

and forty-nine boarding students. Four graduated at Christmas; as usual, all are Christians and Sunday School teachers. There are twenty-six supported girls.

Our Wednesday meeting, class-meetings, Sunday School Normal class and King's Daughters' meetings have necessarily been left almost entirely in the hands of the girls themselves. This necessity, with the lack of time for preparation of Bible lessons, for visiting and letter-writing to former students, has been a real trouble, but the girls have bravely tried to help each other, and to wait patiently for brighter days. Miss Wigle's arrival and Miss Blackmore's return have greatly cheered us all.

In our time of need friends, teachers, pupils and servants gathered round us with counsel, sympathy and service; nevertheless we would have failed had it not been for Him who has been our Counsellor, Guide and Friend, a very present help in every time of need. The Orphanage continues as before.

*Evangelistic.* — Since October 1st, seven Bible-women have been at work. Meetings are now held in Azabu, Atagoshita, Kakigaracho, Negishi, Kobikicho, Ushigome and Shitaya districts. These are taught by Miss Belton. The work among the poor in Azabu District has been under the care of Mrs. Kuroyanagi and Miss Nakayama, one of the students of the school.

Since July, 1,623 homes have been visited, and 1,930 persons talked with; of these 843 were non-Christians, and 115 heard the Gospel for the first time. Because of the cholera in the city, it was later than usual before work could be resumed this year, but since October 1st, 72 meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 6.5. Three women have asked for baptism.

At Ushigome a charity school has been organized, all the expenses of which are being met by the contributions of one of the graduates of the Girls' School. The average attendance is 7.

The workers' monthly meeting and the Bible-women's meetings for instruction in the Scriptures are helpful and encouraging. The general outlook of the work has not been very encouraging, but lately a slight increase in attendance has been noticeable.