

keeps a dairy, and she has a busy time of it. She goes to bed at about 11 p.m., rises at 2.30 a.m., is busy until about 4.30 a.m., and then she has some leisure time, which she employs in study. She is a bright, intelligent looking woman, and she is rapidly acquiring a knowledge of the Bible.

The other new member is the mother of a judge, who has recently moved to Kofu. The judge and his family are Christians. In all conditions of society Christians may now be found. Hard as is the effort some people make, the Christians cannot be excluded from nor confined to any position, but they honeycomb society all the way from coolie to President of Parliament.

After a long period of most discouraging attendance, we have now good meetings at Nirasaki, where I go once a month on Sundays. The little band of Christians has received a new impulse through Mr. Kawakami's removal from Kofu there. He held the position of second officer in Kofu prison, but, as regardless of remonstrations, he persisted in letting his light shine as a Christian, he was removed to Nirasaki. Many prison officials (Christians) are treated in a similar way.

The term just passed has been a most encouraging one. With the exception of Schikawa, the attendance has been good, with an increase of members, and, in some instances, a marked interest manifested in the truth. There have been two baptisms, Mrs. Yuse, mother of the evangelist in Kyno, and Mrs. Hayashi, of Kofu. In Kofu, perhaps, hitherto the most discouraging of all our appointments, we have had an increase of seven members, with a larger average attendance.

I want to mention specially two instances in which the good work that has been accomplished is directly attributable, as far as human agency is concerned, to our Woman's