

They were ready to go into hysteria themselves, and not until they were quieted were they permitted to tell their tale, when they were able to laugh heartily over the way she had frightened them. Sentaro went over after tea only to find Michiwaki as gentle as a lamb and alone with her children. The next day Miss Hart went with the girls to the Sunday School, when she was ready to let them wipe their shoes on her.

The last of the month came; we had to evict her or bear the rent for another month, so our man-servant was sent to find a cheap house and move her, but she would not be moved until she had come to Sentaro for money to buy macaroni to treat her new neighbors, so the men were left waiting while she came and begged, until at last Sentaro said: "If you do not go home at once I will go and move your things myself, I won't give you a sen, you can tell your neighbors you are poor, and ask for their goodwill."

After she was moved she came to the school and I made her apologize to Yoshida San for her behavior; she asked for money, and was told that we had done all we could do until she was willing to help herself; when she was worthy of help and needed it, we would do what we could for her.

Then came a "show," she began her hysteria again, her howls soon brought a crowd on the flat below the school kitchen; she would not stir though Sentaro and the man servant tried to help her. I advised all to leave her. She soon stopped her noise but did not move; nine o'clock came and a policeman was called. He heard the woman's story, then our side from Sentaro (I heard all from behind a door; in such matters it is best to leave the Japanese alone when you have those who can be trusted), after which he gave the woman a good lecture.

He rebuked her for her want of thankfulness, for her greed to get rather than to help others. He then spoke of the Christians and the principle that moved them to help the poor as they do; mentioned the school for the poor, dwelt long on the motive power, love.

He talked nearly an hour, and we all felt sure that if he