THE above engraving shows the home and offices of the China Inland Mission at 632 Church street, Toronto. It is here that all the Mission business and secretarial work of the council for North America is carried on. CHINA'S MILLIONS and other literature of the Mission is also published from this office. The central weekly prayer meeting for China is held in the rooms every Friday evening. The Secretary and his family and other helpers in various departments of the work reside in the home, and candidates for missionary service are—after full correspondence—invited to spend a short time in the home for mutual acquaintance before a final decision is arrived at upon their cases. Will our friends, as they look upon the picture, pray for much grace and wisdom for each of the workers under this roof.
Among the Women of Honan.

FROM MISS E. M. LUCAS.

(Chan-kia-K'eo, Honan.)

HONAN (south of the river) is a large province, containing an area of 65,104 square miles, and having a population of 15,000,000 of souls. Its capital is K'ai-fung fu, in which city a colony of Jews has maintained its separate life and worship for centuries, and has only fallen away to heathenism and Mahometanism during the last generation, since the death of its last Rabbi. The China Inland Mission commenced itinerant work in the province in the year 1875, but it was not until 1884 that the first mission station was opened at Chau-kia K'eo, only on November 27th, 1887, were the first converts — nine in number — baptized and the first church formed. In 1891 the annual report showed that there were three stations (there are in addition some out stations and preaching places,) twenty missionaries, five native helpers and fifty-one communicants.

Our sister, Miss Lucas, from whose diary we give some extracts below, was one of the first party of missionaries who went from North America in September, 1888.

O'H may this year of service be marked by victory over self and sin, and the rescuing of many many Christless souls around us. We do need to be just emptied of self and filled with the Spirit if the work is to be successful; as soldiers of Christ we ought to be very loyal to our Captain, obedient to the smallest command.

This afternoon a nice old body came in to see me. She had heard Mrs. Koh, the rich inquirer, repeating her texts and hymns, and as she did not understand came to find out more for herself. During our conversation she asked me how old I was when I first believed. When I told her she replied, "Oh, I am too old." It was a real joy to be able to tell her that Jesus was ready and willing to save her.

Saturday.—Just a month has slipped by. Half of it has been spent away from home, as I was needing an entire rest from Chinese work. During my absence Miss Turner and Mrs. Shearer were much encouraged and helped in the work. One day they were called out to see a young girl in a part of the city not hitherto worked; the Lord blessed the medicine given and this opened up several homes to the gospel, and two or three women seem to be really interested. They were also instrumental in saving the life of a dear old lady in the same place.

AN EAGER DISCIPLE.

When the sisters first saw her they found her seemingly dying; her coffin, etc., was ready, as is usual with the Chinese. The girl listened to the gospel. I have since visited what is the good of preparing my coffin and her seemingly dying; her coffin, etc., was touched; they bring me all sorts of presents, of what anyone said against the doctrine.

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GOOD NEWS FROM SHUI-TSAI.

Monday.—Had a visit from Dr. Feng and Mr. Peng of Shui-tsaI. They told me that now four or five old ladies come to their little meeting held on Sundays; they are probably the ones whom we noticed as being so much interested when we preached the Gospel there about two months ago. Pray for their salvation.

Lately I have been called in to see three young women, apparently in a dying condition, and could do very little to help them as they need proper nursing and medical attendance. I tried to point them to the Great Physician, but in two of the three cases they were too ill to remember much of what I said; their homes were so dreary and uncomfortable and their minds almost a blank. These Chinese women often suffer great pain and privation for a long time and pass away, having had no joy in this life and no hope for the life to come!

Tuesday.—We have been having very heavy rains lately and the river has risen rapidly, on Saturday, we were not able to cross as the current was so strong, unless we walked some distance to another part of the city. It was a fine sight to see the water rushing past; branches of trees were hurled along in the current, and those who ventured out with their boats had a good deal of difficulty in managing them. The water seems still to be rising.

A GOD OF DELIVERANCES.

