

children work. The Sunday School and preaching service, however, continue to be well attended, the Sunday School now having an enrolment of seventy-four, with an average attendance of thirty-three, while the night school averages six or seven out of the fourteen who attend at times.

In the Kawakami district our work is very encouraging. The much-needed addition to our school building has been completed and the school was formally reopened on November 6th. We had a very successful meeting, many of the representative men of the district being present, as well as the parents of the pupils, and we find on all sides a much more friendly feeling toward the school, and Christianity in general. We have had more applicants for admission to our embroidery class than we could accept, and the twenty girls who now compose it have been very regular in their attendance, both at church and Sunday School, and show marked improvement in many ways. We feel that the good seed is working, though in such soil the growth cannot but be slow, if it is to be sure. We have been gladdened since our return in September by the embroidery teacher's decision for Christ, and it seems now as if the young man who teaches the envelope work would soon make a similar profession, as he is very deeply interested.

On the completion of the new building, we opened a mothers' meeting, to be held monthly. The first meeting brought out twenty-five women besides seventeen of the girls, an attendance beyond our hopes, and the Bible-woman has heard from several of the mothers that they are looking forward to the next meeting as a bright spot in the month.

Our Orphanage now numbers thirteen, and continues to be a source of much satisfaction to us.

Including all four districts in which we have work, sixty-four homes have been visited this quarter, nine of them for the first time. Only about a half dozen of these sixty-four can be classed as Christian homes. Two hundred and twenty-two visits have been paid. There have been two baptisms, one a young woman from our Nagamachi meeting, the other her mother, who is bed-ridden, and has learned of Christ through her daughter and the visits of the Bible-workers.

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