

little about the last teachers' meeting. After prayer, plans for improving the Sunday School, securing more pupils, keeping the children interested, and so on, were well discussed; after which the Superintendent said, "Now, what about the funds? We have only so much on hand, cards and papers are needed, and we must have more money. Two or three people have promised to give five or ten sen (cents) every month, now what can we do among ourselves?" One and another were telling what they could do, when a jinrikisha man sitting at the far end of the church, got up and came towards us, bowed, and said he was not a Christian, but he would like to help the Sabbath School, and would give five sen a month this year. The teachers were so surprised for a moment they could not believe it true, but the man said that he meant it. You would perhaps understand their amazement better did you know how much hatred there is for Christianity or anything connected with it among those who are not Christians, and furthermore that a jinrikisha man keeps himself and family on thirty sen a day, and very often has to pay five sen a day of that for the rent of his jinrikisha, not being able to keep one of his own. Before the meeting closed, papers were promised and money enough to keep up with running expenses. Before the closing prayer, the Superintendent said he could hardly express his feelings regarding the meeting, and how thankful he was that we were still independent; said he thought we ought to have a praise meeting; all agreed at once, and a few evenings later the minister and wife, the present teachers; a number who have been teachers in the past, and some of the other church members met for an hour of prayer and praise to the Giver of all good gifts. At the close all were invited to remain a short time, and another hour was spent in conversation and singing, after which we returned home feeling that it had been good to be there.

(I might just add that the jinrikisha man spoken of above is one of the two that we are keeping this year. We find it more economical to have our own, and certainly it is much pleasanter to have the same men every day. The above proves that it is doing them good. The other man has taken to carrying his bible all the time to read while waiting, or whenever he has spare time )