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THE
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of the
CANTON MISSION
For the Year 1897.

I. MISSIONARIES.

Canton: J. G. Kerr, M.D., and Mrs. Kerr; Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D., and Mrs. Henry; Rev. A. A. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton; Rev. Andrew Beattie and Mrs. Beattie; J. M. Swan, M.D., and Mrs. Swan; Miss H. Noyes; Miss E. M. Butler; Miss M. H. Fulton, M.D.; Miss Henry.

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Christian College: Rev. J. J. Boggs and Mrs. Boggs, M.D., Rev. E. W. Thwing and Mrs. Thwing.

In the U.S.: Rev. H. V. Noyes, D.D., and Mrs. Noyes; Miss Lewis, Rev. E. P. Fisher, and M. W. Niles, M.D.

For many years the Annual Mission Meeting has been held in January. Last year, however, it was decided to meet in October. This year's report, therefore, covers only the first nine months of the year.
In looking back over these months it is worthy of note that there has been an entire absence of rioting or of disturbances of any kind. It has been a time of quiet, faithful work with encouraging results. From all parts of the field most encouraging reports have been received. The heavy "cut" on the appropriations resulted in the closing of many of the day schools and in curtailing the work in many departments. Great care was taken to prevent the evangelistic work from suffering, and it is gratifying to record that during the nine months of this year there have been more additions to the Church than during any previous year. The number of inquirers has also greatly increased.

Dr. Kerr was absent from Canton for three months answering a professional call in Peking.

In June Mrs. A. A. Fulton returned to the mission after a furlough in the U.S., and during the same month Dr. and Mrs. Noyes left for the United States for a well-earned rest, and Dr. Niles returned to the U.S. with her father who had been spending some months in Canton.

There has been considerable sickness in the mission during the year. The most serious was the illness of Mrs. Lingle, who was dangerously ill for some weeks but is now slowly recovering. Dr. Henry has suffered for weeks with iritis which threatens to impair the sight of one of his eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were obliged to leave their field for several months and seek rest and health in Macao.

We record our gratitude to God, however, for sparing the lives of all our workers and permitting us to meet together in our Annual Meeting with cheering reports from all the stations and with a bright outlook for the coming year.

II. CHURCHES.

There are now 19 Churches in the mission with an aggregate membership of 1877. The additions during the nine months have been 240. The Second Church and the San Ning Church are now self-supporting, and the Sam Kong and Third Churches pay one half of the pastor's salary, while all the churches contribute more or less to the expenses of the Church. Those who have charge are constantly on
the alert to put the Churches on a self-supporting basis. It is gratifying to be able to report that the Christians are becoming increasingly sensible of their responsibility in the matter of giving. And it is very noticeable that as the spiritual life of the members increases and they become more interested in the work their contributions become more liberal. The returns of the Churches are not complete but the Churches that have reported show an increase.

(1) The following seven Churches are in charge of the Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D.

*Second Church.*—In this Church the various forms of Christian activity have been carried on with considerable zeal and success. The attendance at services has been good, at times filling the large audience room to its utmost capacity. Quarterly meetings of all the Christians in Canton have been held in this Church, and have been attended by large numbers from all the Churches. The Church has continued its support of a native preacher, who has done the principal work of preaching. The Church has contributed to various forms of Christian work to the amount of several hundred dollars. Christian Endeavour Societies have been kept up. Since the beginning of the year 55 new members have been received, a large proportion being from the Canton Seminary and work among the women, and from the interior. The Church has suffered a severe loss in the death of its senior elder, Dr. Mak To Ki. Two new elders have been ordained. It has been necessary to exclude several from the Church on account of unchristian conduct.

(2) *Third Church.*—Through the liberality of one of the elders this Church has been able to engage a native preacher, who has been doing excellent service during the year. Special meetings for Bible study have been held in the evening. The Christian Endeavour Society has been helpful. The number of inquirers and applicants for baptism has increased. Several who were most anxious to receive baptism have been prevented by relatives.

(3) *Shek Lung.*—The interest developed in the previous year has continued in a good degree. The members have shown a desire to help the work financially and by personal work among the people.
The services have been unusually well attended, the chapel being oftentimes so crowded as to leave no standing room. Their efforts to secure a more commodious place of worship have been hindered by the death of several of the most prominent members. There has been a good deal of petty persecution. The members have shown a good spirit and their influence is extending.

(4) Liu Po.—The Christians at this place have purchased a lot on which they hope to erect a chapel. Services have been held regularly at several points. No special interest has been manifested, but the work has gone on steadily. The people in the neighbourhood are friendly. The membership has been considerably reduced by the organization of a new Church at Yeung Mui.

(5) Yeung Mui.—By direction of Presbytery this Church was organized in March 1897. Eighty-two members brought letters of dismission from the Liu Po Church. One elder was ordained. The members of this Church with but few exceptions are Hakkas, and all belong to the agricultural class. They show simple faith and a good degree of interest in the services, but few of them are educated and all are rather poor. Several have suffered persecution, but at present peace prevails.

(6) Poon Fa (formerly Tai Kat).—The Mission having given up the out-station at Tai Kat, the name of this Church was, by permission of Presbytery, changed to Poon Fa. Regular services have been held at three different points with fairly good attendance. The members being widely scattered, there have been no large gatherings. There have been a number of inquirers at each point, but very few have come forward for baptism.

(7) Lung Tam.—The members of this Church have met regularly in the chapel at Lung Tam, or in the house of one of the members at Ko Po. At the latter place a good degree of interest has been manifested, and a number of applicants for baptism have come forward. Amongst those baptized was a professional geomancer and fortune-teller, whose conversion was rather remarkable. He made a complete change in his life and habits, sought out a younger brother in Canton and brought him to accept the truth. These two brothers after long absence have
set out for their home in the Kiangsi Province, where they hope to bring friends and relatives to accept the Gospel.

Five Churches are in charge of Rev. A. A. Fulton.

(8) Canton First Church.—The attendance has been better at this Church than during any preceding year. The chapel is small, and at Communion Services there is difficulty in seating the Communicants. Medical work under the charge of Dr. Mary Fulton has greatly aided in the work of evangelization, and many women of the better classes have frequently attended our services on Sunday. The Christian Endeavor Society, by requiring each member to lead the meeting in turn, promotes efficiency among the workers, and stimulates to greater earnestness. With a larger building in a better locality there is no doubt but the increase in membership would be greatly augmented.

(9) San Ui Church.—Organized in 1897, with 12 members.

This Church is situated in the city of San Ui, in one of the strongholds of idolatry, and was the first Presbyterian Church in the region known as the 'Four Districts.' Much sowing has taken place, and the outlook for many years strongly tested our faith and patience. But steadfast work is not in vain, and better results have been reached this year than during many years of previous work. The members subscribed money, and fitted up a room for Bible study in the evening, and the number of inquirers is now large, and is increasing. During several months medical aid was given by a native doctor. The membership already tests the capacity of the chapel, and the members are agitating for a new building.

