

decided to see what Christianity was like, and finally became, I believe, sincere in purpose, finding the truths she learned really helpful to her in her home life. So last March she was baptized, and better still, her husband is now most regular in his attendance at church. Another one of our women was baptized at the same time, and still another, H. San, has been converted through our women's work, though not allowed by her friends to be baptized.

This girl came to Kofu from the country last fall to learn sewing, as many are in the habit of doing. She made her home in the house of a cousin who had been in Yokohama, and when there was considered a Christian, though he had not been baptized. Coming to Kofu he found his Christianity *inconvenient* and so threw it aside. We persuaded this cousin, however, to study its truths, and this she has faithfully done. When Sunday came she could not at first get courage to tell her sewing-teacher, who was very much opposed to Christianity, that she was going to church, and she even lied about it, but she was given strength to boldly confess the truth, and found that on doing so the bitter opposition she expected was not forthcoming. She gave her sewing-teacher to understand that if her Christianity was an annoyance she would go elsewhere to learn sewing, but of course her teacher was not willing for that. At last, H. San reached a point where she most earnestly desired to be baptized. But now the cousin who had at first urged her to study Christianity, would not give her permission, and so her mother and brother would not consent either. H. San's father is dead, and with this cousin seems to rest the responsibility of making a suitable marriage for her, and he was afraid that her baptism might prove an obstacle.

Our training class now numbers seven students, and we are expecting another who purposes becoming a Bible woman, but for three months while on trial she will simply attend classes in Bible study. She is married, but has returned to her brother's home with her two little children, having left her husband on account of his evil ways. The wealth and position of her brother will be of help to her in her work, and as she seems to share in the earnestness and push characteristic of the family, she promises well as a Bible woman. Her sister, who graduated this spring from our school, has