

weeks the importation of Japanese women for immoral purposes has been appalling. There have been a few here all year, some staying just a few days or weeks before going to the States, others taking positions as servants in Victoria.

Thirteen Japanese women came over on the *Tacoma* and stayed here for a while. I went to see them as soon as possible and found seven with as many men crowded into two small rooms at one of the boarding houses. I saw at a glance what they were like, and said everything in my power to turn them from their evil ways. The next day I went again and had a meeting with them. So far as I can find out these have all left the city. Three more arrived since at the house and one at another. Then at still another boarding house, where I hope the man and his wife are good, there are now three women. They have been here at the Home several times—all coming for English every morning.

They went to the Japanese Sunday School with me. Two of them are very nice women. They and their husbands have been in Honolulu six years working on a sugar plantation, but until last week they had never heard of Jesus.

Since the middle of September I have seen about twenty-six new Japanese women. Then there must be six or eight who live here all the time.

We have reason to fear that one man who keeps a boarding house meets all the boats from Japan and inveigles men and women to his house. They know no English and depend on him for everything. He keeps them in ignorance of when the boats leave for San Francisco, then they are obliged to stay longer than they at first intended, get into debt for board, and their wives must stay and work. One poor fellow came here crying one night. He had lost his wife just as they were about to start for Vancouver.

At our Advisory Committee I suggested that a committee meet all the steamers from Japan and as far as possible see that the women (and men too) go to proper boarding houses. I do not know to what extent this work will grow, but I am sure something must be done to stop this nefarious traffic.

I had a talk with the Japanese Consul in Vancouver. He says the law forbidding the exportation of these women from Japan is very rigid.