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TEACHING

As hitherto my time has been spent in two things—teaching and writing. My most conspicuous pupil is Mr. Yuan, a son of the great Viceroy of that name. For two years he has been taking lessons in various branches of Political Science. Shortly after the accession of the New Regent his father was dismissed for an old grudge. The young man then wrote me that he was tired of politics and desired to study philosophy and to read the Bible.

The honorarium of $100 per month has as heretofore been applied to the relief of needy students in Truth Hall. A new feature in the way of teaching has been a summer class consisting of four students, one from the Medical College, two from Truth Hall; the fourth, a teacher.

LITERARY WORK

In the way of literary work I have put my book on Christianity and Other Creeds through the press at T'ungchou and begun the translation of it into Mandarin.

Besides revising some of my English books for new editions I have as usual done something in the way of correspondence with newspapers and magazines—a means of influence too much neglected by missionaries.

The nature of my work leads me to spend much of my time at Pearl Grotto on the Western Hills, where I accomplish much more than in the City; partly because I am there free from interruptions; partly owing to the stimulus of the mountain air.

Rev. John Wherry, D. D.

The 25th of August, the day on which I returned from the mission meeting at Peitaiho, was the last day on earth of my beloved wife, the sharer for forty-five years of my joys and sorrows. Though for six long years I had not been permitted to
see her face, her never-failing weekly letter, full of sympathy for myself and for my work, was a constant inspiration to faithful service, in the hope,—never to be fulfilled,—that two more years would bring us once more together. Not a day has passed since the brief message of that day sped its way under the sea that it has not tinged with its shadow, though, I most gratefully acknowledge, the shadow has ever been suffused with light. Perhaps the teaching that, more than any other, it has emphasized, and which keeps perpetually reechoing in my inmost consciousness, is that the time is short,—very short,—and that it behoves me to be diligently doing what remains to be done of my little service here on earth.

**BIBLE TRANSLATION.** The character of my work itself does not differ greatly from that of last year. Relieved from the cares and the responsibilities of the mission treasurership, I have been able to give considerably more time to what is now my principal, though far from sole work,—the translation into wen-li of the Old Testament Scriptures. As I reported last year, the thirty nine books of the Old Testament were divided into five approximately equal parts, one of which was assigned to each of the five members of our committee as his share for first draft work. To my lot fell the delightful books of Genesis, Exodus, Job, and the first thirty nine chapters of Isaiah, now often spoken of as the First Isaiah. My preliminary draft of these, in the order of Job, Isaiah, Genesis and Exodus, I finished some time ago. It must not be supposed from this, however, that my work is nearly done. There remains the review of the first drafts of the other members of the committee, which, to be done faithfully, requires the same elaborate study of each book in its turn. Then these first drafts, with the criticisms and suggestions they have called forth, must be acted upon by the committee in session together, and it is only when a clean copy has been made embodying the final results of this protracted study that the end of our labors can be said to be in sight. Even of this copy there must be a minor revision, to eliminate accidental or clerical errors, and, where possible, to improve the literary form, before it is put to press. At our session at T'ungchou last April, our first book, Job, reached this penultimate stage, and is now locked up in the safe of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Shanghai, to await the like production of its fellows. Next to Job, in advancement is the First Book of Samuel, allotted originally to Dr. Maclagan, the first half of which also passed under review at our late meeting. The other members of the committee are all pushing their work with vigor, and the probabilities are that the Old Testament in
REV. JOHN WHERRY, D. D.

wen-li, although a much larger book than the New Testament, will be completed in a much shorter time. Personally, I am now reviewing Mr. Pearce's draft of Deuteronomy, a book that reveals unexpected difficulties growing out of frequent redundancies in expression, which are hardly compatible with Chinese ideas of style.

Next in importance to Bible revision, in my literary work, is the preparation of Sunday school lessons for the extensive field represented by the North China Tract Society. It is encouraging that, notwithstanding more or less criticism, some of which the editors must acknowledge is just, the demand for these increases with the growth of the church. Twenty thousand of these little quarterly volumes are now printed each year. To the criticism the committee who prepare them are not indifferent, neither are they unmindful. But they are confronted with difficulties that can only be successfully surmounted, as they have been surmounted elsewhere, when our Society is in a position to meet the cost of the production and publication of a graduated series of lessons adapted to the varying capacities and degrees of training of the pupils in our North China Sunday schools. It is plain that a lesson paper suitable to a boarding-school, academy or college student,—and there are many of these, both boys and girls, to be provided for in our schools,—cannot prove equally satisfactory to small children, or to unlearned men and women who perchance are painfully acquiring their knowledge of letters,—a necessary step now that they are members of the Christian church,—through these very Sunday school lesson papers themselves. And yet these too are a large element in our schools. Perhaps the union or confederation of the various tract societies of China, a project now under consideration, may smooth the way to the production of a graded series of lessons, such as western churches have found a necessity, in which the wants of every class will be fairly well met. In the meantime we must ask our constituents, in gracious charity, to make the best of a situation from which we would gladly relieve them if we knew how.

As heretofore from the beginning, I have given two lectures in exegesis each week to classes in our Theological School,—one to the seniors on Ephesians, and one to the juniors on Romans. In each case I have followed the new mandarin version. The literal accuracy of this translation obviates the necessity of much verbal explanation, and so al-
allows more time for unfolding the great Gospel themes that make St. Paul's writings so incomparable. If I have succeeded in making these in some measure more comprehensible and vital, I cannot regret the time given to their study and teaching. The ten seniors displayed knowledge and ability in their final examinations and closing exercises, and are now entering on their ministry with prospect of success.

CHAPEL PREACHING. A weekly Sunday service, not however without interruptions, in the Chiaotao-kou chapel is, perhaps in point of time and labor next in importance in my lines of mission work. This service is,—as I have more than once explained,—for those who are more or less regular hearers of the word, but who have not attached themselves definitely to the Christian church by any profession of faith, and many of whom may be very far from taking so decided a step. Hence it takes largely the form of a regular Sabbath church service, with doxology, invocation, reading of Scripture, singing, prayer, sermon and benediction. The presence of a few Christians living in the neighborhood, or voluntarily going from a distance,—amongst them several school boys,—makes some parts of this service, especially the singing, practicable. It is encouraging that most of the audience, once gathered, stay through the service, and seem to listen with devout attention to the message. What their thoughts really are as they sit gazing into his face the preacher cannot tell. But it would seem impossible that the great and solemn truths thus listened to time and again should, when accompanied by the demonstration of the Spirit, fail of making lasting impressions. What is discouraging is that the progress in Christian knowledge of the ordinary chapel hearer is so slow; and that even when seriously concerned as to his spiritual condition, it is so difficult for him to break the ties of the past, and once for all to cast in his lot with the followers of Jesus. It is well to remember, though, that repeated attendance at such a service is itself a kind of confession, and one that costs, and that therefore is not to be too lightly estimated. It is well to remember too that it is a long distance from heathenism to a living acceptance of Christ in all His offices, and that some of us have known of strong men and women in the church who have taken years to traverse that distance. The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

NORTH CHINA TRACT SOCIETY. Some weeks after my return from Peitaiho last year, I incidentally learned that I was chairman of the North China Tract Society. This unanticipated honor entailed
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also some duties which I have tried in my measure to meet. Not the least of them concerned the effort to secure a home and a maintenance for the new and greatly needed secretary and agent that our society had happily been able to secure. An appeal to our constituency, under signature of chairman and treasurer, of which six hundred copies were sent forth, resulted, not, it must be confessed, in an *embarras de richesses*, yet in the considerable contribution of eighteen hundred dollars for this specific purpose.

It was not in my capacity as chairman, however, but as a member of the Publication Committee, that the greatest demand was made upon my time,—that most precious of a missionary's commodities. Much the largest offering of original tracts made in a single year, certainly since the Boxer cataclysm, and I think since the formation of the society, entailed a proportionate amount of time for examination; as it is an invariable rule that no tract can be published by our Society until it has secured the approval, after careful examination, of the Publication Committee. Some of these tracts and books are already through the press, and others will soon follow. They are valuable additions to Chinese Christian literature.

**SUPERVISION OF LANGUAGE STUDY.** The supervision of the language studies of new missionaries has taken many hours of my time during the year. It is not too much to say, I think, that more attention has been given this past year to this duty than in any similar period in the history of our mission. By the action of the Peking station four pupils were assigned to me,—one, Mrs. Hall, from the beginning of the year, one, Mrs. Hicks, from her arrival on the field, and two, Dr. and Mrs. Dilley, from the time of their return to us from Paotingfu. They have all proved admirably permeable to suggestions, and all have, I am sure, profited by the help given in difficult places, as well as by the stimulus that their weekly examination afforded. Especially is this true of Mrs. Hall, who began with me at the beginning and, barring a spell of illness, continued until her departure to Peitaiho. Her punctuality and perseverance, and, perhaps, still more her unremitting attention to each and every comment and suggestion, are worthy of all commendation. I regret that Dr. and Mrs. Dilley had not the same opportunity during their first year in China. Mrs. Hicks, living in the country, could only avail herself of my help on her visits to the city.

There can be no question but that this supervision of language study is of prime importance. Much time and worry can be saved to the new student by a little timely advice of a com-
personal and judicious guide, many serious errors avoided, and
the mastery of the spoken language materially hastened. How­
ever much time it requires of the busy senior who may be ap­
pointed to take charge, it should henceforth be regarded as in­
dispensable that every language student should be helped over
the rough places to the extent of one half hour at least of each
week for his first year. An occasional quiz will suffice thereafter.

MINOR DUTIES. Of minor duties I need say little ex­
cept, perhaps, that they have the one
common characteristic of being persistent and unavoidable.
They must be done or sooner or later they will avenge them­selves. Each individually may require no great expenditure of
time and effort, yet in the aggregate they extort no little.
Speaking generally, they fill the leisure hours, fondly anticipat­
ed and seldom enjoyed, of the missionary's life. Petty as they
sometimes seem, they may prove in the end, by the wheels they
keep oiled and running, the kindly feelings they engender in
our neighbors, the encouragement and help they render to
society, the hundred little benevolences they accomplish daily,
and, in ourselves, the mortification of much conscious and un­
conscious selfishness, the most valuable part of our earthly dis­
cipline. Thoughts like these must console me for the loss of
hours taken up in station meetings, committee meetings, un­
welcome correspondence, tiresome visits, enforced receptions.

Thus another year has passed,—a year of abundant oppor­
tunities, too many of which, I most regretfully confess, I have
failed to take full advantage of. My hope still is that through
the gracious blessing of the Master it has been a year not
altogether unfruitful.

Mies Janet C. McLillican.

INquirers' CLasses. Four inquirers' classes have been
held during the year. At the close of
one of these Mr. Cunningham examined those who had complet­
ed the course of study and certificates were given.

ITINERATING. Two trips were made in the east field
where it was hoped a class could be
held. Some time was spent in visiting among the villages, but
though there were crowds, many of whom appeared to listen
with interest, there were very few who were willing to bring
some grain or money and take up study. This in a measure,
could be explained by the fact that the deaths of the Emperor
and Dowager occurred while I was out on the first trip, and
was the occasion of many disturbing rumors of Boxer and other uprisings and the women were afraid to identify themselves in any way with foreigners.

SECOND COUNTRY TRIP. At the time of my second visit an unusually severe epidemic of scarlet fever and smallpox kept away women who had expected to attend the class. In several places the women expected that a cart would be sent to bring them to the class, and that all their food would be provided, and I was sorry to find that some of the Helpers encouraged that idea, but I felt that it would be very unwise to give so much help, that such methods would not tend to develop the vigorous type of Christianity we long to see in our churches. I felt sorry that work in the city prevented my spending more time in that needy field.

THE WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING. The women's weekly prayer meeting at Second Street has been well attended, and there has been evidence of a deeper spiritual life among the women. There has been more appreciation of their responsibilities as Christians, and a greater effort on their part to reach and bring to Christ their non-Christian relatives.

HOSPITAL PREACHING. Some time has been given to the evangelistic work in the woman's Hospital, but our faithful, earnest Bible-woman, Mrs. Lien, has been the mainstay in that work, and also in the house to house visitation.

INDUSTRIAL WORK. The Industrial work takes time that one feels should perhaps be given to work that seems more directly evangelistic, and yet through that branch of our work there are quite a number of women and girls who are brought under constant religious instruction, and who give some time each day to the study of the Chinese character and are learning to read the Bible for themselves. This is especially the case since Mrs. Gleysteen took up the Bible work connected with it.

AN INTERESTING CONVERSION. Perhaps special mention should be made of one interesting family, the head of which, a woman of some intelligence, has been bitterly opposed to the truth and was looked upon as an almost hopeless case but is now a regular attendant at all our services and has applied for baptism.

TRAINING NURSES. The training of the nurses claims part of my time, but as the demand
inches for such trained young women, we cannot but realize that new China has a place and an important work for Christian trained nurses.

- Miss Ellen Ward.

STATION TREASURER. Since as yet there is no way to conduct mission work without a station treasurer I am glad to have the treasurership give me the right to enroll myself an active member of the Peking Station, although there should be many other duties added to that office which I can make no report of attempting. As I found in midwinter the book keeping was becoming somewhat overtaxing, the new system of quarterly reports adding to the work, it seemed necessary to ask for some assistance and Dr. Hall was appointed assistant treasurer. His clerical help has been much appreciated. During my temporary absences from the station he has carried the work. The fiscal year was closed free of debt which would not have been possible but for special gifts both from abroad and ourselves. The burden of work handicapped or curtailed because of lack of funds is keenly felt by the treasurer who must see to it that appropriations are not overdrawn.

A WELCOME GIFT. A surprising gift has come recently which we style the “Trust-Fund.” Last winter after Mrs. Whiting had been speaking in some country churches in Arkansas a man called and asked her very particularly about the work in North China and after a long conversation put into her hands a roll of bills which on being counted proved to be $500. The man told her they were “hard earned dollars,” he was a pruner of trees, and he wanted to have them used in furthering Christ's kingdom in China. Mrs. Whiting suggested sending to the Board, and urged doing this, but he would not hear to it and insisted on the money being sent directly to the field to be used preferably for country work. He would not have his name given nor would he give Mrs. Whiting his address or take a receipt, said that some time he would write to her to learn what had been done with the money. So with this amount in our hands we are endeavoring to expend it as the giver wished in special evangelistic country work. This summer two earnest young men from Truth Hall academy have been spending their vacation in evangelistic work in our country field and their expenses (no salary is required) are met from this fund. This is all that has been expended so far, but other uses for the funds are in mind and,
as Mrs. Whiting wrote, we look upon it as a sacred trust to expend prayerfully and carefully that it may indeed yield the "hundredfold."

INDUSTRIAL WORK. During the year quite a little time has been spent in carrying out Mrs. Whiting’s plan for the continuance of the industrial work which she put into the hands of Miss Li, hoping that little foreign supervision would be needed, and that work sent to her for which she is financially responsible would be all that was necessary in giving employment to the now large circle of embroidery women and girls. Miss Li has managed the work well and turned out a large amount, but it cannot be done without some foreign assistance in mailing packages and the financial oversight. Occasional local orders still come, but Dr. Leonard has attended to most of those.

AN ENGLISH BIBLE CLASS. While no direct work for the Chinese is possible for me it is good to come in touch now and again with different ones in friendly ways. There has been no opportunity for an English Bible class save for these few weeks at Peitaiho when two (one has been recalled to Tientsin) English-speaking young Chinese in the Post Office have come to me Sunday Afternoons.

Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, D. D.

I have had the usual cause for thanksgiving in the continued bestowal of magnificent health. The entire year, apart from a month at the seashore, has been spent in Peking, with the administration of the material affairs, and a portion of the instruction, of the Theological Seminary as my chief duties. The attempt to matriculate a new class in September failed, owing to the fact that the time did not coincide with the graduation of a class from the College at Tungchou. Consequently during the fall term but one class, of ten men, was in attendance, who, however, pursued the regular course in so far as that was possible in the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Goodrich through September and October. Dr. Arthur H. Smith served in their stead, while Rev. W. H. Rees acted as substitute for Rev. S. E. Meech during the latter’s furlough. With the Chinese New Year a new regular class of five men was matriculated, but one of whom, however, has had a full college course. At the annual meeting of the Board of Man-
agers in January, Dr. Goodrich insisted on the acceptance of his resignation as Dean, on account of his inability to be present throughout the year; and I very reluctantly accepted election to that office. As Dean and professor of Theology, I have been subjected to some criticism for my earnest endeavor to maintain "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," as held by our church in its Standards; and I wish it clearly understood that, so long as I represent the Mission in this institution I shall do my utmost to maintain that faith in the integrity and inspiration of the Scriptures in all circumstances, being bound so to do both by profound conviction, and by the promise of the Board of Foreign Missions to the General Assembly that the Educational Union shall exist, so far as we are concerned, only so long as its teaching shall not be at variance with the faith of our church.

