

that we all have murderous hearts, that we would kill any one if we only dared. These stories sound to us like foolish, idle talk, but they are nevertheless firmly believed in by many here. Mrs. Wu, who is acting as Bible-woman for Mrs. McClure, and who is a sincere, earnest Christian, has to bear a good many unkind remarks and unfriendly treatment when she goes out to the homes around us. She tells us that the women generally treat her fairly well, often asking her to sit down, and seem willing to listen; but as soon as the men find out she is there they drive her out. Will the Christian sisters at home pray for Mrs. Wu? She needs your sympathy and prayers in her endeavours to carry this message of Christ's Salvation to her heathen sisters. The other day I told her I was soon going to write to the Christians in Canada, and that I would ask them to pray for her; at which she seemed very pleased and quite touched.

On account of the stories that are being circulated about our killing children, it is almost impossible to get hold of any children to teach. There are three such bright, nice girls, about eleven or twelve years of age, in whom we are specially interested. They would make a good nucleus for a girls' school, but their parents and relatives generally would never allow them to come near us if they thought we wanted to teach them. The other day, when one of them was in by herself, I persuaded her to bring her chair and sit beside me while I tried to teach her "Jesus loves me," but she seemed afraid to learn, and as soon as she could she moved her chair away. There are several women whom Mrs. McClure has interested in the Gospel, and who have come two or three times to hear, but as soon as their husbands find out that they are becoming favourable to the foreigners and their "new" doctrine, they are not allowed to come again. About two months ago, three women, who live seven li from here, and who are devout worshippers at the temple, came to learn about this doctrine. They stayed for half a day and seemed very much impressed. In a short time they came again, saying they wanted Mrs. McClure to teach them how to pray. When they returned home, the priest at the temple forbade them ever to come again.

I trust what I have said will not cause anyone to feel discouraged, for what we are at present passing through is only what almost every other new station has had to pass through in the