

truths of the Bible are not alive to the opportunities of helping others.

At one of my meetings an old woman attends regularly. She listens earnestly and remembers the Bible lessons very well. She is a Christian, and when one day we talked about heaven, I asked her what did she think heaven was like. She laughed, and said, "Indeed, I don't know at all; but sometimes when I am at Mrs. M.'s house I think heaven must be like that home." Mrs. M.'s is a happy, Christian home.

At that meeting nearly all who attend are quite elderly women, but their eagerness to study the Bible and to learn to sing is quite refreshing.

In the work among the poor in Azabu we sometimes discover some sad cases. Money to relieve extreme poverty, to buy food or medicine in case of illness, or to lend to those who do not want charity, is supplied by Japanese Christians in our school, or from our own purses. Sometimes the sum necessary to bring relief from want or pain is so very small that one feels the recompense of seeing the recipients comfortable or of receiving their gratitude more than repay.

One day I visited a few of the poorest homes in company with the Bible woman. In one lived a father, mother and four children, in a house not nearly as good and scarcely as clean as a stable in our country. Bad food and lack of cleanliness had brought on a loathsome skin disease, the baby suffering most from it. The Bible woman had supplied them with bath tickets twice, with good results, but they had no clothes except what they wore day and night, for they had no bed clothes at all. I sent them some good soap and a quantity of borax, and instructed the Bible woman to teach the mother how to wash her children at home; she had depended entirely upon the public bath and yet had no money to purchase tickets. Soon afterwards they sent their thanks to me for my excellent "medicine."

Another family lived in a better house and were somewhat cleaner in appearance. The mother was dead; the father, grandmother and two dear little girls composed the family. The father had suffered from spinal disease for many years. He had been a teacher and showed by his conversation and