

promises about allowing her to go to church, etc., has been talked over by heathen friends and she has a great deal to bear. He took away all her Christian books, and the Bible we gave her at her baptism he gave to our Bible woman to take care of, and became violently angry if any one reminded him of his promises. I was very thankful that he had not got to the point of preventing any of us from seeing her. Just lately I am told he has been softening a little; his gambling habits are bringing them into poverty and we hope that may be a blessing to him. The dear girl herself said to me, "He may be more inclined to listen to the doctrine now, Gumony, that we have become so poor." It was delightful, of course, to see her again, and to find her still quite steadfast and earnest, though she had such a sad tale to tell; her clothes pawned, and one day, unknown to her, he took the little clock Miss Dushell had given to her as a wedding present. Even the heathen women living in the same house pity her, and told me what hard times she has; but I do believe the man is changing, he has been twice to see some of the native Christians and was actually at church in the city on Sunday last. Cis Try's mother is living with them at present, and, of course, the husband does not like that. I am trying to arrange that she shall move to a new day school we are starting, as companion to a young widow who is to be the teacher.

No. 2, Sen Ong.—This girl has, in a way, had even more troubles than the others, but is now in a happier position. During the times when there was so much sickness here last year, both her husband and her mother died. She was married on Christmas Day, 1895, and was only 15, so she is a very young widow indeed, poor child. Her husband, though a nominal Christian, was not at all a true good man, and, of course, she had hardly ever seen him before marriage, so his death could not be any great grief to her, but I am sure she feels the loss of her mother very much as she was very fond of her. It was she who sent me the charm made of cash, sword shape. She always seemed so anxious for her daughter to learn to be under Christian influence. Sen Ong has just been admitted into the women's school here and we are praying that she may learn a great deal there, we always feel that women are greatly benefitted by being under the influence of the excellent matron there, Chitino.

No. 4, Eng Muol.—This dear girl has not been at school all the time I have been away. Her father died suddenly from consumption and her mother is not strong enough to earn any money, so "little sister Rose," as her name may be translated, sits all day weaving; the bread winner of the family. She earns

only 40 or 50 cash a day for this work. 1060 are equal to a dollar, which is equal to about 2 shillings in English money. She used to work, painting butterfly wings for hair ornaments and earned 70 or 80 cash a day at that, but cannot get it now. She has just had a happy little time with us. Miss Mead invited her to stay with us in the city house from Saturday to Monday and then she came out to revisit the school here for a night and see some of her school-fellows. She was so happy and so delighted to go to church with us. She keeps all her books most carefully and has forgotten very little of what she learnt while with us.

No. 7, U. Guany; No. 8, Hok Mu; No. 9, Sanc Muoi, are all in the school here still, U. Guany and Sanc Muoi in the first class, Hok Mu in the second. I see them all on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which are my days for taking classes in the school. Hok Mu's mother is still at work here as one of the school servants. I have just engaged Sanc Muoi's mother as embroidery teacher in the Industrial School we hope to start in the city next week, as she came here one day very sad, saying that her husband had become so poor that he had pawned the little girls nice clothes and had spoken of selling her poor child. She looks so pale and thin I am a little afraid that opium may be at the bottom of it. I am most thankful of having the opportunity of giving this little position to the poor woman. How delightful it is to have friends at home enabling us through their money and prayers, to give a helping hand out here. This woman was baptised sometime ago. I have not seen the other four girls in the group yet. No. 6, Senk Muoi, she has been married, Miss Lee tells me. We can find no trace of poor little No. 10, Noo Muoi, who was sold away for opium.

Some of you have no doubt noticed in the C. M. S. magazines, the news that the head of the Taoist priests and his family have all become Christians. They were all at the evening meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society in a chapel in the city the first Sunday I spent there. The man is blind and some one must take a good deal of trouble in teaching him, for when he speaks at these meetings, one notices how much he already knows of his Bible and hymn book. His wife talked with me a good deal, she seems to be so rejoicing in the truth and told me with such a happy face, how now her husband never does the "Devil's business," and how they got rid of all the things used in his former occupation with much joy. One of the little girls is in the school and her mother in the women's school. It is certainly wonderfully encouraging to notice the change in the city since I