

and her own Sunday-evening meetings with the mothers in the King's Daughters' school in Azabu.

Two thousand five hundred and six homes have been visited; 3,232 people talked with; of these, 1,230 were non-Christians, and 160 heard the Gospel for the first time. Six have requested baptism. Ninety-six meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 6.5 women and 8.4 children. This includes Miss Yoshida's Sunday-evening meetings for the mothers, in the King's Daughters' school, at which the attendance has ranged from six women and twenty-nine children to seventeen women and thirty-five children.

Since our last report another Sunday School has been opened in the home of an old woman reached by our Azabu workers. Having heard the good news herself she gladly offered her house as a gathering place for the children. One hundred and sixty-eight children and three mothers were present at our Christmas entertainment. A programme had been prepared, and was carried out successfully. On the 28th an entertainment was given to the poor, among whom we have worked during the year—many of them the parents of our Sunday School children. One hundred and twenty were present. Our pastor, Mr. Takagi, addressed them, telling the story of Christmas in language within their comprehension, and though there was the feast to come after, they listened with eager faces all through the half hour. The feast was simple—only a bowl of hot soup, a ball of rice and a few pickles; but there were among those who partook of it, many that had not eaten such a satisfying meal in months.

*Orphanage.*—There are still eleven in the Home. Just at present the committee in charge has two cases under consideration. It is surprising to see the change that one short year has made in the appearance and behavior of the children. The matron is doing faithful work; the children all seem very fond of her. The teacher in the King's Daughters' school reports the Orphanage children as the best in her class. The whole expenditure of Mission Funds since the first of last September is but yen 66 (less than \$35 gold). The eldest girl has been appointed to assist the matron in the cares of the house, especially with the little ones, and thus