There have been two very encouraging answers to prayer in connection with the men's work here, which will probably interest those who are specially praying for this station.

Two brothers, members of the Church, whose occupation is box-making, have for some time past been suffering great persecution because they would not subscribe money for idolatrous purposes. Much prayer was made for them, but matters only seemed to get worse; one of their men was beaten and the persecutors seemed bent on doing their utmost to bring about a law-suit. Mr. Coulthard encouraged the brethren to keep on praying in faith that the Lord would interpose, and He did as usual not disappoint His children.

A few days ago these subscriptions were collected, but praise the Lord, the box-makers house was passed by. Mr. Coulthard afterwards found out that the members of the Roman Catholic Church here had been suffering in the same way; they took their case before the magistrate who decided in their favour. Probably this came to the knowledge of those who were tormenting our brethren and thus the persecution ceased. Is not our God a God of deliverances?

THE OPIUM SLAVE SET FREE.

Another cause for praise is that an opium smoker who has been enquiring about the "way of life" for some time, has been enabled to break off his opium habit through simple faith in the power of the Lord Jesus to heal. It appears that he said "If the Lord Jesus could raise Lazarus from the dead HE can also deliver me from this opium craving."

He did not ask for the ordinary remedies used to break off opium, and beyond a little quinine and a slight astringent, took nothing to help him when the craving came on.
Praise the Lord he now seems to be very happy and is earnestly wishing to be baptized and return to his home to tell his people about the love and power of the Saviour. Please pray that he may be kept faithful.

Mrs. Kao and I have just paid two visits in the neighbourhood and were much encouraged. The first was to Mrs. Li the Mahometan woman who calls herself my adopted mother. It is pleasing to see her growing interest in the Gospel. At one time she did not attend the meetings very regularly; last Saturday I made it a special matter of prayer that she should come on the following Sunday, the Lord heard and answered; Mrs. Kao told her this and she was greatly impressed. She accounted for her absence lately through ill-health. One of her sons is an opium smoker and unable to do any work. We mentioned the case of the man who has lately broken off the habit in answer to prayer, and she seemed very anxious that her son should also learn to trust the Lord Jesus and be delivered from the terrible bonds of the devil.

**Cruel Surgery.**

**Saturday.—** Almost every afternoon during this week I have been out visiting in the neighbourhood and, with but one exception, have had good times. We have not had great numbers in for medicine; I suppose the women fear to go out during this hot weather. As an instance of some of the cruel Chinese practices in treating sick people, I give the following: A young girl came with very bad eyes; a large piece of flesh had formed in one corner. I told her I was unable to help her; some woman standing by at the time said: "O go to an old woman and get her to prick it with a needle!" This is a common custom in China and is the cause of much unnecessary suffering.

Thank God the water has gone down. One night it was so high that it was feared it would overflow some part of the city which lies very low; a great number of men and some mandarins remained on the banks to watch; but the Lord's people were praying, and He who rules the wind and the waves said: "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." We did not know till next morning how great the danger had been.

**Preaching and Healing.**

**Tuesday.—** A very busy day. Women began to arrive about 6.30 a.m. Our rule is not to see patients before breakfast, and while they wait the servants teach them. By the time the bell rang for Chinese prayers quite a little company had gathered and Miss Turner led the meeting in the Chapel. After this I was kept busy giving out medicines till 10.30 and then had to go to the teacher, Miss Turner, taking those women who remained on to learn more of the gospel. Amongst our visitors yesterday was Mrs. Koh, the enquirer who was so very ill some months ago. She is wonderfully better and so grateful to God and to Dr. Taylor for relief given. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer who have been away visiting in the country for a few days returned during the afternoon. They brought back encouraging news of the five women at Shui-tsai, mentioned above. They all seem to be thoroughly in earnest; one of the number used to be very unhappy and attempted to take her life several times by poison and hanging. Praise the Lord she never succeeded. Since her conversion she is a changed woman; she says her husband is also interested in the gospel and treats her much better.

