

going from house to house, and many hundreds of tracts, besides temperance and other magazines, have been distributed.

Women's meetings		29	, average attendance,	5.
Children's	"	154	;	" " 42.
Special	"	4	;	" " 18.
Women's English and Bible				
Class		28	;	" " 3.
Visits				49.
New homes entered				8.

NAGANO SCHOOL.

*From Miss Hargrave.**

THE average attendance at the school for the past four months has been twenty. Three boarding pupils entered in September, and one withdrew, the latter on account of the death of her younger brother, who was drowned last August in the river while playing, and the consequent prejudice of the grandmother, who said it was the punishment of the gods on them for having sent their daughter to live in a Christian school. The father and mother were anxious to have the daughter continue as a boarder, but to satisfy the grandmother had to send her to board with an aunt who is an earnest Buddhist. So she has come as a day pupil, expecting to enter as a boarder in January.

We had a very pleasant, though simple, Christmas closing for the girls. We invited all the mothers, but were disappointed in having only a few of them. In all we had twenty-five visitors. After the programme we had a Christmas tree for the girls, *the first they had ever seen*. It was a great delight to see their happy faces, and we felt the few cents spent in this way for each one was strengthening the cord which is binding their hearts to a Christian school. The first blind prejudice has gone, and their interest in "the old, old story" is certainly growing.

The kindergarten continues to prove promising. We had the little ones attend the church Christmas tree and take part in the programme there, instead of having a separate closing for them. Most of the parents were present also.

All our helpers were Christians when they came to us, except the senior kindergarten teacher. She had heard something about the Truth, and was not prejudiced. We are glad, indeed, to report that she has decided for Christ, and has asked for baptism.

*Comparing this with the letter from Nagano published last September will add greatly to its interest. Pray for our missionaries in this new and difficult field.