

The school work has been very satisfactory, our new girls having made good progress in their English. They are greatly interested in Bible stories, and have committed to memory in both English and Chinese a number of Bible texts. We have had what has been a very great pleasure to me and what I have long felt the need of, viz. : A Bible lesson taught in Chinese every day. Dr. Chong is a good Bible student and makes the Scriptures very plain to our girls. Several times when she has been absent I have taken the lesson myself, very imperfectly of course, but sufficiently well to give the pupils an idea of its meaning. We rejoice over the fact that our girls are well and happy, and appreciate the privilege of living in a Christian home.

The outside work has been, as usual during the winter term, very much interrupted by the Chinese New Year festivities. It was impossible to hold meetings or make profitable visits in February. During the first week of the new year we called on all the people in Chinatown we knew, which means a great deal of hard labor. One night three of us, in the company of a policeman, visited the opium dens. We began our trip at 12 o'clock p.m., and got home shortly after one. I was prepared to see horrors untold, and certainly the dens we entered were filthy and close, but I was agreeably surprised to find nothing more than I have often seen while by myself in Chinatown. Everywhere we were most kindly treated and asked to partake of their New Year's cheer, even to liquor and cigars.

In January and March we had our regular Sabbath meetings which have been held at six different places, averaging three meetings every week ; then, during our week-day visits meetings were held in five homes. One hundred and forty visits have been made by myself and Dr. Chong. We have found five new women. The three homes spoken of in a previous report are still closed to us.

We have tried to rescue two more girls from Chinatown, but so far are unsuccessful. However, we have not given them up, and hope they may still be reclaimed.

The work among the Japanese women has been very discouraging ; they are being imported to this country in large numbers for immoral purposes, and are so hedged in by their own countrymen that it seems impossible to reach them. The woman who was imprisoned in December gets her liberty next week ; she must come to the Home until arrangements can be made to send her back to Japan where her husband wishes her to go. I visited her yesterday, and while speaking of the past and the temptations that would again assail her she said, with tears in her eyes, " Oh take me with you, I never want to see