**China’s Millions.**

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**Native Dress and Food in China.**

From The Missionary Review.

HUNG-TUNG, SHAN-SI.

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DEAR Dr. Pierson: In the March, 1891, issue of The Missionary Review, p. 226, statements regarding the wearing of Chinese dress, living in Chinese style, etc., might lead some readers to believe that missionaries adopt the native costume at the peril of their health and lives. Obvious reference was made to the China Inland Mission in the following words:

‘The statistics of the great society, whose name is synonymous with the highest consecration and self-abnegation, show a terrible sacrifice of precious material. It is said that one-half of those who enter China under its auspices return within two years, either to their homeland on earth or the home above, and that the average term of service for the whole body is only three and a half years.’

These erroneous statements regarding statistics have been answered by the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, in the Missionary Recorder; and that letter quite effectually deals with the "statistics" statement.

I have met considerably over one hundred missionaries of the C. I. M. and other societies, who wear the Chinese dress, and know only one who wholly confined himself to Chinese costume and food. He did it because it was more expedient, not that he objected to foreign clothes or food. Almost invariably the Chinese dress is simply worn as an exterior, underneath being the usual foreign under garments. This, surely, could have no ill effect on the health. Again, as a rule, it has been observed, the Chinese dress more warmly than Americans, this surely would not cause poor health, or, if so, it is easy enough not to follow the example.

Not only members of the C. I. M., but now of nearly every other Society, realize the great advantage of dressing in the native costume; and to-day there is scarcely a Society working in interior China, away from treaty ports at least, some members of which do not wear the Chinese costume: and as yet I have met none, nor have I heard of any in North China, who look at any departure from usually recognized customs as lacking in respect, to say the least.

Regarding food, there is no lack of good, wholesome, nourishing food, of native production, to be procured in almost any place at about one-half the home prices. It is as easy to have it cooked in English as in Chinese fashion. This city, at a very high estimation, has only twenty thousand souls; but we can procure the following articles, all native, and there is very little difference between this and any other place in North China except that in larger cities the variety is greater:

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These are only samples, and by no means exhaust the list of productions. Besides these common articles can be purchased dried fruits, apples, apricots, nutmegs, cinnamon, spices, pepper, white and brown sugar, candy, cakes, etc., all very cheap, and all as good as similar articles at home. In the shops can be purchased foreign cotton, cloth and calico of almost any grade, clocks, watches, canned milk, thread, needles, revolvers(!); etc. So it can be seen there is really no necessity for bringing a thing from home; and the missionary who depends on what can be purchased on the ground is not so very badly off after all.

It must ever be borne in mind that the work of many C. I. M. missionaries in the past has been pioneer work. While many other societies have settled down near the coast or in the open ports, the missionaries of the C. I. M. have felt led to plunge into the untravelled interior, enduring the hardships of itinerating work in order to secure foothold for station work. Other societies have, also, availed themselves of the advantages afforded by this pioneer work, and to-day settled station work in many places is made possible as the result. This work was necessarily most trying and wearing, but it was absolutely indispensable for the future work: and as the skirmish line in an advancing army are the first to fall before the enemy’s fire, so those who went boldly forward were necessarily under greater trials than those who followed in their wake. It must not be inferred that C.I.M. missionaries were the only ones to do this pioneering work; many others from other Societies have shared in this grand work, but perhaps in no so great a proportion as the C.I.M.

E. M. MCBRRIE.
Extracts from Letters and Journals.

FROM MISS M. BEE.

CH'EN-TU, S2-CH'UEN.

February 4th, 1892.

IN Ch'ên-tu the work of teaching the Christians goes steadily on. At morning prayers we study "Acts," using a map. In the evening, prayer meeting is held nightly. The Evangelists take it in turn, each one explaining a certain book and going through it, so that the instruction is regular. Friday evening they take the Psalms, or missionary topics.

During the New Year we have had quite large companies of visitors, many of course coming just to look around, but a goodly remnant really interested. We have preaching in the court-yard when circumstances permit. Mr. Beauchamp preached for two hours or more one morning—being here on a visit while itinerating—a number sat all through, and there was no noise or confusion whatever; the people coming in and passing out very quietly. Mr. Granger is at the door every afternoon selling books, and holding conversation or preaching. While receiving visitors in the guests hall recently, one dear old woman wanted me to teach her how to pray. We have not been able to do much in the line of personal conversation; sometimes we can talk to them for a few minutes until Mrs. Parry can come. By God's good hand we have finished the first section of study. I hope to go on with the "Romanized" class. We hope next year to have a real good year of study and are longing to do more for the people. We want to keep our pitchers filled from the Fountain of Living Waters.

