

very nicely and is learning to read the Bible in her own language.

It saddens one to meet so many of these women who can neither read nor write a syllable in their mother tongue, coming out here with very vague ideas of what they can do or what they want to do. This woman is the one referred to in the last report as being undecided about accepting our help or continuing in a life of shame. She came to say good-bye early in January, as she expected to leave for San Francisco that night. A week later I heard she had been kidnapped and was in a cabin near one of the boarding houses. It was more than a week before she was found, when she gladly came to the Home. Another young married woman sadly in need of medical aid was rescued and remained with us for six weeks, but finally returned to her husband.

A short time since nearly two days were spent in trying to make out a case against two Chinese women who arrived here and passed the customs under pretence of being married women, one of the so-called husbands taking his master's name, which greatly enraged the latter who went to the mission to get help from our Christian Chinese. Unfortunately the capitation fee had been paid and we could do nothing. I saw the women the day they arrived in a house of questionable character, but before I could speak to them they were told to have nothing to do with me.

Two hundred and twenty calls have been made, two new homes entered and the promise of three more. By last night's steamer *Empress*, three women, wives of one man, left for their native land. The Sunday School and Sabbath meetings have been held regularly.

In December a meeting for Japanese women was started in the Home. Wednesday afternoon some weeks we have had seven present, but latterly the girls have not been able to come. The last time Ishi was here she told me she wanted another place as the lady she worked for was not a Christian and would not let her come to meeting, an evidence surely that our labors have not been in vain.

The Friday afternoon meeting has been fairly well attended; last week we had the closing meeting of the