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VICTORY AND DEFEAT IN THE WELSHIEH HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Gwo, the Hospital Bible-woman and Djang Ai Djen. This young bride came to the hospital with a tubercular knee in 1920. Amputation was necessary, but while in the hospital she found her Lord. Her mother-in-law tried to starve her to death. Her old trouble attacked her weakened body and the hospital rescued her. After her second operation, she entered the Bible Institute, studying to be a Bible-woman. She lived a radiant happy life but the dread disease had too strong a hold on the frail body and after the third operation her triumphant spirit went to meet her Lord.
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Foreign Personnel, 1922-1923.

Mrs. R. M. Mateer, M.D. 1889
Superintendent of Girls’ Country Schools, Teacher in Girls’ High School, Point Breeze Academy, Women’s Bible School, Nurses Training School, Literary Work.

Rev. J. A. Fitch, D.D. 1889
Teacher in Men’s Bible School, Itineration, Director of Mateer Memorial Institute.

Mrs. J. A. Fitch 1889
Charge of Women’s Bible School.

Mr. R. C. Wells 1902
Principal of Point Breeze Academy, Supt. of Boys’ Country Schools, Chairman of Station, Chairman of Mission Educational Committee, Member of Mission Executive Committee, Mission Council and China Council.

Mrs. R. C. Wells 1905
Charge of Women’s Prayer Meeting, Teacher.

Miss Grace Rowley 1910
Principal of Girls’ High School, Charge of East Suburb Sunday-School, Member of Mission Council.

Miss Marjorie Rankin 1912
Teacher in Girls’ High School, Charge of City and Primary Sunday-Schools.

Miss Ruth Brack, R.N. 1914
Superintendent of Nurses, Station Secretary.

Rev. C. C. Van Deusen 1914
Evangelistic Work, On furlough.

Mrs. C. C. Van Deusen 1915
Kindergartens, On furlough.

E. M. Ewers, M.D. 1916
Charge of Hospitals, On furlough.

Mrs. E. M. Ewers 1916
On furlough.

Rev. C. V. Reeder 1916
Evangelistic Work, Charge of Book Room, Station Treasurer, Treasurer of Cities Evangelization Project.

Mrs. C. V. Reeder 1919
Language Study, Charge of Kindergarten.

Miss Lucile Donaldson 1917
Women’s Country Evangelistic Work, Charge of Bible-women.

Children.

Courtland Van Deusen Sept. 1, 1917.
Justina Van Deusen April 19, 1919.
Ruth Louise Ewers May 11, 1919.
David Abernathy Reeder Sept. 17, 1922.
Activities.

Country Field
2 Hospitals

2 Middle Schools
87 Lower and Higher Primary Schools for Boys and Girls
1 Kindergarten
2 Bible Schools
Preaching and Pastoral Work

6,127 Church Members
498 In-patients
13,502 Out-patients
3 Doctors { 1 Foreign
3 Graduate Nurses { 1 Foreign
14 Pupil Nurses
21 Teachers { 4 Foreign
352 Pupils
2 Supervisors
102 Teachers (All Chinese)
2,217 Pupils
1 Teacher
20 Pupils { Chinese
9 Teachers { 2 Foreign
89 Pupils
16 Pastors { 3 Foreign
25 Men Evangelists (All Chinese)
30 Bible-women (Chinese)
1 Foreign Woman Evangelist

Prayer-meetings

36 Members
"THREE ON BASES AND A SAFE HIT." 

Wen-Mei High School Girls give an exhibition game of Baseball.

A NEW DAY IN CHINA!

CAUGHT BEFORE THEY GOT ON THEIR "PICTURE EXPRESSIONS."

Teachers and graduating class of the Women's Bible School.

The women thought the photographer didn't play fair not to give them warning. They can really look very dignified.
The missionary force of Weihsien Station has been smaller this year than it has been for many years. The garden of last year, however, has not ceased to thrive and in some places the growth has been most luxuriant. There may have been fewer new varieties but the old plants have thrown out new shoots and the gardens have been well watered. This has been possible only because of the splendid staff of Chinese workers on whom the main burden of the work falls, and we wish to give full credit to these Chinese men and women for their faithful and self-sacrificing labors. More responsibility has necessarily been put upon them and they have risen to the test and responded willingly and well.

Two missionary families have been on furlough and it was with regret that we saw Dr. and Mrs. Hayes leave for Tenghsien after almost three years of residence here. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Winter and her children who spent the spring months with us on account of the unsettled conditions around Yihsien. Although their stay was saddened by the loss of their daughter Ruth as the result of an accident, we give thanks for the beauty of that life as we saw it lived among us for a few short weeks. We also had the privilege of having as guests during the year Dr. William Hiram Foulkes and Mr. B. Carter Millikin. Their visits were all too brief but it is always a great pleasure to welcome representatives of the Board.

