

knowledge of the language is necessary, and this requires some time, as it is truly a difficult language to master. The tones are very different here from those we were learning in Shanghai, but I find the time I spent there on the character is serving me a good purpose.

There is a very good school of girls started here on this compound, and Mr. Hartwell will be willing to give them into my charge if the society is willing to bear the expenses. The teacher is paid 5,000 cash, which is something less than \$100 per month. The schools are kept open twelve months during the year here.

March 29th.

As to the School.—It seems to me an evidence that God is going before, opening the way for me in thus finding my work ready for me to a certain extent. A place mentioned by Dr. Hart as desirable is just north of the hospital grounds, facing the east, with a frontage of 60 feet, and running back 160 feet. It would make a very good school property, as it would be suitable for building purposes, and still have a fair-sized playground. There are three or four large trees and a house on it which could be utilized as a dwelling. The back yard adjoins Dr. Hart's back yard, and as it is near the wall we could get out there for exercise. Dr. Hart said he could buy it for 600 taels, which is about \$450 gold, and surely that is far cheaper than renting.

Work on the hospital is going on rapidly for work in China, where one's patience is often tried by the slowness of the laborers. For the last two or three days we have been having some rather warm weather—only a taste of what it will be later, no doubt.

TOKYO.

Report of the Japan Council of the W.M.S. for the quarter ending March 31st, 1894.

School—number of pupils on the roll: January, 74; February, 73; March, 72.

The work during the past term seems to have been filled with "doing whatsoever the King appoints." The girls have needed a great deal of disciplining, which has taken