(10) San Ning Church.—Organized in 1891 with 12 members.

The new Church building, completed at a cost of $6,000, has furnished fine facilities for meetings on Sabbath, and for services in the evening.

The slight opposition met with in constructing the building has entirely disappeared, and a spirit of friendliness everywhere appears. The debt of $1,000, which remained after completing the building, has been paid, and the Church is now contributing not only all of its own
expenses, but helping in the support of work carried on in an adjacent market town.

Nine hundred and twenty dollars was recently received from Chinese members, in California to be placed in the bank as a permanent fund towards salary of the native preacher in this Church. The attendance at the last communion service nearly filled the Chapel. The actual increase in membership has not been large, but the number of inquirers was never so great.

(11) Chik Hom Church.—Organized in 1882, with 19 members.

The members of this Church still meet at Tsung Shu, ten miles West of Chik Hom, where we have a new chapel, with a seating capacity of 200, which is unequal to the numbers present at our Communion services, many of whom are not members, but inquirers.

The native doctor has dispensed medicine here, and hundreds of women have been reached by this agency, and through the earnest work of the Bible woman, LUK Sz NAI. The outlook here is very encouraging.

(12) No Foo Church.—In Yan Ping District, fifteen miles South East of Yan Ping.

This Church was organized, by permission of Presbytery, on the 26th of September with 32 members, and one elder, LI HOK SHING. The members become responsible for the rent of the Church. The organization of the Church is the outcome of nearly 20 years of patient sowing, planting and watering, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging. The members are occupying a chapel suitable for street preaching but not equal to the needs of the growing congregation. Already nearly $100 have been subscribed to purchase a site, and one of the strongest members of the Church is in America, and hopes to secure from the Chinese a sum sufficient to build a Church and school house.

(13) Yeung Kong Church.—Organized in 1890 with 12 members; Rev. LAI PO TSUN Stated Supply.

This Church has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. The attendance has been better than in former years and a better spirit has
prevailed. The additions to the membership are the largest in the history of the Church. Heretofore all the Christians in the Yeung Kong station have been enrolled in the Yeung Kong Church. This year by authority of Presbytery a Church has been organized at Shui Tung and the Christians in the neighborhood of Shui Tung and Mui Luk have been dismissed by letter to form the Shui Tung Church.

(14) Shui Tung Church.—Organized Oct. 3rd, 1897, with 30 members. Rev. Andrew Beattie in charge.

The Shui Tung Church starts with bright prospects. Three good men have been ordained to the eldership. Attendance at worship on Sundays is exceptionally good.


The church is not in a very prosperous condition. On the part of the members there is a lack of interest and a falling off in attendance at the services. The general attendance has been as good as usual. Within the eight months, two communion services have been held, at which there were two persons baptized and received into Church fellowship on confession of faith.

(16) Fa Ti Church.—Organized 1891, with 32 members. Rev. E. W. Thwing in charge.

The usual Sabbath and week day services have been continued as usual throughout the year. The Christian Endeavor Society has numbered 26 members.

There are Three Churches in the Lien Chau station.

(17) Lienchau.—In charge of Rev. Kwan Loi. Four have been added to the Church this year, making the membership thirty-six. Not one of the members is from the city. All are from the villages round about. The little chapel is not suitable for the work of the city. The present chapel should be given up and a good one should be secured in a respectable part of the city.

(18) Sam Kong.—In charge of Rev. Kwan Loi.
The special item of interest in connection with the Sam Kong Church is the effort that is being made to become self-supporting and call Rev. Kwan Loi to be pastor. There is also a very decided deepening of the spiritual life of the members. Six have united with the Church. The contributions have amounted to $79.33.

(19) Lam Mo.—In charge of Rev. Kwan Loi.

The members of the Lam Mo Church are so scattered that it is impossible for all to meet together, so services have to be conducted at three or four different places. Consequently there is not the inspiration and encouragement there would be if all the fifty odd members met at the same time and in the same place. Mr. Lingle has given a good deal of attention to the Lam Mo Church and has conducted the communion service and baptized several members.
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* The returns are very incomplete owing to the change in the time of Mission Meeting. The indications are that there will be a considerable increase over last year.
III. STATIONS.

1. CANTON STATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1844.

(a) CHAPELS IN CANTON CITY.

(1). Fifteenth Street Chapel.—Rev. A. A. Fulton.

Services in connection with the First Church are held in this Chapel. The locality is a good one, being the residence portion of many wealthy families, who have never heard the Gospel. The particular situation of the chapel is not good for purposes of instruction and worship, owing to immediate proximity with the street. The chapel is open for street preaching, and is usually well filled. Dispensary work still contributes largely to success in our work. By means of the book room many are brought to a knowledge of Christian truth.

Our great need is a building suitable to our growing wants, and to the fine opportunities for reaching the higher classes through medical aid, and thus indirectly to bring them to our Sabbath services. Women of the better classes will not go to small chapels on public streets.

Until such accommodations can be acquired we must make the most of our present narrow rooms.

(2). Sheung Mun Tai (Treasury St.)—Dr. B. C. Henry.

This chapel has been open continuously. The attendance has varied from time to time. At the time of the Triennial Examination many of the students came to hear the preaching and to examine our books. The Book Depository has continued to be an effective agent in attracting the literary class, and the sale of books shows the increased desire among intelligent people for a knowledge of western learning and the teachings of Christianity. The Manager of the Book-room, who is an elder in the church, has had access to many scholars, men of high position, officials and others. He has supplied many of them with books and influenced them to a friendly attitude toward Christianity.

(3). Sz Pai Lau.—Dr. B. C. Henry.

This chapel has been open for public preaching four days in the week continuously. The work of preaching has been done mainly by
Li Chi Ping whose salary is paid by the Third Church. There have been good audiences and not a little interest among the hearers.

2. SCHOOLS.

1. BOARDING SCHOOLS.

(a) The Fa Ti school, called the Canton Christian College, is not a part of the Mission. The work of the College is, however, closely allied to the work of the Mission, and the statistics of the College are here given.

**Primary Department.**

First year ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 26 pupils.
Second ,, ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 17 ,, 

**Intermediate Department.**

First year ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 16
Second ,, ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 7
Third ,, ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 7

**Higher Department.**

First year ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 0
Second ,, ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 4
Special Students ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 2
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Total Enrollment ... ... ... ... ... 79
Average attendance ... ... ... ... ... 65

Rev. E. W. Thwing, a member of the Mission, has been engaged in teaching in the College. The preparatory department is supported by the Mission, and while Mr. Thwing has given special attention to this department he has also given instruction in the other departments of the College.

2. BOARDING SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS.

(1). True Light Seminary. As this institution was established in 1872 the present year completes twenty-five years of its history.
It has been in charge of the Misses Noyes and Butler, assisted by
eight well educated faithful Chinese teachers.

During the first half of the year one hundred and fifty pupils
were in attendance.

