

The employment of a Bible-woman was also part of our scheme for the year, but we found no suitable person to take the position. It is intended to employ such help, when a good Bible-woman is found.

We earnestly beg to commend our work to the prayer-circles of the Woman's Missionary Society. To us has been committed the management of this part of the field, and we are trying to be faithful even in that which is least; but success comes not from carefulness or hard work, independently of Divine approval and blessing. Remember us in our daily need of supernatural wisdom and grace, for

"Except the Lord conduct the plan
The best-concerted schemes are vain,
And never can succeed."

L. SHAW.

Corresponding Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF THE JAPAN WORK.

When school closed on the 8th of July, 1886, there had been enrolled since its opening, in October of 1884, one hundred and fifty-three students, of which number one hundred and fifteen were in regular attendance at our closing time, the other thirty-eight having left for various reasons.

Our staff consisted of the missionary ladies, three Japanese lady teachers, one teacher of Chinese, our interpreter, who also taught translation; a sewing teacher, an assistant for the little ones, and a matron.

The death angel has not once paused over our school, and not one has been called away to the other world; in this we rejoice, but more greatly rejoice in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit has come to dwell in many of our students' hearts. Two of our teachers have professed Christ and been baptized, another is earnestly looking for the light. We have, I think, fifteen baptized students, the daily walk of many of whom is a "march nearer home." We watch them, and can detect the Christian growth. Three or four are engaged in Sunday-school work, one going with Miss Maud Cochran to Ushigome Church, where she has gathered around her a class of some sixteen little girls. There are nine who wish baptism, some are on trial, and others are waiting and praying that their parents' hearts may be inclined to consent to their daughters' baptism, which they have as yet refused.

A daily Bible-class is conducted by Mr. Kobayashi, which all are obliged to attend; then we have our weekly class-meeting on Tuesday, from four to five, to which all who desire to be present come—it is not compulsory.

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