

Miss Jost takes the meeting in Kato. It has usually been dropped at the busy time at the end of the year, but this year it has been held in the homes of some sick people.

At Ichikawa, where Mrs. Yoshi did good work in July and August, and at Katsunuma the attendance has been steadily increasing. One woman voiced, we hope, the sentiment of others as well as herself, when she said, "Come and visit me as often as you can, but do not call for me to go to the meeting, for I am going anyway."

At Sumiyoshi the women are interested and attending well.

At Matsushima, Kusakabe and Ryno the work is all uphill, and very steep at that. It seems almost impossible to get the poor and the rich to meet together.

In November, Mrs. Large, World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union missionary for Japan, and Rev. Mr. Miyama, Lecturer of the National Temperance League, visited our province. Meetings were held in this city, and in some neighboring towns and villages where we have work. Earnest and eloquent appeals were made for a stand against the dread liquor traffic, which resulted in many men and women heartily promising to fight it. Since then, at Katsunuma meeting alone, nine women have signed the pledge, becoming members of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Kofu. Eight from other villages have also united with us. The pledges of those joining in this city are handed to the President, Mrs. Hayashi, and we do not know the exact number, but at one meeting alone twenty-four women promised to sign the pledge.

We have started Loyal Legions among the children who attend our meetings both here and in the country, and the little ones are intensely interested.

Among many interesting cases is the following. Mrs. Nakagawa, a bright young woman, whose husband is a petty official, attended our meeting in Nirazaki last year for some months, and seemed deeply interested. In June she and her husband moved to Kofu, and as soon as possible we called upon her. She was evidently under conviction of sin, and struggling against it. She said, "You say God is good, and loves us. If that is so he ought to kill the devil, who makes us so sin and suffer." We tried to show her that God's plan of giving us each power to resist the devil is much better. We did not know just how she took it until, as we were leaving, she said quietly, "God need not kill the devil." Soon after she asked for baptism, which she, together with her young husband, received in October. They have moved to another place, where we have work, and she evinces an earnest desire to bring others into the peace which she has found.