

I was saddened and surprised to hear that among the children attending these two schools are many of from four to six years, who cannot tell the names of their features, that do not know the name for the sun, moon or stars; they live, they eat and sleep, know that darkness and light come, but that is all.

But I have still the meeting for women in the house rented by the "King's Daughters' Society" for their school. Yoshida San has this every Sunday evening from seven to eight. She will now change it to an earlier hour. Sentaro's wife goes with her there. Her meeting began with three or four; last Sunday evening she had 10 women and 34 children. At this meeting they are hungering and thirsting for more. Touching again are the stories of self-denial in order to raise money to buy a Bible, the faith in prayer, how the little ones have carried the "Old, Old Story" into the homes, preparing the soil for the seed now falling into honest and eager hearts.

Two weeks ago 154 people heard the Gospel through the work of the pupils of this school only; last Sunday 179. This does not include those who teach in the Sunday School over which we have *not* control.

Two days ago came a note from a former graduate. "I am busy in my home," she says; "we are waiting for Mr. Robinson to come to baptize our new baby and my little brother (the parents in this home have been brought in during the past two years). I am doing what I can for God. I have a class of 10—my sisters' friends—on Sunday in my own home. Then, I teach a class of women in the church—seven come. It is very hard work, especially as my mother is one of the seven. Back from Nagasaki some 40 miles is a town where as yet no minister has gone. Two years ago a pupil of ours married and moved there. For some time she thought she was the only Christian in the place, but one day she learned that there was another woman who too thought *she* was the only one. She started out to call on her, only to find that number two had gone to see her, having heard of her in some way. The result: these two women, to keep their own faith strong, their lights burning, hired a house and have started Christian services, gathering the women and children every Sunday, until now they have quite a number of steady adherents.