

fixed by law, have greatly facilitated our journeying hitherward. The Philistines still wait to seize upon us, but when they find we know quite as much as they do about the prices, there is no more trouble.

The W.C.T.U. of the church took the opportunity when our visitors were here, to have a large temperance meeting. The morning session was addressed by Dr. Killam. The afternoon session was held in the Government Assembly Hall—a rare incident, indeed, for I wonder if anywhere else in this land a Christian song was sung, and prayer offered within the walls of the Provincial Parliament House! A goodly number of women were present, many of them being wives of the highest officials. The Governor's wife sat beside him on the platform. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hayashi, the President of the W.C.T.U. Excepting her, those who took part in the programme were chiefly from among our workers. The evil results of tobacco and alcoholic drinks on the health were presented, and the women urged to consider the consequences if they continued to indulge in them. As they listened, I am sure many of them were roused to consider the subject as never before.

Before Dr. Scott's address, which was a strong, earnest appeal for Christian parents and Christian homes in this land, the Governor made a short speech. He said he had been very much impressed by what he had heard. He had often gone to women's meetings for the sake of helping them, but never before had he been so helped as he was to-day. He was much surprised that women of his country had such a broad knowledge of things outside their own land. He expressed himself much pleased with the work they were carrying on, and made quite a strong appeal against the use of tobacco, stating the deadly effect of the nicotine it contains.

Another evening, Mr. Hiraiwa gave a "chawakwai"—literally, tea-party—in the church. As much as possible he arranged the church to look like a foreign parlor. Tables with photos, picture books, etc., were placed here and there, and the seats arranged about them. The prominent men of the place with their wives were invited. Needless to say, the men were in attendance, but their wives were very scarce, only two or three venturing out. Singing, chatting, and short speeches made the evening pass very pleasantly. Mr. Hiraiwa made a very efficient host. The Governor here also expressed himself highly pleased with the entertainment, and the newspapers next day criticized it very favorably indeed. It was an innovation in social gatherings. Many of the men who were there found for the first time that it is possible to spend the evening in innocent enjoyment, and yet have a good time.