The celebration in June of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its
opening was an occasion of special interest to the friends of the
Seminary. A large number of the former pupils with their friends
assembled for an all-day meeting. Nearly six hundred women and
girls were present at the meeting held in the 2nd Church. Brief
addresses were given by Dr. Henry, Dr. Graves of the Baptist Mission,
Rev. Wm. Bridie of the English Wesleyan Mission, and three Chinese
Ministers. During the twenty-five years, more than one thousand
girls and five hundred and twenty-eight women have been received as
pupils. Many have remained long enough to receive a good educa­
tion, while some have studied only a few months, obtaining in that
time a knowledge of Christianity. Two hundred and seventy-two
have been received into the church. This does not give the ful
number of Christians who have been connected with the Seminary, as
some were Christians when they came and some have united with
other churches. One hundred and fifty-two pupils have been
employed by our own or other Missions: as teachers eighty-five; Bible
readers fifty-eight; Medical assistants nine. Of these twenty-six
have rested from their labours and received their reward. Nine have
been graduated from the Medical College and have been very useful
in the practice of their profession, five are now studying medicine.

The present number of pupils is one hundred and fifty, eighty-two
of whom are Christians. Twenty-four were received into the Church
at the communion season in June and three in September.

A few months since one of the former pupils whom we had not
seen nor heard from for ten years came back. She was only in the
Seminary for a few months, but long enough to become a Christian,
although she was prevented from uniting with the Church at that time
by the family of the young man to whom she was betrothed. She
left school to be married, but refused to conform to any of the
idolatrous ceremonies which are considered of so much importance,
and during the ten years which have passed since then has continued firm and true to her Christian principles. After the death of her husband's parents he gave her permission to unite with the Church, as she so much wished to do, and she was received and baptized with her three little boys.

The Missionary Society of the Seminary has held monthly Meetings as usual during the year, the contributions amounting to $44.75, which has been used for the support of Bible Women. The treasurer of the Christian Endeavor Society reports $5.24. To the Book Loaning Association $16.54 has been given, to the Cemetery fund $5.05, and towards the support of the native minister of the Second Church $21.30, making in all $92.88.

Instruction has been given on much the same lines as in former years.

A plan which has been cherished for some time of having a Summer School for women from the country was first tried this year with most satisfactory results. One hundred and thirty-eight women came at the time of the Communion season in September and spent about ten days in the Seminary building. They were divided into several classes, and the teachers of the Seminary spent several hours daily in instructing them and were much gratified by the interest manifested.

(2) DAY SCHOOLS.

(4) Boys' Day Schools.

At the beginning of the year there were seven day schools for boys under the care of Dr. Henry, of these five have had to be closed for lack of funds; i.e., Sz Pai Lau, where the Mission has had a school continuously for 20 years; Shek Lung, where the Christians provided the house; San Wai, where the attendance was unusually good; Tai Tong, opened at the urgent request of the people, who provided the house; Ko Po, where a very encouraging work had begun, and the building was given rent-free. The teachers of these five schools had to be discharged.
The schools still in session are; (a) Yeung Mui, Hakka school, held in the chapel, taught by one of the young preachers. Attendance, 22. (b) Ma Fong, held in the chapel, Scholars enrolled 23.

The following four schools are under Mr. Fulton's care.

Kap Shui Lai.—Supported by Chinese. The average attendance has been 20, and the teacher says the numbers will be greater next year.

Wing Ning.—Supported by Chinese brethren. Average attendance 15.

San Ning.—The School in the chapel here was started late, and the average attendance has been 10. Owing to the cut, the school was ordered to be closed in September, but the Christians will pay the teacher until the end of the year, and hereafter will assume all expenses.

Yan Ping.—The brethren here repaired a building at their expense, and the teacher, an earnest Christian, has done good work. The scholars attend the Church services on Sunday. Average attendance 16.

(B) DAY SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS.

Eight day schools have been in charge of Miss Noyes, the whole number of pupils enrolled being 203.

In the school at Iu Wa Fong there have been 28 pupils, the attendance throughout the year has been good, and the teacher most faithful so that the scholars have made excellent progress.

Kin Mau School has 41 pupils, being in a locality where the people are inclined to favor the education of girls.

Pui Sau School has had 24 pupils enrolled, but the attendance has not been as good as in other schools.

Wing Fuk school has 28 pupils. Circumstances rendered it necessary to remove the school to another street, but near enough for nearly all the pupils to continue their attendance.

At Kom Li there have been 25 pupils enrolled, and several have come to the Seminary from the vicinity of the school.
A school was opened this year in the city of San Ui, with an enrolment of 23 pupils, but after a few months it was closed on account of lack of funds.

The school at Lung Kong, which is quite small, only ten pupils, has been continued by the teacher without any expense to the mission.

The Yeung Ching School has had 24 scholars enrolled, and the attendance has been regular and the progress of the scholars most satisfactory.

At the beginning of the year eight schools were under the care of Miss E. M. Butler, three of which were in the country. Owing to the heavy cut on the allowance for schools, the one at San-Tso numbering twenty-two pupils was closed in July.

The Bible Reader at San Tong, who had ten pupils whom she taught in addition to her itinerating work, was also for the same reason, discharged. She has worked faithfully, and there have been a number of converts from that place who united with the Second Church.

The schools have all been well attended and prosperous during the year, the teachers have been faithful, and the pupils industrious. The attendance of women at each weekly visit has been very good, and the interest manifested, gratifying.

One woman from Chiu In Kai school united with the church and had her little daughter baptized. The eldest pupil, 77 years of age, has continued to be interested in her studies but has not yet been able to give up her belief in eating vegetables as a means of salvation. 30 pupils have been enrolled during the year.

Fifteenth Street school numbers 27 pupils. Two of these have entered the seminary as scholars.

Sz-Pai-Lau school numbers 24 pupils. The interest and friendliness have continued and the pupils have made rapid progress in their studies.

Chung-Kwai-Sai-Kai school numbers 34 pupils. The work in this school is most encouraging. One of the eldest girls expects to enter the Seminary at the commencement of the year to complete her studies.
The school at Yan Sai Tai Kai, opposite the Seminary, has exerted the salutary influence we hoped it might in winning the friendliness of the people living in the street who have been very hostile. The pupils number 18. Five small boys study in the school, the expenses of tuition being paid by their friends.

When Dr. Mary Niles returned to America in June, the School for the Blind was placed under the care of Miss Butler. It numbered at that time 30 pupils, five of whom were supported by the missionaries in the Berlin Foundling House and were removed to Hongkong early in October by Miss Postler who is now to have charge of them. She is assisted by Lin Shau, the Blind teacher, who came from the Foundling Home. The School now numbers 25.

Chau A Lau, formerly belonging to the Orphanage but for several years a teacher in the Seminary, is now the teacher in the School for the Blind and fills the post very satisfactorily. An excellent matron, also a pupil in the Seminary has been secured, and with a woman of all work, the School is running very smoothly. The ladies of the foreign community living on Shameen kindly furnished the new building now occupied by the Blind with desks, tables, cupboards, curtains and all necessary articles of furniture.

