

with her, has returned to her own home, so that the whole family being gone, it makes a considerable vacancy in our little church. Workers, willing workers, are so few we feel that we cannot spare even one, but He knows our need who called her up higher, and He can supply her place. We need experienced workers, women of years to do the Bible work, and there is where we shall reap the benefit of all the drudgery of school work. We have glimpses of the power it may be in the future by what our girls are able to do now. We are proud of them, for when they go out as helpers they give no "uncertain sound," having been "rooted and grounded" in the Word. In Sunday-school work they are able to take up and conduct successfully whatever is given into their care. They are specially adapted for that, and can gather the children in and interest them in the "old, old story" in a way the evangelists have not yet learned. For that reason they are valued by our pastor, and we are thankful to be able to give him this help. By-and-bye they will be older and have confidence and experience enough to undertake real Bible-woman's work. As it is, those from Azabu are able to hold meetings in some of the outside districts, and one district in the city has been offered us because the attendance has completely fallen off in both meeting and Sunday-school. We are hoping to revive an interest there before very long.

Our school is in running order but with some drawbacks. Wakabayashi San has been very ill and has not been able to return yet. She is better now, and will be here in a few more days. Our head teacher has had a very heavy burden to bear, but I think through it all she is learning to know her Saviour. She told me before the holidays that she used to hate Christianity and did not want to hear of it, but now she had changed her mind and was learning all she could. Some day I hope to have the joy of seeing her baptized.

Misses Brackbill and Ford are making us a visit for a short time. They are both eager to get back to their work again. I hope it will not be long before matters are so arranged that they may be enabled to carry out their hearts' desires. In the meantime it is very pleasant to have them with us.