It is hardly necessary to say that I have greatly rejoiced in the successful outcome of efforts to secure an endowment for the Seminary, $25,000 gold for this purpose having been received by our Board from the widow of the late Mr. Morris K. Jesup, already the largest contributor to the Union Theological College.

Our new church building, reported last year as well advanced toward completion, was not occupied until Dec. 27th, when we were favored with a ringing message from Dr. Walter Lowrie at the Dedicatory Service. For many successive evenings thereafter the new building was thrown open to the public, and evangelistic services were held, conducted by the Seminary students, our own evangelists and other Chinese Christians, as well as myself, and were very well attended indeed. The Chinese New Year season necessitated their suspension; but they were renewed in March and continued with some interruptions until July 18th. The attendance varying from thirty to one hundred and fifty, we have sometimes used the large hall, sometimes the smaller one.

OVER-Popularity OF THE STEREOPITCON. An attempt to give a stereopticon exhibition with an unsafe lantern resulted in various casualties among our chairs and benches in the panic produced by a slight explosion; and had finally to be abandoned when the crowd had packt church, court and street so that the police feared inability to control. The crowd returned the next night, and all we
could admit listened quietly to Gospel preaching, while those excluded threatened to storm the gates in their confidence that they were being cheated out of a show. The third evening rain scattered the again gathering hordes, and thereafter we only secured our ordinary attendance at the meetings.

WEST CHURCH ORGANIZED. Easter Sunday, April 11th, was a joyful occasion at the Drum Tower West compound, for on that day, with the aid of the Presbytery's Committee, we organized the West Presbyterian Church of Peking not far from the ruined tower of the old First Church, erected in 1876; and elected as its first elders, Mr. Ku Te En and Mr. Yang Heng Nien. The charter members numbered twenty-four, all received by letter from the East Church at Second Street. To this number were added three by letter and one on confession of faith when the Lord's Supper was celebrated, for the first time, the following Sabbath; and one by letter with seven on confession three months later, making the present membership thirty-six.

CHINESE PREACHERS. Elder Ku Te En has been in the east country field since graduation in May, but has been transferred by Station action to act as assistant at Drum Tower West. Elder Yang Heng Nien has grown and developed in a remarkable manner since his ordination, both in preaching power and in earnestness and resourcefulness. The Station has decided to approve his entering the Seminary in the new special class. Colporteur Chang Yu Wen seems to have overcome his opium habit, and is a forceful preacher, considering his limited knowledge of Christian truth; but he is too unstable in character to fully warrant expensive training at the present time. Mr. Li Fu Sheng, the second of this year's graduates from the Seminary (belonging to our Mission,) feeling unable to live down the old lack of confidence in him among some of the officers of our East Church, was in danger of seeking secular employment for a time; but was persuaded to accept transfer to Paotingfu for work at An Hsü Hsien, where he seems contented. The other eight graduates, connected with the other Missions in the Union, have all found work awaiting them. At the Commencement exercises, the class made a very creditable appearance. It is well known that we propose to matriculate a new special class this fall. It promises to be a large one; but, as usual, the Presbyterian portion is not likely to be very numerous. Those who do enter are men already at work, who can be ill spared; but who greatly need this preparation for a larger usefulness.

For several months during the winter, I enjoyed the privilege
of brushing up my language studies in a class formed at the re-
quest of some of our younger members.

In March, Mr. Goforth came to Pe-

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king again, after a very successful  lamentably small, to our exceeding great regret.  We followed
revival work in Nanking and elsewhere, and almost everything else gave way to two weeks of
up the work with two weeks of meetings in our own church,
meetings, first in the American Board Church and later in the
the closing days being led by Dr. Walter Lowrie, who again
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left his work to come to us, and brought us much blessing;
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these final weeks of meeting being decidedly beneficial to all
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CONCORDANCE OF
NEW TESTAMENT
PUBLISHED.  Most of my literary work,—if such

it may be called,—the past year, has

namely, the long, slow task of proof-reading on the Concord-
been of the nature of drudgery,

ance of the New Testament, which, at last, after a whole year of
type-setting, has been issued from the press.  It provides
China as similar works have proved in England and America.
an aid to Bible study which I hope may prove as useful in
The only other new book published has been a little allegory,
style “The Kingdom of Heaven.”  I have been called upon
styled “The Kingdom of Heaven.”  I have been called upon
to give some time to the examination of books for the Presby-
terian Mission Press, Shanghai.

TRACT SOCIETY.  My work as Secretary of the North

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January, I succeeded in resigning my position as Secretary of
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the North China Educational Union, and the Union Medical
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College.

During June and early July all my spare time and con-
siderable more was devoted to dealing with an epidemic of
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“Life Work Meetings.”
SUMMER SCHOOL FOR EVANGELISTS. From June 11th to July 9th, I looked after the material interests of the Union Summer School for local evangelists and colporteurs, and took a share in the work of instruction. This school was even more satisfactory than last year, though the attendance was smaller, fifty-six men taking the course in one or the other of the two classes. Mr. Johnson of our own Mission, Dr. Hobart, Mr. Rees, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Cheng, and Mr. Feng of T'ungchou, assisted in the teaching. Many of the students gave assistance with the evening evangelistic services during their stay with us.

STUDENT CONFERENCE. The point most emphasized at the Student Conference at T'ungchou this year was the Call to the Ministry. Reports of the wonderful Volunteer Movement at the College at Wei Hsien, Shantung, where about 130 consecrated themselves to the work of the ministry, exerted a strong influence. As the result, the whole Senior Class at T'ungchou is seriously considering the call, and the Y. M. C. A. is contemplating the speedy organization of a Chinese Student Volunteer Movement for the Ministry. Systematic efforts are to be made, the coming winter, by the Executive Committee of our Theological Seminary, to have the subject presented in the churches and schools of this region. A much larger proportion of my time than in past years has necessarily been given to the organization, pastoral care and pulpit work of the new church.

APPOINTMENT TO EDINBURGH CONFERENCE. The latter half of the year has been somewhat tinged by the inexplicable appointment which has come to us to help represent China at the Edinburgh Conference next summer. While wishing that the China Missions could have had the opportunity to select their own representative, yet I have not been sufficiently unselfish to strenuously oppose my appointment to attend so attractive a Conference, with the subsequent early furlough, especially as the prospect of greater convenience for the Mission a year or two later is not bright.

F. B. MEYER'S MISSION. I cannot close my resume of the year without reporting my conviction that the last week of the stay at Peitaiho in August was by far the most profitable spiritual experience of the year, and, indeed, of many years. It might be difficult to point to any new truth learned from Mr. Meyer. I have often preached and talked of the truths with which he dealt: but nine-tenths of the preaching has not been from experience. The manifest reality
of Mr. Meyer’s own experience of the high privilege of most intimate personal association with our Master in all His work, and the extreme simplicity of his presentation, in fact and figure, of the ready and certain attainableness of the experience by each one with whom it is a sincere aspiration, have so convict me that it is for me, in spite of all past failures, easily besetting sins, lack of the spirit of gentleness and love, and my self-centered affections, that I have taken the Master at His word, accepted His Holy Spirit as mine now, and in constant renewal day by day; and, am, I believe, being given a more and more perfect victory over myself, a more and more sincere and fervent love for associates and the Chinese, and a deeper understanding and enjoyment of the real life of prayer. “Not that I have already attained, either am already perfect,” but I press on with an altogether new zest. There is a new song in my heart, an Alleluia strain which I trust may never cease.

Mrs. C. H. Fenn.

BOYS’ SCHOOL. The Boy’s school at the West Compound which is under my care has had a regular attendance of from 20 to 25 pupils this year. Half a day each week has been given to examining the school and I have also done some teaching in the school from time to time. At Chinese New Year we were obliged to change teachers as Mr. Liu’s character was not above suspicion and his work unsatisfactory. The present teacher, Mr. Wang, has reduced the school to better order and has an excellent influence over the boys. While somewhat lacking in Chinese scholarship he has a fair knowledge of arithmetic and geography, which the former teacher lacked, and has introduced some physical drill into the recreation periods. The entire school attends the Sunday morning service where they occupy front seats and attempt to lead the singing, much to the confusion of the organist. More than half of the boys are from Christian homes and several non Christian families have become regular attendants at church through having children in the day schools. My Sunday school class is composed of the children of the boys’ and girls’ day schools and the kindergarten with some others from outside and varies from 20 to 40 in number, forming a class not easily taught by one person.

WOMAN’S WORK. The woman’s work at our compound has been carried on by Miss McCoy
and myself conjointly, with the aid of a Bible woman, Mrs. Li Lien Sheng. Mr. Li's call to Paotingfu has deprived us of his wife's services and thus far we have been unable to find anyone fitted for the work and at the same time free enough from family cares to undertake it. This is likely to be a permanent problem unless we can find suitable women to send to the training class to be fitted for Bible-women. We have held one woman's class for ten days where eight women went on with the prescribed course of study for church members. Though the class was a short one, the work was continued for some time afterwards by Mrs. Li, the women either coming to her regularly or being taught by her in their homes. Some inquirers have been taught by Mrs. Li but no class could be held for them as neither Miss McCoy nor I had time for it. Much of my time must necessarily be given to teaching my children and I have not yet been able to find a way to clothe and feed a family without giving considerable time to it. That is a secret to be learned most easily by those who have no children and do not keep house.

BRINGING THEIR FRIENDS. Our woman's prayer meeting is regularly attended by about twenty. Nearly half of these take their turn in leading the meeting, and there is some good work done by them in bringing their friends and neighbors to services, and in teaching them to read. They show a real interest in the growth of our newly organized church. We have a good attendance of heathen women at our Sabbath and week-day services and abundant opportunity to exchange friendly visits with them; but not many calls have been made by me this year, and those largely in the homes of the school children or upon those who have become really interested in learning more of the truth.

WORK FOR STUDENTS. As usual I have given considerable time to entertaining the theological students and have led one Y. M. C. A. meeting for them, much against my will and better judgment. Mrs. Goodrich and I have superintended the care of the class rooms and dormitories and have been greatly pleased at the marked improvement in their appearance which our weekly inspection has brought about.

OLD LADIES' HOME. As formerly I have given some time to the management of the Old Ladies' Home, a charity supported by the foreign community which provides a home for about twenty-five friendless and helpless creatures,—among them some of our own Christians who would
otherwise starve on the streets or become pensioners upon the missions.

The year’s work has brought a sense of failure and discouragement, on account of the disproportion between the work to be done and my own inability to do it. But a brighter prospect has opened up to me these last weeks, through realizing as never before the greatness of the supply of grace and strength for service in Christ Jesus. Henceforth it is my purpose not to attempt to do many things, but only to be willing to be used by Him, when and where He wills; not to be ever asking Him for help to do my work, but rather to let me help Him to do His work.

Miss Eliza E. Leonard, M. D.

WORK RESUMED IN DOUW HOSPITAL. After a short rest in Peitaiho, work was resumed in Douw Hospital the first of September. Upon returning to the city I found that Miss T’ung, patient, student nurse, and again patient was very ill, sinking rapidly with tuberculosis. We visited her a number of times in her home, a heathen one into which the light of the Gospel had shined and was shining through her. It was a very clear testimony that she gave and her family believe, as they wrote in announcing her death, that “she has gone to be with the Lord,” and they rejoice to tell how she saw a great bright light shining down from heaven toward her and said “I am just waiting for someone to meet me,” and a moment later with radiant face cried “I see a great company of maidens coming to meet me,” and passed into the beyond. A great impression was thus made upon her family and we hope and pray that some day it may bear its fruit.

STUDENT NURSES. Barring gate keeper and cook we have had an entire change in hospital assistants. Beginning the year with no student nurses we closed with three who are doing excellent work. One is entirely supported by her father, a Christian business man in Chefoo. He met all his daughter’s expenses and sent fifteen dollars, (Mexican,) to the hospital.

DOUW HOSPITAL NOW SELF SUPPORTING. In a financial way the past year has been a record one in Douw Hospital. Not only was the work self supporting, but we were able to turn over a small balance of forty odd dollars to the Board. This is a
thing we have striven for for years and it gives us great joy to "walk alone," a joy we hope never to lose.

**PATIENTS FROM THE BETTER CLASSES.**

Our hospitals are appealing more and more to the better classes and some ladies are willing to leave their homes and stay with us for treatment. This class is being charged $1.00 a day for private rooms or fifty cents for rooms shared with another patient. These people really grow to like living in the hospital very much and enjoy coming back to visit us. One such, a maiden of thirty-three summers, broke the opium habit while under my care, and is so charmed with hospital life that she would like to come and take a course in nursing, this too when she knows the work required of nurses and has herself been an idle opium smoker half her life, surrounded by a mob of servants. She and her sister-in-law have been regular attendants upon church services since her stay with us and her little nieces are delighted with kindergarten. Another young woman of twenty-six years, the daughter of a native doctor, spent three months with us and begs to come back to study nursing, saying she knows she is stupid but is ready to devote six years to what others give three.

**AN ORPHAN COMES TO STAY.**

"The poor ye have always with you" is very true and one sees much of them in medical work in a heathen land. One little child with a huge ulcer of the face and neck was advised to stop with us as an in-patient. A few days later she reported that she had "come to stay," no bedding, no money, no friend, no relative. She was an orphan living with an aunt who evidently cared little for her, so deciding that probably we would not be accused of kidnapping, we kept her. She was a wild little thing and knew not the meaning of the word obey, but that was one of the lessons she learned while with us. She grew so fat and rosy, so clean and kempt that one scarcely recognized her. She confided to the Bible-woman’s daughter that her aunt had told her that if she “saw anything nice lying about just to take it”! She went home well and happy in July.

**LECTURES ON MEDICINE.**

Lectures in the Nurses Training School and the Woman’s Union Medical College began in October and ended in June. The girls in both departments have done excellent work. The record is short but the time and labor expended great. Summer holidays are being largely used in clarifying my ideas on the central nervous system and working up the Chinese nomenclature. With one’s practical anatomy seventeen years in the distance and China’s present rules and regulations, the subject of anatomy is not an easy one.
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ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER PHYSICIANS. Dr. Maier of the English Baptist Mission, T'aiyuanfu, spent most of the year with us in Peking, giving her time to language study and rendering very grateful assistance in our clinics. Dr. Dilley also lent a helping hand from time to time.

HOSPITAL EVANGELISTIC WORK. Miss McKillican, so very much occupied with other work, has had charge of the evangelistic work in the hospital. Mrs. Lien, our faithful Bible-woman has been an inspiration to us all. She lives in the hospital, mothers the nurses, cheers the patients, preaches the gospel by word and deed, teaches in the Sunday School, assists in Inquirers' classes, visits in homes and is never too weary to do something more.

STATISTICS. Our statistics are as follows:

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Miss Bessie C. McCoy.

CHRIST THE SOURCE OF POWER. It is my privilege to tell a new story of the work assigned to me this year. As this is a personal report I must write of personal Christian experience as well as of personal work. Without telling of the new life that has come to me, there would be little to tell of my work this year. I can trace the work God began afresh in me to a verse given a year ago this summer at Peitaiho by Miss Brook: "For I, saith Jehovah will be unto her, a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her," (Zechariah 2:5), and to a few words she said of Christ who of necessity must be the center of our lives. If He was given his rightful place all else would naturally revolve in right relations as in a circle about Him. This message of God came to my soul and gave me a deep desire that this should indeed be true of my life.

A VISION OF CHRIST. Later in Peking, the 29th of August, God sent through one of His own, a vision of His Son, Jesus Christ, which has given a joy and peace through the year such as I have never had before. Why do I mention such personal blessing in a report? Because its effect cannot, has not, been apart from the work I must report. God has, because of the vision of Jesus helped the young wo-
men in the training class, the day school teachers and pupils, even the babies in the kindergarten, and me through an experience with sickness and death. You will, I know, praise and thank God with me for His great love.

SCHOOL WORK. In the fall my work opened with the kindergarten training school, the charge of two girls' day schools, and two kindergartens. There were 4 young women in the training class, 21 children in the day schools, 30 in the kindergartens, 55 pupils in all. Duties connected with the schools have given me little spare time through the year.

