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surely she had heard something of all this before, and, as on that other occasion, she said softly, "I wish it all meant more to me!"

The school was a great power for good, the speaker said; but in order to do its work, it must have help from home. New buildings must be begun at once; the old ones were fairly tumbling down; and, more urgent still, a new teacher was needed at once, the one who had been head of the school having come home for a rest.

"We desire much from you, I know," he said, "for we need your interest, your support, your prayers. Ah, if you could only know the help it is when we are discouraged, to feel that the strong Church at home is standing behind us, and that though far away, we are not forgotten here. And yet people are always asking me if I think the money they send out is doing any good, and whether it is not a foolish expenditure to put money in Christian schools when the Japanese have such good schools of their own.

"There are many stories I might tell you to show the good that has been done; I have time for only one. Years ago a country woman in a small village brought her little daughter to me, and asked if we would take her into the school. The woman was a Christian, and the child had been baptized, but the father was a heathen. 'Our home is no place for a Christian child to be brought up in,' she said. 'For myself, I must do the best that I can, but I long to have little Ai know something different.' I looked at the child and could not help loving her, she was

such a sweet, gentle little creature, pretty, too, as Japanese children go, with half-shut, sleepy eyes, and shining black hair.

"Her name was Love, for that is what Ai means in English. I wanted to help her, but what could I do? The school could not afford to take another pupil, whose parents were not able to pay for her, and all the scholarships had been given away already. The woman was sad when I told her how matters were, but she was not discouraged. 'It may come some day, if not now,' she said. So I left the village and went home, telling the woman I would remember little Ai, and that we must all pray God, Who can do all things, to take care of the child and to do the very best for her. I heard afterwards that, when the mother met with the other Christian women in the town to read the Bible together, as is the custom in Japan, where a few devout people are alone in a small community, they always prayed for Ai and her future.

"Time passed, and the winter changed to spring, and still there seemed no way to help the little country child, though I often heard of her. But at last came a wonderful mail from America, telling of a new scholarship for the school, and my thoughts flew at once to little Ai, and I said, 'God has, indeed, heard our prayers; the Love Scholarship has come!' It was beautiful to think that some children, far away, hardly knowing what they did, had been His instruments, and

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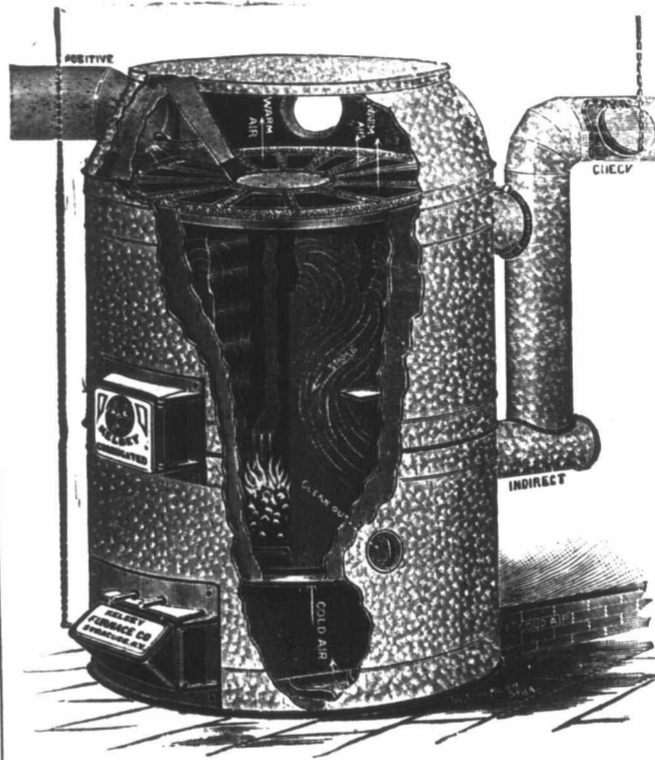
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"So little Ai grew up in the Christian school, and worked, and studied, and played with the others; but she never forgot me, and the small part I had had in placing her there. Sometimes I would meet her in the winter or in cherry-blossom time, walking out in procession, and she never forgot to make me a very low bow, wishing me to understand that she considered me her patron, when really I was only the instrument. It was the gift of the children which had wrought this good work for Ai—for the Church really; for Ai is a woman now, an earnest, faithful Christian worker, doing a greater good to her own people than you or I can ever know. As I see her teaching in the Sunday school or playing the organ for the services, I think how the little heaven has spread, and how the blessing on the money those children gave has come back a

hundred-fold into the treasury of God."

He stopped then, and a hymn was given out, and the organ played softly.

Love sat very still, thinking, thinking of the reward which had come to her for the gift of long ago.

"I don't deserve it," she said to herself, and her eyes were wet, "but I do care now."

### PARENTAL ADVICE.

Beware of young fools, and beware of old fools. "Fun for them may be death for you."—Aesop.

—One of the things for which we ought to be most grateful is that God will not give us what we know is not best for us, even if we ask for it over and over again. And one prayer that we can always pray in all sincerity and faith is that God will refuse to give us what is not good when we do ask for it.



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