At 4.30 p.m, I went to see a young woman who was very ill, the result of a fit of passion. We had a good time preaching the gospel.

**Progress in Southern Kiang-si.**

It was in September, 1888, that the work of the China Inland Mission in North America was formally inaugurated by the sailing of a band of fourteen young missionaries for China in company with Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, the General Director of the Mission. After a year spent in the training home at Gan-king and in one or two journeys, four of the young men of this party—Messrs. Lawson, Duff, Horne and Meikle, with Mr. Rough, who went out six months later—accompanied by Mr. F. A. Steven, proceeded on a pioneer journey, with a view to commencing work in the southern part of the Province of Kiang-si.

The work has been, and is still difficult and often discouraging, but in all work for God we are called upon to find our encouragement in the sure promises of God and not in the circumstances which surround us. Our brethren have been privileged, however, to see some souls coming out of darkness into light through their preaching. A station has been opened in the city of Feng-k'ang, near to the prefectural city of Kan-chau in the far south, and here Missrs. Horne, Meikle and Marshall are making their home until the Lord sees fit to give them an open door into the larger prefectural city.

At Ki-ngan, Mr. Geo. Duff was much alone for a time, though he was cheered by occasional visits from other brethren, and more lately he has been joined by Mr. Thor. In the fall of last year Mr. Duff was united in marriage to Miss Fitzsimons, who had previously been labouring at Kuang-feng with Miss Turner. Mrs. Duff—from whose recent letters we give a few extracts below—is the only lady missionary in the south of Kiang-si, and, as she has no native Christian woman to help her as yet, she is the only representative of Jesus to her sisters in that wide district. One Christian lady among over three millions of heathen women and girls!

Mr. Lawson and Mr. Taylor—from whom we printed some news in our January issue—have been making the large town of Chang-shu their headquarters for two years past. They have recently been compelled by opposition to leave the place, and they were at the time when they last wrote preaching the gospel in the city of Feng-chen hsien, and seeking from the Lord a location in that city.

At the present time these seven men and one woman are seeking to carry the gospel to seven or eight millions of souls who are perishing for lack of that very gospel. Oh that many earnest, true-hearted workers, who might go, would go, for the sake of Him who sacrificed and suffered so much for them, to carry the light to these dark homes and lives.

**FROM MRS. C. H. DUFF.**

(Ki-ngan, Kiang-si.)

November 28th, 1892.

We are looking for real blessing here, really expecting God to work through us soon. As you know Mr. Duff has been here for about three years now, and no doubt much good has been done, though we cannot see much as yet. Many of the people have come to know and trust the foreigner. Thousands have heard about our Saviour, many have bought and read books and tracts, both in the city and in the surrounding towns and country villages, and now at last we are comfortably settled in a home and are living quietly and happily among the heathen, "under His shadow." Our house is on a busy street and is convenient
for work among both sexes. There is a shop in the front where the brethren sell books and preach to those who come in every afternoon. They also hold evangelistic meetings in the evenings, where from twenty to fifty hear the Gospel five nights in the week. Praise God for every precious promise to the seed sowers! Just as sure as the seed is sown will there be a harvest, for His Word cannot return void. It is blessed and cheering work when we remember that “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God,” but “how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard.” How much we have to thank God for since “unto us who are less than the least of all saints is this grace given, that we should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

REACHING THE WOMEN.

You will be glad to hear too that the women come under the sound of the Gospel from time to time. Our “home” is separate from the shop, and here, in a nice, comfortable “guest hall,” I receive my women. A few come regularly now to my class, and I have numbers of outsiders too. Yesterday the “guest hall” was full from door to door, and they listened very attentively when I gave them to understand I was going to talk of nothing but the Gospel. They often have innumerable questions to ask about almost everything but about their own souls. I told them so, and then one woman wanted to know if a woman whose husband was dead and who had no one to scold her and make her quarrel, had sins, etc. I talked to them then about the different sins, and how we all had sin, and reminded them of the fact that it was often the fault of the wife when the husband scolded. Immediately after this an elderly woman who was sitting in the middle of the crowd jumped up and said: “I have troubled you, ma’am, but now I am going home, and when my old man scolds I won’t utter one word, and I’ll come again on the 15th to hear more.” She bowed politely and went out. May the Holy Spirit lead her not only to come back and hear more, but also lead her “into all truth.”