KINDERGARTEN TRAINING SCHOOL. The Young women preparing for kindergarten teaching have done well in the daily practice with the children and fairly well in the gifts and occupation work. I have given, one afternoon a week, talks on kindergarten principles and methods, on which subjects, they have written abstracts through the year. Besides the practice work in the kindergartens mornings, the preparation necessary for it, and their essay work, the training school girls have had music lessons with Mrs. Johnson. I regret to say that one of the four returned to Chefoo to teach without completing even a year of the two year's course, but by arranging the time of the three young women both kindergartens were continued. Alternating with my assistants I spent two days in one kindergarten and three in the other.

NEW KINDERGARTEN ROOMS. The new kindergarten rooms at the Drum Tower Compound were made ready for use so that early in October, the small children of the neighborhood were welcomed. No large numbers attended, an average of about ten through the year, but the influence was for good not only among the neighborhood children but on their mothers and homes.

HOW THE KINDERGARTEN WINS FRIENDS. I have watched with interest the progress of the influence the attendance of a small child from an opposing heathen family next door to the kindergarten, had on her family. Hsiao Erh (Little Two) came first on the sly, hearing the organ over the wall from her home, she slipped in with the other children she saw coming into the courtyard gate. She reveled in the games, in the stories, in making things herself, in the flowers and in the companionship she found. Often she came without her morning meals, as did others, in her eagerness not to be late. After a
while her older sister came to see what was attracting Hsiao Erh, then a neighbor girl and the young women became almost as regular attendants as the child herself, each carrying a baby to tend. At Christmas time we had a beautiful tree, covered with dolls and books from Dr. Leonard's home box. We had both kindergartens celebrate together at Second Street. When Hsiao Erh's name was called to receive her gift she did not appear, had not been allowed to attend, lest she should be spirited away by the foreigners. Her doll was carried to her by some little friend, but alas, had its head bumped off in the journey in the cart! But that seemed to make no difference to Hsiao Erh for she came back beaming with her thanks and an invitation to go and visit them! All winter and spring not only her older sister but her mother and some of their neighbors came frequently, and even to church sometimes. Every opportunity for making friends with our neighbors is valuable, and the kindergarten affords more than I can follow up.

**LITTLE KINDERGARTENERS.**

I would like to tell of other small infants, of the mayor's son, aged five, who came to us. How he did try to sing! very audibly but with no note of music in his voice. He might have learned if he had not been taken away and sent to school so that he could learn, almost in his babyhood, the all-important characters. Then of a smiling girl with her eight pigtails each tied with a different colored string, and important Shih T'ou with his generous gifts of flower seed, sugar and peanuts for everyone but himself; his Chinese politeness not allowing anything provided by himself to be partaken of by himself. Then of the two wealthy ones with their daily attendant nurse, carrying their much decorated foreign hats. How they enjoyed the singing! Then "the least of these," the poor dirty little ones with ragged clothes who loved to lather their hands with foreign soap and liked the fragrance of my tar soap! Would they had more of it! The very atmosphere of the place so different from their own homes must mean much in the lives of all of these. Thank God that they have the kindergarten.

**DAY SCHOOLS.**

The Second Street girls' day school has kept up its numbers well through the year. Fourteen girls have followed the course of study, namely the first three years of the five prescribed for girls' primary schools. Mrs. Chü has been faithful in her work but would be much more efficient if she had had a normal school training. Monday afternoons I have spent examining the Second Street school, and Saturday mornings the Drum Tower
school. The seven pupils in the latter school are all from Christian families, I hope we can increase the numbers this year.

After Mr. Goforth's meetings in the HOLY LIGHT SOCIETY, in the spring it was laid upon my heart to help the Christian women who lived in our west court in their Christian living. I had little time to spare but managed to have a daily prayer-time with them from 9—9:30. We called ourselves the Holy Light Society as we sought help each day from the "Daily Light." We read the Bible verses in concert, then each one chose the verse she liked for her text for the day. We had short prayers then, for the things we needed, but no time was taken for explaining the verses. Ten of us made up the circle so we could more than claim the promise.

I tried to save time to call in the CALLING ON MOTHERS, homes of the day-school and kindergarten children three afternoons a week. I partly succeeded and always felt it was time well spent. Far too little visiting in the homes is done.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. On Sundays my class in the Sunday School was for outside women. I have seen some results of the lessons.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES. The Children's street-chapel meetings at Pipe Street have been well attended most of the year. I have been able to go nearly every Sunday. Some results have been seen. I trust there have been others though not seen. Jesus is blessing these people, and us for whom he died. We commit ourselves to Him in this, His work.

Rev. W. W. Hicks.

SETTLING IN THE COUNTRY. This year began most auspiciously for me in the coming of Miss Small to share with me life's fortunes. And perhaps I may be pardoned if I add that she has been adapting herself most admirably to the circumstances in which she has found herself, and by the end of her first year she expects to have finished the prescribed amount of language study. After our arrival from Shanghai we made a hasty visit to the other stations of the Mission, and about the middle of last October began to make our home in the country at Ma-fang.
40 miles east of Peking. A generous gift from Mr. Severance made possible comfortable quarters, which at first, consisted of a Chinese house repaired and remodeled with a floor, doors and glass windows. After giving this life in the country a trial of several months, and finding it quite satisfactory, the Station voted us the privilege of raising the roof and adding on a second story, which was done this spring; and now we are glad to say that we can live with a reasonable degree of comfort in the midst of our large country field, the possibilities of which only God knows. The numerous details involved in making these changes and others consumed not a little of my time which I should like to have given directly to evangelistic work, but the exigencies of circumstances made this impossible.

A CONVERT BUILDS A CHAPEL. Living in such close proximity to the country work, I have been able to enter into its problems and difficulties as never before, and it is gratifying to report some interesting features. For instance: at Ju-kou there are several families by the name of Yang. The parents of these families possess very little education; but they have great ambitions for their children and keep them in our Mission schools at not a little sacrifice. As they live 10 miles from the nearest preaching point it is difficult for them to attend Sunday services. Last year I suggested to one of the men that it would be a commendable thing if they could go together and build a little meeting house. Mr. Yang liked the suggestion, but said that they were too poor. So you can imagine my surprise this Spring when one Sabbath Mr. Yang came to Church and said he had built a room for religious services, and they would like some help in furnishing it with a table, benches, etc. This I was glad to help them with, and now we hold Sunday services there twice or more a month.

A FAITHFUL WITNESS. Another instance is that of a Mr. Chang, a man about 65 years old, who first heard the Gospel from Mr. Li Chung Sheng, since translated. He attended three classes for catechumens, but seemed so dull and slow of comprehension that I almost despaired of his ever amounting to much in the way of getting a real appreciation of the Truth. However last summer I asked the Helpers to go to his village and ascertain what they could as to his manner of life since he had been studying the Gospel. They learned that he was suffering some persecution from relatives and neighbors; and that while he could not explain much about the Truth when taunted about it, yet his constant testimony...
was, “Jesus is Savior, all who believe Him go to heaven, and the unbelieving go to hell.” So we are encouraged to “sow beside all waters, knowing not which shall prosper, this or that.”

Three classes for catechumens were held during the winter, and there was one man in each class who had never studied before, the remainder had attended one or more classes. The contributions of church members to these classes made them nearly self-supporting. Four adults and two infants have been baptized during the year. Others have been examined for admission to the Church, but for various reasons it seemed best to have them wait a little longer.

The keeping of the Sabbath in some fitting manner is a serious problem in this field; and I have come to make it one of the crucial tests for admission to Church membership; for if a man does not observe the Sabbath before baptism it is quite probable that he will not do so afterwards. This Spring I spent a few Sabbath afternoons visiting delinquent members in their homes, those who had not appeared at the morning service; and this I found to be a good plan for rousing these to a sense of their obligations. One member, a young man just past twenty years of age, I found roofing his house and tearing out the kang (a mud brick bed that has had fire under it), and his appearance reminded one of the old time chimney sweep who had just emerged from the chimney. I was sad at heart to find him thus breaking God’s Holy Day, but the note of encouragement was that he really seemed ashamed. I read and prayed with him and he promised to remember the Day thereafter. But alas! how often the word is broken on slight pretexts; for the following Sabbath he again failed to appear. So again in the afternoon I visited him this time taking with me Elder Lu. We found him making mud brick, and I thought how much of the “earth earthy” he was. We had a little prayer meeting with him and his wife, and I had him hunt up his certificate of membership containing the covenant which he had made with God, and having refreshed his memory on that, we read a portion of the story of the crucifixion. He seemed convicted of his sin as well as repentant and has since been a faithful attendant at Church services. It looks as tho “Eternal vigilance” is the price we must pay to obtain faithful Sabbath observance; but I believe it will pay, as this is one of the fundamentals of Church prosperity.
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NATIVE HELPERS. One Evangelist and six colporteurs have composed the Native force during the past year, and altho they are on the whole very earnest men, yet the number is far too few to man properly the five chapels which we have endeavored to keep open. This Spring book sales were splendid. I cannot report the exact number of sales, but in the busy season one Colporteur sold 1500 copies of Gospels and Tracts in four weeks.

NEED OF WORK FOR WOMEN. It was good to have Miss McKillican on two different occasions and Miss Hicks and Miss McCoy at two other times to visit the country women for brief periods. But these visits only emphasize the need of some one to give practically her whole time to the women in this large field. And tho the future looks unpromising for the immediate appointment of such a person, we cannot but hope and pray that God will send us the right one to bring the blessings of the Gospel to these country women.

As I come to write this report there comes over me more than ever a sense of failure in coming up this year to God's measure for me. Doubtless one reason is because I have not been as completely in his hands as His messengers should be. How the wilfulness of the flesh often hinders God's will! May He forgive the weaknesses and failures and help me in coming days to be more perfectly yielded to Him, that we may see the desire of all our hearts in the salvation of many precious souls in the Peking East Country Field.

Mrs. W. W. Hicks.

LANGUAGE STUDY. A report of the events of my first year in China while of not very great interest, perhaps, to others, yet to me the happenings of the year have had a very special interest. The first event, and the happiest one, was my marriage on my arrival in China last fall, and the year following has been a busy and happy one. The study of the language has, of course, been one of my foremost tasks, and I have endeavored to give as much of my time to study as I could; but having the duties of mother and housekeeper, it is needless to say, other things beside language study have had to come in for time and thought.

BECOMING ADJUSTED TO NEW SURROUNDINGS. Taking up our residence in the country almost at the start, where everything was strange, it took some time to get adjusted to the new surround-
ings, and especially when we had to begin living in a Chinese house which, at the time, was being altered and repaired. I have endeavored to profit by my experiences, and I think I can take a cart journey now with as little discomfort as anyone who has ever had to travel in that uncomfortable fashion; and while I may not still be able to train an inexperienced servant quite as well as one who is more proficient in the language, yet I am sure the task would not be quite such a perplexity to me now as it was a year ago.

PROSPECTS. Separated though we are when in the country from all foreigners, yet we have been happy and content, and the days have been too full for me to ever feel lonesome. We cannot but feel that the hand of the Lord has been upon us for good, and we have had many blessings along the way, not the least of which has been good health. And so I am looking forward with pleasurable anticipations for making my second year count for more than I have been able to accomplish this first year, and if possible, reach that place where, with God's grace and help, I may be able to minister in some way to the darkened lives of the women in our country field, by making known to them something of the Gospel that we have come to proclaim.

Rev. William H. Gleysteen.

FINAL LANGUAGE EXAMINATION PASSED. Last fall I began my apprenticeship in the boys' school under Mrs. Cunningham. As I taught only ten hours a week, besides inspecting the boys' rooms, I had considerable time left in which to prepare for my final examination in the prescribed language course, which I passed in February.

IN CHARGE OF TRUTH HALL. The second semester of the school year began with Mrs. Gleysteen and me in charge of the boys' school. I was green but hopeful. After a half year's many failures and a few successes, I feel more hopeful and a shade less green. While teaching only ten hours, I found that my preparation for chapel talks took a great deal of time. I gave the boys a brief progressive course in the Life and Teaching of Jesus. It seems to me that this chapel half-hour is my chief opportunity. My desire is to come into personal touch with the boys but this of course is not easy.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS. We are trying to introduce into the school more in the way of athletics,
especially such games as call for team work where boys may learn self-control as well as well as self-expression.

**SCHOOL STATISTICS.** There are 49 boys in the boarding school, 12 of these being in the day school. There are only 7 boys in the academy, but there will be a class of 8 boys entering in the fall. There are in all 32 boys in the day school. During the year eight boys united with the church. Two school boys and three teachers attended the T'ungchou Y. M. C. A. conference. I feel keenly that our school is altogether too small.

**ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER MISSIONARIES.** Thanks are due to Dr. Martin for his deep interest and generous gifts. He has turned over to the school the Yuan money and other funds. Dr. Dilley has been the alert and sympathetic physician of the school boys, having a clinic which ought to make any physician glad. Mrs. Dilley has put her hand to the plow enthusiastically, and is going to give the boys the best musical education possible.

**LEADING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN WORK.** On Sunday evenings I have gone to the Chiao-tao-k'ou chapel with a few boys. The meetings there are such as to arouse the enthusiasm of any young man. After school closed nine of the largest Christian boys, Mr. Johnson's personal teacher, the school cook and I went on an iterating trip to our east field. We were at Ma-feng, Ping-kuihsien and Pang-chün. Our program was about as follows; On market days, chapel preaching from 7:30-12. One morning I was much pleased to notice at the close of the preaching several of the boys engaged in rather personal work. One lad was explaining a book to some school boys; a second was explaining the meaning of a picture to a group; a third was reading the catechism to an interested farmer, and still others were similarly engaged. In the afternoon we had a Bible class in 1 Corinthians and the parables of Jesus. Evenings we opened the chapel, and a more select audience generally filled the room. When there was no market, we went three by three to the small villages near by to sell tracts and preach.

**ADVANTAGES OF THIS PLAN.** The boys really showed a fine spirit and some of them proved effective speakers. Such a plan I think helpful for many reasons,—(1) It points out an objective for knowledge; (2) it acquaints the boys with our country field and problems; (3) it creates an evangelistic spirit; (4) it unites the Christian forces in the school; (5) it brings the principal and his students into closer relations.
Mrs. Wm. H. Gleysteen.

The record of the past year is mainly one of doing odds and ends and helping to fill in a few chinks. The first few days in the fall were occupied with moving, and getting settled in our own home—always a joy in a heathen country.

During the year I had prayers four afternoons a week with the women and girls of the Industrial Class, staying afterwards to hear those read, who were willing to study. These women come and go, and thus it is mainly a sowing of seed, but a few showed considerable interest, and two or three of the young girls answered questions with remarkable correctness. How deep the real impressions made may have been, none can tell. I have also taken my turn in leading the weekly Chinese women’s prayermeeting, and have taught a Sunday school class of girls.

SCHOOL DUTIES. All the year my effort has been to relieve Mr. Gleysteen of as much clerical and routine work as possible, that he might have time, first to complete his language examinations, and later, when the Boys’ Boarding School fell to his care, to prepare for his teaching and the oversight of the boys, which naturally require much more time when assumed for the first time. So the keeping of school accounts and records and arranging school programs, has taken no small amount of my time. In addition I have taught English one hour a day, and usually have been in school another hour attending prayers, and Mrs. Dilley’s music class. Entertaining the teachers and boys in our home, and such of the helpers as may come from time to time, takes considerable time and effort but is always pleasant and profitable. I had hoped to call in all the homes of the day-school boys, but after two afternoons spent in this way, found that I had not sufficient time or strength for it. So it remains to be done at some future time.

Truly a meagre report for a year! I can only hope that He who did not despise a small lad’s five loaves and two fishes, will use even such small offerings as mine to feed the hungry here.

Rev. E. L. Johnson.

A review of the past year reveals many blessings, not the least of which is unusually good health. The year’s labors have been many and the visible results few, but we are only seed sowers, knowing not how or when the fruit is brought forth.
Our faith is often small, bringing discouragement instead of hope. May we all learn to trust God for the increase and spur ourselves on to greater efforts in the future, never forgetting that the power of God may be made perfect in our weakness, if we but let Him use us.

