

her, he told her that if she was determined to become a Christian he would say nothing more about it, and that she might stay. She has become a whole-hearted Christian, is now a teacher in one of our Sunday-schools. She is well educated, and is a very strong character. We will find her a valuable assistant in whatever kind of work we start here. The three women are always on hand at every meeting, take part quite freely at the church prayer-meetings, and are studying the Bible so earnestly that it is a real pleasure to teach them. The prayer-meeting, last Friday evening, was a particularly interesting one; there was not a moment lost during the hour; the prayers were all so earnest, and the women especially prayed for the descent of the Spirit. It is not so long since these women did not know how to pray. I remember so well their first attempts; but now they pray with such earnestness that it seems to me God must hear and answer. We have seven Christian women now, and some others are studying Christianity earnestly. Our Sunday-school entertainment this year went off very pleasantly. Our programme was short, consisting of Scripture recitations, singing of hymns, and one or two short speeches. My heart was very full that night; it seemed to me that the Lord had done so much for us in one year. A year before we had not one Christian, except the evangelists; this year the whole work of preparation was done by three young men, two of whom wish to become evangelists, and the other is now principal of Mr. Saunby's school; all have been baptized during the year. Three of the ten boys, who caused so much trouble when the Sunday school was opened in Nagaōhei, are now Christians, and have frequently gone out preaching with the evangelist during the summer. The most clever one of the three, and probably one of the ring-leaders in mischief a little over a year ago, is now attending the mission school here. Mr. Saunby is paying for his education. The teachers speak very highly of the way he is acquitting himself. At the Sunday-school entertainment he delivered a short speech; he told why we kept Christmas as a holiday, spoke about Christ's life, and His death, and spoke so earnestly that tears were in the eyes of several.

I was very glad to welcome Miss Hargrave here; two