SIGNS OF BLESSING.

There are about twenty inquirers here and there is reason to believe that many of them are bright Christians. One has lately died in Jesus. Her husband being a Christian, was able to comfort her last hours, and prevent the terrible scenes of confusion which belong to the heathen's last hours. The other one was the tailor, a weak-minded man, who has been near death's door. His wife called a native tailor and asked him to mend. When he was near the Kingdom also, and drew back. The doctor who ran up large bills, and then she reviled us for not paying them. She has stood at the street door and shouted at the top of her voice all sorts of vile things about us, but the people know her and pay little heed. We sent the man rice, and gave him work when he became better. He was brought into straits and was tempted to sell a fur garment we gave him to make. He was also led to break the Sabbath. However God answered prayer again, and he was made to see his sin, and is now paying for the garment by work, and closing his shop on the Sabbath. Mr. Tiao a teacher who used to come in drunk on the Sabbath, and make a great disturbance, has quite changed, has left off drinking and listens with interest. A Mr. Han, a very promising case, was convinced of the Truth by hearing a sermon on lying. Of late he does not come. Mr. Fu the evangelist says his father who has been very bitter, is reading the Bible now, and has changed somewhat in his attitude. These are the ones we specially want prayer for.

We have had blessed seasons of refreshing this Christmas and New Year time, for which we praise God. February 7th, is my birthday; on that day last year we crossed the line on the Pacific, thus skipping that date, so it is two years since I have had a birthday. I do praise God for so many crowning mercies. Our motto in this house is Hallelujah! praise ye the Lord.

We hear of two more large parties coming to Ch'en-tu; we need them all. One of Canadian Methodists, the other Mr. Horsburgh's party; the latter to work with the C. I. M. There are six ladies for this place with temporary headquarters in Ch'en-tu. They intend to work from here to Fao-ning. There are hundreds of cities to be possessed. "Onward go."

FROM MISS ROSE POWER.

IH-lANG, KIANG-SI.

March 29th, 1892.

I LEFT Kuei-ki on Saturday, about 8 o'clock and arrived here between 4 and 5 in the evening. Coming by chair I did not need a native to escort me. My chair bearers were most kind. On the way I had one opportunity of telling the gospel to some women. I received a warm welcome here, not only from the sisters, but also from the natives, who to my surprise remembered my having been here last summer. I felt that it was more like coming home than being away from home.

Sunday was wet so the inquirers who live in the country were not able to come in to the meeting. Miss McKenzie took the women's meeting in the morning, the evangelist taking the men at the same time, and afterwards taking the service in the chapel. In the afternoon Miss Gardiner had the men and women together. We were expecting to have a meeting for men from outside, but it was so wet we gave it up. As each person had taken a meeting that day and the evangelist had taken 2, I was asked to take the evening meeting. It meant a great deal for me, as I had never taken a meeting away from Kuei-ki, where all the people know me and understand what I say. I did not know if they would understand me here. The Lord undertook, as He always does when I will let him.

The beginning of this month I had the pleasure of going with Miss Marchbank to the country for two days. We did
not take a woman with us as we were going to the house of a christian woman who would go with us to the other places. We took turns in walking, and riding on a wheelbarrow.

A SOLITARY CHRISTIAN.

Going a distance of 25 li, we came to the village of K'i-kia. The woman we went to see is the only christian there, but we trust and pray there may soon be more. After having supper we went into a hall, on which all the houses open, where the people were assembled, and Miss Marchbank spoke to them. After a time she went away to speak to our hostess, and I was left in the midst of a company of men and women, very few of whose words I could understand. They asked me the usual questions as to how old I was, how far off my home was, how many ate rice in my home, etc. Having heard these questions so often I could answer them. I told them something of the "Old, old story," so new to them. The men said I spoke Mandarin, and explained it to the women who could not understand me. Some of them could not even understand Miss Marchbank. We had a little meeting and then retired for the night, our hostess giving us the best bed she had, which was not uncomfortable, only a little harder than what we are used to. The next day Mrs. K'i took us to another village, 3 li away, where there is another christian woman. We had a good time here, many hearing the gospel; Miss Marchbank speaking to the women, and Mrs. K'i to the men.

TELLING EVERY ONE TO REPENT.

