

supply all their demands, simply because of the want of workers. Dear brethren, sympathize with us, and join us in prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send many more faithful workers.

In previous years three excellent workers, Messrs. Hiraiwa, Toyama, and Miyagawa occupied this station, still they claimed many more workers. This year I took myself their place alone. Of course I could not expect to enlarge our field more than they left it, but soon after I came here I was obliged to open a new place at Inadzumi (nearly seven miles south of Kofu), with an assistant exhorter, and thank God that He brought forth twenty-five adult converts in the desert in a few months.

INADZUMI.—We began our first service here at Mr. T. Otoguro's house, according to his request, on May 30th, 1884. After his conversion the number was rapidly increased. They learned to pay several expenses of the church from the beginning. They are contributing once in a week, having the prospect of erecting a chapel there. Mr. Otoguro already offered a part of his land for the church ground; moreover they paid some amount of money for the building expenses of the sister church of Kofu. Both men and women are very earnest to bring their friends and neighbors, under divers trials and disadvantages, not simply telling about the historic Jesus, but testifying to their experiences. This perhaps provoked Satan and his conspiracy to bring the hindrances that armed with bamboo spears, stones, and wooden blocks, on the last month.

I should write minutely the details about Mr. S. Otoguro's happy death, his burial, and the strong obstruction of it by the monks and the barbarous people, but I am rather afraid to make it quite a history, so I will stop.

OTHER PREACHING PLACES.—Katsunuma was not so favorable as in Kofu and Inadzumi, until we sent Mr. Idsuka (now he is our hired local preacher) there to take care of it, on the last December; but now the work is reviving. The attendance is very much increasing. We are hopeful for the next year in this place.

We have begun our work already at Miyadzake, about three miles south of Katsunuma, where one of the Katsunuma members lives. I expect to continue here the next year.

And we have already begun our work at other places: Terao, Koi-kawa, Shimodzone, Kamidzone, Futagawa, Sumiyashi, etc. But I am sorry that we cannot continue, because the laborers are few.

During the year in this circuit we have received on trial, 46; removed, 3; died, 1; dropped, 5. Our present membership is 21 on trial; 90 full members. Total, 111; increase, 40.

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