

about sixty, and the aggregate Sabbath congregations a hundred and fifty. To a large extent these are young men who are from all portions of the country, and who have come from their homes for the purpose of study. They will thus carry the gospel truth to all parts of the land.

The Gospel of Mark has already reached a second edition, while the Gospels of John and Matthew are having a large and ready sale. Luke has now been entirely revised, and will soon be issued. Dr. Brown has already begun on the Book of Acts.

Mr. Thompson has been a most indefatigable and successful worker. Since he went to Yedo in February last, he has built up a large and very interesting Sabbath service, which has just developed into a Church. He has had many inquirers concerning the Christian religion, and also a regular class every day. During the past year, also, he has translated from the original tongue the first three books of the Old Testament, and is now well on in the fourth.

Mr. Carruthers has had, in connection with the native school where he has taught, a Bible class on the Sabbath. He has now left the school, but some of the scholars still come to his house on Sundays for instruction. Mrs. Carruthers has had a school for girls which numbered twelve to fifteen scholars. It has lately increased to about twenty. She has a very interesting Sabbath School, and has introduced with great success some recent versions of our most familiar hymns.

In addition to the study of the language, I have had during the year a daily Bible class which has been very interesting. The whole number in attendance has been over fifty, but the average daily attendance less than twenty. Several of these have become Christians, and I have felt that the seed sown in other hearts has not been in vain.

I began also a Sabbath School which had increased to about sixty when the hour for the native service was changed, and I was obliged to give it up. I intend, however, to begin again as soon as the way is open. I am now able to work to some extent in the native language. Day before yesterday, I had here in Shidzooka a class of thirty-three who had come to learn about the Christian religion. Everywhere we go there are plenty to hear, and the message seems welcome.

The two native elders have just gone forth on a preaching tour. It was their own desire, and we were heartily rejoiced that God had put it into their hearts to labor for the salvation of their people. It is by such efforts that we expect to reach the masses. They can reach their own people better than foreigners.

The reports from all parts are very cheering. Mr. Stout has recently baptized three converts at Nagasaki. The missionaries of the American Board, who have but recently arrived in the field, have already three regular services and a large number under instruction. They speak of a remarkable interest among the people, and sometimes the people are not able to get into the house to hear, and wait outside. They find abundance of opportunity to preach, and a cordial welcome from the people. It is also the same between here and Yokohama. At one of the towns, they have asked for a missionary to come and stay with them. I expect to spend a little time there on my return.

There are now some ten young men who desire to study for the ministry. A class should be started at once to prepare them for the preaching of the Gospel to their people. The expense of supporting each student will be about a hundred dollars per year. It will be important to make some arrangement for this soon.