

## CHINESE WORK.

Interest of Empress Dowager of China in Christianity—  
Chinese New Year.

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When last writing, I told you that we hoped to be given a free pass, so that I might begin systematic Bible-teaching among the Chinese women of Vancouver and New Westminster. Captain Irving very kindly gave me the pass, so that since last fall I have made four visits in these new fields. Just a few days ago he sent me another pass, so that I may use it as often as possible during this whole year. Though I know your great desire is that the Gospel should be given to all of the women whom I can reach, I should like to be authorized by the Women's Missionary Society Board to go regularly every four or six weeks, when convenient. Last year several of the families whom I visited in our Chinatown have returned to Canton. So that, leaving, as I have done, Friday mornings at 2 a.m., and returning the following Monday night, I feel a good work has been begun, without neglecting any other duty. It was rather amusing to hear some of the women's reasons why I should live in New Westminster. Of course they were thinking of being benefited by learning to read and knit the quicker; but I trust some day they will be just as anxious to learn of the great riches our Redeemer has in store for every earnest seeker. Until one has worked for some time among them one can never know what a great work of faith and patience a missionary here undertakes. For, indeed, they are such a sceptical race. But though changes may be slow, we realize the glorious fact, God's Word will not return unto Him void.

We were greatly gladdened lately by hearing that the Christian Chinese women had presented the Empress Dowager of China with a most elegantly bound copy of the New Testament. In evident appreciation of this gift, the missionaries who labor among the Chinese there were the recipients of beautiful silk handkerchiefs,