

Tama said, "Let us build the church *first*—God's house *first*,—man's *second* ;—then God will bless our work."

Immediately the chief led his people into the forest to fell trees, and soon the church was built.

Then the people began to build cottages for themselves. But they did not work heartily or steadily, for they preferred living in their huts in the Pa. Therefore Tama set fire to the Pa. He had power to do this, for he was not (like our queen), bound to govern according to laws—he was an *absolute* monarch, at liberty to do what he pleased. Many cried to see the flames devouring the Pa, but Tama rejoiced.



*Picture of Tamahaha's house.*