Mrs. K'i is like John the Baptist, telling every one she meets to repent. From there we went to another village, 3 li away, to see Mrs. K'i's old mother who is not a christian, but she showed more interest in the gospel than she did when Miss Marchbank was here a year ago. She asked questions as though she really wanted to understand. Please pray for her, that she may soon know Jesus as her Saviour.

We returned to K'i-kia for supper and to sleep. The next day being wet, we returned to Kuei-ki. The sisters at An-ren wished Mrs. K'i to work with them as Bible woman. She was asked if she would go. After asking the Lord's guidance she decided that her place was at home, to work for the Lord there. A room in her house is going to be used as a chapel, and one or more native brethren will go there from time to time and hold a meeting. The work at Fu-kia is carried on altogether by natives. The Lord has blessed it very much.

At the Chinese New Year, some heathen went to Fu-kia to worship, taking food, etc., to offer to the idols, but no idol was to be found, so they had to return home. The idol was put up stairs in the chapel, as no one wished to worship it; since then it has been cut in pieces. The news of what the Lord has done at Fu-kia has spread through the country and many are interested in the gospel. A Mrs. Tong has gone to An-ren as Bible woman. Please pray for her. Also please pray for me, that I may learn to live a day at a time, remembering that the past is under the blood, and the future is with the Lord.

FROM E. M. McBRIER.

F'ING-TAO, SHAN-SI.

March 9th, 1892.

ONE is tremendously impressed with the thought of the millions in this land who have not yet heard the gospel. Scattered over this extensive plain, as level as our Western prairies in America, are hundreds of walled villages, many of them as large as some of our cities at home. Though work has been carried on here for quite a number of years, and this province ranks among the first of inland provinces in the amount of work that has been done in it, yet I doubt very much if one twentieth of the people ever heard the gospel story. In preaching on the street in centres where the most work has been done, it is rare to find one man in ten who knows the truth of the gospel. What must it be in places

WHERE FOREIGNERS HAVE NEVER BEEN;

away among the hills, where are hidden thousands, who do not leave their homes for a trip to the plains in a lifetime. Then there are poor women who are almost given up by many native christians, as being unable to understand the gospel; they are considered so dull—what must be their condition?

We have here in the North of China deep dust even in middle of winter. During the winter much heavy teaming is done along the big roads, and they become a mass of pulverized "loess," from four inches to a foot deep, into which one sinks as in a quicksand. On this great plain the wind blows a gale about three days out of four and you can imagine with what effect upon the dust. One can scarcely see sometimes, I do not know that it is always so windy, but the few days I have been here it has blown almost incessantly.

It is very dry here, and unless rain comes soon there will be almost a famine. I find there exists in the minds of many Missionaries the feeling that there will be another famine such as they have had, and some have taken measures to provide against such a time. For the past year or two they have barely escaped a famine, the rain coming just in time to save the crops. At present the price of food is going up with astonishing rapidity, and many people are even now sorely feeling the effects of this advance. These poor people barely make enough in one year to keep them over to the next, and any rise in prices brings a great amount of suffering.

FROM MISS E. LUCAS.

CHEO-KIA-K'EI0, HO-NAN.

F RIDAY, February 5th.—I have been again experiencing the loving guidance of our Father. The work amongst the boys and girls has been growing so much that we did not quite know how best to divide our time. After much prayer we felt that it would be a good thing to have a class for boys and one for girls, five mornings in the week, each under an hour, in which they might be taught a hymn, text, etc., and how to read a few characters. They came to like this arrangement.

Saturday, February 13th.—This last week has been an unusually busy one, inquirers, visitors and children being in and out almost all day. On the whole most of them listened well to the gospel.

Yesterday Mrs. Tsi, whose eye I am treating, and who is very eager to learn, took me to see her home. It was very tidy. She had two texts and a tract pasted up on her wall and nothing connected with idol worship about. I think she is really trusting the Lord.

Monday, February 15th.—This forenoon my woman and I had rather a trying experience. About noon a woman came to ask me if I would go back with her and preach the
gospel. Somehow I felt rather suspicious about her, and at first said I could not go as I was expecting to go to another part of the city immediately after dinner. She, however, would take no denial and I decided to go and come back as soon as possible.

