

hear each other's voices as they mingle before the throne, but the Lord can, and that should be sufficient for our faith.

On the second of February, Johnnie Smith, aged ten years, passed away, after a lingering illness of several months. His patience through weary days and nights was a lesson to us all. He suffered greatly at the last, and we were glad when we knew his happy spirit was freed from the poor, emaciated, pain racked body. He was one of the nine who came the day the Institute was opened, and we are glad to have been allowed the privilege of showing one of these little ones the way to Jesus.

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## JAPAN.

### Shizuoka.

HAPPY DEATH OF A CONVERT.

(Continued from last month.)

*School.*—We opened school in September with twenty-three pupils. A month ago—one pupil having gone to attend the Azabu school—we closed this term with twenty-two pupils, of whom only four have not been baptized. It has been a time of healthy growth, made manifest in kind acts, earnestness in Christian work among children, and thoughtfulness for the welfare of others. These are signs of a harvest to be reaped in the future, when those whose characters are now forming shall take responsible positions in the work.

*Evangelistic.*—Twice a month meetings for women have been held at six towns outside of Shizuoka, and at a seventh a meeting for children, with an average attendance of 156.

A meeting for women was opened in October at one of the preaching places in Shizuoka. The average attendance at the three Sunday Schools has been 109

The Shizuoka Bible woman, Mrs. Nshioka, has made 307 visits and held thirty six meetings.

Mrs. Kakuda, an old lady in Omiya, has been working among the women of that town and an adjoining one since June. She has started a woman's meeting at Omiya, and has held two or three meetings for non Christians, which have been well attended. During the months of November and December she made seventy-nine visits.