

grasp the full meaning of salvation, yet crave the good news and rejoice in the light they have.

At Ushigome a small charity school has been successfully conducted by the Bible-woman there. The pupils, eleven in number, attend Sunday School regularly, and receive Bible instruction daily, besides being taught the elements of education.

Since August 1st, 3,144 visits have been made and 3,758 conversations held on the subject of Christianity. One hundred and ninety-four persons have heard the Gospel for the first time. Two hundred and one meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 7.6, of whom about one-fifth were children. Eleven women have been baptized, and one more has asked for baptism.

In this department the work has gone on without many difficulties this year, and a very slow but steady increase in numbers and in interest is noticeable. The great need is for workers. One more missionary and several trained Japanese workers would find plenty to do. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

#### SHIZUOKA.

*School.*—During the past year we have had much cause for thankfulness. Thirty-three names have been enrolled on the school register. The past term we have had twenty-seven pupils in attendance, nine of whom are new pupils. We hear rumors of others who are desirous of coming, and trust the day is not far distant when the school will be full.

All the older girls, and some of the younger, who came from Christian homes, are baptized. We have no new baptisms to report among the girls, as we do not allow them to receive the rite until they have a heart experience of religion and show by their daily lives that they are trying to follow Christ. All are daily learning the truth as it is in Jesus, and by many little things we know the Spirit is doing His work. By and by the harvest will come. We are rejoiced that one of our teachers, who has been rather hard to reach, has at last openly allied herself to the people of God, and on the first Sabbath of this month received baptism in the church. Through many tribulations Christ has brought her to depend on himself for comfort and support. We have watched and prayed for her so long, that when the news of her decision came it seemed almost too good to be true.

We hear encouraging reports of the girls who have gone out from us. They carry an influence with them that makes us hope for an extension of Christ's kingdom in places we cannot reach. The pleasure with which they return to school after weeks or months of absence, is unmistakable: they come as to the old home where loving