

In October three women received baptism ; in December, two.

One old woman, after a short illness, died, and was buried on the day she was to have been baptized. She had been a drunkard, and had made the home very unhappy by her constant scolding. After the Bible-woman had visited her for a few months she gave up liquor-drinking, and after she had accepted Christ as her Saviour the home-life became very happy. Two weeks after her death her son and daughter-in-law were baptized.

Last winter a number of old women were invited to the Girls' School to tea. Among them were two who were induced to come to the school because it was a curious place. On the first Sunday in December these two old women received baptism. The daughter-in-law of one has asked for baptism, and the daughter-in-law of the other has begun to attend the women's meetings. The grandchildren of both attend Sunday School regularly.

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School.—One of our students died during the holidays, one supported student was dropped at the beginning of the term, and one withdrew on account of sickness. Two new pupils entered, but one of them withdrew the last day of the term, leaving us thirty-five names enrolled. Of these, twenty-seven are boarders. There have been several changes in the school staff, no less than three of our teachers and our matron having left us. The matron was especially a help to us, strong in character and a Christian woman, her influence among the girls being decidedly for good.

The girls have grown in Christian character. The members of one of the class-meetings in charge of our most advanced student, according to promise, read their Bibles and prayed every morning all through the busy examination time. Some seven or eight of the girls agreed together to ask their parents for permission to be baptized. Special prayer was offered up and they made their requests. The parents of one gave permission, and she has been received on trial. One or two of the others are hopeful. Some said it was too soon for their daughters to be baptized. Two of the daily students also asked for permission, but their father