

## KŌFU.

*School.*—The past year has been one of growth and progress in our school. At our last annual meeting thirty-eight pupils were reported; this year we have fifty-seven. The early age at which many of our girls are withdrawn from the school, in order to devote more time to sewing, has always been a source of deep regret to us. At Easter a thoroughly competent teacher of Japanese sewing was employed, and arrangements made by which the older and more advanced pupils may give a large part of their time to sewing. This has brought to us several new pupils, and will, we hope, do much towards securing a longer stay in the school for many of our girls.

It has been most encouraging to note the improvement, not only in individuals, but in the general conduct in the school. Public feeling among the girls grows stronger on the side of good order and right-doing. In spite of mistakes and failures, it is still evident that on the part of nearly all there is honest endeavor to do their best every day. Sunday School and King's Daughters' work receive cheerful and faithful attention. Besides the help given to the Church Sunday School, seven schools are kept up by our pupils, teachers and Bible-women, with a total average attendance of about two hundred. This Sunday School work is chiefly amongst the poorest and most ignorant, and involves patient self-sacrifice, with which the difficulties of the teacher in a Canadian Sunday School has little in common; yet, as a rule, those in the hardest places show the most enthusiasm in their work.

Amemiya San, our first English graduate, has started and maintains, entirely unaided and at her own expense, a Sunday School in her home, about seven miles from Kōfu. She began with ten little ones, but now about thirty gather Sabbath after Sabbath to hear the "old, old story"—to them so new and strange.

At Easter four pupils were graduated from the Japanese department—two of them graduating also in English. Of these, two have remained with us for another term to continue sewing, music, etc., one has entered the Toyo Eiwa Jo Gakko, and one was married a few weeks ago to the principal of the Kōfu Christian Boys' School. There have been four baptisms in the school during the year.

*Evangelistic.*—One hundred and seventy meetings for women and children have been held, with an average attendance of over ten. We have regular appointments in twelve places, and as the time and strength of the workers have permitted, visiting has been done and an occasional meeting held in four other places, in which we would gladly open regular work if we had a worker to fill the appointments. Seven women have received baptism, and there are several candidates. Eighteen hundred and five visits have been made to homes. There has been much to encourage during the past year, and also much to