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§ SINCE Japan became a self-governing nation a number of changes have been introduced under the new *regime* which not only concern Japanese subjects, but also all foreigners found within the borders of the Empire. Among those the change which has occasioned the greatest anxiety in mission circles is one embodied in an "Instruction" issued by the Minister of Education forbidding all religious teaching and exercises in schools enjoying government privileges. It seemed to the Executive Committee of the General Board, before which the question was submitted, that there was but one of two courses which, as representing a Christian Church, it could consistently choose: either have the work of our