PRAY FOR KI-NGAN.

There are many little ones about us to be taught, and work enough to keep two busy all the time. You all pray for us, we know, but I ask special prayer for the women’s work at Ki-ngan and for my own woman, Mrs. Chang. We like her much and have hopes that she will soon grasp the truth and be saved. I miss my own dear Bible woman much and long to have a Christian woman to help me. The Lord will supply all our needs in His own time and way.

Mr. Thor visits the city of Tai-ho, ninety li away from here, regularly, hoping to open it and be able to live there. The people seem friendly and he likes the place. You might also ask God not only to open that city but also the hearts of many there to receive Christ.

VISITING AMONG THE CHINESE.

I went to our landlord’s house one day. His mother came for us to go and see his wife who is in consumption, and some of the neighbouring women came in to see and hear me, but did not seem curious at all. One old woman took my hand and escorted me across the road to the inn where Mr. Duff lived for over two years. I saw his old room and the guest hall in which they dined and received visitors. The old dog knew him and seemed so pleased to see him again, jumping up on him and whining with evident pleasure. I can scarcely believe it is possible for me to go about here as I do now with so much comfort and so little annoyance, for after two years in Kuang-feng the people seemed more curious and more suspicious of the foreigner than they are here. I will soon be able to visit the homes around us in the back streets, and would do so now if I had a bible woman, however I must just take Mrs. Chang as an escort and begin to work alone. The women are very nice and give me many invitations into their homes. I know numbers by seeing them here, but I want to know and visit them in their own homes.

MR. JOHN MEIKLE

writing from Feng-kang, in the far south of Kiang-si, says:—“How good the Lord is in supplying our needs and in raising up so many liberal friends. We are especially thankful for the fellowship of the Chinese Sunday schools. I have told some of the native Christians in several places about these Chinese Christians in America, that it might stir them up to be more liberal for the cause of Christ among their heathen brethren. Being out of health recently I went down to Kiu-kiang for a change, and greatly enjoyed the little stay with Mr. and Mrs. Rough, and I brought back with me another helper for Kan-chau in the person of Brother Marshall. We were all very glad of this addition for the work’s sake.

“We are still holding the fort here and many come to our meetings, but few if any lay the truth to heart. Many seem to be growing hardened in heart against the gospel. They cling to the idols which their forefathers worshipped. A few days ago I bought myself a little horse for twenty Mexican dollars—fifteen dollars gold—including the saddle. I hope that (D.V.) after the hot weather is over Bobby and I will be able to carry the blessed gospel to many places in the “Regions beyond” us. At present the weather is at its hottest. A short time ago we had four men coming to us as enquirers, but through fear of the threats of men three of them have dropped off and come no more. In Kan-chau itself the enquirers have dwindled down to one, in addition to our own servants, who are all Kan-chau men. We thank God for our teacher; he is a great help to us in getting the language. Teachers are difficult to obtain in new places, as every man is afraid of his neighbour and so shrinks from helping the foreigner.

“The great Prefectural examinations are just over in Kan-chau, and things will be quieter again for another three years. We are again trying to obtain a house there. Please pray that God may guide us to the right house at the right time in this dark city.”

On the Si-ngan Plain.

THE work of the China Inland Mission in the province of Shen-si was begun in 1876 by itinerant missionary journeys, and in 1879 the first station was opened in the city of Han-chung Fu, which is the capital of the province. There were in the province at the end of 1891 five stations, with twenty-nine missionaries (several of whom are only in the province pro tem. however) and thirteen native helpers. The total number of communicants was 201, of whom 71 were baptized in the two years, 1890-91.
below. Up to the present time it has been found impracticable to obtain a settlement in Si-ngan but the Gospel has very frequently been preached in the streets of the city, and a constant and effective system of itineration has been carried on among the cities and towns on the Si-ngan plain ever since 1888.