A day school for girls is located at Tai Long. The building is given rent free. Average attendance 20 to 30.

The school at Sai Lung Li has been under Miss Henry's care, Scholars enrolled 34. The school is visited weekly, and special services are held at which a Bible woman assists. The faithful work of the teacher is shown by the good recitations of the scholars and by the increasing attendance.

THE ORPHANAGE.

One of the orphans has been studying during the year in charge of the teacher of a day school, another is in the school for the Blind where she is helpful in many ways and the remainder have been pupils in the Seminary. One of these was recently married to a Christian teacher at Kang Hau, where she has gone with her husband.
BIBLE WOMEN.

The blind Bible woman, CHAN A OI, has continued her faithful work in the villages near her home; one woman whom she has been teaching was received into the 2nd Church recently.

Tsu A CHU has also visited a number of villages in the same part of the province, finding a warm welcome and much encouragement everywhere, very different from her experience in former years. Two women from one of these villages were received into the Church in September. From the village where one of the Bible Women, sent out by the Missionary Society of the Seminary is working, three converts have been received during the year.

Eight of our Bible Women and four teachers whom we could not employ on account of lack of funds have been employed by other missions.

Three Bible women under Miss BUTLER's direction have done faithful work in the neighbourhood of the schools.

3. MEDICAL WORK.

(1). Canton Hospital.—The work of the hospital has been continued under the joint superintendence of Drs. KERR and SWAN. The female department was under the direction of Dr. NILES until she went on furlough in June. Dr. FULTON then took charge of the work and has continued it throughout the year.

The work has been carried on during the year without interruption and with encouraging results.

The statistics for the nine months as here given will give some idea of the amount of work accomplished.

Number of visits from out-patients............. 25,236

" , " , " in- " ............. 1,226

" , " operations........................ 1,318

Dr. SWAN reports 'that my time has been fully occupied with uninterrupted work in the hospital and, so far as possible, in answering professional calls in the missionary and native community.'
Western medicine and surgery are becoming more and more popular with the Chinese as is evidenced by the numerous professional calls, many of them among the higher classes whose desire for physical relief has led them to see the superiority of the foreigner in at least one particular.

Dr. Kerr was absent from the hospital for three months answering a professional call in Peking. The United States Minister to Peking requiring the services of a skilled surgeon sent all the way to Canton for a missionary doctor!

The attention given in the hospital to evangelistic work has convinced many of those who come for medical aid that the hospital exists not only to relieve physical suffering but that all who come may learn to know the Great Physician.

Pressing professional duties hinder to a large extent the doctors in charge from engaging in any systematic evangelistic work, but the presentation of Christian truth in the daily routine of work has met with encouraging results. In season and out of season there are excellent opportunities for making known the truths of Christianity.

Two native evangelists have given much time to work among the patients. The out-patients are gathered into a room and hear the gospel before they receive medicine. The morning prayers for in-patients have been continued; Dr. Henry taking his turn with the native helpers in conducting the service.

Dr. Swan as elder of the Second Church and in connection with the C. E. Society has been able to render good service in the evangelistic work of the hospital. The Christian Endeavor Society has recently pledged $3.00 per month on special individual subscriptions for the support of a man to do evangelistic work.

The hospital schools under Mrs. Kerr's care have been interrupted from various causes, and no detailed report of the work has been given.

The medical classes have been continued as usual. Dr. Fulton, besides instructing the medical class for women, has prepared two books which are now used as text books: Diseases of Children, and Nursing in Abdominal Surgery.
4. DISPENSARIES.

(1). The First Church dispensary, under Dr. Fulton's care, has been open twice each week. The average attendance has been between thirty and forty.

The Sz Pai Lau dispensary has also been under the care of Dr. Fulton and has been open two days each week. Although the attendance has frequently been over a hundred the average attendance has probably been about ninety.

The Bible women have been most faithful in talking to those waiting for medicine.

The number of women coming simply to hear the gospel has greatly increased.

Dr. Fulton says: It is simple justice to say I owe a debt of gratitude to my faithful Chinese assistants, especially to Dr. Mui A Kwei, who for twelve years has been my willing and efficient helper. But for these I could not have answered a fourth of our out-calls which have been many more this year then formerly.

5. OUT-STATIONS.

At the beginning of the year there were 14 Out-Stations under the care of Dr. Henry, which can be arranged in five groups.

1st Group, connected with Shek Lung Church, including Shek Lung, Sam Kong and Wong Un.

Wong Un has been given up and the colporteur discharged.

At Shek Lung the work has continued under some difficulties. The chapel is much too small for the purpose. There have been good opportunities for preaching. The colporteur and Bible woman have visited surrounding villages.

At Sam Kong the work has been done by a preacher and a colporteur. There has been good attendance on market days. Many villages have been visited.

2nd Group, connected with the Liu Po Church, including Liu Po, Tai Long, and two other villages. The force here was reduced by the discharge of two colporteurs.
At Liu Po the market is held every three days, when the audiences have been fairly large. The preacher and Bible woman have visited surrounding villages regularly.

At Tai Long evangelistic services have been held in connection with the Girls' School.

As the result of the labors of a colporteur in Shui Hau and another village, ten men have been received into the Church this year.

In Cha Yuen, where we have long desired to open a chapel, a house was offered for this purpose rent-free, but lack of funds for the employment of a preacher and current expenses obliged us to decline.

3rd Group, connected with the Yeung Mui Church, including Yeung Mui, San Wai, and Yau Ku Ling. These are Hakka villages. At each point good work has been done by the preachers and colporteurs. There has been systematic visitation of surrounding villages and much interest in the study of the truth awakened at several points.

The closing of the schools at San Wai and Tai Long (near Yau Ku Ling) has checked the interest somewhat.

4th Group, connected with the Poon Fa Church, including Ma Fong, Fuk Un Shui, and Ching To Ling. At Ma Fong there has been an increase of interest, especially in the large village of Lin Fa Tong, where a number of inquirers are found. At Fuk Un Shui, where the building is provided by the Christians, good work has been done, extending to many neighboring villages. The chapel was much injured in a storm, but was put in repair by the Christians. The work at Ching To Ling has been transferred to the village of Shek Pi Tau, half a mile distant, where a house was rented at a nominal rate some three years ago, but which we were unable to occupy on account of some local opposition. After long delay the trouble has been settled by the aid of our Consul, and peaceable possession given to us. There is a gratifying spirit of friendliness in this region, and many have expressed a desire to come under Christian instruction.

5th Group, connected with Lung Tam Church, including Lung Tam and Ko Po.
At Lung Tam there has been some encouragement from the increased number of inquirers, and the request of people in several outlying villages for special instruction. On market-days the chapel has been well filled.

At Ko Po an encouraging work is growing up. The closing of the school has lessened the opportunities. Five men from this place have been baptized and there are a number of earnest inquirers.

The chapel at Sha Ho has been closed and also the one at Tai Kat.

