

SHIZUOKA.

School.—The school and evangelistic work are so closely interwoven in all but the daily routine that it is hard to make a separate report. During the past term three new pupils have taken the places of three who withdrew after the summer vacation, thus keeping our number up to 21, the enrolment of last term. Most of the girls are helped more or less by the Society, and all are quite satisfactory. One whom we have helped a little for nearly two years has become self-supporting, her family paying arrears.

We have no baptisms to report among the girls, but I am happy to inform you that one of our former graduates, who has kept on steadily attending the Saturday morning Bible class and assisting in Sunday School work, has at last got the consent of her family to be baptized, and since school closed we have had the joy of seeing the outward form, which seals her adoption into the family of God, administered. After years of waiting her heart's desire is accomplished, and I believe a more earnest, truer little Christian would be hard to find.

A Christmas tree, kept as a surprise, made the last evening with the girls a very enjoyable one. The singing of Christmas hymns, while watching the burning of the candles, imparted a decided Christmas feeling to the entertainment, which was more like *home* than I have experienced since leaving the home land.

Evangelistic.—In looking back over the term's work we have much reason to feel encouraged. Seven women have received baptism and seven more are preparing for it. One of the women, who was baptized last month, first heard the gospel story through attending the little Sunday School at Hirono, under the superintendence of Hayama san, one of the graduates of our school. This woman and her mother lived near the preaching place, followed the children into Sunday School, became interested, and afterwards attended the preaching services and women's meetings. Another woman was baptized in Shimada, where we have work among the children. For nearly two years the girls from our school, who hold a fortnightly children's meeting, have gone to visit this woman at the close of each meeting and