

invite the children to come to Sunday School. Not being received very graciously we felt it would be wiser for Niwa San to win her way alone than for a foreigner to call again. In an unobtrusive way she went, taking papers to the mother and leaflets for the children. After a time the children came to Sunday School; now the mother receives and listens to Niwa San's lesson. We were not a little surprised last week to have the father ask to have his little daughter enter the school as a boarder. Their home is only twenty minutes walk from the school, and we wondered she did not come as a day pupil; but the father wants her wholly under Christian influence. Before long we hope to claim the mother for one of our meetings.

The following incident occurred at a time when some of the school girls were doubting the possibility of living true Christian lives, when separated from the influence of the school. Mrs. Kawashima had been sick and Niwa San carried a special message to her. Reporting her visit she said: "Mrs. Kawashima helped me more than I helped her. She told me how hard it was when first married to be true to God; but by taking a firm stand and keeping it, her friends now understood her and respected her Christianity." This strengthened Niwa San's faith, and she added: "If Mrs. Kawashima, in her position as the wife of a judge, can be a true Christian, we can also, when we leave the school." And as we learn more and more of the strong opposition to Christianity, we do not wonder at the girls' fear to stem the current.

Soon after this a message came from Mrs. Kawashima, asking us to teach a Bible lesson in her home twice a month. This she thought would give her friends an opportunity to hear of Christ. We commenced the meetings but had to discontinue them as the family moved away. Before going, Mr. Kawashima told Miss Cunningham that as soon as his daughter was old enough to go from home he would send her to this school.

In February, Niwa San reported that one of our women, who had suddenly lost her husband, was very much discouraged—so discouraged that she proposed selling her daughter (only eight years old) to be trained as a dancing