REPORT OF WEST CHINA BAPTIST MISSION

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EVANGELISM

The progress of the evangelistic work in Szechuen is indicated by the fact that in each of the years 1910, 1911, and 1912, eighty-eight baptisms were reported for the entire Mission. Last year there were exactly eighty-eight baptisms in the Suifu district alone.

The work at Yachow has been hampered by the lack of well-qualified Chinese evangelists. For this reason no pastoral oversight has been given to five different outstations. Of necessity much use has been made of lay workers, some of whom have done excellent work. A revival has taken place at Shin Tsang, where old members and inquirers have shown a change of heart, and where a new chapel building has been purchased.

In Chengtu the church work has been removed to a new location, with a better working plant and a more promising residential section. A reading and recreation room have been added. In the absence of Mr. Openshaw, much of whose time has been taken by the work as general secretary of evangelism for the province, the responsibility for the Chengtu Church has fallen largely on the evangelists Fu and Pen. In July four were received into the church by baptism, making a total membership of one hundred and eleven. Mr. Openshaw writes, "Evangelism has been the dominant note during the year. With the assistance of visiting brethren ten days' special meetings were held at the time of our Chinese Conference. This was followed by a regular house to house campaign, book selling and street preaching, during which 16,106 Scripture portions and other literature were sold, all culminating in nightly crowded meetings in our chapel."

Although Kiating has almost been neglected for several years, there has been a steady growth in the church membership. During the spring months several Bible Study classes were held in the homes of church members and inquirers. In the fall annual station classes were conducted in Hongya, Kikiang and Kiating. There were sixty baptisms during the year.

The work in several of the Suifu outstations is quite encouraging. More and better inquirers are being reached, some of whom are from the middle class of farmers, merchants and scholars. Many of the wives and relatives of our Christians have become interested. During the year two large inquirers' classes were held at Suifu. In the spring over one hundred and ten men and women attended, and forty-one were baptised. Later six were baptised at Shu Kiang. In December over one hundred and thirty men and women attended the inquirers' class, and again forty-one were baptised, making a total of eighty-eight baptisms in 1921.
the largest number ever baptized at Suifu in one year. Eleven were received by letter, making a total of ninety-nine additions, an increase of over thirty per cent.

The outstanding needs of our evangelistic work are, first, women evangelistic missionaries to reach the women and girls, without whom our churches can never be strong and stable, and secondly, Chinese trained evangelists The Mission should awaken to the fact that in the number and quality of Chinese workers, and in the provision for their training, the evangelistic work is far from being on a par with the educational and the medical work. Until this weakness is remedied there can be little hope of establishing self-sustaining churches, or of reaching the leading Chinese of our communities.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

Our Mission has made some progress in social service as a means of evangelism. It is found that social service stimulates the spiritual growth of Christians and establishes points of contact with the middle and upper classes. Cooperation in forms of service that build up society enables them to better understand the spirit and purpose of the Christian Church. It is now the aim of the Mission ultimately to establish institutional churches in each of the four Prefectures Kiating, Chengtu, Yachow and Suifu.

In Chengtu a reading room and a game room have been opened, with a daily attendance of about sixty. In Yachow there is a Social Service Guild which last year raised five hundred dollars for famine relief, conducted a free dispensary, a game room, and a reading room, and gave lectures on public health and on the Pacific Conference. In the Kiating field there is a reading room at Hong Ya and a Guild at Kiating. The latter consists of a reading room and a museum. The Young Men's Guild at Suifu has been conducted for several years. There is a game room, a museum with over four hundred specimens, not including insects and butterflies, a reading room that is well attended, and a bathroom. The football club has over forty members, some of whom are from the better families of Suifu. Last year over two thousand dollars was raised for famine relief, over fourteen thousand dead rats were collected and disposed of, and twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred and thirty flies were purchased and destroyed. Lectures on hygiene were given, and three hundred and fifty-eight poor people were given free vaccination. Several of the best members of the Suifu Church, including the present treasurer, were won mainly through the influence of the Young Men's Guild.
MEDICAL WORK.

