has a good disposition. Since the children recovered from the measles they have all enjoyed good health; and their conduct, always very satisfactory, shows a continual improvement."



JAPANESE ORPHANS.

"GOOD news on Christmas morning,
Good news, O children dear,
For Christ once born in Bethlehem
Is living now and here!

Good news on Christmas morning,
Good news, O children sweet!
The way to find the Holy Child
Is lighted for your feet.

Good news on Christmas morning, Good news, O children glad!
Rare gifts are yours to give the Lord As ever wise men had."