

at Christmas, Kaneko San, the sewing teacher, and myself, and one of the lady teachers in the Normal School, who is a Christian. The meetings are held the second and fourth Saturdays in each month, from one to two in the afternoon. The first half-hour is spent in a religious service, and the second in work. Besides this, they work at least fifteen minutes each day. The members in the school take as part of their work each week the writing out of notes of the Sunday sermons and the talk after the Sunday-school lesson. These are sent to those members who cannot come to church, and the Society pays for the postage, etc. The outside members take work home with them, and the very fact that they can do something for the Lord in that way, when nearly every other way is blocked up, is a great help to them in their Christian life. Then the fact that they belong to a society that meets twice a month at the school, gives them a chance to ask their parents to let them come here, when they would otherwise have no sufficient excuse. One of the girls was here for the meeting before the last, and she said she was so glad that she cried, when her mother gave her permission to come. It was encouraging in the meeting to hear her say that her faith had not grown cold, as she expected it would after leaving the school, and that she thought she prayed even more earnestly than before. Then, the meeting being on Saturday afternoon, we hope that occasionally their parents will allow them to stay over Sunday, or, at least, till after Sunday school and the morning service. They are now working hard every spare moment, making various fancy articles, which they hope to sell at the closing. We hope for a successful entertainment, and pray that God's blessing may especially rest upon us that day, for it is one of peculiar opportunities.