

the parents of the other precious one are treating her likewise. I suppose we should not speak of this as cruel, since it is the mark of strongest affection and highest ambition for the daughters. It is hoped in this way to make them ladies, and eventually the wives of rich men, and thus save them from hard work. As soon as this was begun I was an unwelcome visitor.

Of the twenty-four Chinese women whose names I succeeded in obtaining, I have seen eighteen this week. It may be interesting to accompany me in this round. It is always a pleasure to enter the homes of our Christian girls. I am trying to stimulate each to keep up her studies. Of these, Tsoi Lin, the second daughter of our noted family, is the most anxious to study; I believe the girl finds real pleasure in it, though receiving little help. Katie is more anxious to sing hymns; and having very little time for each, I yield to what they take to most kindly.

Ah So was most eager to learn to write her husband's name, as he wished it. I was glad to know he had made the request, as he is most tenacious of Chinese customs, and will not allow his wife too much from home. As it is Friday, and she cannot come to the prayer-meeting in the Home, I write on her slate, "Thou God seest me," have prayer, she herself taking part, and come away.

Annie is too busy sewing, helping her husband with orders for the store. I talk with her some time, and am glad to find that on Sunday she had been reading the "Peep of Day," and understood it pretty well.

I now cross the street into quite a different atmosphere. Ascending a long flight of stairs, I find the three women often visited before, but not seen for a long time. They are not as rude as on the last occasion. Their greatest eagerness is to learn something of Ah Moi and her baby in the Home.