

are doing a splendid work in thus anticipating the needs of our new school. The articles of bedding, especially, will save the outlay of a large sum of money when the time for furnishing arrives. The service that is being rendered by the sewing circles and those who collect and give articles, is none the less actual missionary work than what is being done right here in the Home, for if those same articles were not made by them, it would fall to us to do so. Missionary work is not all made up of holding religious services, nor yet of teaching school or dispensing medicines. It means with us, in addition to the religious and school work, a round of commonplace household duties, such as any person in charge of a large and growing family might be called upon to perform. Still, as everyone finds blessing in attending to the duty that lies nearest, so we get reward and spiritual good in the performance of the "daily round, the trivial task," in His name.

Accept our thanks for the prompt remittance of our quarterly allowance. I can hardly realize that we have entered upon the last quarter of the year. How quickly the year has gone, and how many changes, yet we trust that the Lord has been in it all.

Praying that the Father who governs all may manifest Himself to the workers in every department of glorious missionary enterprise. Yours sincerely, L. CLARKE.

JAPAN WORK.

From Mrs. Large.

DEAR FRIENDS,—You have read in some of my later letters about the "ragged school" started by our Circle of King's Daughters. A few weeks ago two of the Circle started out for an afternoon's work, and on their return Yoshida Yu san told the following. Miss Munro asked her to write it for us; she did so. Her English is far from perfect, but only the worst errors have been corrected. You will see what an earnest Christian girl here can do among those of her own land. Please do not criticise her mistakes, she has not yet graduated, and is far from being a quick scholar in the acquiring of English. E. S. L.

"One day we talked about our poor school, which was