I did not at all recognize her. She conducted me to a very poor place in a part of this district that I had not previously visited. The room was too small for the numbers that quickly gathered, and we took our stand in the court outside. A large crowd of women and children with a few men in the rear, listened for a short time, some with seeming interest, and I felt the Lord was giving me a message for some; but soon a rough, surly looking man came along and wanted to know what we were about in his court. Of course we immediately prepared to leave, and as we passed out of the court the children set up the most unearthly yell I have heard in a long time. They followed us and hooted for some distance till we reached a street where we were known, and there some men made them be quiet. Thank God nothing worse happened. I hope this will be the last time we shall have to pass through a like experience, and that the people may be more friendly if we go again.

Last week an old lady who seemed to be losing the use of her hand came to see me. I prayed with her and then painted it with iodine. She came twice, and to-day when we were over at her relative's house, she came to show me that her hand was almost well.

AMONG MAHOMETANS AND TARTARS.

March 4th.—Since making the last entry, I have been away from home for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Coulthard kindly invited me over to their house to rest, as I was feeling rather tired-out. Last Lord's day afternoon, one of the Mahometan inquirers took me to see one of her relatives; she seems to have been teaching her something of one of the hymns we often sing. I was also taken to see a Tartar family. They come from Pekin, and some of their number are in Government employ. The old lady told me that she had heard the gospel in Pekin, but she did not seem to understand much. She was very kind, and promised to pay us a visit. Her two daughters-in-law had large feet and their hair was curiously folded over a long gilt band, placed across the back of the head. It stood out some distance on either side, and looked anything but comfortable or becoming.

The other day I learned that this curious head-dress weighs about one pound, and the hair is done up twice a month. The other day I learned that this curious head-dress weighs about one pound, and the hair is done up twice a month.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Coulthard, little Edie and I, with a native woman servant, went for a row on the river. It was a delightful day and we much enjoyed the bright sunshine and fresh air. After rowing some little distance, we supposed, a quiet spot; but some curious eyes were soon attracted to us, and quite a little crowd gathered round us. Some came in boats from the opposite side of the river to see the foreigners. We took the opportunity to tell out the gospel tidings, and just as we were returning to our boat, a poor old woman hurried up to me saying, "Please read to me; I have come across the river to hear you." Poor lady! she was over 70 years old and seemed near her journey's end. She listened eagerly as I told her of the Saviour's love, and asked me to visit her in her home. If the Lord will, I hope to do so before long, and tell her more of the precious truth of the gospel. I returned home on Wednesday, certainly the better for the rest.

March 16th.—Last Sunday we held our first inquirer's class and my heart overflowed with thankfulness, as I sat among the eight or nine dear women and realized all that the Lord had done during the past eight months. I would ask special prayers for four Mahometan women, Mrs. Uen and three Mrs. Li; they seem really to be getting much blessing. One said to me the other day, "I do believe, but cannot join the Church." She is very faithful in prayer and teaches others what she herself knows, but does not see how she can ever be baptized. We are looking to the Lord to open the way.

There is a real work of grace going on in the hearts of our two house women, Mrs. Kao and Mrs. Wang, and I hope that before many months pass they may be accepted as church members. The Lord will guide.

Mr. Coulthard has been telling us of two very interesting inquirers. One is a Mahometan doctor, living about 40 li from here. Some years ago, I think, he bought a few Christian books, but not until a few months back, did he take much interest in them. The Holy Spirit seems to have worked in his heart and about Christmas time, he with two sons, paid Mr. Coulthard a visit to inquire more perfectly into the Truths of the Christian doctrine. He came, as he said, in accordance with Matt. 10, bringing nothing with him but an umbrella! He, Mr. Chang, has been to the chapel several times since for further information, and one day he brought his aged father along to pay Mr. Coulthard a visit. His family do not seem to oppose him, and he is preaching Christ openly in his home. The second inquirer, mentioned above, was converted through the preaching of this Mahometan doctor, and also seems a very hopeful case.

Yesterday Mrs. Li, one of the inquirers, took me over to dine with Mrs. Ma, one of her relatives. One of the Tartar ladies came over to see me and bought a gospel, tract and almanac. After spending some hours there, we went to another Mahometan settlement and visited three different compounds. Mrs. Uen has been testifying to some of the people in that quarter of the Plan of Salvation, and we found some women, and particularly two young girls, quite eager to learn.

We have to thank God for much blessing and for abundantly answering the prayers of His dear servants for us in both the Old and the New World. Please continue daily to help us in this way, for we sometimes get weary in body and always need a fresh supply of spiritual power. Thank God, "the River of God is full of water" and we have only to open our mouths wide in order to drink and be filled. Pray that we may be living epistles of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that all those who read our daily lives may be able to see and realize His love.

