

A deepening of interest in things spiritual has marked some of the older girls, otherwise the work has been much the same as that of previous terms. When accompanying some of the girls to their Sunday meetings among the street children, I have been impressed with the earnestness with which they go from house to house gathering up all the boys and girls they can, bringing them into a miserable, dirty smelling place, arranging them in order on the mats, then pouring into their ears the story of Christ. The faces turned up in listening interest are often very unattractive, because of the neglect to apply needful soap and water. In their efforts to bring the truth to others, the girls themselves obtain a deeper knowledge of its meaning.

Our graduating exercises were very successful. Seven girls having completed the Japanese course, received diplomas; two others were graduated from the special sewing department at the same time. Four of the seven were the first from among our supported girls. While continuing their English course, they will give assistance in the Japanese department. About 140 visitors were present, among whom were several of the chief men of the province, and all expressed themselves much pleased with the exercises.

Already we have promise of a large increase next term. When we realize that each girl coming to us may be a centre of Christian influence, we earnestly hope that the work done may be such that we can pray, "The work of our hands, establish Thou it."

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This quarter has been a busy one of seed sowing. The winter season is always best for our work in this province, when so many engaged in farming and silk culture have leisure.

There has been much to encourage in some well-attended meetings, in new opportunities and awakening interest, although there is the dark side of places difficult to work, of indifference on the part of some whom we are trying to interest, and lukewarmness in some of the Christian women.

(To be continued.)