

ary. Her husband is cook on a boat and only occasionally in Victoria, so Ishi is still with us, but will likely soon go out to work. O Chiyo, a nice bright little woman of twenty-six, has been in a situation for a month. She comes home to sleep.

O Natsu, the one I referred to in my report as still being undecided, came one night to say good-bye, as she was to leave for San Francisco in two hours. I quite thought she had gone. Nearly two weeks later two of our boys from the Japanese mission came to tell me she was in a cabin where a man had taken her and would not let her out. I was nearly a week finding her, but succeeded at last; and here she is. Such a time as I have had. The man who kidnapped her paid her board of \$40 to Mr. —, at whose house she had been staying, and came here to claim either the money or the woman. Of course he got neither, but for more than two weeks he kept sending messengers; and at last he and three men had "the cheek" to come and say if I did not pay the money or give up O Natsu they would go to court. As that did not frighten me, they have not bothered me since.

Oh! it would make your heart ache to see the wretchedness of some of these poor creatures; at times I cannot sleep for thinking of them.

Another pretty little woman and her husband I managed to get away from one of those houses. The wife was ill and Dr. Hall very kindly attended her free of charge. She was here four weeks but the men were so vexed because I kept O Natsu that they gave the husband no peace until they got him back with them, and then we had to let the wife go.

I do not think the one month's teaching in a Christian home will be lost on O Sunca. She would willingly stay if her husband would let her. He is a great ignoramus, cannot speak one word of English, and believes all they tell him. Fortunately, my knowledge of Japanese enabled me to contradict some of the things I heard them tell him about Christians.

Will you kindly remember at your prayer-meetings some of my women in Chinatown. I believe one is seriously