

putting in the braces or stayings, intending to put these in after the roof was completed. When the wind came of course there was nothing to keep the timbers from falling, and fall they did. I asked the men why they had done so foolish a thing, knowing that we always have a typhoon in September. They said, when the wind does not blow on the 210th day of the year, then it cannot blow for ten days, so there ought to have been a calm this year, as there was no wind on the important day ; that would have given them time to put in the braces. But in some non-understandable way the storm came before the ten days had passed ! There was no very great loss of material, as, not being firmly fastened together, it did not break in falling apart. The chief loss is the workmen's time on what had to be done all over again. However, the contractor with a philosophical "It can't be helped," set to work again. While he has to bear all the loss as far as the building is concerned, yet the delay brings extra expense to us also. We have rented a large Japanese house and opened school. Misses Hart and Veazey live over the Sabbath School rooms, and keep the two junior classes there, while I have the main body of the school here in the Japanese house. We are very crowded. Miss Cartmell will remember that we have always considered two mats for each girl the smallest allowance we could make for the sleeping-rooms ; but here they have only a mat and a half each in rooms that are alternately dining-rooms, class-rooms and sleeping-rooms ; this, after filling the verandahs as far as possible with mats to increase the usable space. I have a nice little six-mat room (9 x 12 feet), which had been newly built on ; it juts out from the south side of the building, just in the centre, so I have command of the whole building. It is bedroom, study, office, class-room, sick-room and breakfast-room, all in one. I go over to the Sabbath School rooms for dinner and tea, except on rainy days, when Miss Veazey brings our lunch over on coming for morning teaching, and we have a little picnic together. One real source of satisfaction growing out of all this is to see how loyal the girls and teachers are in cheerfully making the best of the accommodations we have, and