The station at Feng-tsiang-fu is now occupied as a centre for these missionary journeys, as well as for more settled work in the city itself. Mr. and Mrs. Botham, and Messrs. Redfern, Bland and Laguerquist make their home there, and six associates of the Mission, sent out by the American Scandinavian Alliance, joined them last year. Mr. W. G. Laguerquist, a portion of whose diary we give below, is a Swede by birth, but has lived a great part of his life in America. He left for China in October, 1890, in company with Messrs. Duff, Taylor, Marshall and Thor.

FROM MR. W. G. LAGUERQUIST.
(Feng-tsiang Fu, Shen-i.)
THE Lord is blessing us here. Praise His name! We are having quite a large number of visitors both men and women, but cannot do much work until our house is repaired as we have no place in which to hold services at present. Our Loving Father is blessing the little medical work we are doing, and we hear almost daily of some of our patients who have become well, and in many cases this is after they have been given up by native doctors in the city. Truly our God is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-anwsering God. We know so little about medicine and have but little to work with, but we lay every case before Him and He hears our prayers.

The people are becoming alarmed around here as we have had no rain for a long time, and unless some comes soon there will be a famine; the spring crops being almost ruined now for want of rain. The mandarin has issued an order to make special prayer to the gods, and also commanded that no meat be killed until the rain comes.

A JOURNEY BY CART.

Yesterday we received a letter from Mr. Taylor saying that six of the Swedish brethren had been designated to this district, and could come as soon as we would go for them. We had just been saying we could hardly take in the whole district because we were so few, and now He has shown us again that He is able to provide.

I had a patient from the mandarin's office which caused me to be rather fearful, as his hand had to be lanced and I had no proper lance to use: but my Father heard my cry and the operation was performed as well as I could wish.

The people are much distressed here as no rain or snow has fallen yet. The South gate has been shut, as they say that the drought comes from the south and they shut the gate in order to stop it. Sometimes it looks as though there would be a heavy shower, and then the people rush into the houses and begin to burn incense, but a wind springing up soon scatters the clouds again.

FROM MISS C. J. SCOTT.
(Hwuy-chau, Ngan-hwui.)
December 20th, 1892.
We are very thankful to be back in dear old Hwuy-chau again, and feel confident in God that our returning shall be for His glory. Wasn't this a re-assuring prayer-answering experience. I hired a one-horse cart as it would be as cheap as a horse alone, and the servant could then ride with me. The weather is getting very warm, still no rain has come and the fields are looking bad.

We reached Si-ngan this morning. On the west side of the city, about three li distant, stands the well known Nestorian Tablet. It is covered by a shed, and surrounded by the ruins of an old temple and the supposed foundation of the old Christian church. A short distance from these ruins stands a large white marble font about four feet high and eight or more feet in circumference, beautifully carved on the sides, and near the font lies a very large bell. An old priest who lives in a small temple near, tries to make a living by getting money from those who come to look at the stones.

Si-ngan is a city with half a million or more inhabitants; the people seem to be busy and well-to-do, but I am sorry to say there is no one to tell them of Jesus.

(To be continued.)

Extracts from Letters and Journals.

Christian nor pass a solitary place where Christ's dear name is preached. You know something of our feelings as we travelled through two large cities, several towns, and scores of villages and knew that in not one of them, though they seemed so easily accessible for itinerant work at least, was there a witness for our Jesus, the only one who is able to save the people from the sorrow and sin which they complain of. We had a good many opportunities of telling the gospel as we journeyed over land and rested in inns at nights, and we sold not a few books. We had an immense hill to cross which took us about a day. It is sixty li from base to base.

A RARE EXPERIENCE.

