

ing once a month, and a children's meeting in the orphanage twice a month; 342 visits for Christian instruction have been made and ten new homes opened to us.

The work at Daijime gives employment to fifteen children, and there is an average of fifteen at the night school. The Sunday School in Daijime averages forty-three with an occasional attendance of eighty.

At Kawakami the night school averages eleven, and there are eleven girls in the embroidery department. The Sunday School averages twenty-eight.

In the Orphanage at present there are nineteen children. One has been taken in on trial this quarter, and another who was on trial having proved satisfactory, has been received. Masaki Okumura will go to Tokyo to enter the Azabu school as soon as there is some one for her to travel with. She is a bright and intelligent child and has a good disposition. Since the children recovered from the measles they have all enjoyed good health; and their conduct, always very satisfactory, shows a continual improvement.

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#### Nagano-School.

There is little to report in connection with our school; as we have not succeeded in securing the necessary Japanese teachers, things have been somewhat at a standstill.

In January there were two applications for entrance. As I could not give a definite answer regarding our opening, and as they were anxious to begin their English, I allowed them to come for one hour every day; later another girl joined them, so I have had three pupils.

These girls come at nine o'clock on Sunday morning for a Bible lesson, after which they go with me to the usual morning church service.

There is a great lack of teachers: even in the Government schools the supply is not equal to the demand, and until there is a surplus we, as a Christian and a private school, have a poor prospect of being able to secure the necessary teachers.