

conscription until their school course was finished, almost all the mission boys' schools had placed themselves in the category of government schools, and so of course the new regulations put them in a very awkward position.

I am sending with this the minutes *re* the purchase of property in Kanazawa (you will notice that one of the pupils has "helped" by copying them for me). There seemed nothing else for us to do but to buy No. 75. There is little danger of our losing money in the purchase as it is a good situation that will hold its value.

The present building, we estimate, will last four years—those on the ground place it at ten years—and if in the meantime there is an opportunity to secure a lot in any way better suited to our purpose, No. 75 can be sold again. The removal of a small Japanese building, such as our orphanage would be, is no very great matter.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."

From MISS HART, AZABU, Nov. 14th, 1899.

SOME little time ago a man who has for some time been taking strong drink, and because of it, being very disagreeable to his family, came home in an unusually bad state of temper. After a few harsh words he sent his wife and two little daughters off into a dark part of the house, where they were forced to spend the night. The wife, who, though a professing Christian, had become discouraged, forgot to look for divine help until the little girls, seeing her distress, began to tell her of what they had learned in Sunday School of God's promises to hear and answer prayer, and the three spent most of the night in prayer. Early morning found the father in a better frame of mind and he allowed the family to come back to the living apartments.

A few days later he overheard his youngest daughter—a child under five—praying for him, and was so touched by the prayer that he decided then and there to give up drink. You can perhaps imagine the joy in that family as day after day passed, and the father held to his resolution.