The friends of the Medical School of the Union University at Chengtu will be cheered to know of the growing influence of that institution. Of the 72 new students entering the University the past term, 32 registered in the School of Medicine, and of the total enrollment of 126 students, 54 are in the Medical Department.

Moreover the "first fruits" of the Medical School are now taking a large place in the management of the several Mission hospitals to which the last year graduates have gone. Dr. Yen has been doing very faithful service in our Suifu Hospital during the past ten months.

However the Medical School is seriously handicapped by its meager supply of men for the faculty, and Dr. Morse, in addition to his heavy teaching schedule, being visiting surgeon to two Mission hospitals and looking after the health of our students and a large number of missionaries, has also been Dean of the School.

Another piece of constructive service along medical lines is the Nurses' Training School in the Hospital for Women at Suifu. Miss Crawford has had the joy of seeing one class of young women complete the course, although they waited for the return of Dr. Brethauer for the graduation. Two other classes are still in training.

The Suifu Hospital for Men was reopened in March after being closed two and a half years, and the eager way patients began to come in was eloquent testimony to their sense of need of this institution. Dr. Tompkins says that this past year has been the most enjoyable year of his service in China. It is the first year the hospital has had such a strong working staff, which has included Dr. Yen, referred to above, and Miss Wall, R. N., and two young men with nurses' training. The plant has been made much more attractive, with modern hospital beds, repainting and other improvements. With the corps of Chinese workers it was not necessary to curtail the work during the summer, as formerly; one time during August there were fifty patients in the hospital despite the heat of the city. The growing confidence of the people in necessary, radical operations is encouraging as is also the response toward making the hospital more self-supporting. It has also been possible to start Hospital Extension Service in the nearby outstations, and a team from the staff spends a couple of days in a village giving health talks to the boys and girls of the Mission schools and to the mothers and fathers who are interested in "keeping well."

Owing to the many demands on Dr. Humphrey's services for other tasks in the Mission work, the hospital at Yachow has not had a fair chance. The last interruption was necessitated by the
Doctor's visit to Ningyuen for the Mission. But the people of the district are quick to take advantage of the presence of the doctor as shown by the large daily clinics and the quickly filled wards when the hospital is open. Unfortunately no adequate provision has been made for the housing of the doctor's family, so that considerable space, which should be available for the inpatients, is still occupied as living rooms for the doctor.

More attention than ever is being paid to the health of students of our Mission Schools. In Yachow one of the hospital Chinese nurses lives at the boarding school to supervise the health of the students. Careful records are kept of the students' physical condition in all three of our medical centers.

The labors of the White Cross Societies in the home churches are greatly appreciated, and the continuous flow of surgical and hospital supplies has been of incalculable service.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Educational work has been done in the five big districts of the West China Baptist Mission, namely, Chengtu, Kiating, Suifu, Ningyuenfu and Yachow. Both the General Board and the Woman's Board have work in each of these districts, except Ningyuenfu where the General Board alone has been supporting schools. The schools in each district have been well filled. Our opportunities have been beyond our ability and strength to fully take advantage of.

We are grateful to the home constituency for supporting our work so generously. We have many needs in equipment and workers. At the same time we are conscious that numbers and equipment in themselves never insure success. We feel sure that the Societies have supported us in so far as the gifts of the churches have made it possible. We feel sure also that many churches have made real sacrifices in order that our work might be carried on more effectively. After all the spiritual equipment is the more important, and without it an untold financial support will avail us little. Spiritual equipment is not dependent upon material equipment. In saying this, however, we do not lose sight of the fact that material equipment may become a great auxiliary to the spiritual. It is never safe to materialize the spiritual, but it should ever be our aim to spiritualize the material.