These out-Stations are visited quarterly by the missionary in charge.

OUT-STATIONS IN CARE OF REV. A. A. FULTON.

(1). San Ui.—(Rent and incidentals paid by the Christians). Not only have regular services been held here on Sabbath by the licentiate, U Cm Theng, but street preaching and visits to some of the neighboring villages have been part of the preacher’s regular work. Hundreds of women heard the Gospel here through the means of medical aid, and the work of the Bible woman.

(2). Mui Wan.—At this village a house has been placed at our service by one of the Christians, free of rent. This place will be retained until a chapel can be built at Sha Tui.

(3) Sha Tui.—Services have been held frequently at the house of one of the members, where large numbers have been present. There are two applicants for baptism here. One of the members has given us a fine site, and the Chinese have subscribed $150 towards a new chapel, and it is hoped the sum of $600 may be secured to enable the men to begin work in January.

The site for the chapel is in the large village of Sha Tui, having a population of about ten thousand, and where a market is held two days in each week.

(4). Ku Tsing.—This chapel is owned in part by the Presbyterians, but is under Presbyterian control. The entire expenses of maintaining preaching here is paid by the Chinese. At last com-
munion service there were 19 communicants, many of them having recently returned from California. The brethren have started subscriptions, and have already $200, and are expecting a sum sufficient to erect a fine chapel in the suburbs of Ku Tsing. A large number of Chinese now in New York city are from this locality. Three men were baptized here at last communion service, and there are other inquirers. This chapel is open every day for street preaching, and the attendance is quite large.

(5). San Cheung.—In San Ning District. (Rent and incidentals paid by members). This is a large market town, and is the central point of the Four Districts. A steam launch leaves daily for Canton, and one for Fat Shan. This Chapel is frequented by more Christians than any other chapel in the district. On market days the attendance at preaching is always large. In the evening services are held for Bible study. The villages are very dense in this vicinity, and have been frequently visited by the preachers at this Chapel. The Communion services here are quite largely attended by the members, many of whom reside at a long distance from San Cheung. Three men were baptized here this year.

(6). Chung Wan.—(Rent paid by Mission). A very large number of villages are found in the vicinity of this market town. The chapel is very small and inadequate to the opportunities here afforded. There are a number of Christian women at this place, but they cannot attend a Christian service, as the chapel is too narrow to divide. The prospect of a good chapel soon is encouraging. A wealthy member, living in Australia, has promised to give $1,000 towards a new building, and negotiations are being carried on to secure a site. Several promising young men have been baptized here.

(7). San Ning.—This is our finest chapel, and street preaching affords an opportunity to the preacher to reach many who are attracted by the fine building. A promising service is held every evening, and there are a number of hopeful inquirers. A large number of villages are easily reached from this chapel, and some of the members have volunteered to help in the work of evangelization in these villages. (All expenses met by members).
(8). Chung Lau.—This is one of the fields that greatly try the patience of those in charge of the work. The fruits here have not been at all adequate to the care and money spent on the field. The market town is the centre for the trade of many villages. The attendance on market days is always excellent, and no opposition is ever met in preaching. The chapel has been in existence for nearly twenty years, and by this time we should expect a large harvest. We were unfortunate in the choice of a man for this place, and with a more earnest preacher we now look for better results. There is no doubt about the ultimate result, but that result is not in sight, although at my last visit there were four applicants for baptism. (The rent of this chapel paid in part by the Mission.)

(9). Ng Shap.—The chapel here has been open for about one year, and the prospect is encouraging. Four men have been baptized. The villages near this market are quite dense, and are the homes of many in the United States. The expenses of this chapel are paid in part by San Ning Church. Regular street preaching is held on market days, and services in the evening for inquirers.

(10). Yan Ping.—In Yan Ping District.

Here the surroundings are all favorable for a large harvest, in the not far away future. The people in this district are poor, and no opposition is incurred on the part of either gentry, or people. The chapel in the city of Yan Ping is well located for street preaching, and for access to the people, but not so well adapted for meetings of Christians, as women are unable to attend, owing to the close proximity of the chapel to the street. The preacher is a very faithful man, and has made many visits to surrounding villages. Eight men were baptized here this year. There are a large number at present who are sincere inquirers. (Chapel owned by Mission.)

(11). No Foo.—This market town is the central point for a large trade with neighboring villages, and has water communications with the ocean. The chapel is always well attended on market days. The villages are smaller, and not so dense as in the other districts. Thousands of people have heard the Gospel at this chapel, and all the
villages within a radius of several miles from the chapel have been visited.

(12). *Shing Tong*.—This is the largest market in Yan Ping. The villages near this market are quite large, and have all been frequently visited by the preacher, and by workers on the Medical boat. We have now quite a number of Christians in the vicinity of this chapel. The attendance on market days is very large. (Rent paid by Mission, incidentals paid by members).

(13). *Kam U.*—This is a small market town at the head of the Kau Pi stream, and is ten miles East of No Foo. At this place we have had for some years two zealous Christians. One of them had spent many years in California. They were anxious to have work started in this town. They succeeded in raising $85, and $30 was added to help furnish the little chapel, which they fitted up in a creditable manner, supplying some articles brought from America. The people are very friendly, and the preacher is a young man of promise, the fruit of personal instruction on the part of our former faithful preacher, Mo Hing Shan. At the first Christian service held here four adults, and one infant were baptized. Many persons here are interested inquirers. (Rent and incidentals met by members.)

(14). *Shun Kok*.—The preacher here is the man who was for many years a Nam Mo Sin Shang, and has since his conversion been faithful in preaching on market days, and in visiting villages. He has seen the conversion of his wife, six children, also his mother, and brother, and several other relatives. He has also helped in spreading the work at Leung Kiu, 8 miles East of Shun Kok. (Rent paid by Mission, incidentals paid by members).

(15). *Tsung Shu*.—The number of inquirers here is increasing. The chapel, at communion services, is always well filled, and usually crowded to overflowing. Many come to witness the service, but there are many who are present to learn more of our doctrines. The chapel is situated near a large village and is finely adapted to reach men and women. More than a hundred women are present at communion services. Nineteen adults were baptized here this year. Medical aid was given for two months by the native doctor. Regular Sabbath
services are conducted by the preacher from Shun Kok. (Chapel owned by Mission).

(16). Yeung Kiu, seven miles East of Shun Kok. (Rent paid by Mission.)

This Chapel has been open about two years, and encouraging fruit has appeared. Six adults have been baptized, and there is a spirit of inquiry that promises much for the future. The market is large, and the villages dense, and the field had never been visited until we opened the chapel here.

(17) Pak Sha, situated on border of Yan Ping, and San Ning Districts, about ten miles West of San Cheung. There are quite a number of Christians in America, who live near this large market town. The people are more prosperous than in villages further West, where the soil is poor, and while they are outwardly friendly, they are not so easily reached as people and villages in other localities. The chapel has been opened about two years, and many have heard the Gospel. The medical boat last year did much good in this locality, and many villages were reached. (Rent paid by Mission).