On this day's journey there was no rice to be bought, but God provided very palatable 'scobs' for us. They were made of cornmeal, some of them filled with garlic and leeks, the others with salted cabbage. Arriving home we found the dear native Christians well and bright. It was a great joy to them and to us to be together again. Only goodness and mercy have followed us and will to the end. It is with deep gratitude that our restored strength and excellent health are dedicated to Him for His use and for His glory.

One of our women has been suffering much persecution lately for the gospel's sake. She is not yet baptized but we feel sure she is truly the Lord's. You may remember my writing of her in the former part of this year. Mrs. Lao Peh. She came to the Evangelist's house a few days ago, her face red and eyes swollen with crying. Miss Ross and I found her there and saw the cause. Her neck, wrists and hands were bruised and bleeding from being beaten by her relatives for coming near us and believing the doctrines we preach. We knead down there and then to commend her to God and to pray for her persecutors. She continues coming as before and is as earnest as ever.
FROM MISS A. B. HORSBURGH.
(Yuk-shan, Kiang-si.)

DECEMBER 17TH, 1892.

We have been kept very well during the rainy season and now we are having a very cold snap. The thermometer in my room was 35 deg. for several days, that is widely different from 100 deg., as we had it in our room in the summer, and we find the benefit of our foot-warmers and a great many clothes. The ice is fully an eighth of an inch thick everywhere.

We had letters two days ago from Miss Guex and Mrs. Lachlan, they expect to be here soon, possibly by the new year they say.

Ts'iang Sien-seng, the pastor, has been for a week at Ho k'eo. They have had no pastor there since Ho Sien-seng died, so Ts'iang Sien-seng went to attend the funeral of one of their church members. He has gone to-day to conduct the services at Hsing keng to-morrow. We are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Orr Ewing and two children here for the new year.

COME AND HELP US.

Last Thursday a man came here from a distance of forty li, asking if some of us would go to his village and preach the gospel. A friend of his had heard some one preach at another place and he came home and told his friends. They thought it a very good doctrine, so this man came all that distance to get some one to return with him. We could not go that day, but on Monday (D.V.) some of the sisters will go. I am sure that you will pray that the whole village, which is a very large one, may turn to the Lord. There are many all around us who are interested in the gospel. It is so good of the Lord to let us see His lambs being gathered into the fold. We must pray and work that they may be kept from stumbling.

I received the lesson scroll safely. Thank you very much for your kind thought for the children. I taught the first lesson with it on Sunday afternoon. I told them how it came to me, how that perhaps 300 or 400 children gathered together in one Sunday school every Sunday to study the Bible, and how that in studying these lessons they had thought of the little children in China who had no pictures to help them understand the truth, so they had sent this scroll here to China. They were so delighted and thought it very wonderful and wished me to write and send thanks to the Sunday school for sending them the pretty pictures. They are dear children and are improving in every way. They do want to be good and to please the Lord, but they are still children and are just as ready to forget and do naughty things as the little girls at home; but I believe every one of them is saved though they are not members of the church yet.

FROM MR. H. A. SIBLEY.
(She-ki-tien, Ho-nan.)

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1892.

IN regard to the false rumours about us mentioned by Mrs. Sibley, we since learn that two officials have been sent from the capital with instructions to inform the people here that the reports about us are all false and that we are not to be molested, and this seems to quiet them. Again Satan is baffled and our faith in God is more firmly rooted. We are glad now that we fully trusted His wisdom and Fatherly care. Would you like to know why the people are so deluded and misled? If so, just come to the street door with me and you can see for yourself. This is the day for the worship of the devil, which takes place yearly, and the procession is about to pass. First we see a group of nicely dressed young men and boys with fine banners on long bamboo poles, then the band made up of two large kettle drums, four or five squeaky clarionets and a pair of cymbals. Then comes a paper image of "the devil" in a tiny, clumsy waggon. The image must be eight or nine feet in height and the face is extremely hideous.

Following are two small images, one white and the other black, a few more ugly figures, and men with their faces of different shapes and sizes and the procession is finished.