Since writing the above Miss Lucas has been ill with typhoid fever, but was convalescent when she last wrote to us.—F.A.S.
FROM MISS T. J. H. SCOTT.

Hwuy-chau, Ngan-hwu,

April 26th, 1892.

ALL day yesterday I was hors de combat with a headache. The dear native women were very kind, as they came to my room from time to time. Mrs. Ho, my faithful friend and helper, sat for some time by my side, then said, "We shall have a few words of prayer." She told the Lord how grieved she was that her teacher was ill, and reminded Him of the fact that I hoped to go into the country in 2 days to tell the people there of Jesus, and definitely asked Him to give me strength and make me quite well. She added, "And also Lord Jesus, make her able to do a great deal of work for Thee in this city and in the villages, so that the women may all know of Thy true gospel." You will see by my being able to write to-day, that her first prayer was answered; and we are daily living in expectation, as we work and pray, that the last prayer may be answered, when our dear Savior and we shall rejoice together because of many of our Chinese sisters being translated from darkness to the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Another dear woman came in to see me, and after showing her affection in some very practical ways, proceeded to feel my pulse. In a short time (after I showed her the proper place to feel it) she looked up, and with evident gratification said, "It is still beating." Her less simple-minded and more clear-headed companions in the room said, "Perhaps you would not look so happy if it had ceased to beat." That woman has just recently heard the gospel, and as yet understands but little. I think she is the dearest woman I have yet seen, we hope God's spirit may work in her heart and give her understanding.

We see behind all these faces, where often is sketched sadness and dissatisfaction, hearts for whom Jesus died, and who only need His entrance to transform them, internally and externally, to beauty and happiness. One woman, Mrs. Lao-Peh, is giving us much satisfaction at present by her devotion to God, and desires to tell His blessed gospel to everyone she meets. I took her with the Bible-woman last week, to a village 7 li distant, where she bravely testified for her new Master, in spite of much persecution and ridicule. Many of the villagers knew her well, but some had not heard that she believed the gospel. When the adversary's darts seemed unusually severe, and when the listeners tormented her about "eating the foreigner's religion," she would say, (and her tones and earnest face proved she meant what she said)—"you may laugh at me and revile me, but I shall still believe the doctrine. Indeed if people would kill me, I would rather give up my life than give up the gospel." And I exhort you all here to believe the words spoken by this foreign young lady and by us two natives, for I pity you if you reject this valuable truth." My heart was full of praise to God for His goodness to Mrs. Lao-Peh, and for giving her a strong desire to tell of His love to others. Coming home we completed an equilateral triangle, and during the time we were travelling these 14 li, and speaking to the ones and twos who gathered to look at us, Mrs. Lao-Peh was always the first in saying a word about Jesus. On Lord's day, after the meeting, she said to me, "What day this week will you be able to go to—— village, for I have some relatives there and I would like to go with you and Mrs. Ho (Bible-woman) to preach the gospel to them. I can suit my work so as to be able to accompany you at your convenience." It was looking forward to this visit that made Mrs. Ho pray as she did for strength, etc. We hope to go to-morrow if the weather clears up.

We have no wheel-barrows or carts here as they have in many other stations, so we generally do our travelling on foot, unless we go some distance, when we take chairs.

FROM A. E. THOR.

King-ngo, Kiang-si.

THE Lord has been very good to us at this place in giving us a good house to live in, and since He gave us the house He has kept us in perfect peace. We have a shop in front for a preaching hall where we hope the Lord will bring many sin-sick souls to hear the word of life.

We have not yet opened the preaching hall, as the Mandarins requested us not to do so while the students are here. For the past two months we have had several thousand students in the city, but they are now leaving.

Mr. Duff and I have a boat which we have found very useful. Mr. William Taylor and I took a journey in it about two months ago. The Lord was with us filling our souls with great joy, and helping us in speaking to the people, for our knowledge of the language is still very limited. Since we returned, Mr. Duff has been away and I have been quite alone; but I have been very happy indeed; alone with my Jesus among the Chinese. In the forenoon I study the language, and in the afternoon go on the street to sell books, and speak to the people about our God who is able to help in all things. The students have been very friendly, although some have been a little rough at times. I have been in some bad crowds where they have called me bad names, pulled the books out of my hand, torn up some of them before my eyes, saying they were "devil books." But praise God, I have been able to tell some of them about Jesus, and their lost state without Him. In the evening I take the meeting with our servant if no one else comes. I am glad to say the spirit of God is working with our servant. Pray with me that the Lord will soon save him, if he is not already saved.

