

REPORT OF THE JAPAN WORK OF THE  
W.M.S.

From Jan. 1st to March 31st, 1896.

## TOKYO BRANCH.

*School.*—The term has been an uneventful one. We have tried to pick up one by one the threads dropped last year. Only 53 pupils have been in attendance, and we have been able to send out only 10 to the Sunday-school work.

The girls have given of their leisure to the making of garments for the poor from old clothes. In this way three warm coverlets and fourteen garments have been provided, and thankfully given to needy babies, aged people or sick.

The King's Daughters' charity school has had an average attendance of 38.

The 13 little ones in the Orphanage continue well-behaved and healthy. At the close of the term the eldest, now a girl of fifteen, was sent to the Girls' School to learn to be a servant.

The young lady from the Girls' School who has been teaching sewing in the Orphanage had to leave Tokyo, a victim of consumption. She now lies at the verge of Life Eternal. For more than half the term the sewing lessons have been discontinued, but one of the teachers from the Girls' School, though not a Christian, has volunteered free lessons from the first of April.

*Evangelistic.*—During the last three months work has been going on among the women of four of our churches, namely, Azabu, Kobikicho, Ushigome and Shitaya. Meetings have been held in each of these places and also in Negishi, Kaki-garacho and Atagoshita districts, under the supervision of the pastors of these churches. Besides these, meetings among the poor in Azabu are held three times a week in as many districts, and a weekly meeting for the servants of our house and school is conducted by the matron.

Since January 1st 660 visits have been made to the homes of the women, and 771 persons talked with. Of these 313 were non-Christians, and 32 heard the Gospel for the first time. Fifty-eight meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 5.5 women and 2.5 children.

(Continued next month.)