The two smaller images are little devils who receive the souls of those entering hell, and the others are less important evil spirits. When the devil is so worshipped, feared and adored, is it any wonder the deluded people are ready to believe any lie he originates?

REV. E. F. KNICKERBOCKER
writing from Shanghai, on Jan. 2nd, says: "We saw land first at 8 p.m. on New Year's eve, and our hearts went up to God in praise that our eyes at last beheld the land to which God in His grace had drawn us. We went on board the tender at the Woosung anchorage, but the boat had to call at the Empress of Japan which was about to sail for Vancouver, so that by the time we landed at the dock in Shanghai it was 11.30 p.m. Friends from the Mission house had been waiting for us until 11 o'clock and had then given us counties until the following morning. Mr. Thistle, a fellow-passenger, who is a resident in Shanghai, kindly helped us in getting jinricchas and in directing the men, and he also accompanied us to the Mission house. It was a beautiful moonlight night, and although it was cold we enjoyed the ride very much. While we were whirling along the " bund" (esplanade) one of the ships in the river sounded "eight bells"; thus we saw the old year pass away and the new take its place before we reached the Mission house. We received a very warm welcome even at this untimely hour of the night from Miss Kay and others, and after a good rest we met Mr. Stevenson and a good many other friends in the morning.

DAYS OF BLESSING.

During the last few days a very blessed work has been done among the seamen here. There are several men-of-war in port just now, and several official meetings have been held in the C.I.M. hall. A great number of the sailors have been led to receive Christ as their Saviour. Last evening (Sunday) the last of these meetings was held. I enjoyed it very much. The Spirit's presence was manifest in power: several men decided for Christ. Mr. Russell spoke from the words: "God... now commandeth all men everywhere to repent," and Mr. Hardman from the words: "God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." We find this Home very similar to that in To Ts'ing. The same spirit pervades each of them. Mr. J. E. Duff is away for a few days and Mr. Hardman is attending to his duties during his absence. Miss Williamson has just returned from Yung-chau where I am told they had a very blessed conference of the workers in Kiang-su province.

All the members of our party are quite writing. Our little boy, Harper, is himself quite as well as at home and he makes friends very rapidly with the Chinese. We are so thankful that our Father has led us here. We trust Him for every thing in this land. If we are to be of any service to Him it can only be as He qualifies us. I realize how little I know and then again I realize how much I know, for I know Jesus.

MISS K. B. STAYNER
in a letter dated Shanghai, January 7th, speaks of the privilege of being in the mission home in Shanghai, particularly as a very helpful series of Bible readings being given by Mr. Sloan. She says: "We have not seen anything of this native city yet, but have been out a good deal in the English and American settlements, so thus far I am unable to give my impressions of a real Chinese city. Not that the native streets of Yokohama did I in any degree realize what an awful thing a heathen city or land is, and I feel it still more since arriving here. As the crowds of rowdy men and children stream past one the words "without hope" seem to haunt one. I do not see how people could ever settle down to live in a heathen land except as missionaries."

MISS L. J. KAY
writing on the same date, says: A party of seven arrived from England on Wednesday. This, with the American party, makes eleven new missionaries in the first five days of the year. Mr. W. Sloan and Mr. Stayner are here and we have a full house. We are all well in the home and every one is busy. The Lord is working among the sailors and others, and souls are being saved. Very encouraging letters are also being received from the interior.

REV. J. W. STEVENSON
writing on Jan. 7th, tells of the arrival, in the early morning of January 1st, of Rev. E. and Mrs. Knickerbocker and son, Miss Rice and Miss Stayner—accompanied by Miss Berford, who is on a visit. Mr. Stevenson also says: "You will be pleased to hear that last year was a year of greater blessing than ever before as far as baptisms are concerned; and we are trusting God for greater things yet. There is indeed "a sound of abundance of gain.""
CHINA’S MILLIONS (NORTH AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT.)

Home Notes.