He one day said, with tears in his eyes, that he wanted to give himself to the Lord; we prayed together, and since then he has been reading his Bible daily and seems to be trusting the Lord.

MISS M. BEE, writing from U-chee, Szechuen, on August 18th, says that a great flood has entirely changed the appearance of the valley in which they were living. Many houses were carried away but their inn was preserved. The 46th Psalm was given them for comfort during that trying night. Cholera has been very virulent in Chung-king and Ch'en-tu. In the latter place 300 corpses were carried out of the city in one day, and many were left unburied because the people could not obtain coffins. Her work of caring for their children whilst Dr. and Mrs. Parry were away in the North-West, being over, Miss Bee was longing to return to Ch'en-tu. The text God had given her months before, "Fear not, I have much people in this city," was still strong in her heart. "We war against principalities and powers; against wicked spirits in the heavens, but God is greater than the spirits. Some will wonder if we are not sorry we came to China. There is no privilege so great as that of doing the will of God. We would not change places with anyone."
Miss L. J. Kay and Miss C. Scott, who were feeling the need of rest and change, went to the Sanitorium at Che-foo at the end of July and stayed through August and September, returning to their stations in the beginning of October.

Miss Scott, writing on September 16th, says:—“We have had spiritual refreshment as well as physical benefit since coming together here, and I trust we shall all return to our stations better fitted to serve our Master with singleness of heart and to have the joy of leading precious souls to Him.”

Miss Scott also mentions that in the course of his visitations on the Kuang-sin river, Mr. Orr Ewing had the joy of baptizing fifty one converts at various stations, and he was greatly encouraged by the healthy state of soul which he found among the christians. It will be remembered that several of the lady workers from North America, are working in these stations, along with workers from England and Sweden.

Miss L. J. Kay writes from Shanghai, on October 12th:—“All who came out with us are well, but the Lord has called one—Bro. F. G. Saunders—into His immediate presence. His time was short in China, but he did good work both at Han-kow and in his studies. I wonder who will fill his place.

The Council meetings are just over and the house is full. We are having blessing in evangelistic meetings. The Lord is saving souls. Pray much for Shanghai, especially for the young here.”

Mr. J. S. Rough sends us the tidings that Mrs. Rough gave birth to a daughter on October 18th.

Mr. Wm. Taylor reached Kiu-kiang (from Chang-shu, in Kiang-si) on September 29th, and started back on October 18th, expecting to join his companion Mr. Lawson, who remained at Nan-k'ang fu.

Misses Gardiner and Power reached Kiu-kiang from Kuei-kí on October 1st; owing to contrary winds they have spent 3 weeks on the journey.

On October 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duff left Kiu-kiang in their own Mission boat en route for their station at Kih-ngan.

Another boat containing Misses McKenzie and Morrow, left on the same day. Miss McKenzie was returning to her station at Ih-yang, and Miss Morrow is going to Ho-keo for a time.

On October 15th, Mr. Baller, accompanied by Rev. S. Chapman from Australia (a member of the Australian Council of the C.I.M.) passed through Kiu-kiang on their way to the stations of the Kuang-sin river.

Mr. Orr Ewing is to reside at Kiu-kiang as the headquarters for his work in Kiang-si.

Many of our friends may remember that Mr. and Mrs. Rough are residing at Kiu-kiang, which is an open port on the river Yang-tsi, with foreign steamers calling every day, and with a resident British consul and many other foreigners. They have freely given up for a time, their beloved work in the interior, in order that they may fill a needy post, and render indispensable service to their fellow-workers. Mr. Rough is local secretary for the province of Kiang-si, and it is his duty and privilege to help those in the interior by forwarding mail matter, remittances, parcels, etc., and receiving mail matter, etc., from the province and forwarding to its destination.

He has to make purchases for those who wish him to do so, and to keep accounts with each Missionary. As there are over forty members of the Mission in Kiang-si, it will be seen that their life must needs be a busy one. We request prayer for our brother and sister, and for all who are occupied in the seemingly secular part of the Mission work.

