

memories twine. It gives us pleasure to have them come, and we do all we can to make the school tie strong.

Our new building is completed, and quite an ornament to the city. The Japanese are proud of it, and seem inclined to take more interest in the school because of it. If it fills up with girls, and many souls are born into Christ's kingdom because of it, the money which has been so kindly given will not have been spent in vain. It was publicly opened on the 4th of July. Among the guests were the Secretary of State, to represent His Excellency the Governor, who was unable to be present, being out of town; the Superintendent of Education, the Mayor of the city, and several other high officials. Five girls received Japanese diplomas, and one—who graduated in Japanese two years ago—received her English diploma. The Japanese friends who assisted us, and who take an interest in the welfare of the school, pronounced the whole affair quite perfect. We have heard that it did much to break down the prejudice existing against us as a Christian school.

Of the King's Daughters' meeting, prayer-meeting, class-meeting, etc., I have nothing new to say. They are to the school what air and sunshine are to the natural world, a source of strength and refreshing, without which we could not exist.

*Evangelistic.*—Work is now carried on in fourteen towns and villages by the Bible-women, assisted by helpers from the Girls' School. At the request of the pastor of the church at Numazu, work was opened in that town in January. A weekly meeting for women of the neighborhood has been held in the Girls' School, which is quite satisfactory. We have three Bible-women, and three helpers from the school; 2,358 visits have been made, 226 meetings held, and 142 houses visited for the first time. There have been thirteen baptisms during the year.

Meetings for the children have been held fortnightly at the towns of Shimada, Ejiri and Kakegawa, with an aggregate average attendance of 110; average attendance at the three Sunday Schools, ninety-nine. About seventy women have been in regular attendance at the fortnightly or weekly meetings held specially for women. The workers from the school have visited the hospital regularly, where they have been gladly welcomed. On several occasions convalescent patients have visited the school, where singing and a Bible talk, ending with prayer, formed part of the hour's entertainment.

We are honored in thus being permitted to take part in this important work. God is verifying His Word among us that a little leaven will leaven the whole lump. We look hopefully forward to the future, trusting it in His hands, confident in His leading, if we but yield all things to His care.

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