

I have an excellent little interpreter, in whose good English and sincere Christianity I have great faith. But often it comes to me as a cross, the inability to speak for myself to the women with whom I come in contact. One sentence right from my heart into theirs, must be worth many passing through a third person. As Hjruiwa San says, "It loses its force in going through me." The longer I am here, the more I realize the insufficiency of the language to express the fullness of our meaning.

I am very much interested in the work in Shimada, a small place seventeen miles to the west. Miss Hargrave started work there, being allowed the privilege of teaching Christianity in return for teaching fancy work and English. It is among the girls principally. The attendance is not very large, and there are not many developments yet. We hold our meetings fortnightly, at two houses alternately. At one, there is a young girl very much interested in Christianity. She is the only one who has continued the English. Mrs. Sato, who also visits there, says she is always ready with her Bible desiring explanation. Her mother listens, if it is convenient, but is not yet sufficiently interested to leave anything else that she may be engaged in. At the other house, the people are very wealthy, parents of one of our girls, Amano O Yusa San. The story of Mrs. Amano's interest in Christianity is rather interesting. O Yusa San had been converted in school. One day she sent her mother a Bible and hymn-book, of which she took no special notice for some time. At last she began to read it, got interested in it, and finally began to understand. Then she told Mrs. Sato, the Bible-woman, that she felt as if she had been walking in darkness all her life, but now a great light had come to her, and she wished to learn more of this wonderful thing. She is anxious for us to continue the meetings at her house, and says her only desire is to bring her friends to hear about Christianity, that they may also learn as she does. Her husband has not been very considerate of her, but lately she has noticed a marked improvement in his conduct, and a short time ago he was heard to confess that his greatest desire now is to have a happy Christian home. Saturday, when we were there, I was very glad to see him stay in the room and listen attentively during the entire lesson. To-day, O Yusa San had a letter