

marked from \$2.50 to \$5.00 a pair. For the last four years, during the fishing and canning season, Chinamen have been transported free of charge to Cordova. Enough Chinamen to do the work are brought and there is little left for the Indian men to do. After the work is over, the Chinamen are carried away by the same steamship company that brought them.

Cordova has a good modern public school. The rooms are all spacious and convenient, but as yet no provision has been made for the regular attendance of the Indian children. The few who have attended public school have proved themselves bright and adaptable.

My father is a white man, but he is deeply concerned with the needs of my mother's people. Though we live at Cordova, my father often visits the Indian village in winter. Many times he has sent groceries to the village when, upon a visit, he found the Indians destitute.

But I would not convey to you the idea that the Indians complain, or that their lives are altogether void of cheer. Some of them attend the Episcopal Church and each Christmas their children are remembered the same as white children. They accept their fate with cheerful stoicism. They are intelligent and even happy, but their ignorance of the laws of labor is their undoing. Their greatest need is to have a manual education so that they can compete with the white men and the Chinamen.

You wonder that I have said nothing of the girls of this little tribe. I can say little of them as individuals, for conditions make them an unimportant part of the tribe. I cannot segregate them as a class, from their fathers and mothers and brothers. They do not know the meaning of a girl's club or society. They do not have the constant refining influence of church association.

The story of those of my people who live near my home has much in common with the story of the race wherever they live. It has been said that "If you would know the political and moral condition of the people, ask as to the condition of its women." This test holds as good in the Indian race as in the white. However, it is not the girls who need especial attention at present so much as the race as a whole. There is no doubt that the people of the Indian race will some day be influential in the affairs of the country. Then it behooves those of us who are interested in their political and moral welfare to manifest our interest in a practical way. The Young Women's Christian Association has done much in teaching our girls who have come within its scope. The girls, in turn, exert a benifical influence upon those with whom they associate. Thus a little good sown, grows and grows. We, who understand the superior advantages of civilization, realize that the trans-