Time and space will not permit a detailed report of the work of our schools. We can only attempt to pick out here and there some of the significant features of our work, whether these be encouraging or discouraging, victories or defeats, equipment received or equipment needed. It requires the lights and the shades to make the picture.
Chengtu is the capital city of the province. It is a great student center. There are government schools of all grades, including colleges for technical and normal training, military schools, high schools, etc. It is in this city, as is well known, that most of the Missions working in the province have come together in the organization of the Union University, embracing a School of Theology, School of Medicine, School of Arts and Sciences, Normal School for Men, Bible Training School for Evangelists and Missionary School for Students of the Language. Even with this great undertaking large fields of opportunity are left unoccupied. The opportunities for Christian service among government school students are big and practically untouched. The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association are putting forth some effort in this direction.

To these Union Schools boys come from all our districts. Until his furlough Dr. Joseph Taylor was the Principal of our Baptist Schools. Since his leaving for home Mr. Daniel S. Dye has taken over these duties. The biggest opportunity open in these schools is that of personal contact. But the number of our workers is not such as to enable us to fully take advantage of this opportunity of forming vital and helpful contact with these boys who have come not only from the different sections of our field but from government schools as well.

Since all new workers spend the first year of their period of language study in Chengtu, they are finding a place, even during this first year in China for service. This service proves helpful both to the work and to themselves. By engaging in a limited amount of work they bring helpful influences to bear upon the Chinese student, and form those social relationships which accompany the knowledge and use of the language.

Mr. Cossum found his place in athletics and the physical development of the students of the University and Middle Schools. Mr. Randle and Mr. Wood directed their energies toward the bringing of the students into touch with the Church.

There have been twenty students enrolled in the University during the year. These come from the participating Missions and other sources. More than half of these are nominal, if not active Christians. About half of these have received student aid in the form of loans. Two are helping support themselves by extra-curriculum work. Self-support among students is increasing.

The idea of self-support, or working one's way, is foreign to the Chinese mind. But contact with American men and women who know from experience and observation what it means is changing.
this idea. The return of Chinese students who have studied in American universities is an important factor also in this respect. There are a few boys who are willing to use their hands to enable them to gain an education. A second difficulty is that of providing remunerative work for the students to do. Two of the university students are earning their own way in part.

The University is made up, for the most part, of the pick of all the Mission Middle Schools of the Province. These total fifteen. There has been a normal growth in numbers and in spirit during the year.

Just now the College of Medicine is making the strongest appeal to students. As a Mission we have but one student in the University planning definitely for the ministry. This boy, Fu Chien Wen, is a graduate of the Yachow School for Boys and the Union Middle School. He has rendered two years' service as of the Chengtu City Primary School. Thus, even during his years of preparation, he has rendered valuable service.

Our one college building, the "Van Deman Memorial," is doing a manifold service, which would surely gratify the donors. It houses the students of the College, Bible Training School, the Normal School and a part of the Medical School, besides providing classrooms, chapel, gymnasium, carpenter shops, etc. During the winter vacation the Y.M.C.A. used the building for their winter Conference of Government School girls.

NORMAL SCHOOL FOR MEN.

The Normal School for Men is stronger than at any time since its organization. The grade of teaching is higher and we are getting a higher grade of student. As Baptists we have ten students in the Normal School this year. They are a good group of students, and should do good service in connection with our Primary Schools. The Dewey Practice School provides good opportunity for demonstration and practice teaching.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

As a Mission we are not getting from the Bible Training School what we should. Just here is where we as a Mission are weakest. Just here is our greatest opportunity. We need Evangels. Less than two per cent of the students in this school are from our constituency. We need to give ourselves to prayer and effort toward the strengthening of our work in this all-important department. The church must have a ministry. It cannot grow, it cannot survive without Evangels. The giving of men and women of themselves to the work of the ministry is an acid test of our Mission work.
UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL.

We as Baptists have had seventy-six students in our dormitory the past year. This dormitory requires close contact. It is a wonderful opportunity for influencing these lives for Christian discipleship and enlisting them for Christian service. Failure here makes for nominal Christianity and a dearth of Christian leaders. Most of these boys come from Mission boarding schools where they have learned the Gospel message. Some have acknowledged the leadership of Christ, and have entered the church but they still need the strength and vigor that comes from fellowship with hearts that are on fire for the Master. Some are not far from the Kingdom and need the message brought to them through personal touch and sympathetic Christian example. Some have not yet turned the listening ear. These need to see the "burning bush" within their midst ere they turn aside to worship Him whose name is above every name, and whom to know is life.

