

work in other towns, we expected the same benefit here, nor were we disappointed.

Mr. Miyama, besides being a temperance worker, is also an evangelist, and wherever he goes, preaches Christ.

Mr. Miyama's public temperance meeting was held in the church on Tuesday evening, March 4th. As our boarding pupils, whose homes are in Shidzuoka, are allowed to visit them on the first and third Friday of each month, returning on the following afternoon, one of our girls went home on the afternoon of the fourth, determined, if possible, to get her step-father and step-brother to attend the evening meeting. She came in a little late bringing both men with her. The step-father was much impressed with Mr. Miyama's earnestness, and the truth of his words. The next morning at six o'clock a prayer-meeting was held in the church. To this the girl came, bringing her step-father. The man there decided that he would give up drinking wine himself, and also that never again would he offer it to a guest. At this time he was preparing to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his grandfather's death. A number of guests had been invited, and he had had a wine-bottle and wine-cup made for each guest. He had also put aside ten yen to be spent in wine. As he had pledged himself never again to offer wine to a guest, he sent the ten yen as a present to the school to be spent in any way we wished. After consultation with teachers and pupils, we decided to buy a tree. We got a beautiful weeping willow over forty feet in height, and as removing a tree in Japan, no matter how large, seldom puts it back, it is now in full leaf. In Japan willow trees are planted in front of hotels and tea-houses, and the waving branches beckon people to come. Some of our girls thought a willow tree a most appropriate one to be placed in front of our school, where it could stand, and "with its long hands call pupils to come and hear of Christ."

Mrs. Large was presented with the wine-bottle and cup which had been intended for the Buddhist priest in charge of the temple where the ceremony was to be held. A woman's meeting, addressed by Mrs. Large, was held in the church on Saturday afternoon, and sixteen women signed the pledge.

Sunday morning Mrs. Large addressed the teachers and girls of the school. Her earnest words will not soon be forgotten. In the afternoon, nearly two hundred children assembled in the church. They listened most attentively, and when at the close of her address Mrs. Large asked how many would begin to fight the wine and tobacco serpents, every child in the church arose.

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