

"Old, old story," which is ever new. Now and then they are told they need not come in, are called names in the street, etc., but usually have very little open opposition. Number of visits paid, 1,466; persons talked with, 2,095; of this number about 100 "heard," for the first time. There have been eight requests for baptism.

OUR ORPHANAGE.—Perhaps no department has interested us more than this, opened Dec. 1st, when two little girls were all we had, it now numbers eight. Kome, the child of a jinrikisha man, whose wife was led to Christ through her son attending the Azabu Church Sunday School, was the first to enter. Then came Fumi, the naughty child, of whom you have heard; next, O Hana and her little brother, Kinosuke, who will not be separated from his sister. Their mother earns but *yen* 1.50 a month, and pays 1.30 of that towards the support of her children. Soon two sisters, Cho and Tsune, were brought in by Mrs. Inomata, who knew the father, a member of our Kobiki-cho church; their mother is living, but when the husband became reduced in circumstances she left him to earn her own living as a prostitute. The father pays two *yen* a month for his children. Last to enter were Michi and Toshi, parents both living; but the father is a profligate, the mother weak and unable to care for the two, so, well-to-do relatives pay three *yen* a month for their support in the orphanage. In Michi we have a match for Fumi, and at first the matron was at her wits' end to know how one house was going to hold them and have peace at the same time. One day it came to a pitch battle between the two; since that time there has been improvement.

Match-box making has been the occupation of the mornings, but some difficulty having arisen between the exporters