

seems to have been much impressed by the Christian life of the owner.

Our closing exercises, held on the 3rd of April, were a great success, so many distinguished guests, including the Governor of the Province as well as a goodly number of ladies and former students, were present, the girls acquitting themselves creditably as Japanese girls usually do on such occasions.

We had one graduate, the first in English as well as Japanese. She has been in the school from its very beginning and remains probably for a year longer to continue her English and music. She is the leader of one of our class-meetings.

The head of our Japanese department leaves us to go to Tobyo, but his place has been supplied for the new term by a teacher in the Government Higher School here, a Christian belonging to this province, and one who has a high reputation for ability. Some seven of the girls have given assistance in the Sunday-schools.

In the evangelistic work there has been an increased interest shown in the women's meetings, our average attendance at sixty-three meetings being over ten. These meetings have been held in ten different places, seven of these being out in the country at varying distances up to ten miles from Kofu. At many of these meetings a large number of children would frequently be present, and it has been the custom to give a special table to them. Four hundred and nine visits have been made and sixteen new homes entered. There have been three requests for baptism and one baptism.

The small-pox epidemic has interfered somewhat with our Sunday-school work, nevertheless we report fifty-three sessions held with an average attendance at each of twenty-eight. We receive cheering accounts of the work of these schools, good seed is being sown and taking root in the hearts of these little ones.

Our Bible-woman, Mrs. Dada, has half her salary paid by the Woman's Christian Society of Kofu Church. She does good, faithful work in her visiting.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

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