

twice a month. It is an excellent field, where a woman can work more effectually than a man. Some day, we hope, they will recognize the Lord's day, and cease from their labors to meet Him in His house. The manager told the pastor there is a marked improvement in their conduct and conversation since he began work among them. We do need your earnest prayers constantly, that the hearts of this people may be opened to receive the light of the Gospel. Opportunities for work are developing all around us. The girls in the school are waking to the responsibility of their position, and are asking for work. We have opened one new Sunday School in the lower part of this city, in the house of one of the church members, who kindly offered us the use of it. It is in charge of one of the Bible-women, and the matron and one of the girls from the school assist in teaching. From twenty to thirty children attend. We are hoping it will develop into a good work for the Master. Hiraiwa San and one of the girls go to another house where the attendance is smaller, but we hope for an increase of members before very long. It has been started some time, but frequent interruptions from sickness and other causes have put it back. Our work in Hirono is developing also, and now we find it advisable to divide it into two classes; that takes two more of our girls into the active field. Those who are left behind and are old enough, find plenty to do in teaching the children who gather at the school every Sunday afternoon. It is lovely to see so many bright active Christians among our girls, eager to do work for Christ, and in their small way hasten the evangelization of their country.

Those who have sowed patiently and prayerfully the last two or three years in this city, now see the fruit of their labors. I rejoice with them that the Lord has blessed them so abundantly. The work is progressing, but there is much to be done yet. There are many little things I would like to tell you, but I am afraid I have already tried your patience. We realize fully how much we depend upon the love and sympathy of the dear ones at home. We need all you can give in that line, for the days are not always clear and bright. Here, as elsewhere, the cloudy weather comes, unsatisfied longings, and unrealized hopes bring depression;