(18). Tai Leung, in Shan Tak District. Here we met with opposition, as was surely anticipated. The gentry were angry when they found we had secured a hold in their city, which has so long been antagonistic to our work. Unfortunately the lease did not contain the words “Fuk Yam Tong” (gospel hall), but stated that the building could be used for a Dispensary. The Magistrate, who was completely under the power of the gentry, ordered all furniture in the building to be sent to Canton, but did not dare to give the house back to the owner. The Magistrate has since died, and a man been appointed who is well-known to Foreigners, and is quite friendly to our work. The owner was visited by one of our preachers, and says he is willing to let us occupy the house, if the official gives his consent. The Vice-Consul has sent in a request direct to the Magistrate, asking that the building be restored to us, for dispensing purposes, and there is a good prospect of our being re-instated. Every effort will be made to retain our position. If forced away claims for money expended on the work will be paid. (Rent paid by Mission).
(19) Kap Shui Lai.—8 miles west of Pak Sha. (All expenses met by members). Work here is carried on without any expense whatever to our Mission. Kwan Kwok Fu, a Christian residing in a village near this point, fitted up the building for work of evangelization and for school purposes. The expense, amounting thus far to $125, was met by Mr. Kwan. The teacher, Leung Fuk Shang, has done good work, and a man of considerable literary influence and some wealth, has been baptized, who heard the Gospel here. Provision is made by the Chinese for continuing the work without any cost to the Mission. Many of the villagers come to this place in the evening, and it is hoped that a man may be secured to give his whole time to evangelization in this neighborhood.

MEDICAL BOAT.

Owing to exigencies required by the cut, the Medical Boat has not been able to cover a wide range of territory. The native doctor has been sent to visit the different out-stations, and will see patients on the boat as soon as it is practicable to begin work. A large number of patients have been seen at the different out-stations.

LIEN CHAU STATION.

Established 1891.

The report of 1896 stated that 'The long-hoped-for property in Lien Chau has at last been secured and building operations begun.' The hospital has been completed and was formally opened on the 30th of September. Dr. Machle and family have removed to Lien Chau and are occupying the upper story of the new hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been busy studying the Sam Kong dialect. When ill health compelled them to leave their station for a time they went to Macao and continued their studies there. Mr. Kelly has done good work in preparing phrase books in the Sam Kong dialect. He has also prepared the gospels of Mark and John in the Sam Kong colloquial and his careful work will make the acquisition of that dialect less difficult to those who follow.
Miss Johnston did not open her school this year and the ‘year has been spent in doing odds and ends, in picking up broken threads of work here and there.’ For a time she conducted the morning and evening devotional exercises for the hospital patients. She also assisted in Mrs. Machle’s Sunday school and spent considerable time in caring for the sick.

**EVANGELISTIC.**

As usual the first month of the Chinese year the class for Bible study met. The class met in Lien Chau instead of Sam Kong as formerly. Six persons were in attendance of whom three united with the Church.

A request came from Lam Mo for a similar class. Au Yeung King Yung was sent to conduct the class but as no provision had been made for food the class did not meet. The assistant spent the month in and around Lam Mo visiting the Christians and instructing them. At the close of the month Communion service was conducted by Mr. Lingle and several were baptized.

Hitherto there has been no preacher stationed at Lam Mo, but this year Li U Kam, a literary graduate of the first degree, and an earnest Christian of three years’ standing, has been employed to preach in the chapel and visit the neighboring villages.

Tam San Yan, the zealous but erratic elder of Lam Mo, still continues his itinerating preaching in the mountain districts and among the Iu people. He gives nearly all his time to the work and without pay. He reports a number of persons ready and waiting for baptism.

At Ka Wo, where about half of the members of the Lam Mo Church live, there is as yet no chapel or place of worship excepting in the house of one of the Christians. These members have of their own accord undertaken to raise funds with which to erect a modest little chapel. They have raised $41 and have appealed to the Churches in Kwong Tung for help.

In April an earnest invitation came from Heng Chau, signed by more than a dozen men, for some one to come and instruct them, and others who were anxious to hear the gospel. Two assistants were sent.
in response and were away nearly two months. They met and worshiped with the Christians who had been baptized in March by Dr. Griffith John of Hankow, and found at least a dozen more who were waiting for baptism. Heng Chau is four days from Ka Wo.

The outlook was never more encouraging in Hunan than it is today. Seven have been baptized and received into the Church this year and there are others waiting baptism.

In April and May Mr. Lingle with two helpers itinerated in the regions south and north of Lien Chau and Sam Kong. The people were found very friendly everywhere and a great many books, tracts and gospels were sold and distributed. In Tung Pi they were invited to preach in an open court and the people assembled in large numbers and listened by the hour.

The little chapel at Lien Chau is not at all suitable for the evangelistic work of the city and as soon as an appropriate can be secured it will be given up and a preaching hall with reception and book rooms will be secured in a good part of the city.

**MEDICAL WORK.**

God has been gracious in giving the needful blessings for carrying on this branch of the work, which does so much in alleviating suffering and hastening the coming of the kingdom of Christ.

The efforts of years have at last been crowned with success. A new hospital has at last been erected in Lien Chau. The formal opening of the hospital took place on the 30th of September, but patients were admitted several weeks before the formal opening. The hospital was soon full and bark sheds had to be erected to accommodate the overflow of patients.

The new hospital is two stories high with three apartments on each floor. The upper floor, which has two large wards and four rooms for paying patients, is occupied by Dr. Machle and his family for want of a suitable residence. The lower floor consists of a ward, preaching hall, dispensary and operating room.

The Sam Kong hospital has been given up, but the dispensing of medicine has been continued six days each month.
Patients come from many provinces. Some are travellers who fall sick by the way, while others visit the hospital while on their way to new places of residence.

Hospital and Dispensary Attendances.

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Of the above patients 324 were women seen during Dr. Chesnut’s absence.

Knowing that the soul is of more value than the body special attention has been given to the evangelistic part of the work. A few of the many have accepted Christ. Some have passed away giving no signs of faith; others have died with the name of Jesus on their lips.

There are morning and evening services in the hospital chapel every day. On the Sabbath there are preaching services preceded by a school comprising the patients, helpers and people from the neighborhood.

Want of time has prevented Dr. Machle from beginning his medical class, although three men are anxious to study.

Mo Man Tsung who graduated in medicine last year died in July.

Sam Kong Hospital for Women. Dr. Chesnut in charge.

Comparing the report of this year with that of last year there is found to be an increase of patients. Over fifty different villages have been reached. Of late some Iu women have been coming for treatment—the first in a year and a half. Many of those who receive treatment in the hospital seem inclined to believe in the gospel.
has united with the Church and three more are regular attendants at the services. A number have purchased books and tracts.

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Itinerating trips have been made to the district of Pakfu, from which a large number of patients come. The people are kind and grateful, attentive when preached to and sometimes interested. Altogether the results this year have been moderately good yet there is no prospect of the work developing very rapidly in Sam Kong.

