

present there are fifty-one names on the roll; the average attendance during the last quarter has been forty-five. The ages range from four to eleven.

On December 24th we held our closing exercises. The meeting opened with singing and prayer. The principal gave a short address and then the children carried out a programme of recitations, singing and essays.

Each child received a piece of cotton for an apron and cake was passed to all. Miss Munro then gave a copy of the New Testament to each one who was able to repeat the Commandments correctly. Sixteen stood the test. The dress of the children showed much patient care and self-denial on the part of the mothers to have them neatly clad. They made a pretty sight as seated in rows they bowed to the guests, and then with happy hearts returned to their homes.

#### Shizuoka Branch.—School.

Thirty-four pupils have been enrolled during the first term. Of the twelve Sunday School teachers in the three Sunday Schools, ten are from the school.

The class-meetings have been most encouraging, the weekly testimonies of the girls showing that there is a real desire for growth in grace. The Wednesday afternoon prayer-meetings have been very helpful.

The King's Daughters found themselves at the beginning of the term with only five yen in the bank. They have for some time been sending monthly contributions to two orphanages, and in order to raise the necessary money to pay these and to meet other claims, every spare moment has been spent on King's Daughters' work.

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NOTE.—Part of the Japan Report has been crowded out, but will appear in the next MONTHLY LETTER.