

now Christian homes are numbered by the score. We have three regularly organized churches; six Christian Endeavor Societies, a Young Men's Christian Association with its branch at every station, a Circle of King's Daughters, interesting missionary societies, and even a mission paper. The work has its drawbacks and discouragements, but for all that shows many marks of healthy progress.

"A petition has gone up to the Chinese Consulate from the various missionaries, asking them to aid us in the opening of a hospital for the poor, sick Chinese, and especially to assume its pecuniary support. Every hospital in this city is closed against them, the pest house being the only door open to receive Chinese. Is there not crying need for a hospital? Should it not be one under the control, not of merciless heathen, but of Christians with hearts to pity and hands to help?

"Our Chinese missionary societies have just sent \$400 of their money to China for home mission work; \$200 of this is a year's support of the colporteur whom they employ, and \$200 is the yearly salary of a preacher in the new Sun Neng Church, which they have built with their own money. This is one of the cheering features of our work."

The Rescue Home for Chinese girls in San Francisco, under the Occidental Woman's Board, is a most important branch. This work has been noticed at length in former issues of the LETTER LEAFLET.

From the source mentioned above we learn also that there are about 12,000 Chinese scattered through the cities and towns of Oregon, Washington and Western Idaho, with mission headquarters at Portland. At these points the various departments of evangelistic, school, and home and dispensary work are actively carried on.

"THE JAPANESE.—Of the six thousand Japanese in California, one-half are in San Francisco, while the rest are scattered all over the State, especially in the fruit-raising sections.

"With very few exceptions the Japanese in the United States are young men without settled homes. This is one of the unfavorable features in the work. On the other hand, they are earnest inquirers after truth, and most of them listen to the gospel without prejudice. Probably not more than one-tenth of their number have been truly converted, though a larger proportion have professed their belief in Christ and have united with various Protestant churches. There are in California four missions for the Japanese, established in the order mentioned: Methodist, Presbyterian, Seventh-Day Adventist and Episcopalian. The first is about thir-