

In August we sustained another great loss in the marriage of our worthy and very efficient matron, Miss Ito. We have not yet succeeded in filling this vacancy, but have divided the work among the junior teachers, who, though lacking in years and experience, have done very well.

During the autumn and winter there was a great deal of sickness in the school, much of it contagious. This led to a thorough overhauling of wells and drains, since which time we have been almost free from sickness.

Until March the average attendance was fifty-three. After the spring vacation eleven new pupils entered, and we closed with sixty-four in attendance. Four graduated at Christmas—all of these entering the work. Besides these, three withdrew from the school and entered evangelistic work and one entered into rest. Two have been baptized. Thirty-one supported girls were enrolled during the year. Twenty-four were in attendance at the end of June. In this department also the insufficient supply of missionaries has been a hindrance, as those pupils who stand in this closer relationship to the Society require more particular attention. The faithful and efficient work being done by those who formerly were supported by the Society leads us to see the good results of careful oversight; indeed we often wish that those in the home land who have done so much for these young women could see how nobly they repay what has been done for them.

We have had two very successful gatherings of former students.

In all departments of the directly Christian work of the school we have felt the need of experienced workers, and pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers, both native and foreign.

Our King's Daughters' school has forty-eight pupils. The orphanage has had fourteen inmates. The oldest, a girl of fourteen years, has been working for three months as a servant in the school, and has acquitted herself so creditably that it has been decided to take her on as a supported girl. The children of the orphanage are well-behaved and industrious, and earn their house rent by making paper cord.

*Evangelistic.*—During the year we have had on the average six Bible-women employed, three of whom work in Azabu, the others working five districts throughout the city. At Christmas the Bible-woman at Komagome left us, and no other was found to fill her place. Meetings have been held at Shitaya regularly, although no Bible-woman works there. Besides those conducted in seven districts by the evangelistic worker in charge, meetings among the poor in three places in Azabu are conducted by the Bible women—two during the week and one on Sunday evenings. The latter is well attended by women and children, principally the pupils of our King's Daughters' Charity School and their mothers. These people are slow to