

SHIDZUOKA.

The spiritual state of the membership is evidently in progress. Some amongst them are very earnest, and their lives prove that they are true Methodists. I am thankful to report that the female class-meeting, which I begun here last September, is very prosperous. They, old and young, are nice and quiet, but strong in the Lord. They trust in Jesus, all pray earnestly, help mutually from their falling, push themselves towards perfect holiness, comfort each other, and talk of their love of God with tear and cheer. Their husbands or their parents often expressed their joy, learning the great change in the hearts and lives of their wives or their daughters. During the year past I have held three services every week in the chapel, and have also conducted a Bible-class every Friday evening. On Thursday evening I have delivered regularly a lecture on the evidences of Christianity. Monday and half of Tuesday I spent in visiting the members of our church for instruction and devotion; and I come now to the end of this ecclesiastical year, but find very small fruit—six souls' conversion. Five of them were the families of our brethren. With regard to the situation and the building of our present chapel, it is unfavourable for the spread of the gospel. It is in the midst of rude working people, who dislike the religion, never come to our services, and often disturb them by their noisy laughter and scoff. Though the people from distant places stood sometimes outside the door, they generally did not stop long, and went away because the house was not built for the purpose to make people easy to get in. I pray the Lord, who knows what is needful, and could accomplish His purpose, will send "showers of blessings," and provide the means for building a suitable new chapel.

ASAGAWA KOKO.

NUMADZU.

When I came to this Mission last year our membership was twenty-seven. During the year nine persons received baptism. One came from Shidzuoka Church; ten have gone to other parts, some of whom have dropped. Our present membership is thirty-six, six of whom are on trial. We have a Sunday-school; though the children are very few, yet the work is encouraging. Service is well attended; generally, evening is larger. We have two preaching places beside the church. One is in Hirai, about seven miles distant; the other in the city, in a member's house. The latter is very hopeful, because those who attend the service seem deeply in desire to be saved from their sins. After all, there are good indications of spiritual growth.

YEMU YAMANAKA.

KOFU.

The prevalence of the cholera last summer, and its continuance far into the autumn, prevented our carrying out our plans for the work in the country for a considerable length of time. The failure, on account of sickness, of my receiving adequate help from expected colleagues,

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