

## Official Report of Woman's Missionary Society Work in Japan.

*From July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1892.*

### TOKYO BRANCH.

*School.*—Number of pupils on the roll : September, sixty-eight ; October, seventy-two ; November, seventy-two ; December, seventy-two. This includes eight who were taken on trial as supported girls. One of these has been rejected, one continued on trial, and six accepted. During the term thirty-three girls have been receiving aid from the school. As far as possible these girls support themselves ; with the exception of four or five, all receive their clothes from their parents, others, in addition, pocket-money and books, while they supplement this, some by teaching, some by embroidering. They also do the sweeping, scrubbing, cleaning of windows and lamps, setting tables, etc., etc. ; in every way are being taught to be as independent and useful as possible.

On the 1st of December, the King's Daughters' Society moved their school to a small house which had been rented, and a teacher was engaged to teach for two hours every day, the expense of all this being borne by the King's Daughters. The attendance for the quarter has been : October, eight ; November, nine ; December, fifteen.

The pupils in this school learn Japanese, reading, writing, arithmetic, sewing and hem-stitching, they receive a daily Bible lesson.

Twelve of our pupils go out every Sunday to teach in the city Sunday schools. Two others go to the charity hospital, where one has a class among the nurses. Another goes to a nobleman's home where there is a large family of motherless children, with whom she sings and prays, and reads and talks of Christ and His teachings.

A family consisting of father, mother and daughter, and a young woman employed as a servant in our school kitchen have been brought to Christ and baptized, as the direct result of our school work.

Six of our pupils graduated on the 22nd of December. One of these, Yo Yamanaka, is the first graduate among our supported girls. One was married on the 27th, to the editor of the *Gokiyo*, our Methodist paper. Two remain with us for music and English, and at their own request have been given Christian work to do. Both of these come from wealthy families, and are earnestly desirous of being thoroughly equipped for Christian work, so that as far as their families will permit, they may be able to aid in Christ's work when they return to their homes. The other two have gone to their homes.

We feel that the Lord has been very good to us in this, that as yet every graduate of our school has been a Christian. May His blessing continue to rest upon the school.

*Evangelistic.*—During the months of July, August and September, three Bible women were employed, they held twenty meetings and paid over 400 visits.

In October five Bible women were at work, 238 visits were paid, twenty new homes were entered.

In November six Bible women were employed, 258 visits paid, twenty-one new homes entered.

In December six Bible women were employed, 213 visits paid, and seven new homes entered.

From October 1st to December 20th, 709 visits were paid, of these 247 were to those who are not Christians, and in this time forty-eight new homes were reached.

The number of non Christians visited is small compared with the visits paid ; but three of the Bible women were new to the work, and in order to do the work to which they had been appointed, it was necessary for them to first make the acquaintance of the Christian women. One Bible woman has visited the University hospital in Hongo every week, and has been much encouraged with the results of her work there, and the many requests (from the nurses especially) to come oftener. For some little time past, besides her work among the patients, she has held a class every Friday evening for the nurses. This hospital work is especially encouraging because the Bible woman was told by one of the nurses at first, that there would probably be opposition to her doing much if it became known, and that she must send her word when to expect her.

A hospital in Shitaya district has been visited occasionally, but we hope this year to make it part of our weekly work.

The Bible women have found it much harder to enter new homes this year than in former years, and meet with many discouragements by the way ; but rejoice that the Lord has counted them worthy to labor and suffer for Him. They are thankful that He has permitted them to see some fruit from their labors in souls being brought to seek and find the Saviour.

Owing to the preparations for the New Year very little work could be done after the 20th of December, the date when we dropped our meetings.

Since the 1st of October meetings have been held weekly in Hongo, Shitaya, Negishi, Ushigomi, Kobiki-cho and Kakigaracho. In Azabu three have been held a month (the fourth is the pastor's meeting with the women), in Komagomi two a month, making in all ninety-three meetings, with an average of five. Children's meetings have been held in Kobiki-cho, Kakigara-cho and Hongo, with an average of six children. In order to accomplish all the above each week, it was necessary to give some meetings in charge of the Bible women only, the missionary visiting each in turn, but in the attendance given the missionary, Bible women or Miss Cartmell's interpreter is not included.

The last Friday of the Old Year we met all the Bible women to talk over what God had done for us in the past, to thank Him for His goodness, and ask Him for the presence of His Spirit in the work of the coming year. So much was there to say that two hours slipped away, and the whole had not been said. The discouragements and the encouragements were talked over, the best methods of work were discussed, and all expressed themselves as cheered and helped. We purpose to hold such a meeting every month this quarter if possible.

One Bible woman, Sakizaki san, has worked very well so far as visiting, etc., but we feel her heart is not in the work. In this the pastor agrees with us. She has asked to be allowed to retire.

### SHIZUOKA BRANCH.

*School.*—Number of pupils returned in September, twenty nine ; entered, two ; withdrawals during the term, two ; present number on the roll, twenty-nine ; average attendance, twenty-seven.

During the past term one pupil withdrew to become the wife of a young minister, and we have since heard that she is filling her position and entering into the work as well as could be expected.

Another girl has been sent into our Tokyo school to complete her course there. We are happy to report two baptisms, the head Japanese teacher and one pupil.

The senior girls have charge of a small Sunday School for children outside of the school influence. It has been very well attended during the past term, the average being over thirty. A Christmas entertainment was held at the Jo Gakko for all the children connected with the various Sunday schools under our care. Over one hundred were gathered together, and teachers and pupils appeared to have an enjoyable time.

The King's Daughters' Circle in connection with the school is very well attended. By the industry of the girls, assisted by a contribution from all the pupils, we were able to provide a communion table for the new church, which we are sorry to say perished with the building.

We have had to part with Miss Morgan during this term, but her work here is not finished. What she began and laid the sure foundation for, we are trying to build upon. We trust the work of the coming term may be faithfully and earnestly carried on. Though we have had some discouragements, we have also had that which encourages us, and depending not upon ourselves, but upon Him who said, "My grace is sufficient for you," we trust both teachers and pupils into His hands.

*Evangelistic.*—The two Bible women working in this district are Mrs. Ushioka and Mrs. Sato. Total number of visits made by Mrs. Ushioka since July 1st, 293 ; new homes entered, thirteen ; meetings held, thirty-four.