

each to control his or her part of the work, the privilege that each has of helping others in any way that is within his or her power, and the "authority" that is given to each of us to work while it is day, knowing that the night cometh when no man can work.

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The work of this quarter shows a decided advance as a whole, though in some cases attendance at the meetings has been somewhat smaller than usual. At the Nagamachi meeting this was due mainly to sickness or absence from the city of some of the members; and as two new ones have joined the meeting, one woman has been baptized and three others are now candidates for baptism, we feel it has been a decided advance rather than retreat. The children's meeting has been well attended and one of the little girls was presented by her father on Easter Sunday for baptism. Three of the older girls in this meeting are acknowledged Christians, though their parents will not allow them to be baptized.

In the Diajime district we have had a large growth, both at the Poor School and at the woman's meeting, held in connection with it on Wednesday evening. This meeting was opened in November last, and for the seventeen meetings held since, the average has been about forty—fifteen being women, the rest children. At first there was much laughing, talking and inattention, which has gradually given place to orderly quiet, and we feel that hearts are being slowly prepared for the reception of the Truth. On Easter Sunday,