A goodly number of these boys come from government schools and know little or nothing of the Christian message. They bring with them the habits, attitudes and atmosphere of heathenism. These operate powerfully against the Christian message. We must see to it that the atmosphere of this dormitory is filled with the vital Christian spirit which impels and wins these boys for the Master, and which promotes growth in knowledge, loyalty and enthusiasm for the Christian life. This cannot be done unless we can become their friends, share with them our life, engrain the living Word and lead them to form new life purposes. This cannot be done by mere classroom work. It requires workers who have time for living with these boys, working with them and playing with them.

Mr. Ioh, who has been Proctor for many years, fills a big place and has a far-reaching influence in our work. One or two of the University students and the older Middle School students have been helpful to the dormitory life. A nucleus of strong out and out Christian students is essential to the work. We really need the best man available, whose specific task is with the boys of the Middle School. In speaking of our dormitory we must bear in mind that each of the other participating Missions have their dormitories with their problems and their opportunities.

The classroom work of the Union Middle School has been recently transferred to the new Middle School building just completed on the new property adjoining the University campus. We should, as Baptists, have a new dormitory before long on the new Middle School site. The present dormitory will be used to good advantage by our students in other schools of the University.
THE CHENGDU PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Mr. Openshaw has had the supervision of these schools. The attendance has been good and a good grade of work has been done. Seven boys were graduated from the Higher Primary and the same number from the Lower Primary.

THE UNION NORMAL SCHOOL FOR WOMEN.

The past year has been the most successful year this school has known. Miss Page has been our representative on the faculty, assisted by Miss Argetsinger, who has given efficient help while doing her second year of language study. With the close of the year, Miss Page severs her connection with the school and Miss Argetsinger becomes our representative. Miss Argetsinger brings to her task training, wide experience and keen enthusiasm which is not easily dulled by obstacles or difficulties. We have had a number of girls from our Baptist constituency during the year.

The Normal School for Women has a bright future, an unmeasured opportunity and a great responsibility. It must train not only for the classroom but for the home.

The Chinese girl has more obstacles to overcome in getting an education than do boys. The Chinese have for ages considered education for girls an unwise investment. They usually plan an early marriage, and quite generally refuse, even though abundantly able, to provide money for their education. This is especially true in Western China, and less true of course in those parts where the Gospel has been winning its way over a greater period of time. Here is a great investment for friends at home. Fifty dollars Mexican will provide board and tuition for a girl a whole school year. An investment like this yields a living dividend.

The Normal School has recently increased its property holdings. It is confidently hoped that the time will soon come when an adequate group of buildings will be made available.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS.

Baptist Primary Schools for girls in Chengtu are in the early stages of development. Since no worker was available, these schools have had the minimum of supervision during the year. They have been conducted on unimproved property belonging to the Mission in the district allotted to our Baptist work in the city. The enrollment has reached a hundred with an average attendance of eighty-eight. There were eighty in the Lower Primary School and eight in the Higher Primary. Five girls will be graduated from the Higher Primary in June. The School needs better housing and either half or full time of a trained worker. We have a big district in which to work. The district in which we work has a big need.
THE KIATING DISTRICT.

Kiating Schools for Boys

The care of both the Church and educational work in this big district has been upon Mr. Foster throughout the year. Mrs. Wellwood of the Woman's Board has rendered valuable help. The schools in the city have done excellent work for years. They have prepared some splendid material for our higher schools in Chengtu. Twenty-three boys have enrolled in the Higher Primary and two hundred and thirty in the Lower Primary during the past year. Five boys were graduated from the Lower Primary.

