

been prevented by her husband's return to this neighborhood. He presents a good face, but Mr. Shinkai feels doubtful about him, and intends keeping him on trial for a time. In the meantime, he does not wish his sister to meet him, so they keep her carefully at home. Matsuze San was only thirteen when married. Her husband was a relative. His family needed her, and so her friends married her off. And now young as she is, only twenty-three or twenty-four, she is living separated from her husband on account of his evil ways. She has two little ones, her mother-in-law taking charge of one.

Naito San, our only Bible-woman, was laid aside by sickness for nearly two months. But the sickness was a benefit to her spiritually. She is developing into a fine worker. She is becoming more in earnest, and is gaining in spiritual power.

I told you about our starting evening meetings in the womens' houses. They are a success. Most of our meetings have been held at Mrs. Sizuka's, with occasional meetings elsewhere. The meeting at Mrs. Sizuka's has been well attended, and some apparently are becoming interested in the truth. Again, the husband of one of our Christian women has started going to church through the influence of the work done in her home, and so we are encouraged to continue. We have started two Sunday Schools, besides the church Sunday School, and after New Year's expect to get four more going. The attendance so far has been gratifying. Last Sunday we had fifty-one present at one at the other, twenty-six. Most of them are held in the homes of our Christians, rent free. Beside the seed-sowing in the hearts of the children, and perhaps through them in their homes, they are helpful to the Christians in whose homes they are held, strengthening their faith and increasing their interest. They do good, too, in that they furnish work for the older Christian students of our school. Teachers and pupils, Bible-women and pastor's wife will all be engaged in the work.

One of the greatest difficulties in our work here is the way in which our Christians keep the Sabbath. Some will close their stores on the Sabbath, but if people come to buy they will sell. One of our church officials, who sells both