

fear that the Chinese in the country would be insufficient to meet the demands of labor upon them, and a panic would be the result.

Their habits of life are entirely different from ours. Compared with the laboring classes, their moral and physical condition is better than some others and worse than some others. Their general reputation is favorable for their faithful performance of what they undertake to do. By some people they are treated as other foreigners are, but by the laboring classes they are not so treated. In their dealings with men, including their honesty and integrity, the opinion of the people would be in favor of them.

Character

They come here to make money, but many of them, not a large percentage, abandon the idea, returning to China permanently. Some are content to die here. Others return to China, and then come back again to the United States. If they were equal before the law and treated as other immigrants are treated, many of them would marry and settle down like other people. A good deal of the prejudice against them is in consequence of their habits and dressing in an outlandish costume. Quite a number have abandoned their dress and dress like Americans. They have intellectual capacity to understand our constitution and laws. If they were put upon an equality with other people, not more than one-tenth, for a lapse of several years, would become American citizens. There is no danger of any immediate great influx of Chinese to this state, because I regard that supply is regulated by the demands of capital and the necessity of labor.

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There is a society of women in connection with our associations, engaged in the reclamation of prostitutes. About 100 in the last year have been instructed in industrial arts: eighteen in the last year were received into their home for fallen women; several of them have married and are leading very commendable, and it is believed virtuous, lives with their husbands.

There are three denominations in China: Buddhists, Tauists, and the followers of Confucius. They have many of the same customs; their everyday life is the same. They dress in the same general way, except their priests. I think that some priests of one class do not wear the queue; the people in general wear the queue, which is a native symbol. If they cut it off they are looked upon as having renounced their nationality. Out of the 246 converts to Christianity I know of two who have sacrificed their queues; if it had been required, I suppose every one would have cut it off.

Religion.

The queue a national symbol.

The gospel teachings of Christ and Christian civilization are superior to the Chinese religion and civilization.

An immigration from New England would be already assimilated in part, both religiously and politically, and therefore it would be superior to an immigration from Asia. At present I am in favor of unrestricted immigration.

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The Chinese will assimilate as readily as some of the elements now undergoing assimilation.