The three main outstations, namely, Hongya, Chienwei and Chiachiang are big doors of opportunity and they are wide open. The school at Hongya is a credit to the Mission. We have a good plant for work in this city. Chiachiang has a splendid property, a good school and a group of strong enthusiastic Christians. Chienwei is a big center and the school there enrols a large number of boys and girls. Owing to limited finances it was impossible to bring the graduates from the Lower Primary schools of these outstations to Kiating for work in the Higher Primary. For the same reason it was not possible to engage needed teachers for these schools.

With the return of Mr. Bradshaw to his old field and the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Adams the outlook for Kiating is brighter. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been transferred to Chengtu for work in the University.

The need for a plant in Kiating is desperate. The building rented for several years for the city Boys' Schools could not be rented for the coming year. No other suitable or nearly suitable could be secured and we were forced to open in the inadequate and poorly lighted rooms in the rear of the Church building. The property and equipment needs of Kiating are the most urgent of all the needs of the West China Mission.

Kiating School for Girls

The Baptists began work in Kiating twenty-seven years ago. The first class of girls was graduated from the Lower Primary School this year. Not that these girls have had a twenty-seven year course, but that during all these years we have not equipped a school for girls in this big center able to carry them through the Lower Primary grades. Of course Kiating Baptist girls have been graduated, but from other than Baptist schools. These schools could only receive them when there was room for them. Even then they often lost touch with our own mission work.
During the past year Mrs. Wellwood has conducted a school which has done Lower Primary and some Higher Primary work. The rooms used were those at the rear of the church building, and as a school plant, a disgrace to the Mission. But there was no other place available. For the coming year, as a last resort, an old temple was rented, and classrooms provided by hanging woven bamboo partitions. These old temples compare favorably with many of the poorer grade of barns at home.

The girls of this great district as well as those of other districts are open to the Gospel message. Most of these girls will some day be mothers in Chinese homes. Who can reckon the worth of a Christian mother? Kiating needs a building for the Girls' school, a home for workers and workers eager to serve.

THE NINGYUENFU DISTRICT

Only the school for boys has been conducted in Ningyuenfu during the past year. We have had no resident worker there. The schools have had no foreign supervision save by correspondence. The attendance at these schools has been large. Ningyuenfu offers a big field for Christian education. From the time we began school work there our schools have been well attended. Some promising boys have been sent out to the higher schools in Chengtu. It is greatly to be regretted that we cannot man this great field.

It is fully expected, however, that the Australian Christian Mission will enter this field the coming fall. We covet their opportunity, but we cannot refuse them entrance when we ourselves cannot enter.

THE SUIFU DISTRICT.

Munroe Academy

Mr. Moncrieff has been in charge of Munroe Academy during the past five years. He with the family are sailing early in the year on furlough. On their return to the field it is expected that they will be connected with the Union University and the Language School. There has been an average attendance of thirty-seven during the past year. The small attendance is due in part to the fact that only two years work in Middle School are offered, and partly to the limited number of feeders to the school. A large proportion of the students has been transients who stay with us so short a time that little opportunity for influencing them is given. Another factor is that the equipment at Munroe is neither adequate nor attractive. We have but one building and very little in the way of equipment. The needs of Munroe are first, strong Higher Primary feeders, and second, additional buildings.
There are many encouraging features about the work. One of our first University graduates, Mr. Liu Toh Lan, has joined the staff at Monroe. Mr. Lan has been of great help and has rendered a splendid quality of service. He is one of Briton Corlies' recruits at Yachow. He is capable and loyal to the work. Then there are students who give evidence of great things in the future.

Suifu Higher and Lower Primary School for Boys.

This school has a splendid property near the main property holdings in Suifu. The plant was made possible through the gift of "A Friend". Extensive improvements are about to be made in the erection of a modern building. When these are completed we will have an adequate city school plant. The attendance the past term was fifty-one in the Higher Primary, and 123 in the Lower Primary. Eight boys were graduated from the Higher Primary during the year, and nine from the Lower Primary. There were eight baptisms from among the boys during the year.

Since retrenchment may be necessary it may be deemed wise to merge Monroe Academy with this school. This arrangement would help solve the problem of foreign supervision for both schools and would save the reduplication of the last two years of the Higher Primary now given at Monroe.

