

the Bible-woman, she began talking to the woman, and for some unknown reason showed her a photo of Miss Hargrave, that led to the woman saying she had never met a foreigner, and she thought them dreadful and their teaching very bad. She just hated Christianity, and so on. The Bible-woman then told her a little about Christianity and gave her a Christian paper. Taking the paper home to her husband, he read it and was quite pleased; told his wife that was very good teaching, and she could go to a Christian meeting if she wished. So, after thinking over what the Bible-woman told her, she decided to see for herself. Going one night to a church near by, she stood outside and listened, understanding a little of what was said.

She was at the Bible-woman's house again to-day, and was told that I was coming over, so waited to see me and hear me talk. After the introduction and greetings from the family, the woman of the house picked up my fur mitten and, in a surprised way, said, "Why, is this a mitten?" I said, "Yes." Then she put it on, and said, "How warm it must be." The strange woman looked on, and said, "Why would you do that with a foreigner's things?" The woman laughed, and the Bible-woman then told me that the strange woman was afraid of foreigners and thought them dreadful, etc.; but that she had waited to see me, and was anxious to hear some more Bible teaching. We had quite a nice talk; the woman seemed so much interested and talked so freely, asking questions, and when she did not understand frankly saying so. The Bible-woman also talked with her, and asked her to come to our next meeting. She said, "Thank you, Mrs. O. (the woman of that house) has promised to take me." We told her she would not understand all at once, but that she need not worry about that, that in time she would understand.

Ever since coming to Japan I have longed to get right at the beginning like that, but the women generally keep clear of us until they know something about Christianity, the Bible-woman doing the first work.

Not long ago I had the joy of talking to a woman for the first time. I mean it was the first time she had ever heard a Bible talk, and she comes regularly to our meetings in that district; but I will tell you more about her another time.