Mr. Hollander, writing from Japan, says: “We are on the Inland Sea of Japan, a most picturesque stretch of enclosed ocean, an ideal poetic region. Early this morning we passed through the narrowest of channels—the entrance between two islands, where some clever gymnast might almost have jumped ashore. At Yokohama our ship dropped anchor at seven o’clock Sunday morning, and did not leave until Monday noon, so we had ample time to see the whole city. Our second cabin missionary party of eight (including members of other Missions) attended the Union Church on Sunday morning, where we were met by Rev. Mr. Austen of the Seamen’s Mission—and taken to his home to dinner. A meeting was held in the afternoon at the Naval Hospital, and in the evening at the Mission for Sailors and Seamen. We stayed the night with our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Austen, who did everything possible for our comfort and happiness. We all thoroughly enjoyed and very gratefully appreciated their kindness. We had a jinrikisha ride on Monday forenoon. Out of the great multitude of human beings crowding those narrow streets one sees so very few smiling and happy faces. How I wished I knew their language so that I might tell them about our loving Saviour. We visited the famous gardens of Yokohama, and also the Union Mission Girl’s School. The time was too short for us to go to Tokio on Monday, so I had to forego my visit to friends at that place. Mr. Austen accompanied us in his own boat to the ship, where he remained with us until we sailed.”

Mr. T. Urvy writing from Shanghai, says that after 23 hours sail from Yokohama the “Empress of India” reached Kobe where she stayed 10 hours. Our friends went on shore and visited many of the places of interest in the neighborhood. Leaving Kobe at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, the ship reached Nagasaki early on Thursday morning. The party went on shore for a little while to have a further glimpse of Japanese life, and then returned to the vessel and started on the last short stage of their journey to Shanghai.

The Steamer reached Shanghai on Saturday morning, November 5th, and the travellers were received with a hearty welcome at the Mission home. They spent a very happy time of fellowship with the older Missionaries in Shanghai, and expected to proceed up the river to the training home at Gan-king on the 9th November.

Rev. J. W. Stevenson, writing from Shanghai, on November 11th, says, “You will be very sorry to hear that Mr. Sibley is very ill with typhoid fever.” News in last night from Shao-ki-tien up to October 28th, says that he was very ill indeed and that Dr. Howard Taylor had arrived and was in attendance. We trust it may be the Lord’s will to raise up our dear brother for further service, and that He will comfort his dear wife in this time of severe trial.
Since our last issue we have been permitted to send forth two parties of Missionaries to China.

Mr. T. J. Hollander, from Omaha, Nebraska, and Mr. T. Urry, of Toronto, left us on October 11th in company with Mr. H. C. Burrows, from England (sent out by the London Council of the China Inland Mission). They sailed from Vancouver on the 17th, and we have heard from them of their safe arrival in Shanghai on November 5th.

On Friday, December 2nd, we bade farewell to Rev. E. F. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Knickerbocker and their son Harper, a bright boy of eight years old, from Hastings, Nebraska, and to Miss H. J. Rice, from Hartford, Connecticut, and Miss M. K. Stayner, of Toronto. We had a very crowded meeting in the rooms of the Mission House, 632 Church St., and the farewell testimonies of these dear friends were very cheering and helpful. After a happy time of fellowship around the Lord’s table, a number of friends accompanied them to the station, and they left for Vancouver, and China at 11.20 p.m.

We regret to state that Miss M. Scott still continues in a condition of much pain and weakness. She remains happy in the Lord, and is enabled to glorify God by her patience and steadfast faith amid her suffering. We desire to ask prayer on her behalf.

Mr. E. M. McBrier, from Ping-yao, Shan-si, who has recently been called home owing to his brother’s ill-health, was united in marriage to Miss C. Loucks, at Hermon, N.Y., on November 23rd.

Friends of the Mission who desire to arrange meetings for Mr. McBrier, within short distances of Lockport, N.Y., may address him directly at Lockport, N.Y.

During the past month Rev. J. McCarthy has been holding meetings in Buffalo, and in New York, Jersey City, and Brooklyn, where he is at present, meetings have been held almost every night, and often more than one meeting in the day. Considerable interest has been awakened in the work of the Mission, and some have been led to offer themselves to the Lord to go where He would have them go. Some who were unsaved have also been led to seek the Saviour.

Recent tidings from Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, confirm what we said in a previous issue about his restoration to his usual state of health. Mr. Taylor has been speaking at conventions and other meetings in Scotland, Ireland and England, and God has greatly used his testimony, not only to deepening the interest in Foreign Missions, and leading some to give themselves to God for His work, but also to the quickening and deepening of spiritual life in many hearts. We ask prayer for him.