FALLEN ASLEEP.

It is with much sorrow that we record the removal of earthly service of our beloved sister and fellow labourer for China, Miss Maggie H. Scott. She returned from China in the spring of last year, in failing health, and after several months of patient and cheerful bearing of the Lord’s will, she fell on sleep in the early morning of Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at the family home.

On Page 21 our readers will see a note by Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, mentioning the arrival in England of Messrs. Frost, Helmer and Nasmith, of the North American Council of the Mission. Letters received from our friends tell of much spiritual blessing and of many opportunities for useful service. On the voyage across the Atlantic they had services on the Sabbath, and some souls were blessed. Mr. Frost had the privilege of addressing a prayer meeting of 1,000 people in the late Mr. Spurgeon’s tabernacle, and he was also appointed to take part, along with Mr. Hudson Taylor, in meetings at Cambridge University and elsewhere. We expect our friends to be with us again about the end of March.

A MENDICANT MONK OF THIBET.

The Thibetan whose picture Mr. Cormack has drawn for us on page 18, appears to be a priest or monk of the Buddhist religion. It is said to be a rule in Thibet for one son out of three, or two sons out of five, to enter the monastic life, and as there are large numbers in excess of what are needed for the service of the Lamaseries or monasteries, many of them obtain a scanty livelihood by begging from house to house. They often cross the frontier into China proper and collect rice and a little money for the service of the Lamaseries or monasteries, many of them obtaining a scanty livelihood by begging from house to house. They often cross the frontier into China proper and collect rice and a little money for the service of the Lamaseries or monasteries. They often come over the frontier into China proper and collect rice and a little money for the service of the Lamaseries or monasteries. They often cross the frontier into China proper and collect rice and a little money for the service of the Lamaseries or monasteries. They often cross the frontier into China proper and collect rice and a little money for the service of the Lamaseries or monasteries.

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PRAYER MEETING FOR CHINA.

A weekly prayer meeting for China is held at the Mission Home, 632 Church St., Toronto, every Friday evening at 8 p.m. A very hearty invitation is given to all friends of the work in the neighbourhood, and to those 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 groups 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.

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We shall greatly value the fellowship in service of friends who read and appreciate CHINA’S MILLIONS, if they will hand their copies—with a word of commendation—to their friends, and will let it be known in their circle of friends or in their church or society that they will receive and forward subscriptions (50 cents a year) to the Secretary of the Mission.

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Some of our readers are in the habit of sending subscriptions and a list of names of friends to whom they wish CHINA’S MILLIONS to be sent for a year, and this is a very helpful way of spreading an interest in the Lord’s work.

Some friends have done valuable service by ordering a number of copies every month and distributing them judiciously and prayerfully among Christian people. One friend took 50 copies, another, fifty copies monthly. We shall make a large reduction on quantities for free distribution.

The greater part of our monthly issue is sent gratis to those who have given donations to the funds of the Mission. It sometimes happens that where there are two or more donors in one family, duplicate copies are sent to the same house. We should be grateful if our friends would kindly send us a postal card asking us to withhold any duplicates which are not being made use of.

Will those who are intending to subscribe for CHINA’S MILLIONS kindly note that we enter new subscriptions to commence either with January or July, as may be desired. The January issue commenced a new series, in which several changes will be noticed. We shall preserve an abundant supply of each number so that new subscribers may be sure of obtaining the back numbers which they order.

Certain changes in the publication of CHINA’S MILLIONS are now pending, which will, we trust, enable us to send out the paper regularly on the 15th of each month.

Will friends kindly notify us at once, by postal card, of changes of address.

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"Mount Joy," near to Martintown, Ont. The funeral took place at Martintown on Thursday, February 9th. A service was conducted at the house and a short address was delivered by Rev. J. McCarthy, for twenty-six years a missionary of the C. I. M., under whose superintendence Miss Scott worked during a part of her time in China.

We purpose giving a portrait and sketch of Miss Scott’s life history in our March issue.
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