Suifu Outstation Schools.

These schools have been under the care of the pastoral worker, Mr. Graham. These schools are located in four of the most important centers of the Suifu field. All are on the Yangtze River. One of these centers is at Li Chuang, a city of 20,000 population. We have four Mission schools here. There is a school for children of Kindergarten age, two Lower Primary schools for boys and girls respectively, and a school for boys doing the first two years of the Higher Primary. This school has already become a feeder to Monroe Academy. The teachers of these schools are for the most part Christians. They are centers of Christian influence. The people are paying liberally toward their support. The Church is being built up in and through them. There are nine or ten other places where some Christian work has been done, but where schools have not as yet been opened. Four or five of these stations are asking that schools for girls be opened.

Suifu School for Girls

The Suifu School for Girls continues along its successful way. Mrs. Salquist has continued in charge of the school with the help of Miss Bovell during the latter part of the year. Six girls completed the work of the Higher Primary School in June. Two of these are taking courses in Kindergarten Training; one is in the Nurses' Training School, while another is studying in the Government Middle School. A graduate of last year has been
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holding two classes each week for women in her home town. The coming year she will be one of the teachers in a country school.

Thirty-two girls were graduated from the Lower Primary school with good showings in the Educational Union Examinations.

The teachers have shown a splendid loyalty. They render voluntary service in the Sunday School, at the church and at the Mission Sunday School at the West Gate. Both teachers and students have been of great help in the weekly Bible classes for women.

A special Bible class was conducted in the spring for the girls. More than forty voluntarily entered this class. The women teachers also joined. As a result six were baptized, and the spiritual life of the girls was deepened.

Miss Bovell's coming into full service this term has been a great joy and help. She has rendered a splendid service, not only in the classroom, but has added a most helpful influence in the recreational life of the girls. She has opened a Lower Primary school in the West Suburb with two of the graduates of the school as teachers. One of these has had a year of Normal School work and the other has had a year's experience in the central school. The West Gate School is also a Sunday School center and a center for work among women as well.

One weakness in the work is the lack of follow-up. We touch many girls for a time, and then lose sight of them. The time and strength of one or even two workers are insufficient for the task. One also feels the need of more time for personal interviews with the girls. We greatly need more feeders for the Boarding School. There should be a feeder in each outstation. There should be three day schools in the city.

This school is one of our best pieces of Mission work. Its success is due largely to able and continuous leadership. There has been no haste in undertaking work in higher grades until thoroughgoing work has been done in the higher and lower primary grades. The time is near, however, when work of Middle School grade should be provided.

The Cecelia Kindergarten.

Mrs. Tompkins continues to lead in this useful enterprise. It grows in popularity and influence year by year. Many features have been added through the generosity of friends at home, such as dolls, dolls' playthings, wheeled vehicles, big building blocks, a piano, victrola, pictures and many other things which go toward making the work practical and delightful.
Seventy little children, full of life, energy and questions have been coming during the year. Many of these come from Christian homes which have been made different from the ordinary Chinese home through the transforming power of the Christian spirit. Many too come from homes as yet unentered by the Christ with His life-giving power.

The school is proving most useful in cooperation with our Christian teachers and evangelists by giving their little boys and girls a strong foundation on which to build Christian character and helpfulness. We have one little fellow whose father was formerly an evangelist, but who proved himself unfit and unworthy of the work. This little son's whole nature seems to respond to the higher things of life. The sound of the Victrola absorbs his interest. Stories weave a spell over him. He has a remarkable memory. He is clever in his work and has a musical voice. But to these the home contributes none but bad influences. What a strategic place we hold in this little fellow's life!

The teachers in the Kindergarten have been trained in this school. The need for teachers became so great that a regular course in Kindergarten Training was undertaken. Three girls will complete the course next June. The work is growing to such an extent that we must soon face the question of a suitable building. The opening of two branch schools is being considered. The work already taxes the time and strength of one worker. The second worker will soon be needed if we are going to measure up to the opportunities at our door. Ninety-one children have graduated from this school.

