

We are not discouraged, although we have had some perplexing questions to meet. Thus far the Lord has led us, and we trust in Him to open the way before us.

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Nagano—Evangelistic Work.

Evangelistic work has been going on uninterruptedly in the places where it was begun last quarter, and a little new work has been opened up.

In Komora five meetings have been held, with an average attendance of seven persons. This is almost entirely a meeting for Christian women, of whom there are seven, comprising the whole church membership. They have been very faithful in coming out to the meetings, and occasionally one or another of them has brought an unconverted friend.

At Tanoka six meetings have been held, with an average of seventeen. All but two are non-Christian women, who have not had much Christian teaching yet. One of them has manifested a little interest in the truth.

At Yashiro work has been opened this quarter. The women there are, with the exception of the evangelist's wife and mother and one other woman, all non-Christians, but three or four are more or less interested. The husbands of two of them were baptized lately and are anxious for their wives to become Christians also. At the home of one of them, seeing a well-worn Bible lying near, I remarked on it, and she said her husband always read it with the family every day; formerly he had been a very bad man, but since he began to read the Bible he had been so different. I learned afterwards that the husband had hoped to be baptized before this, but has not yet seen the duty of Sabbath observance, and says he cannot rest on that day; so his baptism is postponed for the present. Five meetings have been held with average attendance of seventeen.

Work in Nisenro, a preaching-place in a distant part of this city, has been opened, but the women of the neighborhood, whom we hoped to reach, decline to attend so far. There is not a Christian woman among them to form a nucleus or to work up the meeting. The evangelist has