

nobling grace of our strong Saviour, who Himself in the days of His flesh endured the contradiction of sinners.

Among the encouragements are the gratifying attendance at all our schools and the apparent deeper interest on the part of a number of our scholars; the faithfulness and loving service of our Chinese converts. This is a very encouraging factor. The number of white Christians who sympathize with our work seems growing. The teachers who assist us week by week are a great help and comfort to us; and last, but not least, the continued cordial sympathy of the ministers of our Church is a source of undoubted strength.—From Rev. A. B. Winchester's Report.

THE CHINESE IN PHILADELPHIA.

In Race Street, between Ninth and Tenth, the centre of Philadelphia's "Chinatown," directly opposite the temple where incense is always burning before a heathen shrine, there was opened in November, 1896, by the Christian League, "The Hall of Happiness and Glad Tidings." The superintendent is the Rev. Frederic Poole, who while a missionary in China became familiar with Chinese habits and their peculiar methods of thought. Here instruction in English is given at all hours of the day and frequent gospel meetings are held. A reading-room and a dispensary have been opened; the men who come are made to feel at home; and they are under the influence of the Christian religion.

Wong Kong, one of the most progressive Chinamen in this country, is interpreter and assistant in the mission school. After coming to Philadelphia a few years ago he began to attend a Chinese Sunday school. In his present position he has not only won confidence and respect; those who know him notice a broadening of character. Mr. Wong has overcome much of the conservatism peculiar to his race, and has developed into a liberal-minded Chinaman. As vice-president of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. he is zealous in evangelistic work, using forcible and convincing arguments.

Choy, thirteen years of age, was sold for \$120 to a Chinese merchant, Chu Nan, who four years ago brought her to this country to wait upon his wife. Not only was she compelled to do all the household work and care for the two babies, she was in constant dread of brutal treatment, and frequently suffered cruel beating. Mr. Poole interfered and brought the evidence before the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The court awarded the child to the custody of the society, and she is now in a Christian home.

These and many other facts are given in detail in *The Chinaman*, a monthly journal issued in the interests of this work.—The Church at Home and Abroad.