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Mrs. S. G. Gardiner in her admirable Branch paper on "The Chinese in our own land" gives an interesting account of our Chinese Rescue Home in British Columbia. She says—"The Home is a large two-storied building, on the borders of Chinatown. On the first floor are reception, school and dining rooms, the latter used as a sewing and music room. The teachers' with the pupils' sleeping rooms, are all on the second floor. Miss Cartmell then was at the Home assisting Miss Leake in teaching the girls.

At the time of my visit to the Home there were in it ten girls and an infant. They were gathered in the large dining-room for our benefit. Some were busily knitting stockings, at which they seemed very expert, others were cleverly making buttons for their dresses, out of cord, much like our imported ones. They were all dressed in Chinese costumes which they had made themselves, and looked neat and clean. They sang "Sweet hour of prayer," first in Chinese and then in English, one of their number accompanying them very nicely on the organ. Their ages ranged from nine to twenty-one, a girl of fifteen being the mother of the infant. Two of the elder girls acted week about as cooks. They all appeared happy and interested; were seated in a large bay window which opened into a garden filled with trees, on which the birds were also singing.

As I looked at the smiling faces of these girls, most of them rescued from slavery, several of them having been bought and sold two or three times, I thought that if only for the good done here, it had been worth while for the whole of Canadian Methodist women to band themselves into a missionary society!

A public prayer meeting is held in the Home every Friday afternoon from three to four. The Chinese girls sometimes pray in their own language

and sometimes in English. Of the girls then in the Home three have been married to Christian Chinamen, two returned to China, and Gertrude, a bright girl of fifteen, five years in the Home, has been sent by Christian friends to the Methodist College, New Westminster, to be educated as a missionary so that her life may be made useful to her countrywomen.

Our January number being exhausted, we are reluctantly obliged to change our notice to subscribers. Subscriptions can now be received for the half year—beginning in July and ending in December—for five cents. Any one preferring to subscribe for the whole year can get all the numbers except January. As this is the cheapest paper on the continent, we do not feel too badly in making the announcement.

## In Memoriam.

Thy work is done, bravely and well 'tis done,  
Early the race is run,  
Early the strife is o'er, the victory won!

Therefore the crown, the white robe and the palm,  
The golden harp, the psalm,  
All, all are thine, and Heaven's eternal calm!

MISS HANNAH LUND.—A Standard bearer has fallen! The first break in the ranks of our Japan Missionary workers! Home on furlough, seeking to recruit the health somewhat shattered by her labors in that distant land, and meantime striving to arouse others to a sense of its great needs, and the wonderful compensation which God gives to His workers, she was suddenly stricken down in the midst of her usefulness.

The exquisite flowers, sent by her sisters of the Woman's Missionary Society, to grace the memorial services, were but a small token of their loving remembrance of the beautiful, consecrated life, and the great sorrow which filled their hearts at the thought of her early removal.

What tribute to her worth more expressive than this—"She was pure, gentle, unselfish, fully consecrated and deeply conscientious." Or this—"Faithful to God, faithful to duty, faithful to her trust as the honored agent of our Woman's Missionary Society Hannah Lund has passed to her reward!" That her memory will ever be cherished by her personal friends and co-workers is fully assured. Says one who had known and loved her, when asked to write a memorial sketch, "I confess it would be easier to write my own dirge!"

At the early age of eleven years Miss Lund united with the Church and thenceforth was loyal to all its interests; ready to do what her hand found to