

were planted early in the season. Up to the present time the allowance has not warranted investing in a cow, though we feel the need of one very much.

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## CHINESE WORK.

From Miss Cartmell.

VICTORIA, B.C., Aug. 30th, 1890.

I have just returned from a walk through Chinatown, calling at several places, but only seeing one woman in her home. Tom Chiu (a converted Chinaman from Toronto) was my conductor. He finds it difficult to get any of the men to promise to admit me to their homes. It will be slow work because of the opposition of the men and the idea the women have that they are too old to learn. But the one was very much pleased, and begged me to come again.

I was in a "Joss house," and saw the usual display, but no worshipper. They usually go in the morning or on fête days. There are as many as a hundred families and more than two thousand Chinese in Victoria. Last evening Mr. Gardner told us of a poor woman who appealed to him for protection. She is the mother of ten children, but the father of most of them is not her legal husband. He is a gambler, etc., and abuses her and her children, and now talks of selling her two elder daughters, girls of seventeen and fourteen years. She needs the money they can earn, and so is anxious to get them places in respectable families as servants. She asks ten dollars a month for the eldest. This is reasonable for a good one, as things go here. Mr. G. is hoping, if we can accomplish this, that we will be able to secure three or four younger girls. But this will necessitate our taking the mother under our protection till she sails for China, as she hopes to do soon with somebody who has befriended her and will take her to her eldest son in China. This is the business now pending. We hope for a speedy, peaceable and inexpensive ending. If you hear nothing more, you may know it was only another of the uncertainties of this kind of work.

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