Those interested in the welfare of the Mission will be glad to know that we were privileged to welcome to the Mission Home upon Nov. 26th. the Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Steven, the beloved friends who rendered such efficient service to the Mission during their sojourn here somewhat over a year ago. We are glad to announce that there came with them Miss E. Webb, who formerly lived and served at the city of Ch’en-tu in the province of Sze-chuen, and as well as elsewhere in China. These friends came direct from England and have the purpose of remaining with us for some time to come. Mr. Steven has undertaken to share with the Secretary the duties of the office and will, in addition, engage himself in deputation-work as opportunity shall offer. Mrs. Steven and Miss Webb will hope to render service in speaking at meetings and will be especially glad to address ladies’ meetings concerning work among the women of China. We ask particularly that prayer may be offered in behalf of these friends that their service and testimony may be in the power of the Holy Spirit. Will any person who may desire their services or who may be willing to arrange meetings in the interests of the Mission, kindly address the Secretary.

PRAYER MEETING FOR CHINA.

We would remind our friends that a prayer meeting for China is held at the home of the Mission, 632 Church St., Toronto, every Friday Evening, at 7.30. A very hearty invitation is given to all friends of the work in the neighborhood, and to friends from a distance who may be visiting the City.

Our friends at a distance may strengthen the hands of the Missionaries, and bring blessing upon China by gathering little bands of christians, who are interested in the work, to pray for China and the workers there.

We should be glad to communicate with any such praying bands, and to supply them with information and literature.

MAILS FOR CHINA.

Leave Vancouver, January 9th; San Francisco, December 24th, January 4th and 14th. Care should be taken in posting, to leave sufficient time for letters to reach the Steamers.

Postage to China from Canada and the United States 15c. per 4 oz. for letters.

Parcel Post from Canada to Shanghai, first pound 39c. each additional pound to 7 pounds, 31c.

Some friends in the United States when posting to us put 3c. stamps on their letters; a 2c. stamp only is necessary.

PARCELS SENT THROUGH THE MISSION.

Friends of the Missionaries who desire to send parcels by out-going parties, should take care that parcels reach the Mission Home, 632 Church St., Toronto, several days before the date of leaving, as packing cases have to be selected or made, to fit their proposed contents, and they must be packed in advance so as to assure their being ready for dispatch. Information as to out-going parties may be obtained from the Secretary.

The Mission cannot undertake the forwarding of perishable goods, otherwise than as freight and it will usually be cheaper to ship them direct to Shanghai, rather than sending to Toronto. In every case communication by letter with the Secretary should be held before heavy, bulky or perishable goods are forwarded to the care of the Mission.
# China Inland Mission

Names and Location of Workers from North America.

"Pray for Us."

**PROVINCE OF KAN-SUH.**

- Miss J. S. Iss
- Mrs. A. R. Saunders....Tai-yuen
- Miss R. M. Davenport....Tai-yuen
- Miss H. J. Rice....She-k'i-tien
- Miss L. J. Kay....Shanghai

**PROVINCE OF SHEN-SI.**

- Miss J. D. GARDNER....Tai-chou
- Miss H. G. BROWN....Tai-chou
- Miss K. B. STAYNER....Yang-chau
- Mrs. H. A. SIBLEY....Shek'tien
- J. E. Duff....Shanghai

**PROVINCE OF SHAN-SI.**

- Miss M. FAYRE....Kwei-chau
- Miss M. C. HENRY....Kwei-chau
- Miss M. BEE....Ch'en-tu
- Miss M. NELSON....Ch'en-tu

**PROVINCE OF HO-NAN.**

- Miss A. HASTINGS....Kwei-yang
- Miss HAYNES....Kwei-yang

**PROVINCE OF KIANG-SI.**

- Miss A. B. HORSBURGH....Yu-shan
- Miss H. D. Turner....Kuang-feng
- Miss E. A. THOR....Kiang-feng
- Mrs. G. H. DUFF....Kiang-feng

**PROVINCE OF SZE-CHUEN.**

- Miss S. ROBB....Hu-ywan
- Miss H. D. TAYLOR....Chang-shu
- Miss H. D. RIVIERE....Chang-shu

**PROVINCE OF NGAN-HWUI.**

- Miss C. SCOTT....Hu-ywan
- Miss R. TAYLOR....Chang-shu
- Miss T. URRY....Chang-shu

**AT HOME.**

- Miss M. SCOTT....Martintown, Ont.
- E. M. McBRIER....Lockport, N.Y.

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