**COUNTRY WORK.** Last Sept. I was assigned to country itinerating in the field just north of Peking, comprising the outstations Kaoliying and Huai Jou Hsien. Seven trips were made and a total of 70 days spent in the country. I baptised one adult and three infants, two of them twin boys, all of them the children of the helper, Mr. Kung. The work in this field progresses very slowly, perhaps the chief reason being the illiteracy of the people which makes them indifferent to anything that does not immediately concern their daily bread. At Kaoliying the Government has opened a good school, but no one except the Christians will send their children because all think it is connected with the Mission of the hated foreigners. At the great Spring and Autumn fairs thousands heard the Gospel, and many hundreds of Scripture "Portions" were sold. This vast field is manned by only two evangelists and three colporters. Hundreds of villages have never been reached, and there are a number of large towns that we should enter but cannot because of the lack of men. In company with Dr. Dilley I made a trip into the mountains, a hitherto untouched field, and was greatly impressed with the readiness with which the simple mountaineers listened to the Gospel. Altho foreigners are a great curiosity there not even the little children were afraid of us. These people read nothing, go nowhere, and know nothing outside of the routine of their simple lives. They live and die without the Gospel—within 50 miles of Peking. Oh! for laborers for this harvest. About half of my time was spent in the city studying the language, assisting in the street Chapel, teaching inquirers' classes and performing miscellaneous duties.

**EAST CHURCH, PEKING.** The last of Jan. Presbytery appointed me acting pastor of the Peking East Church during Mr. Cunningham's absence. Since then the church and street chapel have taken all my time except that spent in two short country trips, one in May, the other in June. From June 11 to July 9 I spent one hour a day in teaching Evidences of Christianity at the Union Summer School for helpers, at the West Church. During the year 26 members have been received by Mr. Cunningham and myself, 24 were dismissed to the newly organised West Church. The three elders have been a great help, cheerfully
bearing a large share of the preaching, both at the church and at the street chapel. The night meetings at this chapel have been most encouraging. The room is well filled every night with intelligent men from the neighboring shops, schools, and offices. Many come every night and listen attentively. Hymns are written on large sheets of paper and every night at least half an hour is spent in singing. The Chinese are not natural musicians but some do quite well, especially the younger men and the school boys. Thus the Truth is implanted in the hearts of many who would not otherwise even listen to the Gospel. After each service a meeting for prayer is held, sometimes as many as 20 men remaining, most of them from curiosity but some with a real sense of need. Some who "come to scoff remain to pray." The opportunity for reaching men in this chapel is probably greater than in any other part of the city because of its prominent location. A constant stream of traffic passes the door all day and the clerks from the near-by shops and the students from several large schools are free to come to night meetings. We should put our best Chinese preachers here in order that these occasional hearers may be so impressed that they will get the habit of attending regularly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROBLEMS. The Sunday School presents a problem difficult of solution. It is hard to find teachers who will be really faithful in attendance and preparation, and of course an unfaithful teacher will not make faithful scholars. Yet there is a goodly number of both teachers and scholars who are regular in attendance and faithful in study. The very little children are under the care of Mrs. Johnson and some of the women workers and I am glad to be able to say that this department is exceeding our expectations. When the Boys' Academy is in session the S. S. attendance reaches to nearly 200, but during the summer months this number is cut in half.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS. The total amount contributed by the church this year is $405.30 Mex. of which a little more than half was given by foreigners. The Sunday School birthday offerings amounted to $23.30. This is given to the mission at Clear River, six miles northwest of Peking, where a Theol. Seminary graduate and a British and Foreign Bible Society colporter are stationed. Besides the birthday offerings for this work we must include the monthly subscriptions amounting to $124.39.

We hope to see the day when this mission will be entirely self-supporting. The Street Chapel bookstore has made some advance this year but cannot be said to have reached entire
self-support yet. It is a strong evangelistic agency as many students come in to look at the new books and remain to discuss the Truth with the two helpers in charge. Not a few inquirers have been brought in thus.

**NEEDS.**

More evangelists are needed for city and country work, educated, earnest, Spirit-filled men, called of God and over-mastered with love for souls; also an assistant Pastor for the city church who will eventually become the Pastor. House to house visitation cannot well be done by a foreigner and without such visitation many will stray from the fold. During the summer vacation Mr. Chü Yung T'ai, a medical student, was employed as assistant with splendid results. We pray for a deeper feeling of responsibility for souls on the part of the church members—that the church may not only become self-supporting but also self-propagating—that the family altar may be established in every home—and most important of all, we pray that we may all be endued with power to preach and live the Gospel.

**Mrs. E. L. Johnson.**

**WORK FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**

This year a large share of my time and strength has been spent on language study with the result that I have passed the second year's examination and can use the language more fluently. Since then my time has been taken up with studies along the direct line of my work, rather than the prescribed course. Now I have begun the third year's work. The women's weekly prayer-meetings have fallen to the lot of five leaders, of whom I have been one. Each week throughout the year four girls in training for kindergarten work have come to me for music lessons. For one half the year I taught a Sunday School Teachers' class, composed of the Primary Department teachers. Later the hour of meeting for the Primary Department was changed to the afternoon and the teachers were able to enter classes in the regular school, so the Normal class was discontinued. When Mrs. Cunningham left, I took charge of the Sunday morning service for children. The first two Sundays there were only a few children present as the rumor had spread that the service was to be discontinued. After a few weeks, however, the attendance was as good as ever, ranging from a maximum of 66 to a minimum of 36.

**PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

The first Sunday after Easter we began having the Primary Department together with as many of the
outside women and children as we could get hold of, meet at 2.30 P. M. instead of in the morning. The need of this work and the opportunity had been evident to me for a long time, and when I mentioned it to Mrs. Lien, the Bible woman, and Mrs. Chü, the school teacher, I found that they had been hoping for such an arrangement for a long time. This meeting serves a double purpose. It not only teaches the heathen women and children of the neighborhood the Way of Life, but also furnishes definite Christian work for the Christian women. It is difficult to teach them to do Christian work without some sort of a workshop. Not a few of the school boys attend and teach the lessons to the heathen boys who come in attracted by the music or by the prospect of getting a picture card as a reward for learning a verse of Scripture. The teachers are very enthusiastic and zealous and the attendance has constantly increased. One Sabbath, when there were more teachers than pupils, Mrs. Lien and I went out on the street and talked to the women and children whom we found in the doorways and on the steps. We soon gathered a crowd and led them to the church. Afterward a number of them came often to the meetings. Who can estimate the importance of this work among the children?

VISITING HOMES. In the Spring I went with Mrs. Lien to call in the homes of people who liked to hear the Gospel. We would take turn about reading and explaining the Scriptures and in most cases received an attentive hearing. Once Mrs. Chü and I went to a place where we had heard there were some girls wishing to come to school. Next day they came and a few days later Mrs. Lien and I went to their home to teach their mother. Imagine our surprise when a day or two later the girls were taken out of school. Their mother's father-in-law had heard of our interest in the family and forbade any further intercourse with us. But in the same courtyard there are a few children of other families who come regularly to the children's services. I hope to do more of this work for the little ones this year and especially to get the Chinese more interested in it.

Francis Jenks Hall, M. D.

A review of the second or third year on the mission field is, I suppose, with most of us less satisfactory than that of the first year. The latter is devoted usually without serious interruption to the study of the language, and at the end of the year when one compares his knowledge of Chinese with that
when he first stepped on the shores of China he feels satisfied that he has really accomplished something. But with the second, and still more with the third year, come interruptions to language study, so that, in spite of benevolent rules passed by the committee for the protection of the student, one finds that he has a large part of his time taken up with other matters. Consequently he becomes rather discouraged over the language, especially when he hears newcomers saying things in Chinese which he cannot say,—things which he too once knew, but has forgotten. As to matters other than language study they too are not of such a nature as to give much satisfaction, for they are done, especially if through the medium of the Chinese language, very hesitatingly and imperfectly. So one feels that neither in his language study nor in his attempts at beginnings of more direct missionary work has he accomplished anything worth reporting to the Mission meeting.

As to the assigned language course, I hope by Mission meeting time the committee may be able to report that I have passed my second year's examination. I have derived benefit in my language from attempting to teach a class in Sunday school, conducting prayers with the servants and leading chapel prayers once a week from February to June in the Union Medical School.

TEACHING MEDICINE. The medical faculty kindly allowed me all my time from September to February for the language, but asked me from February on to take up two recitations a week on the Practice of Medicine, and to continue the other four working days of the week in the Pharmacy room for about two hours in the afternoon as I had done the year before. The work of teaching Medicine, hard enough in English, is ten-fold more difficult in Chinese, and has required on an average at least six hours work in preparation for one hour's recitation. A student in his third year in China, working with an old Mandarin teacher who knows no English and less Medicine, finds difficulty in conveying to his students accurately some such thought as this: "Leontiasis ossea shows merely bony tumors on the skull and face and lacks every characteristic of acromegaly. In pulmonary hypertrophic osteo-arthropathy enlargement of the hands and feet exists, but is confined chiefly to the articulations." The work has nevertheless been interesting and stimulating. The students have been sympathetic in my language difficulties, for they all have to study English and can therefore realize something of the difficulties under which the foreigner labors in trying to teach in their language. They have been respectful, and have done good
work. Their papers in the June examination were, for the most part, of such a high grade as to justify some feeling of encouragement on the part of their teacher.

Two honors have been thrust upon me; one, the permanent assignment to me by the medical faculty of the chair of Practice of Medicine; the other, the election to the position of Assistant Treasurer of the Peking station. To fulfill the demands of these two positions will, I feel, be quite sufficient to keep me busy for the coming year.

Mrs. Francis J. Hall.

I have been in China sixteen months, and as the days have passed they have not seemed altogether idle ones, but there is little to be reported of them. I have spent my time and energy in getting settled in my new home and in studying the language. This is exceedingly difficult for me and comes slowly and haltingly to my lips, so that I daily wish that the Chinese language were as dead as Confucius. However, I passed my examination upon the first year's work in May, and am now continuing the struggle in the assigned work of the second year. My very limited vocabulary has not permitted me to take part in the work of the station, but I have done what I could in my own home, where morning prayers with the servants have given me opportunity to make an informal beginning, and an occasional dinner with Chinese guests has allowed me to show a spirit of friendliness which I am unable to express in words.

I must confess that the first year in China has been a hard one for me. To be transported into the midst of a people whose language, customs, traditions and spirit I do not understand is an experience which has swept me beyond my depth. I feel keenly the need of deeper knowledge and truer sympathy, and these I trust time will bestow.

At the close of the year, our second year, in China, I wish to report progress—a little more advance in the language, a better knowledge of the field of labor and of the work itself, and a closer sympathy with the people. The experiences of the year have been many and invaluable, each having an important part in rounding out the individual for the work in the years to come. In addition to the language study, it has been my duty to respond to the calls of the missionaries, and
in daily clinics to care for the health of the boys in day-school and boarding school, some of the church members and helpers, and the servants on our compound, visiting them in their homes when necessary. Those requiring hospital treatment have been cared for at one of the other Mission hospitals in the city. Only a few outcalls have been made. Assisting other physicians in operations and consultations has taken some time, but has been a great pleasure and help in keeping in touch with some of the difficult parts of the work, and in the fellowship so much needed, especially during the first years when all is the study of Chinese.

The opportunity to work hard and to relieve the suffering ones, makes life much easier for the young medical missionary, as well as for the patient. May many of the young Chinese be filled with an earnest desire to help their fellows in distress. A generous yearly gift in money is being sent by an earnest worker in our home church to pay the expenses of at least one such young man.

The greatest blessing of the year is our precious little daughter who brings sunshine to our home and joy to the hearts of all who know her.

Mrs. J. E. Dilley.

Two years ago yesterday since we reached Peitaiho for the first time and were so cordially welcomed by our missionary friends and future co-laborers. What an interesting two years it has been, so full of new surroundings and experiences, new habits of life, new friends and best of all, our brand new baby!

As I did not feel very vigorous last fall, the care of Ruth took most of my time until after Christmas, when I was able to study two or three hours a day. Since then as my woman has gradually learned to relieve me of my many former cares, I have been able to increase the study time to four or five hours a day, and this summer, have for the first time really enjoyed my language work.

During the spring months with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Gleysteen, who kindly acted as interpreters, I was able to give the school boys a half hour of musical instruction every morning. It is my earnest wish to acquire sufficient vocabulary to be more useful along this line as well as others.

One of my great blessings since coming to China has been
one of the most faithful and conscientious of Chinese women. She never had anything to do with foreigners, before she came to us last fall, but she had always been a good faithful soul. I am sure, one of those characters which is so transparent that the first rays of the Gospel shine right through; and it makes me so happy to feel that she is to be used to bring her country women to Christ. For several months she has been studying in the afternoons and we trust she will soon be of some service in the work for women. As there seems to be no immediate outlook for new houses in our Station the Ladies' house will doubtless be called upon to furnish the Dilley's shelter for another year. We have enjoyed being with Miss McKillician and Dr. Leonard very much although I have felt a trifle snowed under at times with three Doctors and a Trained Nurse at the table. They did not always agree as to ways and means, but that made it all the more interesting to me, for I just took my choice of the four authorities and had a jolly time. I am sure I shall never again be able to submit gracefully to the edicts of "only one."

**Rev. Charles H. Corbett.**

**UNION COLLEGE.**

It has been my privilege during the past year to represent the Mission in the Union College for men at T'ungchou. The study of Chinese has of course been my chief duty but in addition I have endeavored to become as intimately acquainted with the students as a limited vocabulary would permit. The men have been very interesting to me and have cordially responded to friendly advances.

The summer months I spent studying at my old home in Chefoo, and now that the new term has commenced, I am making a humble beginning in the way of teaching in the Chinese tongue. Located on a delightful campus, with congenial fellow-workers and a splendid opportunity for influence, I would ask for nothing more than the wisdom and strength necessary for my tasks.

**Mrs. Charles H. Corbett.**

As I look back on my first year in China I regret to say that little has been accomplished worthy of note. We began housekeeping almost immediately on arriving in T'ungchou and that together with caring for a strenuous son has kept me busy
and given me rather limited time for study of the language.

I have played the organ for some of the church services and for a few weeks gave a little time four days in the week to teaching English to the boys in the Primary School. This I enjoyed immensely and regretted very much that it proved to be a little too much of a burden with my other work.

I have learned to know many of the women and enjoyed especially an afternoon when I attended one of their missionary meetings and gave an informal talk, through an interpreter, on our Settlement work in New York. Our growing acquaintance with the College boys has been of great pleasure to both Mr. Corbett and myself. We are doing our best to make the College boys feel free to come to us as often as they please.

The year as a whole has been one of great interest to me and if the future years prove to be as happy as this one has been, and I am confident they will be more so as I take up more work, I surely can ask for nothing better.
Paotingfu Station.

Rev. J. W. Lowrie, D. D.

REVIVAL AT MARTYRS' MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The Martyr's Memorial church, to which I have had the honor and joy of ministering for another year, was greatly moved by the visit of Rev. John Goforth in the month of December, 1908 and many lives were quickened and some right decisions for eternity made. An attendance comfortably filling the audience room has been maintained during the year, and in the Spring companies of Christians on Sunday afternoons visited the villages round about preaching the gospel; but our prayer meeting has not been characterized by the Spirit of Supplication that marks a spiritually prosperous church.

PROSPECT OF A CHINESE PASTOR.

As years go by one learns more effectively how little, comparatively speaking, a foreigner can do as pastor of a Chinese Church, and one hails with expectation the day when a trained Chinese pastor can assume this important charge. Elder Li Pen Ken (Lee Bun Gun) who, in addition to being Mr. Killie's associate, has been highly valuable in the session and in daily counsels to the Christians, is now taking a course in the Union Theological College, and in two and one half more years will be eligible to the office of a Christian minister, which we think, at least in the capacity of assistant pastor he is being increasingly prepared to fill. Twenty-six persons were received into the church during the year two of whom were by letter.

ATTRACTING MEN TO THE STREET CHAPEL.

In the street chapel, where I customarily speak five days in the week, there has been a good number of attentive listeners and some accessions to the church from among them. We have adopted the custom of placing a blackboard with an impressive text in front of the chapel upon the street where it catches the eye of many a passer-by, and not infrequently induces one of them to enter for a first hearing of the gospel.
PROTESTANT CHURCH

Very marked indeed is the total change of attitude on the part of the general public towards the Protestant Church. We are no longer suspected in the slightest degree of sinister motives, nor are we despised in the same measure as before the year 1900. Those who laid down their lives in that year for Christ laid them not down in vain: yet it is still true that only in the face of opposition can any one enter the company of Christians, and there remains much pitiful ignorance of the fundamentals of the faith as well as the disinclination of the natural heart to the gospel of repentance and humble belief in a crucified Redeemer; but signs of a better day are at hand.

