

homes have been open to us. At one place about a dozen outside women have attended, some coming quite often. One Sabbath seven women were present, besides three young girls and several children. These women give the strictest attention to what is said, and reprove the children if they speak or interrupt us. We begin with a service of song. This is followed by Scripture reading and a talk from Dr. Chung. Then one of our girls interprets while I say a few words. The meetings always close with prayer. Christmas Sunday we had especially good meetings. After service at On Hing's the women came up with their gifts, asking us to come the next week, as they loved to listen to us. But before the week had gone one of their number died suddenly. As I stood beside this bereaved husband and heard him cry out, "Oh! what shall I do?" I realized how helpless I was to comfort him. I believe his wife was one of God's little ones, and, so far as she knew, lived up to her light. She was the mother of the bright little girl whose death I spoke of in my last report. Since the child's death the mother has never ceased to mourn. Perhaps what has gladdened our hearts most of all is that during the past five weeks we have rescued three women from the dark life in Chinatown. They are now in the Home, and are bright and happy. Dr. Chung has been very brave on these occasions, and never faltered when asked to go with the policeman and myself to help these girls. Indeed, without her help we might not have been able to get them.

So far as we can ascertain, there are in Victoria, heathen and Christian Chinese women, little girls and slave girls, about 140. Three have died during the year, and twelve have returned to China or removed from Victoria. Two new homes have been opened to us, and the promise of a third, where I believe three women live. One trip was made to the mainland, Jessie (Mrs. Yong Lai) going with me as interpreter. She proved very helpful, and we had some interesting meetings in both Vancouver and New Westminster. I greatly missed Mrs. Thom—during my previous visit in May she showed great interest in the women. I could see she had made progress in her spiritual life, surely God was preparing her for the change. She offered to keep up the work between my visits, and also to go to Vancouver, which she did in June, when she sent me a card saying she would have her report ready the end of July, but, before that time, her earthly work was over. Our Mission Band of Chinese girls held a bazaar, December 13th, and raised \$21.00. We have had regular meetings, and the members have shown great interest in this work. Since September I have come in contact with about a dozen Japanese women. Two evenings a