

has been a Christian for three years, at first suffering great persecution. But now it has ceased, and though not allowed to attend church nor receive baptism, she is free to attend the women's meeting. Her mother formerly very strongly opposed Christianity; but now, Watanabe San is hopeful of both her parents, that they will decide for Christ, and she herself be given permission to be baptized.

Kozawa San, in Katsunuma, is a Christian as far as she has light, reads the Bible and prays. But she is allowed to attend only our women's meeting.

Nozawa San, in Kofu, is a Christian and constantly reads her Bible, but she has not yet been baptized. She cannot attend church as often as she likes because her mother thinks it not becoming in a woman to go out so much.

This last spring a new man took charge of the prison and dismissed all the employees who professed faith in Christ. There were additional reasons, perhaps, for the dismissal of some, but none were kept who owned the name of Christ. Two denied their faith, one, a woman who was matron of the female prisoners, while others, who were not baptized Christians, acknowledged their belief.

The clouds have been hanging low and the conversions to Christ in this land have not been so numerous as in some preceding years. But the atmosphere seems clearer; seed has been sown and a glorious harvest, I believe, is not far in the future. Not the least significant sign of the times, is a recent proclamation by the Minister of Home Affairs to the Buddhist priests, strongly reprimanding them for their conduct, and warning them that if they do not do better, more stringent measures will have to be taken.

You will have heard of my appointment to Fukui. It is to do the work I love, and so, in His name I will go, knowing that my Saviour will go before me. At the same time, I will naturally regret leaving the Yamanashi work. In it I have spent nearly two very happy years. It has been my first work in the country, and while there have been discouragements, they have been completely overwhelmed by God's goodness to me and the rewards that have come to me in simply trying to do His will.