A GROWING SCHOOL.

Pending the Board's response to the Mission request for a consecrated man who is an educational specialist it has fallen to my lot to superintend the boys' school. I have spent about twelve hours a week in teaching and conducting morning prayers, besides discharging the other duties of a superintendent. The school has grown to the number of fifty-six pupils and could be much larger had we the sleeping and other accommodations, and the income above pupil payments sufficient to meet increased expenditure. The appropriation of $380 gold, barely sufficient to the maintenance of the school of 30 pupils, remains at that figure for the maintenance of 56 pupils and an additional force of teachers.

ENLARGEMENTS NECESSARY.

A timely gift from an old college classmate in the Spring made it possible to enlarge the main schoolroom so that all can gather for morning prayers and for the music lessons which the pupils have had the privilege of receiving from Mrs. Lewis week by week. It would be a very unworthy motive to seek numbers merely for number's sake, but it is from among the larger number of pupils that promising ones can usually be discovered whose training for future Christian service it is most advisable to undertake. The boys began contributing during the year to the church offerings on Sunday; a goodly number have joined the International Bible Union and three have united with the Church. The school graduates one boy to Truth Hall and would have sent a second had his health permitted it. The class finishing this year is also small but the classes following are larger and we hope will furnish a correspondingly larger number of graduates.

A CONSECRATED CHINESE TEACHER.

The assistance of Mr. Chou (pronounced Joe,) a licentiate of the Presbyterian and graduate of the Union
A new bell, the gift of Mrs. Wm. H. Gleysteen, has just been hung in the belfry.
Theological College, has been of the greatest service in the management of the school. He has also occupied the pulpit from time to time. He seems to be especially called, however, to the work of a teacher in that highest sense which undertakes the training of youth supremely for service in the Kingdom of God, and has acquired a remarkable spiritual influence over both his present pupils and those who have been advanced to higher schools.

The school is much indebted also to Mrs. Lewis for instruction in vocal music, of the principles of which some of the pupils have acquired from her a good understanding.

ADDRESSES GIVEN IN OTHER CITIES. In the course of the year I visited and held evangelistic meetings for a few weeks in two of the churches of the Irish Presbyterian Church in Manchuria, which with addresses at the Bible Institute of the Y. M. C. A. at Tientsin, and at the Theological School in Peking, besides conducting for some months morning prayers at the Taylor Memorial Hospital occupied some of the remaining days of the year.

Most thankful am I to the gracious Redeemer to receive new strength of body and spirit during the summer months and to be spared for another year of service, a privilege of which I had but faint anticipation when the summer began.

**Rev. Charles A. Killie.**

It is with a song of rejoicing and praise that I come to the end of another Mission year. There has been much of encouragement in the work itself, good health has been given us, and happy fellowship with all associated with us in the work, and best of all the Master Himself has walked with us all the year, and, especially in these last few weeks, has revealed Himself to us in new beauty, grace and power. How can we praise Him as we would?

**ROUTINE DUTIES.** There has been the usual routine work of the year incident to the supervision of four evangelists, two colporteurs, and one teacher of a country school, with six regular preaching centres, at four of which a preaching service and a Sunday school must be conducted every Sunday. The burden of this has been heavier than usual because of the absence of my right-hand man, Elder Li Pen Ken, who has been attending the Theological school in Peking. Mr. Li went with me on one itinerating trip,
and assisted in the teaching of two country classes; he also had charge of the station work and finances during the absence of all foreigners at the sea-shore in the Summer, but has not been free to assist any further in my work. He is greatly missed from the Station.

COUNTRY TRIPS. In October, in company with Mr. Chapin and Elder Li, I took a thirteen days’ trip over the Kuang Chang field, visiting old and new stations. In November Mrs. Killie and I had classes for both men and women in Wan Hsien.

PUBLICATION OF MISSION REPORT. In November and December considerable time was given to the compilation and publication of the Annual Report of the Mission. While much of the work was done by others, still the planning and supervision, securing of photographs, and correspondence connected with it, made it no slight task. While the report is most disappointing from an artistic standpoint, still the outcome seems to have justified the outlay of time and strength given to it.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY. The annual meeting of Presbytery brought its usual tasks to me as Stated Clerk both in the preparation and execution of the program. The meeting (in Peking) was an unusually good one, and resulted in much spiritual encouragement and inspiration. The organization of two new churches was decided upon, one of them in my own Man Cheng field.

ENCOURAGING RESULTS in the country fields, especially OF REVIVAL MEETINGS, among the Christians, as a result of revival meetings held in Paotingfu in December. In two of the counties under my charge,—Man Cheng and Kuang Chang,—nightly meetings were long carried on by the native Christians themselves, after their return home, with a considerable attendance of the heathen. Several of the Christians have gone out two by two for voluntary service, to preach to their heathen neighbours. This activity stirred Satan to greater exertion, however, with the result that there was for a time trouble between the leaders in one centre. But it soon passed over.

TWO FAITHFUL BOYS. In Wan Hsien county, where a church member, for the sake of the money paid to him in cash, went over to the Roman Catholics, and undertook to take his entire
family with him, we were interested to hear that his youngest son, one of our school boys, aged about thirteen, on his return home at the New Year's holiday, absolutely refused to be turned over to the Catholics; and neither persuasions, punishment, nor threats of disinheritance had moved him. His father seems to have sold himself bodily,—even going to the length of burning his Bible at the command of the Catholics, and his wife has agreed with him in this, but his eldest son hid his Bible and continues to read it secretly, while his youngest son, the school boy just mentioned, for a long time persisted in attending the preaching services in our chapel near his home. May God give to these boys strength to be true to their convictions. We are constantly suffering similar annoyances from the proselytizing of the Roman Catholics, in one or two instances they have given to the head of a family (or offered to do so rather, for the offer was not accepted) a sum of money equivalent to the wages of a laboring man for more than six months time, if he would leave us and go to them.

ENLARGED OFFICE. In February, by authority of the Station and of the Mission Property Committee I began work on the addition to my study, to complete it somewhat according to the original plan, (and, amongst other things, to provide room for the new Mission safe.) I now have a commodious room for study and office purposes, and where a considerable number of our native employes on the compound can convene for daily morning prayers.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED. On February 28th, by direction of the Peking Presbytery, Rev. J. Walter Lowrie, D. D., and myself, accompanied by the native Elder, Mr. Li, went to Wen Chia Tun, in Man Cheng County, for the organization of the new church. There was a very large attendance, and the new organization started with more than sixty members. A devoted Christian, Mr. Liu, was ordained as Elder, and the new church starts off with good prospects. Dr. Lowrie very kindly continued services here for two or three days longer, to the great encouragement and strengthening of the spiritual life of our people.

INSTRUCTING EARNEST INquirERS. On March 12th Mrs. Killie and myself began a class for both men and women at our country station of Wan Hsien, 25 miles West of Pao-tingfu. Fifteen men and nine women availed themselves of this opportunity to study. On April 6th we again started on the long trip to the mountains of Kuang Chang.
slight exception the journey was a most delightful one. This exception was a sand storm that caught us in an exposed river bed. At times the wind was so fierce that it was impossible to travel against it, and with our men we could only crouch in the sand, with eyes closed, and wait for its fury to pass,—in the meantime the sand and gravel beat upon us like hail and stung like needles. The enthusiastic reception which we met at our journey's end made us quickly forget all inconveniences, however. Here twenty-two men and nineteen women dropped their ordinary work (it was quite a busy time) and studied with us from seven A.M. to nine P.M. for nine days. In addition, nearly as many more came in to the classes as often as their home duties would permit. We also held two preaching services every day, and three every Sunday. The new chapel was far too small to hold the audiences that gathered, and many of the public services were held in the open air. An addition is to be built to the little chapel at once, but even this will not accommodate the large and rapidly growing audiences. It is our hope, and belief, that the day is not far distant when this entire village of Sun Chia Chuang will be identified with our work, and known as a Christian village.

BEGGING FOR AN EVANGELIST.

On our return journey we came back another way, extending our journey to the home of Mr. Cheng, the Confucian scholar spoken of in my last annual report as having been induced to study the doctrine through hearing a prayer in our Paotingfu street chapel. Last year he was meeting with much opposition from members of his family, and especially from his aged mother. This Spring we found a great change here, and nearly one hundred people were present at the service held in his home. We found that much of the change in their attitude was attributable to the influence of Mr. Cheng's youngest son, a lad of about twelve years, who has for a year been attending our Paotingfu Boys' School. At the holiday time he went home and began exhorting his brothers and sister and grandmother. When they would not listen to him he was so distressed over it that he burst into tears and was inconsolable. This grief of the child on their account seemed to touch them all as nothing else had ever done, and from that time they began studying and praying. So again has it been fulfilled that "a little child shall lead them." There is a fine outlook in this village. The day after our visit here two men from the place followed us some miles to the town where we were then stopping, as representatives of the enquirers, to beg us to send an evangelist to minister to and teach them. We could not refuse them, and yet, up to the present, the only
person available has been Mrs. Chang, who only a few years ago herself a "Wu-poa," or witch, has for these seven years been so faithful in her work amongst her relatives and neighbors in the far-away mountain district.

AID FROM SHANTUNG HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Last year I spoke of the hope of having native helpers from our old Shantung field come up, under the auspices of the Shantung Home Missionary Society, to take part with us in the evangelization of the great untouched field in connection with Paotingfu Station. This hope was fulfilled in the coming of Elder Liu Mao Lin, and Deacon Hé Han Ching, in September last. These men have spent a year of faithful service with us, in the distant parts of my field, comforting scattered Christians, helping to teach classes of enquirers, and preaching the Gospel to scores of villages and towns where, but for them, it would not have been heard. They have rented premises in Kuang Chang city which they now make their headquarters. They have made trips through Tang Hsien and Fou Ping Counties, and have worked faithfully, and endured much hardship for the sake of the Master. At present they are at home on a visit to their families, and to consult with the Society about continuing the work and sending still others to take part in it with them. It is their hope that native pastors may presently be sent by the Shantung Church to establish on a permanent footing the work in these otherwise untouched parts. All of the expense of this movement is borne by the native Presbyterian Church in Shantung.

SUMMER DUTIES. At Peitaiho I have had an unusually heavy season's work as Secretary of the Rocky Point (Missionary) Association. I took all of my Treasurer's work down there with me as well, and between the duties of the two offices was kept very busy. While the time spent at the shore was unusually long this year, I have had practically no vacation whatever. (Certainly not in the sense of cessation from work.) In view of this I felt constrained to resign my position as Secretary of the Rocky Point Association. (It is interesting to note that the work which I did alone this past year is now to be divided between three men, one of whom is to be a paid officer of the Association.)

A BUSINESS MAN NEEDED BY THE MISSION. The work as Mission and Station Treasurer has become a heavy burden. The reports and statistical tables required from the Mission Treasurer every three months take a great deal of time in pre-
paration, and if a single one is omitted the Board's Treasurer immediately notices and writes for it. It would be a great relief if the Board would send out a business man to act as business agent and Treasurer of the Mission, and permit the missionaries to give all of their time to the direct Mission work.

**BAPTISMS.**

During the year ending August 31st I have had the privilege of baptising 27 adults and 7 children in my country field.

**PERSONAL PROBLEMS.**

My home affairs, especially the question of making proper provision for my Mother in her declining days, (she is now past 75 years of age) have given me more concern of late than almost any question that has come to me for decision since coming to China. Just what my Lord would have me do in the matter is not yet clear. But I know that He will guide to the right decision in the end.

**SPIRITUAL REFRESHING.**

With others of our Mission I want to unite in the song of gratitude for the spiritual refreshing and blessing received during the last days of our stay in Peitaiho, during the meetings conducted by Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London. Never before in my experience did I seem to come so directly face to face with my Master and King, or so distinctly hear His voice speaking personal messages to me. Bowing in humility before Him, I would pray for grace to do His holy will.

**Mrs. Charles A. Killie.**

First of all, I thank God for health and for strength given to me and mine during the year just passed, and for His many blessings, and for the joy given in serving Him.

**CLASSES FOR COUNTRY WOMEN.**

As usual, I have held study classes for country women, one each working month during the year except January. In that month I visited in many homes of the Man Cheng Christians, and also attended the meeting of Presbytery in Peking, as well as spent a few days in T'ungchou. My classes were well attended, and the class of women was above the average in many ways. They were a younger set of women, and very many of them came for the first time. The last two classes were really the best that I have had since coming North ten years ago. The work among the women who attend these classes is very promising and encouraging.
A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER.  

One woman sixty-five years old, who belongs to a very well-to-do family of high standing, came to my last class for the first time, and at the first opportunity given for prayer she offered a most beautiful prayer, in a loud, clear voice, talking to the Lord just as if He were present and right before her. She said, “Lord, I have been looking for you for thirty years. I have tried many other religions, going a few steps and finding them false or unsatisfactory and then had to return, but now I have found you, Lord, the only true God.” And while she continued in this simple, heart-felt prayer, with great tears rolling down her cheeks, I noticed, (for I believe in watching as well as praying) that all the women in the room were in tears, though no sound was to be heard, nor was there any disturbance of any kind. We are hoping for great things from this woman as she works and witnesses for the Lord in her heathen home.

ENCOURAGING WORK IN THE MOUNTAINS.  

I made the most pleasant and profitable trip (of three weeks time) to the mountainous Kuang Chang field in March that I have made in my twenty years in China. Through the gift of a friend I was enabled to be carried in a chair over the dreadful roads, thus making the journey so pleasantly and comfortably that I had more strength and patience to give to the work after reaching there, than in former years. Though I felt many times on the way that it was almost a sin for me to be so comfortable while itinerating. A class of loving, earnest women, twenty or more, all progressing and growing in grace and knowledge of the truth, were eagerly waiting for the time of study. The advanced pupils, after finishing their own lessons were always all ready to teach the beginners. My cook and boy also helped me teach (between meals) for three or more hours per day. This is the most encouraging work in our field, and I mean to try to make two trips per year hereafter, instead of one.

Mrs. Chang, one of the oldest and one of the first of the Christian women there visited in the homes of enquirers near Wan Hsien in the Spring, and did very good work. I hope she may be taken on soon as a regular Bible-woman, to do this kind of work among the heathen, and in the homes of enquirers.

THE YEAR’S RECORD.  

In all I have held six classes, where nearly 100 women have been instructed in Gospel truth; each class holding for about ten days. I have spent 66 days in the country, attending services and visiting homes, and conducting classes. In addition to this forty days were given to class
work, which was carried on in our Mission premises at Paotingfu.

COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL. We have a day school of ten boys and girls in Man Cheng county, with the promise of more. I examined them in June and found that they had made very good progress indeed considering that all were new beginners but a short time before. I had a delightful visit to the sea-shore, and am now ready to take up the work with new zeal and new joy for another year,—if it pleases my Lord to use me. I forgot to say above that I spent both Thanksgiving and New Year's days in the country at my work.

Miss Grace Newton.

A SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT. The year from August, 1908 to Sept. 1909 has been in some respects decidedly encouraging, but in one, at least, very disappointing. This disappointment is the singular and unexpected defection of one of my teachers whose high moral stand two years ago gave us all so much satisfaction. In the Spring of 1908 there was considerable objectionable hazing in the Bridgman School in Peking, our Paotingfu girls being the invariable victims. However the girls made no complaint until just before the summer examinations, when being unusually exasperated, two of them wrote notes to Miss Miner, saying they would not attend any more recitations, but wished to go home at once. Though there was much provocation, of course, there could be no justification of such letters, and Miss Miner, refusing to forgive the offence, suspended both girls for a year.

One of them was the daughter of my teacher, Mrs. Chang and had always been both here and in Peking, an unusually studious, obedient pupil. Mrs. Chang's pride was so hurt at this disgrace, that nothing would persuade her to send her daughter to another Mission school, but in spite of all entreaties to the contrary, she sent her daughter to a government school in Tientsin. In this school the girl was obliged to worship the Confucian tablet every month, a fact her mother successfully concealed from me until late last Spring. At that time Mrs. Chang was suffering from serious eye trouble, and fearing that this affliction was a punishment from the Lord, she wrote to her daughter, suggesting that she should leave this government school, where she not only was never allowed
to attend a Christian service, but was required to worship Confucius.

CHOOSING TO SERVE MAMMON.

