

Three Sunday Schools have been started in Azabu, with an average of over thirty. In connection with one of these three, Sentaro, our faithful friend and helper, has a women's meeting, at which five were present yesterday (April 23).

In Shitaya a school for poor children has been opened, as not far from our church there is a large district of the very poor who cannot afford to send their girls to the public schools. A house was rented at a cost of sen 1.80 a month, and a poor family found to live in the house as caretaker; this family bears fifty sen of the monthly rent. A good teacher was secured; the school opened with six pupils on March 16th, has now an average of thirteen. As yet but one session a day is held; as the numbers increase, there will be two. The teacher devotes her spare time to visiting among the homes of her pupils, but owing to sickness in the homes of the Christians in Shitaya, her time has been required to help in taking care of these. The teacher of this school lives with the Bible-woman, Nagano san.

The monthly meeting of the workers continues as interesting as at first. We are going to move one step further on, and have all our workers, Japanese and foreign, present at our next Branch meeting, when the reports of our work for Tokyo will be laid before them.

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School.—All the pupils on the roll at the close of the last term returned after the Christmas vacation. It was thought advisable to send one girl to the Tokyo school to get thorough instruction in embroidery in order that she might teach the same here. She will, in all probability, remain there until midsummer. Two new pupils have been added to our number, making a total of thirty on the register. The daily attendance has been very good, there being very few "lost days" after a pupil's return.

Some changes have taken place. Hiraiwa san, who has been with us for the past two years, and whose work has been well and faithfully done, has retired from school work to take up her life-work in another direction.

The end for which so many have been working and planning has arrived at last, and the first graduates have finished