

much spiritual and physical strength, but the spirit in which the reprimands were received showed that the faults were seen and there was an earnest desire to overcome them.

The need of reprimand has not been among the pupils only—the school servants, too, have had their share. One man found charging two sen more than was due upon a parcel he was sent to post, when questioned about the matter smilingly said, "It was a little mistake;" but we could not pass the matter by so lightly, as he had been told in the beginning that we expected those employed here to be honest in such small matters. It took some time to convince him that *sin* was *sin* in God's sight whether great or small, but the lesson, as well as the punishment inflicted, did their work, and since then there has been a marked improvement in the man's conduct.

The tinsmith employed about the school to do the many bits of making and mending that are required, was influenced by one of our number to attend church. He is much interested in the teachings of Christ, and now he is seldom absent from his place in church on Sunday morning. Some few weeks ago he, with the servant above-mentioned, went to our pastor and asked for baptism. The latter, for some weeks, has shown an earnest desire to walk worthy of Christ, and more than once we have seen him alone in one of the school-rooms reading his Bible and praying to our Father in secret. This man's wife has been a Christian for some years—said she became so because she was living in a Christian family; of late, she, too, has shown a desire to walk uprightly before God. Truly, the seed sown in His name, though often sown in weakness and trembling, "does not" return unto the Master void.

There have been no baptisms this term; but the little acts of unselfishness when no one seemed to be looking, the bright, cheerful faces after reproof, instead of the sulky ones of former days, the patient, helpful spirit with the little ones, the absence of grumbling when class-rooms were upset on account of repairs, and the many little signs of secret faults being conquered, and all with an eye single to His glory, have encouraged and cheered us very much in our term's work.

One of our Japanese ministers bore a strong testimony