But the poison had already entered the girl's blood, and she strenuously objected to leaving, thereby losing the monthly payment of money to those of high grade and also renouncing the hope of a good position after graduation. Mrs. Chang was entirely convinced by her daughter's arguments, showing clearly that the love of money was still strong within her, and nothing that any of us could say about the impossibility of being true to both God and Mammon had any effect. Fortunately for me Mrs. Chang's eyes prevented her doing any work in school, and so after a long period of inactivity, she went home. If she had not gone of her own accord, I should have dismissed her, as I considered her influence in the school distinctly bad. The whole affair was a painful illustration of the subtle poison of worldliness.

AN ENCOURAGING CONTRAST.

One encouraging thing in all this was the absolutely uncompromising attitude of Elder Li's wife and of Miss Li. From the beginning they told Mrs. Chang that she was committing a great sin, really idolatry. I once said to these two women: "How is it that you two are so unwavering, so much surer of duty than Mrs. Chang?" Their replies were striking. One said: "Mrs. Chang has grown up in a money loving home—her family are always talking about money and devising ways of earning more—she has lived in a covetous atmosphere from childhood." The other said: "We ought to be different—we were sent to school when we were small children, and ever since have had constant instructions in true principles of living," adding: "It makes all the difference in the world what one is taught in childhood."

HOPEFUL SIGNS. Another encouraging thing is the new missionary society started in the school by Mrs. Mather and Mrs. Lewis. The older girls are members of this society, and greatly enjoy both the sewing meetings and those where they study special mission fields. Another sign of life is that twenty-seven of the girls have this year united with the Church, largely as a result of Mr. Gofforth's meetings last December. Fifteen of these girls, united with the Congregational Church, twelve with our own. Some of the Congregationalists were very young, and seemed to me to have no proper conception of the step, and I was very sorry that the Chinese pastor insisted upon sweeping them all in in a body.
A GOOD CONFESSION. All our hearts were much touched last winter by the beautiful patience and trust through weary weeks of suffering shown by one of the graduates of 1906. After graduating here this girl went to Bridgman Academy in Peking. After studying there for two years, advancing tuberculosis made it impossible for her to return for the two remaining years, and as she had no home, I brought her to Paotingfu. She lived here for about six months, a great part of the time undergoing intense suffering, until at last her weary spirit was released. By her gratitude and patient trust she indeed "witnessed a good confession," making a deep impression on all who were with her.

STATISTICS. The average number of pupils during the year was 59, 36 Presbyterians, 20 Congregationalists, and 3 non-Christians. Six graduated in June, 3 Presbyterians, 3 Congregationalists, all but one, Church members. Two have gone to Peking for further study, and will probably become teachers. The total number of graduates is 26— one is dead,—of the remaining 25, 3 seem to have chosen the world, but the remaining 22, as far as we can see, are warm hearted growing Christians. Eight of these graduates are already engaged in Christian work, most of the others are studying in Peking. Another encouraging advance is the regular teaching of singing by Mrs. Lewis. Under her instruction the girls have made good progress in staff reading and learning to sing the different parts.

FINANCES. The cost per pupil for food, fuel, Chinese salaries, and minor expenses for the past year was about $40.00 (Mex.), not so much as $20.00 gold.

I received from our Treasurer $985.61 (Mex.)
" the American Board 765.61
" the Chinese pupils (for board) 520.45
" the sale of books etc. 134.44
" visitors (for board) 28.89
" other sources 20.10

$2455.14

Expenditures $2430.69
Balance $24.45

You will notice that the sum received for board of pupils, paid either by the Chinese themselves, or by the friends who are helping them, amounts to more than one half of the appropriation by the Board, and if the proceeds from the sale of books and the board of our occasional visitors be added to this, it shows us that 28 % of the expense of the school is paid by
the Chinese. Not counting my salary, our Board pays 41% of the current expenses of the school, the American Board 31%, and the Chinese 28%.

A DREADED FOE. The School has been quiet and orderly throughout the year, and as a rule the girls have had good health, though one of the brightest girls from the Congregational Mission most unexpectedly developed tuberculosis, and died after a short illness. I saw that she was ill, and suggested her leaving school for a time. Her mother took her home, but instead of improving, she went steadily down. Tuberculosis is our implacable foe. During the six and a half years since the school was established, seven bright, promising girls have died of this dread disease, though not until after leaving the school.

FAITHFUL TEACHERS. As usual I have to report with deep gratitude the extraordinary fidelity and efficiency of Miss Li, the head teacher. The other teachers are also faithful and seem to be growing spiritually, but she is in a class by herself. Always cheerful, always obliging always true and earnest, she certainly “adorns the doctrine of God our Saviour.” Like many others in the Mission I had the great privilege of attending Mr. Meyer’s meetings at Peitaiho, and do trust that during the coming year my work may be more like the work of one who has been made a partner with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Miss A. H. Gowans.

With a grateful heart to the Giver of all good do I report what I remember of the year’s work.

A CENTER OF WORK FOR WOMEN. The city dispensary has been kept open daily, and the patients rich and poor talked with and taught. Well-to-do people are ministered to one day, and provide the wherewithal to enable those more destitute to receive the same loving care freely the following day. In the same building a day school for girls is held. This school has done much better than in former years, and I think the children are truly learning to love Jesus. We endeavor to fit them for the bigger girls’ boarding school, although this effort is not appreciated by their heathen parents, who decidedly dread having them live in a Christian Missionary atmosphere. One poor child remarked in her teacher’s hearing one day “If my mother would only die, then I could go to the big school.” We notice with
joy how their lives and their language change after they have been coming a few months. The daily average attendance since winter has been fourteen.

**AN OBEDIENT CHILD.** The child who got the prize for obedience this summer, was six years ago first brought into the city dispensary, with a diseased hip and a hole in her back. Dr. Mackey and I often prayed that the Lord would take her to Himself before she knew sin, unless He had some special use for her. To-day when I watch the earnest little face, and see the older sister she brought with her and hear them singing “Yes I do love Jesus, because He first loved me,” I think He surely has spared her to be a blessing. One of the Union Memorial School girls teaches this school very faithfully. I try to give it about one hour a day.

**STATION CLASSES.** In this same place for women in the city, we have had monthly station classes for the past six years. Those who came to the seven classes held last winter were almost entirely from the Tsang Ts'un neighborhood, or from the city. Mrs. Mather's being able to spend so much time with Mr. Mather in the country to the north, takes the Gospel right to the women in their own homes. The average attendance for the past winter has been nineteen and seventy days, Sundays excepted have been spent, in their not always inspiring company. The city place has a charm for these poor women only to be accounted for by the fact that it is the Lord's place. Sick or in any kind of distress they come to it; and plead that if they may only stay there over night they will be well again. One old lady crawled there, night after night, as long as she had strength, and could with difficulty be induced to go home to her grandchildren and to much greater comfort, to breathe her last. She kept saying: “Jesus is here and He does not object to me.”

**A REFUGE FOR THE DISTRESSED.** Another, a young woman under twenty, whose reason seemed wholly gone, was brought in by her mother. She went at once to a quiet corner, knelt down and said “O Lord Jesus, save me.” I asked the mother, who had told her of the Saviour. She told me that years ago she had come for medicine. Since that time, she had been married, gone far away, and suffered dreadfully. She had been tied to a tree and thrashed for not being a more capable daughter-in-law, then when her reason was gone, they sent her back to an almost destitute mother and step-father. Her one plea was “Take me to the City dispensary.” When night came, she pleaded to be allowed to stay. I feared to grant this request...
until a woman who was studying in the station class said, "Miss Gowans, if you will allow her to stay, I will be responsible for her. I will never let her out of my sight by day and I will sleep with my arms around her all night." This woman was true to her word and after the class was finished she proposed staying other ten days, just to care for her. She implicitly believed God meant to make the girl well, and she said she knew it was God who had given her a love for this poor ailing one, such as she had never had even for her own only child. We had the joy of seeing reason restored, and the girl returned to her husband who was very grateful.

PARLOR MEETINGS. I try to spend a good deal of time visiting. Most of the calls are on ladies, who, because of Chinese custom, cannot come to a public place of worship, but whose hearts are hungry for Jesus. I feel sure of a welcome in at least twenty-five such homes, just as true a welcome as in the home of any church member. Three times a month a parlor meeting is held, and one memorable afternoon, no less than four of these women asked Jesus personally and publicly for the gift of a clean heart, a heart cleansed by His blood. Many of them read the Bible and pray daily, but Nicodemus-like, they dare not acknowledge Him. One of these four I met some years ago at another lady’s home. I told her the Gospel story and invited her to come. She told me it was utterly impossible, as her father (she was a young widow) would never consent. I told her that things impossible naturally were possible with God. This Spring, a sister’s child with enlarged glands was brought to the hospital, and in this way, mother, aunt and a dear grandmother, heard the Truth over and over again.

WORK IN THE COUNTRY. In Tsang Ts’un, the market town twelve miles to the east, the work for women and children has made decided progress. A flourishing day school under a grown up schoolgirl has been going on since the Chinese New Year. The villages round about are being visited regularly. People now come freely to the city hospital and to see me when the city work allows me to leave it for a few days. Mr. Mather sees to it that a Sunday service is also held, and Mr. Ts’ui our faithful evangelist has the place much on his heart and keeps constantly watching for souls. Dr. Elizabeth Lewis has visited the place with me a good many times, and the people show implicit confidence in her, and in her medicines.

GIFTS FOR HOME MISSIONS. The Women’s Missionary Society have held meetings once a month, and support their missionary Mrs.
Ch'en at Pai Kou Hê very cheerfully. Their gifts are not great but they are regular which is just as important. Mrs. Ch'en does good, faithful evangelistic work, and says she is neither wearied nor homesick when the women pray for her daily.

The greatest pleasure of the last half year has been a Sunday morning class for Bible Study. The students are young men from the Provincial College, a government institution. Their Principal, Mr. Fei, a Christian man, but hindered himself because of his position, from teaching Christianity publicly, brought them to us. It has been a great delight to watch the bright minds and to see how truly hearts everywhere and in every walk in life are seeking for Jesus although they know not whom they seek. Some of them have responded to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and have found peace and our hope is that through them many more may come to know Him whom to know is life everlasting.

Charles Lewis, M. D.

TAYLOR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. My personal report for the last year is practically the report of the Taylor Memorial Hospital, from Sept. 1st. 1908 to Sept. 1st. 1909. During this year the Hospital has been open to receive and treat patients for just nine months; being closed for one month at the Chinese New Year, at which time Chinese do not consult a physician, but spend most of their time in calling upon their friends and in feasting; and closed for two months during the heat of the summer in order to give all those connected with it a much needed rest.

SIXTY PATIENTS A DAY. During these nine months of work 3680 new patients were seen in the dispensary. These patients returned for 9550 treatments, making a total of 13,230 treatments of dispensary patients, or an average of 60 patients a day. These were seen during the afternoons.

NINE HUNDRED OPERATIONS. There have been 522 operations done in the operating room; of these 315 have required a general anaesthetic usually chloroform; the others have been done under cocaine anaesthesia being mostly eye operations. In addition the following have been done in the dispensary during the afternoon clinics: extraction of teeth 127, cutting of boils and abscesses 123, and other minor operations 128; making a total of major
and minor operations for the nine months about 900, or 100 per month. There have been about 20 plaster casts applied, and 48 calls have been made in the city and its suburbs.

The whole number of hospital patients during the year was 385, who remained in the hospital for an average of eleven days each. The morning prayers at the hospital have been most helpful this year, due largely to Dr. Lowrie’s earnest and clear explanation of the Gospel, and Mr. Liu’s faithful work among the patients. Mr. Liu has been very conscientious in his work, in talking an hour every afternoon to the dispensary patients, while they await their turn to be seen, and in patiently teaching the Gospel truths, and songs to the hospital patients during the forenoons. He has proved himself to be a most earnest and competent evangelist. There has been a larger number of the hospital patients, than during former years, who returned to attend inquirers’ classes.

The only native help in the medical work has been five boys about eighteen years of age, who have started in to be trained as nurses. They have been faithful to their duties, and have made progress in their work. They give promise of very useful men in hospital work. The hospital has one medical student in training at the Union Medical College in Peking, and when Mr. Wang has finished his course, which he will do in about eighteen months, we hope to have a trained man to help in the work.

There has been a addition built to the dispensary during the year, which gives room for a storeroom for drugs, an x-ray and dark room, and a room for granulating and making up tablets. This permits us to throw the old drug and dark rooms into the dispensary, enlarging it sufficiently to accommodate the present work. The gift of Mr. E. B. Sturges of Scranton has made the above change possible. The whole expense of the hospital has been met by money raised on the field: in all about $800 gold.

As a whole both medically, and in the evangelistic work, the year has been the best in the history of the institution, and we would give all the praise and glory to Him, who has kept us, and sustained us in all the trying times when it seemed sometimes as if it was too much for human strength. But he was always sufficient, and it is in Him we trust for yet greater success in the coming year.
Mrs. Charles Lewis.

It was with the splendid health and good spirits that a home furlough brimming over with good times gives one, that I began my little share in this grand work last fall. My small attainments, which are sort of in the nature of a "Jack of all trades and master of none" line seem to fit me specially for helping out at odd ends here and there.

The evangelistic work of the Women's Hospital Evangelism. Hospital I considered my special work, but I was so busy, eventually, at other things that Mrs. Mather kindly offered to conduct this whenever she was free from her country work, taking all responsibility at such times. This work continues to be as interesting as ever many receiving by the aid of our faithful Bible woman, Mrs. Ts'ui, considerable knowledge of the truth, not only learning to read the hymns used daily at morning prayers and the leaflets distributed to newcomers, but also the first book and catechism, and in some cases the book of a hundred selected texts. Some of the in-patients became hopeful members of the inquirers' classes conducted in the city every month.

Training Nurses. In helping Dr. Elizabeth Lewis with the hospital work, it fell to my lot to keep the record books, receive in-patients, and do interpreting during dispensary hours. When necessary, I accompanied her on out calls, and taught physiology to our small class of nurses. Our training class started with three, one being in such delicate health that it was only to give her something to occupy her. She suffered from the piercing pains of general tuberculosis for weeks, during which time the refining fire did its work in her heart and her passing beyond was so radiantly welcomed by her that none could feel sad. The other two, although giving promise of great efficiency, have eagerly taken advantage of an opportunity to get a more complete education in the Bridgman School, Peking. The boys' training class in the Men's Hospital, I had to neglect as I had no time to teach them, but hope to do it evenings of this coming year.

Teaching Music. As I have had, during the past few years, most of the training in singing for any special occasion, in both schools, and promised to do more of it in the future, I took special work in that line during my furlough, but even so, felt very incompetent to carry on regular singing classes. However, the progress that the pupils of both schools made in sight reading was very encouraging.
A book gotten up for that purpose would be most useful as I had to hunt up exercises from various sources and put them on the blackboard for the pupils to copy on paper, and this took much of our limited time. A few hours each week were spent teaching organ lessons to some students who give promise of being valuable helpers in the future. This and the little time spent on our Chinese baby might be called recreation, as only pleasure and no anxiety were connected with either. My services at the church organ and in organizing and conducting a primary Sunday school class were also pleasant and easy.

VISITING HOMES.

With others, I feel that what stand out in the year's experience are the helpful meetings when Mr. Goforth was here, and the noon prayers. And I have tried, though unsuccessfully I fear, to make better use of my time. During the latter half of the year I visited regularly once a week the homes of our three language teachers and our cook; teaching the wives and any neighbors who dropped in. In the latter place a houseful of neighbors always gave me a hearty greeting,—the children reciting Bible verses for pictures I gave them.

TALKS WITH STUDENTS.

My Saturday afternoon "at home" for college students was changed by their request to Friday, and while some days I had very few or none, yet at other times as many as seventeen or eighteen would come. These were in most cases invited by Mr. Fei, the Christian man at the head of the English department of the college. We always invited them to come Sunday morning for Bible study, and once Mr. Fei came bringing thirty, whom we divided between Mr. Cole, Mr. Harvey, Miss Gowans and Dr. Lewis to teach. We know from what some of the students say that there is a strong movement toward Christianity among the students there. My visits with the college boys are all in English and you can imagine my delight when one afternoon they were hardly seated before the spokesman of the number said: "We have come to ask your advice about something." I asked "What," to which he replied "About Jesus Christ, we wish you would tell us all about Jesus Christ." How I hope there may be many such requests during the coming year and that I may be able to discern them when unexpressed.
Rev. William A. Mather.

