

We have no baptisms to report this term.

Evangelistic.—In January, in compliance with a request from the pastor in Numazu, work was opened in that town. Miss Ito, who graduated from our Tokyo school in December, and came to Shizuoka in January to assist in the evangelistic work, has visited Numazu twice a month, staying two days each time. She has not yet been able to start a woman's meeting, but has visited in the homes of the Christians and others. Since she began the work there has been a better attendance of the Christian women at the weekly prayer-meetings and Sunday services.

On account of several removals, the woman's meeting in Ejiri has been broken up for a time, but a children's meeting is held and visits are paid wherever it is possible to gain admission to the homes. The work at the other places continues much the same as the previous quarter—587 visits have been made throughout the district, nineteen homes visited for the first time, and seventy meetings held. We are glad to be able to report four baptisms—two in Shizuoka, one in Omiya and one in Fujiyeda. The children's meeting at Shimada has had an average attendance of seventy, at Ejiri forty-five, and at Kakegawa five. Average attendance at the three Sunday Schools conducted by pupils from the school is 103.

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School.—This term has been a somewhat broken one in the school work, but we feel it has been one of progress. Thirty-two pupils have been enrolled; of these, four were graduated, two in both English and Japanese, and two in Japanese only. One of these graduates returns to the school for a time, and another, Noguch O Zuki san, continues her studies in our Azabu school. We had the pleasure of seeing O Zuki san and three others of our students baptized in March. The closing exercises of the school year passed off successfully, the Governor of the Province and several educational dignitaries being present.

The King's Daughters are supporting a little orphan girl in the school, though not as a regular student. She is the daughter of a former teacher who died a year ago. She is a very unpromising child, and we are afraid we shall not be able to do much with her.

One of our former graduates, who left the school at the end of the year, has opened a Sunday School in her own home and has an attendance of eight or nine children every Sunday. She is the only child of wealthy parents. She is allowed to keep the Sabbath, and has already impressed those around her with the earnest sincerity of her faith. She provides the Sunday School cards she uses, herself.

A rival girls' school—non-religious—has just been started; in time it may prove a formidable rival, but at present our own prospects were never brighter. We already have a large number of applications for the new term. The fact that our school is Christian is a great objection to many, but, nevertheless, it is acknowledged a good school and parents feel that their daughters are safe with us.

Evangelistic.—The winter term is the best for evangelistic work. There has been much to encourage—increased attendance at several of the women's meetings and a manifest interest in the truth on the part of several. The church services have been well attended by both Christian and non-Christian women. Fifty-eight meetings have been held, with an average of over eleven, and eighteen children's