

few grown folk at the first meeting. The attendance has increased to thirty-five.

During the quarter we have held fifty-three women's and thirty-six children's meetings, with an average attendance of six and thirty-seven.

We have had four requests for baptism. C. E. HART.

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As another result of Mrs. Large's and Mr. Miyama's visit with us in February, a temperance society has been organized. Thirty-nine members are enrolled. Our aim has been to divide the responsibility of this work, and have the women of the American Methodist Protestant Church, also the teachers and older girls of the Jo Gakko, and our own church women represented. With these different agents using their influence, we hope to reach many outside of the churches.

The wife of the Principal of the High School is vice-president. She found it harder to give up tobacco than wine. So many recognize the evil effects of intemperance, but the custom of offering wine to guests is so universal it needs moral courage to be the first, or even the second, to banish it from the home. It is when they come to the point of signing the pledge, we find the hold this habit has on the people.

If only we can get the mothers to feel the responsibility of their own sons and daughters and "lend a hand" in this work. The inducements to drink are many. Even if the smallest boy is successful in his aim at the "shooting stand," he wins a glass. If successful a number of times, he receives a bottle, and after winning so many bottles he is entitled to a watch. It is not, however, only outside of the home "pit-falls" are waiting. Wine is used so extensively in the cooking it is more a natural appetite than an acquired one.

Our work along temperance lines is educative. May God help us to awaken the consciences of the people so they may see the awfulness of this curse. To this end scientific temperance is taught in our monthly meeting, and a regular programme prepared along educative lines.

In all our work temperance is taught. From three homes we have heard of the children returning from the Sunday School to tell their parents and friends it was not good for the body to drink and smoke. In one case, after seeing the picture of the wine cup with the snake curled up in the bottom, one boy was so impressed he said to his father when next he saw him drink, "Father, there's a snake in that glass." This