

death of their dear one had set them thinking. Since then they have been baptized, and the father wishes to give up his position and become an evangelist, beginning by going with the pastor to the homes of his relatives. Meanwhile the faithful, devoted mother is happy beyond expression. The joy that has come to her, she says, more than atones for the loss of her daughter. Oh, for more of such earnest souls!

The woman's class for English and Bible study, begun in May, has been continued. Two of the members are government school teachers, bright intelligent young women that one longs to see in our blessed Master's service, both for their own sakes, and because Japanese school teachers exert such a powerful influence over their pupils, whom we are trying to reach.

Our free kindergarten in Nishi Nagano has had an average attendance of fourteen at its two sessions a week, besides the meeting for larger children three times a week. Our pastor has held an evening service there occasionally. Since October we have had another similar kindergarten in Yashiro twice a week, average attendance seventeen. The Christians there have shown a practical interest in it by trying to induce their friends and neighbors to send their little ones. The little mites of humanity seem almost too small to comprehend what they are taught, especially the one who always answers "red" when asked the color of any object. But gradually they learn that their pretty sashes and collars are of a different color from the snow. They are learning, too, about Abel and his jealous brother, about Noah's boat and Joseph's wonderful coat. And sometimes they or their elder brothers and sisters are heard to exclaim, "Oh, here comes 'Jesus loves me'!" and then off they run to the meeting-house. Some of them are even brave enough to consent to be led by the hand of the foreign "Sensei."

At our several Christmas trees we gave each one a half-cent bag of cake, and a present worth from one-tenth to one-quarter of a cent. Of those present there were several hundred children and grown people who had never seen a Christmas tree before. It was worth all the trouble just to see their happy faces. When the kindergarten pupils took part, their performance seemed to be the most enjoyable feature of the programme. Also an old Santa Claus song, which the sight of a Christmas tree brought back to my mind, was made use of at nearly all our entertainments, and pleased the children greatly, though they understood not a word of it but "Christmas tree."

A little has been done at selling New Testaments and portions of the Scriptures in trains, stations, on the street, or