A BUSY YEAR. It is with a feeling of dismay that I look back upon the very little accomplished during the past year and wonder how all my time could have been spent. Much of it might have been used to better advantage, and yet not much of it has been idle time. In addition to about four weeks spent at Peitaiho since last year's Mission Meeting, one hundred and fifty days or so were spent in Paotingfu. Naturally, the first of these were spent in preparing the minutes of the Annual Meeting, some days also being occupied in writing a brief review of Christian Missions in China for Hartford Seminary. Fifty days were spent in conducting five inquirers' classes, each with an attendance of about twenty, a month or so was taken up with poor relief, caring for an insane patient from a Christian family in Ku Ch'eng and for my teacher while breaking off opium, and the rest in study and in caring for matters in the compound during the vacation of other members of the station.

NEW HELPERS. A number of changes have taken place in the force of workers in the eastern field during the year. Mr. Ch'en, who had been in charge of the chapel in An Su for over a year, meddled in a law-suit in the local yamen and had to be dismissed. His place is more than filled, however, by Mr. Li Fu Sheng, a graduate of the Union Theological College, and his wife. At Mr. Li's request, a Mr. Pai, an American Board church member residing in our field of I Chou, has joined him there and assists in the work. We have also added to our force during the year, Mr. Ts'ui Shan, our former compound gate-keeper, and Mr. Li Kuo T'ung, an earnest Christian from the western mountain field, where for years he has preached for as long as he could afford to be away from his work.

CHAPEL PURCHASED. Some changes have also been made in our country preaching chapels. Owing to the kindness of friends, the chapel formerly rented at An Su, together with an inner court with six additional rooms, was purchased for a little over $130. gold. I should add that the Taylor Memorial Hospital contributed over $40. gold of this amount. In Hsin An, the most populous town in all our field outside of Paotingfu, the chapel rented last year proved unsatisfactory, there being no place for a resident helper, but a much more satisfactory place has now been found, and since its opening one or more helpers have been there almost without interruption.
PROGRESS IN THE EAST FIELD. Progress has not been marked in the east country field this year; yet signs of it are not altogether lacking. In Tsang Ts'un, where Mr. Ts'ui has worked so earnestly and so long, the attendance at Sunday service is growing, and one young man from there was admitted to the Paotingfu church this spring. The interest has not grown much in An Su, probably owing somewhat to Mr. Ch'en's lack of spiritual earnestness, but two school boys from there have shown evidence of a changed life and have been admitted to the church in Paotingfu. A service is now held every Sunday in Pai Kou Hē, and eight or ten interested inquirers attend. The congregation in Ku Ch'eng has not grown very much, but of two new inquirers one has broken off his opium and is exchanging idleness for work, and the other, though very poor and intensely busy, is so eager to learn that he takes his catechism with him when going out to hoe corn and spends his intervals of rest in studying it.

Lately, in response to the request of
ASSISTING SHUNTEHFU. Shuntehfu and the direction of the Mission, I have made four visits of eight or ten days each to that station, the first to get acquainted with the city and country evangelistic work under Mr. Miller's guidance, and the other three to take up his work in some measure. Thus far I have conducted service on six Sundays in the Shuntehfu church and have made three trips into the east country field. The work in this field has some very promising features, though not very far advanced as yet. The hope of the church's interfering in lawsuits, which formerly attracted hundreds of so called inquirers, has gradually died out, a nucleus of men and women who love the gospel for its own sake remains. Li Huai especially, which is our farthest station east, and to which Mr. Tien has recently taken his bride, contains many who are deeply interested. One young man, a leader in one of the secret sects so numerous in that region, recently attended a Sunday evening service there and eagerly prolonged his questioning until cockcrowning.

Altogether, the year has been crowned with God's goodness, and though oftentimes I have proven faithless, yet He abideth faithful. Of late I have been more than usual impressed with the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe and who seek His power and guidance in believing, persistent prayer, and though the coming year will probably bring with it unusually hard work and heavy responsibilities, I know that His grace will be sufficient.
ENCOURAGING SIGNS. The shortest year I have yet spent in China has just gone into the e¬ternities. My diary records seventy-five days spent in the country during the year. Each visit brought encouragements,—here a family saying grace at meals, there an old lady saying a simple daily prayer, here a child singing new hymns, there a mother going to church for the first time, or a daughter-in-law coming to study. The work however is still very new, and in some places has arrived at the second stage—where the novelty has worn off and the old prejudices are reasserting themselves.

PREJUDICE WANING. A Ku Ch'eng, the only station in our East field where there are any church members, a good station class was held in the early fall. Grandmother P'an, who united with the church a year ago, is pretty hopeless at her books. She used to shake her head and say "This heaven is hard to get to." But she has the childlike faith that understands many things by intuition. For example she once told me that her grand-daughters-in-law used to waken her in the morning by shouting out various questions. "But I play the deaf woman" she said. "I must speak first to my Lord in the morning, and afterward to men." One of those who studied in that class had in former years been most prejudiced, though married into a Christian family. Her sojourn at the hospital, where she had received so much kindness when her son died, had won her completely. In the spring Dr. Elizabeth Lewis held a clinic there once and treated fifty women. This is evidence that the prejudice against us is waning. I am not invited anywhere there yet, but Grandma P'an has taken me to visit not a few of her relatives.

ENERGETIC BIBLE WOMEN. At Pai Kou Hê, which has been visited by Miss Gowans much more than by me, I spent a happy week with Mrs. Ch'ên in the early spring. Several girls who are reading came in every day for a lesson, children came in to sing, and Mrs. Ch'ên saw to it that everyone who had ever been at all interested should come in at least once during my stay. I cannot say enough of Mrs. Ch'ên's earnest stewardship of her time and strength. She is out all day, and in all kinds of weather. I fear she often neglects her food. In the gray morning I wakened to hear her whispered devotions going on, and often when I fell asleep exhausted, she was still poring over her New Testament. Being away from human help, she has
learned to turn to her Divine Friend with a constantly growing faith.

A FUTURE LEADER. In An Hsü about thirty homes are open to my visits, and through children, more homes are reached indirectly. It has been impossible, however, to gather a class of inquirers there. We are deeply grateful that we now have a helper's wife living there, and can look forward to classes the coming year. One woman in An Hsü deserves to be mentioned. In our first visits she used to please me by asking questions like this: "If this doctrine is the only one to save people, why have you neglected China so long?" She has sent her son to the Paotingfu school, and this spring with great courage took me to spend the day in her native village, among her well-to-do relatives. At each place she announced frankly that she had brought me to preach, and each time we left a home she would give her judgment as to the amount of interest shown. As she reads a little and seems to turn instinctively to noble thoughts and ideals, I look to her to become more or less of a leader some day. Two of the An Hsü boys united with the church in Paotingfu during the year. One of them, though not large, walked fifty li to church and back twice during the summer.

"MATHER ASYLUM." Jung Ch'eng was visited for woman's work several times by Mrs. Ch'en, and twice by me. In living in the country several days or weeks in the same place, there are many opportunities to be a friend and neighbor. One may have to study up the subject of feeding babies with the bottle, or turn one's home into an insane asylum at a moment's notice. We regret to say that while our patient continued to be wild as a hawk, under the kind treatment at the "Mather Asylum," he was speedily cured by a beating from his brother!

HOSPITAL PRAYERS. When not in the country, a large part of the morning has been given to hospital prayers, seeing the sick in their rooms, and examining those taught by the Bible woman, Mrs. Ts'ui. I have tried to make the teaching at prayers more systematic, and, to provoke better attention, questioned the women afterward to see what they remembered. One of the most encouraging incidents of the year at the hospital was the return in the spring of a girl who had been apparently hopeless both physically and spiritually. She had steadily refused to have her arm amputated, though a tubercular joint showed little improvement after weeks of treatment. When the hospital closed for the summer and she went home, she was urged to pray for her
own recovery, and to eat nourishing food. We all thought she could not live long. She had been too sick to get much teaching. Behold her, after a year, returning with such a happy smiling face we did not know her! Her arm was entirely well, so she could stretch it out straight, and she had now come back, ostensibly to be treated for her knee, but really to study. She had kept up the custom of praying and singing hymns with her mother, and they were both so glad to be back in the hospital family. They studied in two classes.

WORK FOR GIRLS. My Sunday School class in the Girls' School has been an increasing pleasure. Mrs. Lewis and I formed a little missionary society in the school, as a means of coming into closer touch with the girls, and also of giving them work for others. The society met monthly to sew, and at each meeting a few topics were given on some mission field. We aim to raise by the sale of our work enough money to support a Bible woman or to educate a girl.

RELIEVING THE POOR. When the station took up systematic relief of the poor during the first month I was glad to do my share of personal investigating and visiting. Mrs. Ts'ui went with me to about thirty-five homes, and her sensible advice was the greatest help. The best thing about a year's record is that it really never is ended. A word, or a prayer, or a service of love, like the pebble dropped into the lake, sets an unending series in motion. May they all indeed reach to eternity.

Rev. Dwight C. Chapin.

My year's work has consisted largely of language study, although some time has been given to other work. Two hours a week have been spent in teaching English to three of Dr. Lewis' hospital assistants and his hospital evangelist. For some months past I have conducted morning prayers with household servants. I have greatly enjoyed my Sunday school class of thirteen small boys, who are among the brightest in the boys' school, where they are well trained in the Sunday school lessons and other Bible study. Every Sunday they recite the Golden Texts for the whole quarter up to date.

ITINERATING. Last October I had the pleasure of making a two weeks' trip with Mr. Killie through our mountain district. We stayed several days at Sun Chia Chuang our farthest outstation from Paotingfu,
being about ninety miles distant. It is a small village of about one hundred families, but we have now almost forty church members there and a little chapel built largely through native contributions. Our experience there and at the inns in various mountain villages gave me a taste of the joy which I hope will be mine before long, when I can stand on the street, or on the steps of a village school house, or in a oneroomed inn, and proclaim the gospel message as Mr. Killie and Elder Li did day after day to crowds of people, many of whom had almost no knowledge of the truth, and some of whom had never before heard it.

ATHLETICS. Last fall I began coaching the students of the Provincial college in track athletics, but the sports were given up on account of the Emperor's death. Just now I am coaching them again every afternoon with a view to taking a team down to Tientsin next month to compete in the seventh annual interscholastic track meet, in which fourteen schools are to compete this year, and which is witnessed by thousands of spectators, including many of the high officials of the province, and probably the Viceroy himself this year. I am naturally very fond of athletics myself, but I should not feel that it were right to spend an hour and a half a day in this work were it not that I hope by this means to get into close touch with these students, and to arouse in them an interest in the great truth which is barred from their school. Mr. Fei, the dean of the college, a graduate of Oberlin college, and a very earnest Christian man is heartily in sympathy with this work, and it was through his earnest efforts that the four Bible study classes were organized for these students last winter, and conducted by four members of our mission. We feel keenly that the time has come for a work to be started among the thousands of students in the city and we hope that the Y. M. C. A. will be able to begin work here before long.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE. Last May I had the privilege of being with my sister May at T'ungchou during her last few days on earth. These days I can never forget. It seemed as though they were given to us that we might go with her to the very borderland, and get a taste of what awaits us beyond. Some of you knew my sister, and you know what a consecrated life she lived. I know that I shall be a better man—I pray that I shall be a much better man for the truly noble example she has been to me, and for the many prayers she offered for me during her days of suffering. She struggled with that disease for ten years, the last three or four of which
were spent here in China, in weakness and suffering. We who loved her the most, and who longed and prayed that she might be given health and strength for a life of service here, (for that was the only reason for which she cared to be spared,) could not but praise God when she was released from her suffering and taken to be with her Master. I thank God for her prayer life and unselfish devotion to Christ.

And now as I face the beginning of country work, I have an overwhelming sense of my unworthiness and my unpreparedness for the best Christian service, and I can only look to God for a true baptism of His Spirit as He sends me out to the work which is His, not mine.

**Miss Elizabeth J. Lewis, M. D.**

_HODGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL._ Returning the latter part of August 1908 from Peitaiho where I had a month’s vacation, meanwhile caring for a patient and attending Mission meeting, I resumed the hospital work, which had been suspended five weeks. Arrangements were made to have me make a trip to I Chou—a city in our western field—on my way home. The patient, who was the wife of a student, belonging to an official family, was very ill and it was necessary to telegraph for essentials and await their arrival, which extended my vacation two days. It was necessary to make a second trip to this patient whom our loving Father so wonderfully healed that I was called a third time to this city, this time to the home of one of the leading officials. This visit was full of interest, but a brief report will not permit a description of one’s feelings when occupying the seat of honor, the only lady eating a feast with five of the gentry.

**DAILY PROGRAM.** The daily routine was to study with my teacher from 9 to 12 A. M., attend the daily station prayer meeting, which continues 30 minutes or more; immediately after lunch the hospital house patients and clinic were seen, after which I hastened to the city dispensary where frequently as many more were treated. If there were no calls to be made or other additional work I could reach home in time for a game of tennis or other exercise. This routine was varied by operations which took all morning once or twice a week depending on the season. An occasional country trip required the entire day, and too often came one or more days in bed, neither pleasant nor interesting. During
the spring months the house patients were so numerous that
time had to be taken from the already short study hours, in
order to get through the work of the afternoon.

CO-LABORERS.  My thanks are due to Dr. and Mrs.
Charles Lewis for care of the dis­
pensary here, and to Miss Gowans for care of the city dispens­
ary the days I was unable to be present.  Dr. Charles Lewis
also took the chief responsibility in operating and Mrs. Lewis
helped in daily clinics and all major operations.  The two
school girls who came last autumn to take the part of nurses
were a pleasure and gave helpful assistance.  I was blessed in
having a good gate-keeper, who also takes the care of the
hospital and grounds and all other odds and ends.  The cook
was not a source of joy but being a poor widow, needed employ­
ment.  These with the Bible woman, who is a most earnest
worker, made up my corps of assistants and I appreciated
them very much, not only for their faithful work among the
patients but because they bore with me, so patiently throughout
the year.

A 68 POUND CYST.  Operative cases cannot be described
here.  Perhaps the "star case" was
that of a woman who ran away to come here.  Finding that
we could not operate under such circumstances, she returned
and obtained the consent of her mother-in-law and brought her
own mother to care for her.  We removed an abdominal cyst,
weighing 68 pounds, after which she collapsed but was resusci­
tated, and given special care a few days.  She made rapid pro­
gress and best of all learned to trust her Savior, and we hope
may be a useful servant for Him.

DIET KITCHEN.  It was thought best to establish a
hospital kitchen, where food would
be thoroughly cooked and patients could get warm water at a
minimum cost.  The charge for which including room, was ten
large cash (.03 gold) per day.  This proved very satisfactory,
and meant much to the many who could not afford enough
fuel to cook their food.

COUNTRY TRIPS.  The country trips were usually of
one day's duration, but I hope were
valuable not so much for the cures affected, as for breaking
down prejudice and creating a desire to know more, not of
foreign medicine, but of the gospel which we preach.  The
out-calls were mostly to the higher class, a fee of $4 (about
$2 gold) being charged.
HOUSE PATIENTS. No phase of the work has pleased me more than the large number of house patients. During their stay with us not only the sick but the friends whom they bring for attendants, hear the gospel, and what means much more to them see what Christian living is.

LANGUAGE STUDY. What shall I say of the language? It is with regret felt very keenly, that I mention the little progress made during the year, excluding my vacation spent in Peitaiho. I question the wisdom of my attempting to study as it was continually on my mind yet so seldom was there a time when I was not ill or too tired to concentrate and comprehend. Surely much energy was unwisely spent.

HEALTH RESTORED. The Lord is “merciful and gracious.” More than five months ago the Great Physician mercifully laid his healing hand upon me, lifting that almost constant pain from my back, and gave me the confidence that it should no more be mine. How shall I praise him? Words are inadequate. Well may we say with the Psalmist “Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.”

SUMMER EXPERIENCES. Because of the sudden improvement in health, I felt led to change my plan from Peitaiho to Kalgan where better study was anticipated. When on our way to the latter place, our travel was entirely cut off by heavy rains, and I was forced to Peitaiho where I enjoyed five weeks of the best study I have had in the Empire. I never understood the leading until the last week there. I shall never forget the Meyer meetings, so free from emotion, but in which a silent influence took hold upon one’s life with such power that one knew it was not from Mr. Meyer but through him. They were not new truths but they came with a new power. All my life I have prayed, “Thy will be done,” too often meaning, “may my plans be Thine.”