THE YACHOW DISTRICT.

The Yachow Schools for Boys

These schools are under the care of Mr. Smith. They comprise a Higher and Lower Boarding and Day School in Yachow, a Day School in the East Suburb of Yachow and six Lower Primary Schools in six of the sixteen outstations.

The Boarding School is in the center of the city and is adjacent to the church property. The building is a renovated Chinese building. The dormitory cares for about eighty boys comfortably - this term one hundred boys uncomfortably.

The Lower Primary is housed in a Chinese building at the rear of the church and in close proximity to the Higher Primary School.

The average enrollment for the term has been 45, of which 35 were boarders and ten day students, in the Higher Primary, and in the Lower Primary eighty-three, of whom 47 were boarders and 36 day pupils. The average enrollment of both departments has been 128, of whom 82 were boarders and 46 day pupils.
The outstation schools have not reached the point where they can be relied upon as feeders to the Higher Primary School. This is due to the lack of trained teachers. The immediate years should see a great improvement in this respect as more and more trained teachers are forthcoming from our Middle and Normal Schools.

The Lower Primary department in the central schools is doing a high grade of work. By the time they have reached the fourth year in this school they are a select group of boys.

Eight finished the Higher Primary course during the year. Three of these boys are continuing their studies in the Union Middle School at Chengtu, while two entered the local government Middle School. One of these two will transfer to our Union Middle School this coming term.

A brief analysis of the student body during the second term may be of interest. There were 29 whose fathers and five whose mothers are church members. Twenty-three students were church members. Nine of the fourteen teachers and helpers were church members. Two others are enrolled inquirers. Only 23 of the 123 enrolled have studied in our outstation schools. Of the 54 in the Higher Primary Department 25 have come up through our Lower Primary department. All sections of the Yachow district have been represented in the Boarding School. Some of these boys come as many as six days' journey, and of course walk most of the way.

During the past term sixteen boys have received student aid. Of these only four have received aid covering both the board and tuition. The lowest term average of those receiving aid was 71.3.

The School has been closely allied with the Medical Department. We have had a resident trained nurse in the School. His work is that of teaching hygiene and seeing that the treatment prescribed is carried into effect. In addition he has had definitely assigned work at the hospital. Hospital and medical treatment has been given to all requiring it without charge. The hospital has become popular and the general health of the school has improved.

There has been a large number of inquirers from among the boys. Four were received by baptism at Christmas time. A number were asked to wait until Easter.

Our teachers have rendered good service. The teachers in Chinese subjects are very capable. They would do any Middle School in the province honor. In fact, we are banking on them as a nucleus for the Middle School in Yachow.

Our graduates are on our teaching staff, in government and are students in both government and Mission schools, in the Union University and are in active Mission work in different parts of the province.
The plant here in the city is small and inadequate. We lack working space, playing space and breathing space. We look forward with enthusiasm to the time when we can move to the beautiful and ample site on the hill outside the city. The building now under construction will house at least a part of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Conaway have shown their interest in the school by their prayers, their generous gifts and their hopes for the school.

A printing press, a gift from the Mount Hermon School, has arrived, somewhat the worse for the handling, still we hope to repair it. A powerful hydraulic ram has been received from another friend, and we hope in time to install it so as to provide a part at least of the water supply for the school from Tseu Gung River three hundred feet below. Enough specifics have been received to make possible a lighting plant, if it seems wise to use them in this way.

We will need another building in the immediate future. We wonder who will have the satisfaction that will surely come to those who see and respond to this opportunity. It will cost approximately $20,000.00 Mexican. The school needs a bell, an organ, a Victrola, money for a teachers' Working Library, a Students' Library, Stereoscopic Library and Stereopticon slides along industrial and educational lines. All these can be used for the winning, the developing and the training of boys for service with the Master.

The Yachow School for Girls.