Dr. Machle, in company with Rev. Kwan Loi, made two tours into the country during the year. One was to Sing Tsu, thirty miles from Lien Chau. The people are said to be anti-foreign in spirit and dangerous. A few of the many who crowded about became interested enough in the gospel to come every evening to the meeting that was held. In the Market place Rev. Kwan Loi gathered crowds around him and sold tracts and preached.

The inn-keeper refused to take any compensation for the eight days spent in his inn.

The other trip was into the sparsely settled country east of Lien Chau city. This trip brought them to the market town of Lung Peng. Several hundreds of the people of this town and outlying villages sought bodily relief, and in the evening there were golden opportunities for making known the gospel.

**SCHOOLS.**

1. The Boys Boarding School, which was started two years ago with three students, has had eleven young men and boys enrolled. One half have been from Hunan and the others from Lien Chau and
Sam Kong. The school has two courses of study, one for the young boys who have time for a thorough course and the other for those who can remain only three or four years.

It will be the object of those in charge to give these young men all the knowledge of God, man and the world that is possible in the few years they are in school. The Shorter Catechism, Dr. Martin's Evidences of Christianity, Universal History and Church History, in addition to the Chinese Classics, have been studied. The school has a literary society which meets once a week.

Mrs. Lingle and Wang Yeun Ching, one of her former pupils in North China, have done the teaching.

2. Girls' Boarding School. The school began its fourth term with fifteen in attendance, four being added during the year who are still on the roll.

Three members of the first class were received into the Church this year, making seven who have confessed their faith in Christ since entering the school. Three, two young women and one girl from the hospital, came for a short time during their stay in the hospital.

At the examination in June the results were very gratifying, particularly the examination on the gospels of Mark and John. In arithmetic they have just commenced and in geography Asia has been studied.

At the close of the term Mrs. Macle resigned because of her removal to Lien Chau and Mrs. Lingle was appointed to take charge.

*Boys' Day Schools.*—The Lien Chau station has five schools.

1. The banner school is at Lung Hau, 6 li from Sam Kong. 25 pupils have been enrolled with an average attendance of more than 20. The teacher Mr. Yeung is the best teacher in the station and once a month leads all his pupils who can walk that far to the Sam Kong Church.

2. Chai Keuk, three li from Sam Kong, is a new school begun this year with 18 pupils. A good number of the pupils have committed to memory the Shorter Catechism and part of the gospel of
Mark. Mrs. Lingle, who has charge of these schools, has visited them frequently and examined the pupils.

3. Elder Lu, who is chapel keeper at Lien Chau, begun teaching any boys who would come in and has now 8 pupils, whom he faithfully teaches in addition to his other duties.

4. Another school was started this year in the village near the new hospital and has an attendance of 11 boys. These two schools have been put under Mrs. Machle's care.

5. The fifth school is at Ka Wo in Hunan and has 12 pupils.

The Sunday School for women which last year had an enrollment of 20 has this year 36. This does not include the hospital patients nor those from the city and out-lying villages who swell the number every Sunday. Mrs. Machle has acted as superintendent.

On Easter Sunday everyone present received a colored egg and a card containing the words 'Christ is Risen.' The Christmas tree had on it something for every woman and child in the school.

The school is divided into classes. The greatest number present on any day was seventy-one, while the average attendance has been forty-four.

BIBLE WOMAN.

Wong Wun Ha, under Mrs. Machle's care, made a good record at the beginning of the year. Illness and death in her family interrupted her work later in the year.

The Wednesday prayer meeting for women has been kept up with a better attendance on the part of the members than could be found in many churches at home.

A class for Bible study has been organized by the members of the Sam Kong Church who meet three times a week in Sam Kong city. It is composed of men and women and is taught by Rev. Kwan Loi.

Since September 1st, Mrs. Machle has received and spoken to 119 women and 14 girls. This does not include any to whom she did not attempt to explain the gospel.
GENERAL.

Literary work.—Dr. Chestnut has translated and published Mrs. Nevius' Mandarin Catechism, in the Sam Kong dialect. She has also translated two or three of the gospels which have not yet been published. Mrs. Lingle has completed the translation of a new geography.

The missionaries were greatly rejoiced and encouraged by a visit in May from Mr. Robert Speer and Mrs. Speer, Dr. and Mrs. Kerr and Dr. Mary Niles and her father, Rev. Dr. Niles.

YEUNG KONG STATION.

Established 1893.

The work of this station has continued under the direction of Rev. Andrew Beattie. The Rev. G. W. Marshall has been engaged during the year in the study of the language. Nearly three months of his time was spent in Yeung Kong, where in addition to his studies he met with the Christians every evening in Bible study. The Rev. E. P. Fisher was obliged, owing to continued ill health, to return to the United States. The long-promised doctor has at last been appointed and his arrival will give new impetus to the work in the station. Dr. Dobson will receive a hearty welcome to Yeung Kong.

In all parts of the field there has been fair progress made. In the Yeung Kong district there has been nothing to interrupt the work. People and officials have remained friendly. The robber bands have given no trouble. In January a few ruffians broke into the chapel at Chik Lung and carried away a few things belonging to the assistant. The "gentry" apologized for the annoyance caused and paid the assistant for the loss sustained and promised that the chapel should not be again molested.

The gathering of a large band of robbers near Mui Luk early in the year caused considerable anxiety and hundreds fled from the city. The band however was dispersed before any damage was done, though the work in the city was seriously interrupted for a time.

No new work has been begun during the year. The preaching stations have been continued the same as last year and are as follows:
1. **Yeung Kong City.**—Work was begun in 1886. The attendance at chapel preaching has continued large and almost every day one or more have remained after the preaching to talk the doctrine with the assistant. Many appear to be deeply interested in the gospel. Twelve persons have been baptized and several others have applied for admission to the Church. Among the number baptized were four women. The baptism of these women marks the beginning of brighter days for the work in Yeung Kong. During the eleven years since work began no woman applied for baptism until this year. The women baptized are the wives of Christians and received their instruction from their husbands. It is certainly the beginning of better things when the husbands teach religion in their homes. Several other women have given up idols and now that the ice is broken will soon find their way into the Church.

2. **Ping Kong.**—15 miles south-west from Yeung Kong. Opened in 1894. Preaching on market days has been well attended, and the gospel has been carried by the hearers to the many villages in the neighborhood. A good work is being done very quietly. Five men have been baptized. Three others who have applied will be received when further instructed.

3. **Chik Lung.**—20 miles south-west from Ping Kong. Opened in 1896. A colporteur has been stationed here during the year. Not much preaching has been done but a great many persons have visited the chapel and several have become deeply interested in the gospel, have given up idols and have expressed a determination to become Christians. Among these is a family by the name of Lam, living a few miles from Chik Lung. Members of this family visit the chapel regularly and borrow books. The colporteur has been frequently invited to the village and entertained by the family. There is every indication that the Spirit of the Lord is working upon the hearts of these people and that soon a number will come out on the Lord's side.

