

## KOFU.

*School.*—We have had several withdrawals through the term, our present number being 32. One graduate of last spring remained in the school an extra term for music, English and some special Japanese subjects. The term opened with four new teachers on the staff, all being graduates of other mission schools. These, with our other teachers, have done good work. The girls have been diligent, doing exceptionally well in their studies, giving us an unusually large number of honor pupils, who have taken 85 per cent. in both English and Japanese.

The King's Daughters' Society has increased in number during the term. The members are now taking care of a little orphan girl, whose father, a former teacher of our school, died last spring, being converted shortly before his death. This little girl during her father's life, was a pupil of the school, but was a very backward child. We have received her now, not as a regular pupil, but with the hope of teaching her to sew, or training her in some way by which she can earn her own living. The King's Daughters pay her boarding expenses.

On the Emperor's birthday we had a reunion of former pupils, when an alumni association was fully organized. We hope it may be the means of doing much good. Mr. Shinkai, the owner of the school, is President.

The intelligent questions that are asked by the girls with reference to the daily Bible lessons, or in our class of new students, which meets on Sunday afternoons, show that they think, and to some purpose.

Three of our supported girls, daughters of Christians, who entered school last spring, have been received on trial for baptism.

*Evangelistic.*—Again this term we have had interruptions in the work. Most of it outside of Kofu is among farmers, and during the month of November they are so busy with the harvest that we are compelled, to a certain extent, to "rest on our oars." Then towards the close of the year, both in the city and outside, people are so busy with accounts, cleaning house and other preparations for the new year, that there seems to be little opportunity for sowing the Word.