

our bounden duty to keep right on in this direction, praying that the time may soon come when all such prejudice shall be a thing of the past. We think, however, that considering the fact that the public schools here are free and open to the Chinese, and that no religious instruction is given which might prejudice the Chinese against them, it will be extremely difficult (if not impossible) for us to establish a good day school. The fact that in our night school here, which is free, we have as many pupils as we can at present accommodate, and a great many more than we can satisfactorily teach, gives us reason to believe that if our day school were free, it would be more largely and regularly attended, and we think it would be worth while experimenting in this way, for a time at least, to see how it would work. As far as we can see, this is the only means by which we can reach these children and teach them the truths of Christianity.

We pray that God's blessing may rest upon our work. Nothing else will avail us. While the people are friendly and kind, heathenism has a mighty hold on their hearts, and nothing but Divine power can break their chains.

As this is the first I have written regarding the work since being engaged in it, I would personally take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Board for enrolling me amongst its missionaries. I wish I could hope that my work here might be but the preliminary step to the great mission field, where the harvest is so great and the laborers so few.

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Evangelistic Work among the Chinese and Japanese Women in Victoria, Nanaimo and the Mainland.

For term ending December 31st, 1897.

In reviewing the work of the past four months, especially among the Chinese women, there seems little to report beyond the bare facts of visits made and new homes entered. Since September 1st two trips have been made to the Mainland. Steveston and Moodyville were visited once; New Westminster, Vancouver and Nanaimo twice. In S— there were several bright, happy little meetings among the Japan-