It is my prayer for the coming year that I may be less conscious of self and fellow men and always conscious of Jesus Christ, who being revealed to me by the Holy Spirit, I may be able to lift Him up among this people, knowing that as He is lifted up, He will draw all men unto Himself.
The statistical report for the Hodge Memorial Hospital is as follows:

Country trips ..... 12
Out calls ..... 64
Obstetrical cases ..... 9
House patients ..... 250

Total number of days in hospital ..... 4327
(Average time in hospital per patient 17 days)

Treatments in hospital clinic ..... 4275
Treatments in city clinic ..... 1754
Patients seen in country ..... 280

Total treatments ..... 10,636

Operations with general anaesthesia ..... 70
Operations with local anaesthesia ..... 50

Total ..... 120

The Receipts have been as follows:

Gifts by native patients ..... $115.00
Gift by foreigners ..... 30.00
Fees for medical service ..... 536.00
Rents ..... 185.00
Sundries ..... 33.50

Total ..... $899.50

Expenditures

Paid Treasurer ..... $85.00
Repairs and supplies ..... 308.85
Helpers wages ..... 169.00
Fuel and sundries ..... 116.42

Total ..... $679.27
Balance on Hand ..... $220.23

After a delightful journey from Philadelphia I arrived at Paotingfu the last day of last November, where I received a most cordial welcome from all. Since then I have been working at the language. What little time I have spent working in the hospital, I have enjoyed very much.
Shuntehfu Station.

**HUGH O'NEIL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

Upon the Mission Hospital as the logical development in heathen lands of the Great Physician's two-fold method of evangelism is imposed a two-fold responsibility, that of maintaining the best traditions of modern healing art as practiced in western lands, and at the same time performing this function with a constant recognition of its paramount duty in behalf of the spiritual side of man's nature. With this conception of the hospital's place in the scheme of evangelism, we have endeavored, during the past year, to make the Hugh O'neil Memorial Hospital the best possible expression of our Savior's care for the entire man. With finger as it were upon the pulse of the institution, we have rejoiced to note a certain train of symptoms indicating that our efforts for the spiritual as well as the physical betterment of our clientele have not been in vain:—The creating of an interest in the themes of God's word as heard in the hospital waiting room by patients, the nature of whose ailment brings them repeatedly to the dispensary clinic; the increased purchase by these patients of consecutive Scripture portions; more ready disposition on the part of hospital ward patients, even in spite of disabilities, to attend hospital prayers and church services; a deepened interest which impels former ward patients to return for further instruction in the things of Christ,—these are some of the notable tokens of seed truths having found lodgement in receptive soil. We pray that these impressions may abide and yield fruit in the hearts and lives of the people.

**STATISTICS.**

Our statistical record for the year shows a fair increase in the various departments over that of the previous twelve-month. The attendance at clinics for out-patients was,—old patients 6033; new patients 1620; instead of 105 ward patients last year, this year we received 128, and performed 74 surgical operations under chloroform, and 48 under cocaine as against 65 and 34 respectively last year. 32 out-calls were made, several of these being by request of the two local officials to attend members of their respective families.
HUGH O'NEILL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR MEN, SHUNTEHFU
HUMOR AND PATHOS. Incidents humorous, pathetic, tragic, make up the lights and shadows of a missionary physician's daily experience; e. g. the application of one cheerfully confident Chinese for a little of that magic drug that would cause a sound limb to grow upon the place whence a diseased one had been removed, a poor mother proffering her babe in consideration of its restoration to health; suicide, under dramatic conditions, of a young woman, the consequences of whose rash act we were too late to avert. Then too, in the clientele is represented every gradation of the social scale, from the beggar full of sores who crawls to the hospital gate, to the Mandarin, whose official chair is borne by liveried retainers.

Surgery less feared. In a general way the work has followed much the same lines as in previous years. Surgery has formed the major part of our practice. The knife, for the removal of disease, has lost some of its terrors in this locality, with a consequent increase in the number and importance of the surgical procedures in the hospital during the past year. In the event of our advising a surgical operation of serious import however, it is necessary to an acceptance or rejection of the proposition, that there be a long consultation on the part of the patient's family and friends. Not infrequently the hospital waiting room is the scene of these family conclaves and while the interested parties debate the matter, the hospital assistants await, in the operating room, the decision which will be the signal to prepare the patient either for the table or for removal from the hospital.

Opium patients. Out here in the back of beyond, the convenient "consultant around the corner" with whom our professional brethren at home are accustomed to divide responsibility in an untractable case, is not obtainable. The physician must meet exigencies as they arise and commit the outcome to the Providence which orders all our endeavors. The care of a large contingent of opium patients has been an anxious consideration. Physicians in Western lands who have had experience with patients confirmed in the use of morphine, are prepared to appreciate some of the difficulties in dealing with a class of individuals having all the vices of the drug habitue ingrafted upon the inherent moral obliquity of the heathen. It would not seem surprising therefore, in view of the discouraging features attending the attempted reclamation of this class in China, that so many physicians are opposed to all methods of treatment by drugs.
Certain it is that if the intelligent co-operation of the patient is not aroused to an exercise of will on his own behalf, the most scientific method of treatment ever devised will prove a signal failure. After nearly six years in one of the large opium producing and opium using districts in China, and from an experience in dealing with some hundreds of these cases, I have settled upon a line of treatment based upon medication supplemented by mental and moral suggestion by means of God's Word. In my judgment one might as well expect to accomplish the spiritual transformation of the Chinese by means extraneous to the Gospel, as to imagine this stupendous moral renunciation on the part of the opium inebriate of years. It is God that worketh in us, both to will and to do, and here where will has long been shackled, and power of initiation practically withdrawn, the remedies of the physician can be only accessories to the enabling grace of God.

SUICIDE PREVALENT. Suicide is fearfully prevalent in China, and the missionary doctor is repeatedly called upon to intervene for the saving of life. The method of suicide is often in keeping with the social position of the individual, as in the cases of the Emperor and Dowager Empress who are credited with having procured death by means of gold taken internally. Unique in this category of cases is that of the Prefect’s son’s wife, whom we were summoned to attend. Not having at hand the yellow metal in a convenient form for ingestion, the young woman reduced to a fine state of division her gold ornaments and took the whole in one dose in a draught of liquor.

A PRESENT FROM GENTRY. An interesting occurrence during the year was the presentation to the hospital by some of the gentry and former patients, of a handsome hardwood panel. The intention of the donors, as the inscription upon the panel indicates, was to express their grateful appreciation of Mrs. O’Neill’s generous benefaction making possible the hospital in their midst. The panel will be placed in the colonnade near the entrance to the waiting room.

The year that is past has opened to us a wider field of opportunity than we have yet known, and by the same token our responsibilities are correspondingly increased. What we desire and pray for is a commensurate growth in grace and knowledge that will fit us for the better accomplishment of this part of the Master’s work.
THE WOMEN’S WARD. By placing language study before other duties, the second year’s examination was passed before Mr. Miller’s departure in May. After the new year, special work was taken up with the women patients in the Hugh O’Neil Memorial Hospital. For lack of a better place, the large basement room of the church was utilized as a ward. Besides the daily prayer and talk, the women were encouraged to learn characters. This was with no thought of their becoming ready readers in the days or weeks of their sojourn as patients but with the hope of creating in their dull lives a desire to carry on their study when they returned home. Almost every woman boasted a grandson or son who could read and help her in further study.

ENTERTAINING PATIENTS. Every Saturday a tea was given for those who were able to leave the ward and walk the short distance to the house. This was to them a most enjoyable occasion and the time and effort expended to give them a little pleasure was amply rewarded. In fact every experience with these women mostly of the poorer class, shows an unlimited opportunity for doing great good with very little expenditure save of time and effort. But even so, the patients must return to the same hard existence that they left when they came for physical relief. We often wonder what became of the woman whose husband tried to end her life by running needles into her body. Chinese law could give her no protection and we had no permanent relief to offer her. We must pray for a Christian China, as well as for individuals.

VISITING HOMES. Some visits were made in the homes in the city and suburbs. Many are reached in this way, whom custom or other disability prevents coming to us. One of the most pathetic cases was found in a smoke-blackened mud room. A woman aged ninety-two, totally blind and almost deaf, was being fed by her daughter, seventy years old, who herself seemed in need of ministering. Filial devotion was the one redeeming feature in the scene of suffering and darkness.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Sunday School class still presents the problem of one teacher for at least twelve different grades of intelligence (or ignorance.) But even the babies are welcome as it is hoped they may at least form a Sunday School habit. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hermann being taken from the work, those remaining
must do a larger part. May we have the strength and wisdom to perform it.

Rev. Edwin C. Hawley.

Boys' School. For the past twelve months my time has been largely devoted to the boys' school. There have been other duties throughout the year and especially since Mr. Miller's departure on furlough but the conduct of the school has been my main work. The development of the school has been encouraging. It has grown in size and in working efficiency and, I think, has now taken a vital place in the work of the station. There have been many discouragements and disappointments, but with God's help even these may be used in the end toward the strengthening of the work.

Buildings Crowded. During the year the school has been moved from the city street chapel property in the heart of the city to one end of our main compound. This was a gratifying improvement, but the present quarters are unsuitable, insufficient and available only for a time. Ever since the school opened, nearly two years ago, I have been kept busy enlarging the accommodations as best could be done to keep up with the demands of increased attendance. Upon moving into the present quarters the first of the Chinese year, the attendance was at once increased. Possibly too many new pupils were accepted at that time. Certainly the rooms were crowded to the limit, although some of the smaller boys were dropped out. As we have no teacher for primary work, we have had to put up the entrance limit to 12 years. The attendance for the fall term averaged about thirty and for the spring term about fifty. Some three-fourths of the number are full boarders and the rest board in the school but go to their homes in the city at night. At the present time we are hardly in a position to canvass for new pupils, but will try and provide in some way for all who come to us, trusting that the home church will soon come to our relief and give us a school building.

New Teacher. One new teacher has come to us during the past year, Mr. Wang Chi Ming. He is a graduate of the normal school at Ch'ing Chow Fu and came highly recommended by Mr. Hayes. His Shantung dialect was an obstacle at first, but this obstacle has been largely overcome. He has done good work and promises to be
a valued assistant. Mr. Wang's coming relieved the writer of some of his work for the last term, but with the opening of each new term more classes must be added, since the work is not yet in full swing. The teaching force, then must still be considered inadequate. The character of the work done the past year leaves much to be desired, yet I think it may be said that the standard is rising and that is encouraging. The spirit of work has gained some ground. A number of boys have done very creditable work. Throughout the fall term I taught five hours a day, but since Mr. Wang came have spent less time in actual teaching. Since then I had first three, and then later only two, classes in addition to the conducting of morning prayers. It has been my aim to do enough studying to keep abreast of the courses the boys are taking, but I have not been able to accomplish this.

**ENGLISH TAUGHT.** English has always been taught some. For the last term there was one class in English with a varying number of pupils in it. So many were dropped that only ten finished in this class. The idea in the teaching of English has been to have the boys take it up, if desired, when they reach the third year of work and continue it on condition that they maintain a grade of 80 per cent in their other studies. As the school grows and the other grades are taught the English will naturally be left until a more advanced stage, but in starting a school at a new station where the Christians are few, it seemed wise to give them some English from the start. The fact of its being known that we teach English in the school has undoubtedly helped to draw pupils, but perhaps not to any great extent. Monthly tests with subsequent posting of grades has helped to keep up the boys' enthusiasm for the work.

**ATHLETICS.** Physical drill has been maintained and athletic sports encouraged as much as possible. The boys on the whole require a great deal of encouragement to take the needed exercise. When once aroused, however, many of them enter into athletic sports with nearly, if not quite, the same zest as the Anglo-Saxon youth. At one time in the year the surplus energy of the smaller boys was being directed into games, similar in spirit to playing marbles for keeps, but this was discouraged and did not crop out again.

**SPIRITUAL CONDITION.** As to the spiritual condition of the boys, I feel that most of them are growing in the right direction. Each morning at prayers an earnest attempt is made to guide them into touch with spiritual
things. At times there have been responses in the faces of these young so-called heathen that give joy to the one in charge. A considerable number of the boys have applied for baptism and two have been admitted to church membership. This makes a total of five professing Christians in the school.

FINANCES. The financial problem of how to run the school without any fixed appropriation has faced me all through the year and is still unsolved. The balance sheet shows receipts of $397 (almost every cent of this being paid by the boys themselves) and expenditures of about $1347 making the total cost of the school to the Board $950. A part of this money was spent in repairs. We hope that eventually the boarding department may be made self-supporting, but there seems no prospect of this at present.

NEEDS. Our great need is for a school building. The main school-room is a room of inadequate size, built for woman's work and needed for that. For one of the recitation rooms the study of the ladies' house has been put into requisition. Mr. Wang and his wife are living in rooms built for women's dispensary and where they will move to when this work is recontinued I do not know. The buildings for dormitories are a mere make-shift. Visitors glance by without noticing them.

AIMS. The Shunthelfu boys' school is but a beginning of what should be a coordinated system of Christian education in that field. With God's blessing and human effort this work may in time be developed. At present the one school is all we have with the exception of a small girls' day school. We have not the means for establishing the much-needed city and country day schools. The high school grades must also be taught, for the nearest mission high school is nearly 100 miles away while the one academy of our own mission is almost three times as distant. In this the era of China's awakening, new responsibilities are forced upon the church. We must interpret Christ to this age in the most practically helpful way in order to be effective. I confess my failure to solve the problem, but I do believe that this present-day interpretation of Christ to China must include fully equipped and up-to-date schools.

OTHER DUTIES. Enough other responsibilities besides that of the school have fallen to my share to make me feel that I can not do justice to them. Especially is this true of conditions since Mr. Miller's departure.
on furlough. The keeping of the station accounts is not a task with which to trifle. Only those who have had the experience can realize what this work means to the average missionary who is not trained in book-keeping. I am responsible also for work in the southern half of one of the thickly populated counties of our country field. With the school pressing I have only tried to run out for the day every other Sunday, but have not been able to keep this up throughout the year. Unfortunately there is no Chinese helper to devote his time to preaching in this field.

LACK OF WORKERS. Since last May the city street chapel work has been left almost entirely in the hands of the Chinese evangelist. At present the efficiency of the work there seems to be almost zero. Only wise planning and hard work can accomplish anything with this chapel preaching and it seems impossible to supply these in the quantities needed. Mr. Mather has the responsibility for the Sunday preaching in the city church, but, as he has been able to come only for eight days per month, the church is without any other preacher for half the time and I have helped to supply this need. After the close of the school July 10th, I made a ten days trip into the east field. On this trip I was impressed by the fact that there is an encouraging opportunity in this field for work both among men and women. The trouble is the lack of workers. There is no one but one uneducated man and his wife to give their time to the work in addition to the preaching done by Mr. Mather on his monthly trips.

The year closes with a sense of thankfulness to God that he has given me a more real sense of the need of the Chinese for the gospel of Christ than ever before, and for the opportunity to have a share in supplying that need in some poor and far-off way. May the coming year be a year of freer service and of greater usefulness in His cause.

Mrs. Edwin C. Hawley.

The past year has been by far the most interesting one that I have spent in China. Aside from my home cares I have been able to take a small active part in the regular work of the station.

GIRLS' SCHOOL. In January I superintended the opening of the girls' day school. The wife of the new teacher for the boy's school had just come, and
her education was enough to enable her to teach the girls. She spent several hours every day in the school, and we feel that her influence over the girls was for the best. The school continued in session for nearly five months and will reopen about September sixteenth. The attendance varied, but eight girls from the ages of eight to fifteen years, came more or less regularly, as their home duties permitted. Three of the girls in particular came nearly every day and have laid a good foundation for future study. Two of them are daughters of Christians, but one is the only child of a heathen widow, and it requires great sacrifice on the mother's part, to send the daughter to us. If only a building were available for keeping the girls, many from our east country field would be glad to come. However, we hope that since the school is really opened, many more girls from the neighboring villages will come. The district around us is made up of very poor families and as a rule the girls are greatly needed at home.

DAILY CLASSES. I often attended morning prayers with the girls, and taught a class in arithmetic every afternoon. I personally examined them after they had finished a book, and felt much encouraged with the work done by them. Every day I attended morning prayers with Mr. Hawley at the boys' school, and taught the boys music by use of the scale on the blackboard. Besides this, ten of the oldest boys came to the house every Friday night for special drill in music.

During the winter months I studied several hours a day, and was able to take the final examination on the second year's work under Mr. Miller early in May. I led a few of the weekly prayer-meetings for women, and taught various Sunday school classes, as need required, but enjoyed teaching the stupid old women best of all.
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* 21 of these from other Missions
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