

some 25,000,000 people. The dialect is not understood in Canton. The written language is the same through all the land. Since I came here I have been compelled to learn this dialect so far as able, called the Canton dialect. The people who come from the country, a few hundred miles from Canton, generally have a somewhat different dialect. We commonly speak of them as the Sam-yup and the Se-yup. The Sam-yup is the city dialect, the leading and controlling dialect, and three-fifths of the people here speak the Se-yup. The laboring people are largely of that class. They can understand each other, but not quite so readily as they can understand their own people. I have had constant intercourse with them here all the time for eight years.

I know something about the action taken in reference to sending back prostitutes. On one occasion I sent back ten. On the arrival of a steamer here the police authorities corraled a number of these women, and sent for me to come down and ask them certain questions. I went, and asked them where they came from, and why, who were their parents, and if they had any friends here, etc.; if they wished to remain or go back, what their business was, and many questions of that kind. The result was that out of the whole number there were ten who said they had been kidnapped or forced to come here, and wished to go back. They were sent up to the mission house. I sent a China boy down to the Chinese merchants to tell them that I had ten women who wished to go back, who said they had been brought here against their will. The merchants sent all the money necessary, and more, to send them back. They were not sent back because they were lewd women: it was simply a voluntary matter on their own part. A large part of the women who come here are brought for lewd purposes.

I am not in favor of a large and rapid influx of immigration from any foreign country whatever. At times it has been too rapid for the best interests of the country. I believe that a large portion of the European immigration so rapidly admitted to citizenship and the right of suffrage is more dangerous to the institutions and prosperity of this country than is the smaller and better regulated immigration from Asia.

It is well known here that the Chinese pay high rents and pay promptly. They pay more than \$1,000,000 annually in rents alone.

As to Chinese cheap labor, all testimony goes to show that in California we have no cheap labor as compared with the eastern states. The presence of the Chinese has reduced the exorbitant price of labor which prevailed in the early days of our history, and by this means they have opened industries, cheapened products, and made it possible for poor white men to come here with their families and live and thrive. It is an indisputable fact that at the present time in California, in spite of a peculiar cry about the evils of Chinese labor, labor for industrious white men is as abundant, if not more abundant, wages are as high, if not higher, and living as cheap, if not cheaper, and the general condition of the white laboring classes is as good, if not better, than in any other part of the United States, or of this world. Cheap labor makes cheap products, cheap living. Flour at \$50 per barrel, wages \$10 per day, five days' work will buy a barrel of flour; with flour at \$6 per barrel, wages \$2 per day, three days' work will buy the same barrel. I believe that all the industries of the state, all the capital of this state looking for investment in industrial pursuits, demand this competition of labor as an indispensable element of investment, of development, and of success as a question of political economy. I know an instance in this city of a gentleman who proposed to invest largely in a certain manufacturing enterprise. Before

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