

quite a history. She is very clever, and in her younger days had a great deal of influence in the town where she now lives. Many years ago there was an attempt to build a theatre in the town; she felt that a theatre was not a thing to help to uplift the people, but exactly the contrary so she went to all the leading men in the place and persuaded them to use their influence against a building for theatres being put up in the town, and she succeeded in putting a stop to its being built. She also was the means of having the first public school started in the town.

A few years ago she moved to Shizuoka, where she became a Christian, but for some years was not a very earnest one. A little over a year ago her health became very poor and at last she was confined to bed. She was very impatient—said she was tired of life and wanted to die. In January of last year she was in bed longing for death, when one night she had a remarkable dream. She thought many people came to her bedside—sick and poor, some with happy and others with sad faces. They continued passing in great numbers, and at last Christ came, and said: "You have no right to lie here and wish for death; I have work for you to do. Go out among these people and tell them of Me." The next day the old lady got up out of bed and went to work, firm in the conviction that Christ had called her. Since June of last year Miss Robertson and I have been paying her three yen a month, so that she is free to give her whole time to Bible work. Her son, who supported her, is not a Christian, and she was not at liberty to go where she pleased while she depended upon him for bread, but now that we give her enough to live on she can do as she likes. She works in two towns and sends me a monthly report. The pastors at both places speak well of her, and Mr. Hiraiwa says she is doing well.

The work in the other two towns I spoke of is carried on by Mikoda san, who was for five years Matron of the Kofu school, and whom we took on as a Bible woman at the beginning of the year.

We have a "Workers' Meeting" at Mr. Hiraiwa's house every Monday evening. This meeting is composed of all the workers, male and female, in Shizuoka town. We also