4. **Shui Tung.**—80 miles south-west from Yeung Kong. Opened in 1894. Good work has been done at this out-station. Three persons have been baptized and there are several applicants. In October the Christians of this out-station and those at Mui Luk were organized into a Church. In no part of the field are the Christians more warm-
hearted and enthusiastic in the work. It is a rare occurrence for any
one of the Christians to be absent from the Sunday services. The
women and children, as well as the men, are regular in attendance,
some of the women carrying little children six miles to attend the
service.

During a typhoon in September the waves were driven in from the
sea until nearly the whole town was flooded. About 100 houses were
destroyed. Eleven persons were crushed to death by the falling
houses, among whom was the daughter of one of the Christians. The
rice crop for miles along the coast has been totally destroyed by the
salt water.

5. Mui Luk.—100 miles south-west from Yeung Kong. Opened
in 1888. The progress here has been slow. The people however have
now become very friendly and the chapel is well attended. An earnest
colporteur has labored with the assistant here, and largely through his
efforts a number have become interested in the gospel, and five men
have been baptized. Three of these are men of good education and
position in the neighborhood. The outlook is more hopeful than it
has ever been. The unsettled state of the district greatly interferes
with the work. This year the work was almost stopped for two months
because of robbers in the neighborhood, and hundreds of the wealthy
left the place.

6. Pak Ktoan.—15 miles north-east from Yeung Kong. Opened
in 1895 Chapel preaching has continued during the year with fair
attendance. No opposition has been met with and the people are be­
coming more friendly. One man has been baptized and another has
been examined and will be received soon. Several others are studying
regularly with the assistant and have expressed a desire to enter the
Church.

This out-station met with a serious loss in the death of the assistant
in September. He was an earnest young man and had only a year ago
completed his course in the Christian College. His death is the more
felt because he was a native of Yeung Kong and spoke the local
dialect.
7. Yeung Chun.—40 miles west from Yeung Kong. Opened in 1896. Not much aggressive work has been done here. The people have been friendly, but the gentry have opposed the work. In April the assistant was considerably annoyed by threats of violence unless he would contribute to an idol procession. A proclamation was issued and a better feeling now prevails. This is the first chapel in the district and it will require time and patience to live down the opposition and make the people understand the object we have in view in opening work in the district.

Hospital and Dispensary.—The Dispensary in Yeung Kong City has been open for the treatment of patients three days each week during the year and has been well attended. The patients hear the gospel in the chapel while waiting. The want of a foreign doctor to direct the work has been keenly felt. Dr. Dobson is now on his way from the United States under appointment to this field and the wants of the patients both physically and spiritually will soon be better cared for than they have heretofore been.

The attendances have been as follows:

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Schools.—A school was opened in the Chik Lung chapel in February. The attendance was good for two months, numbering 22, but the attendance gradually fell off until the boys had almost all left and the school was closed in October.

2. A good school has been taught in the Pak Kwan chapel. The attendance has averaged about 24. The boys have been diligent and have made good recitations when examined.

Colporteurs.—Three colporteurs have been at work, with Chik Lung, Yeung Chun and Mui Luk as the centres. A large number of gospels and tracts have been sold and in several instances effective evangelistic work has been done. One of the colporteurs is supported by the British and Foreign Bible Society.
In closing this report it should be recorded that for several years the expenses of nearly all the work of this station, as well as the salary of the Rev. Andrew Beattie, has been met by the contributions of the Men & Boys' Society of the South Street Presbyterian Church, Morristown, New Jersey.

KANG HAU STATION.
Station Organized in 1894.

During the eight months of 1897, the work of the station has gone forward with little interruption. Nothing has occurred to call the Missionaries away from their field of labor. Dr. Reed has devoted much of his time to the study of the language, and has entered into the medical work only so far as circumstances seemed to demand his services. Mr. Swan has done some work among the patients, and has spent considerable time interpreting in the dispensary. During the summer months, his time was occupied largely with the building operations on rooms for assistants and the new chapel. The former building is almost completed, and the latter is well under way. These buildings are much needed and when completed will add greatly to the efficiency of the station.

In April the missionaries were much cheered and spiritually helped by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Speer who spent two days at the station.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The boys' school is holding its own with a slight increase of scholars over last year. The number of pupils enrolled is 24, and the average attendance is good. There has been daily Christian instruction, with special lessons in Old Testament History on Sabbath.

Wong Sz Nai, who was educated in the schools of the Basel Mission, has, in addition to her work as Bible Woman, given reading lessons to several women, one of whom can now read the Gospels well.

MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work of the station has been conducted jointly by Mrs. Swan and Dr. Reed, the latter having taken charge during Mrs. Swa.
brief illness and rendering occasional assistance throughout the year. Since the beginning of the year the rule has been to confine dispensing of medicine to market days, that is every 5th day, when many of the people passing to or from market stopped at the dispensary for treatment. In the six months in which work has been carried on since the last annual meeting, there have been 1000 attendances, about one third of which number have been women. Quite a number of minor surgical operations have been performed. A large number of operative cases have been turned away without treatment for lack of suitable quarters in which to care for them. The work has been conducted in one of the rooms in the lower part of the mission house. No itineration has been undertaken as Dr. Reed has not yet acquired sufficient knowledge of the language for such work.

The new Bible Woman and the personal teachers have given much assistance by interpreting and by personal work among the patients. The attempt has been made to reach each patient with the message of truth either by personal conversation or by the use of tracts, but for lack of a helper who could devote himself wholly to such work, all that is desired has not been accomplished.

**EVANGELISTIC WORK.**

On account of sickness we have lost two of our helpers, Lim Yun Sin, the preacher at Ham Kwong, and Chong Kvet On, who was engaged in evangelistic work among the patients at the dispensary. We have not been able to find helpers to fill these vacancies. The chapel at Ham Kwong has been kept open, and on every market day a service has been held there by the faithful preacher from Kang Hau. The usual services have been held in a down-stairs room of the mission house.
SUMMARY.

Foreign Missionaries:

- In Canton, ................................................. 16
- " Lien Chau, .................................................. 8
- " Yeung Kong, ............................................... 6
- " Kang Hau, .................................................. 4
- " United States, ........................................... 5

Ordained Native Ministers, ........................................ 3
Assistant Preachers, ............................................... 32
Colporteurs, ..................................................... 30
Bible Readers ................................................... 20
Teachers, Male, ................................................ 12
Female, ........................................................ 13
Churches, ...................................................... 19
Communicants .................................................. 1877

Added on Confession of Faith, ................................ 240
Chapels in Canton, ............................................ 3
Stations, ....................................................... 4
Out-Stations, .................................................. 38
- Day Schools (girls) ....................................... 20
- (boys) ................................................................ 13
Boarding Schools, ............................................. 3
Pupils in Boarding Schools, ................................ 184

Total No. of Pupils, ........................................... 892

* Several of the schools have been closed. The figures given are for the first months of the year.

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