

the course. They leave their school life to take up new and responsible duties. We trust the teaching of the past five years will bear fruit in their future lives. They are professing Christians, and have been active in their work in the Sunday School under their charge. As we look ahead for them, and realize what the future has in store for them, we leave them in the Father's hands who promises His word shall not return unto Him void.

We are glad to be able to report one baptism, a servant connected with our household, during this term. We try to sow the seeds faithfully, trusting it to the care of Him who has said, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

Evangelistic.—Number of meetings held, 52; average attendance, 75; number of visits paid, 265; new homes entered, 12. The average attendance at the four Sunday Schools under our charge has been 22. A children's meeting was started at Shimada in February; there have been four meetings, with an average of 18.

The attendance at the women's meetings during the quarter has been better, but we have felt a carelessness among some of the older Christians about the study of God's Word. While they are ever ready to listen, they object to take any responsibility themselves; they are satisfied with being Christians in name, but not in deed and in truth. We pray that during the coming months we may have wisdom to guide and direct them in the right way of working for their fellow-creatures, as we have it not in our power to do. We do feel that these women, if once awakened to the fact that they are responsible for work in the Master's vineyard, can do much for the advancement of His kingdom in this land.

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School.—In the school the term just closed has been one of quiet, steady work. The attendance has been very regular, the twenty-one pupils all being boarders. The older girls have shown growth in earnest, womanly, Christian character. They are sincerely interested in their Sunday School work among the poor, and it is doing them good. Altogether, our school gives nine workers for outside Christian work each Sunday. We close the term with a prospect of increase in numbers for the next.