

in the hour intervening between tea and church going, the girls gather in little groups here and there, some for quiet conversation among themselves, others around the piano or organ again, for some seem never to tire of singing, while others seek the rooms of the teachers for a little Sunday evening talk.

The procession which forms for church at seven is only about half the length of that in the morning, for three services during the day are found to be enough for either pupils or teachers to attend with profit, so that those who have been teaching or otherwise busy during the afternoon remain at home at night; also the younger pupils, who have a little meeting of their own with one of the older girls as leader, before going to bed at eight o'clock.

A Bible-woman accompanies one of the foreign teachers to the King's Daughters' school where a woman's meeting is held for the mothers of the children who attend the poor school, from ten to fifteen women and twice as many children gathering in for the hour's instruction in simple gospel truths. By 8.30 all have returned to the school, and at nine darkness and quiet settle upon the building, and Sunday at Azabu is over, leaving all stronger in heart and better fitted we trust to take up the varied duties which the new week brings to each.

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## China.

*From MISS FOSTER, CHENTU, January 25th, 1899.*

WE are poor orphans, now that Miss Brackbill has left us for her well-earned furlough. We miss her very much.

It is unfortunate both for the work and the workers to be obliged to take full responsibility so soon after coming to the field, but we hope the Lord will send us such a good supply of missionaries that this will never occur again in the history of the mission in China.

With all our lack of knowledge of the language I am sure the Lord can use us if we but do our best and look to Him continually to guide and bless in all that we do.