The success of the Girls' School under the management of Miss Roeder continues. The work of the year is characterized by the best grade of work and the largest attendance since the school was opened. A good spirit has prevailed throughout the year. The average enrolment during the year was 15%, with a high average attendance. Twenty-two of these have been boarders, five from the Higher Primary and fifteen from the Lower Primary during the year. Two of the Higher Primary graduates entered the Middle School in Chengtu; one is studying nursing in Suifu Woman's Hospital; another is remaining in the school. The most promising girl of this class died a few weeks before graduation. We now have seven girls in the Union Normal School and Middle School in Chengtu. With the exception of one, all give promise of becoming good teachers.

Seven girls received baptism during the year, and several others are awaiting baptism. With a majority of the Boarding School girls Christian there is a noticeable difference in the spirit of the school. With two exceptions all our teachers are products of Mission schools.
The Bcho·ol is not well housed. Dormitory and Playground accommodations are both inadequate. The plant is simply an adapta­tion of a poorer grade of Chinese buildings The classrooms are ill-lighted and ill-adapted. The school has outgrown the buildings. 

Four Thousand Dollars Mexican will solve the Playground need, as the long desired property adjoining the present property is now in the market. This should be purchased at once. The buildings now used should be renovated for the immediate needs, and at no dis­tant date funds should be made available for a permanent school plant commensurate with our needs and opportunities.

STUDENT AID.

Student Aid is a paying investment and a blessing when carefully administered. It is not a paying investment when poorly administered, and brings injury to the recipient as well as to the Mission. The majority of our self-respecting students have received Student Aid. Some have disappointed us.

The position of the aided student is not an easy one. Fear lest he lose the help of the Mission may prevent self-express­ion and independence of thought. He is subject to scorn and ridi­cule because he is in a measure dependent upon the Mission, which is foreign.

He often assumes that the supply of money is unlimited and so is tempted to secure all he can, and from as many sources as he can. He is also tempted to allow the responsibility for the repayment of loans to rest lightly upon himself.

Knowledge of the boy's financial ability, sympathy, tact and firmness are needed for the administration of these funds. We should base aid more and more upon character, purpose, health and ability. There must be some selective process. To arrive at a basis for selection is difficult. We need in a great measure the mind of the Master. We need His power to read men. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to enable us to seek out those whom the Master would send into His vineyard for work.

CONCLUSION

The Schools of the Mission constitute a great asset to the Christian church. They have been opened in a great land, in a land where scholarship and learning are held in high esteem, if not worshiped. At the same time the mass of her people are illit­erate. These schools have been opened as forerunners of the Christ, making a way for the coming and the dwelling of the King. They represent the prayers, the efforts, the confidence and the hopes of earnest disciples of the Man of Galilee who have answered in person the clarion call of the Great Commission. These schools must be continued. They must be made more adequate and more
efficient. To accomplish this demands wholly consecrated, well
trained men and women from among China's sons and daughters, and
from the homeland as well; money from whole hearted, loyal and
generous givers; and prayers, hard work and unflinching perseverance
on the part of those who carry on the work.

Here are briefly some of the needs of the West China
Mission:
Chengtu needs at the University and Middle School two educational
workers, and one for the work with the City schools. The Woman's
work needs a Kindergartner and three other school workers
Kiating needs an educationalist for each of the two Boards.
Suifu needs an educationalist for each of the two Boards.
Yachow needs an educationalist for each of the two Boards.

Kiating urgently needs an educationalist for the work of
the Woman's Board. The General Board needs one educationalist
this year if finances will permit.

As to property needs, Chengtu will soon need a Middle
School Dormitory and a City Girls' School plant. Kiating needs
most urgently a Girls' School plant, a Boys' School plant and
residence for workers in both these schools Suifu needs an ade­
quate equipment for Monroe Academy and a building for the
Cecelia Kindergarten work. Yachow needs additional property for
the Girls' School, a Girls' School plant, an Administration and
Classroom building and a Science and Manual Arts building for the
Boys' School.

It has thus been seen that the needs of our work are
great. Our responsibilities are heavy Our opportunities are
boundless and the harvest is plenteous and sure.