

school done upon a Christian basis or have it closed altogether. The authorities of our Azabu school were accordingly instructed to notify the Department of Education that on principle we could not submit to the terms of the "Instruction," and that rather than do so we were prepared to surrender all government privileges and make whatever sacrifice such a course might involve. The result is that our Middle School has been closed. This is a loss, but we are sure the sentiment of the whole Church must endorse the position taken by our own as well as other Mission Boards that, "For any school, founded upon Christian principle and supported in any measure by the prayers and patronage of Christian people, to exclude in any degree Christianity from its ruling principles or from its school life would be disloyalty to our common Lord, and to the churches pledged for its support."

The state of the work in general is healthy and hopeful. The results are not very imposing in their nature or number, still they seem to possess the promise of permanence. From several stations there comes news of greater tolerance towards the foreigner in general, and increased respect towards the missionary in particular. Violence is becoming a thing of the past. Buddhism itself is not so bitter in its opposition to the new faith, and even among those who are its most active opponents it is evident that their opposition is accentuated by the fear that Christianity will yet become supreme over all the religions of the Island Empire.

The Rev. D. R. McKenzie tells of a Buddhist priest of the Shin (New or Reformed) Sect

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