The withdrawal of the Japanese from our city and railroad station have been matters for general rejoicing among the people.

The lawless condition of the surrounding country, however, has been a matter of great concern. Tales of kidnapping and robbing are constantly coming in and there are some districts where the people live in constant terror, making country itineration and country school supervision a serious problem. Many wealthy Christians have left their native villages and towns and have taken refuge in the large walled cities. Others avoid capture by sleeping in a different house
each night. In some sections the Church has become a sort of under-ground railroad and those in danger of falling into the bandits' hands have been passed from one group of Christians to the next group and so on to safety.

It is under such conditions that our Chinese pastors and evangelists carry on their work for Christ and it has been greatly to their credit that they have held the work together. The chief thought in the minds of the country people is "How can we get rid of these bandits?" The future is dark and there seems no hope, but as a result, the voice of the Christian preacher is being listened to as never before. Their eyes have been opened to the fact that wealth does not bring true happiness. Thinking people are seeing that the old bonds which stood for law and order are now powerless and they look for a new force which can cope with this lawless situation. They see too that it must be something that goes deep enough to change the heart. One man, a Mr. Liu, who has been a leader in his district in the government school work and in forming organizations to preserve good government and order in the country villages, has become convinced that the only way to help China is to give China the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Consequently this year he is giving up his positions and at his own expense plans to attend the North China Theological school at Tenghsien to prepare himself as a Christian teacher and preacher. The very desperateness of the situation makes it a splendid time to do Christian preaching. The welcome which our tent evangelism has received is proof of this fact.

During the first two weeks of the Chinese New Year season the tent was pitched on the sands of the river between the East Suburb and Weihsien City proper. Day after day there were crowds of over one thousand people present to hear the gospel. The preaching was kept up continuously from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. One man would preach to an audience that packed the tent, then the whole band of preachers would sing a hymn while men went up and down the aisles selling Scripture portions. Formerly it was difficult to give these Scripture portions away but during the past
few years the people will take all that are given out. These portions are sold for only a copper a copy but it has the effect of discovering those who can read. One old man coming out of the tent was overheard to remark “We wouldn’t take one of those books if he were to give it to us—and look, he is trying to sell them.” That was old China speaking, but in spite of old China in the ten days over 3,000 copies of the gospel were sold. The tent made a big impression on the people and the news that the Christians were holding tent meetings at the Weihsien market place was carried to almost every village for miles around and the hope was expressed that the tent work would be repeated next year. This broadcasting does not show immediate results in the growth of Church membership, but who can tell where the seed will take root and grow?

The tent was taken from centre to centre during both autumn and spring and in each place the interest shown proves that the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. Between fifteen and twenty large market centres have been visited with the tent, the meetings lasting about ten days in each place, but what about the hundred other equally important market centres in the Weihsien field that were untouched with the gospel message this year? The demand for pastors is also greater than the supply. Weihsien field is largely country field with more than 6,000 Christians scattered over six contiguous counties. The shepherding of the flock at best is no easy task, but with the country stirred up with banditry it is little wonder that many of our pastors leave to go to cities and county seats where they can double their salaries and avoid the hardships of country life. Although the lack of men for shepherding the country flocks is discouraging, one encouraging sign of the growing Christian life is that country congregations are no longer content with the evangelist who can preach only two or three sermons. They demand men who can feed the growing flock week after week. We can scarcely wait for the ten men who are now in the Theological School from this Presbytery preparing for the ministry.
City and East Suburb Churches.

The Weihsien City Church has been under the charge of a Chinese pastor and has had a prosperous year. The pastor has twenty-one men whom he has trained to help him in leading the mid-week prayer meeting and he conducts four Bible classes every week in different parts of the city, one in a Chinese hospital, one in a shop, one in the Post Office and one in a private home. Besides these, he has a Bible class every evening in the Chapel.

The East Suburb Chapel has had a resident evangelist in charge. Both in the city and East Suburb the women's work has been especially promising this year. Each place now has three Bible-women who call in the homes and teach the women. They also conduct Mothers' Meetings, catechumen classes and Sunday School classes. One of the workers said, "I am so happy in the work, it is such a pleasure to tell these women about Christ" and all the Bible-women seem to feel the same way. An interesting case was that of a young man who was received into the Church at the last communion. He was in a money exchange shop in Chefoo and first heard the Gospel through the Y. M. C. A. there. During the New Year season the young men of the shop spent their time gambling and playing cards. He was very much ridiculed for not joining in their gambling, and when he persisted in studying Christianity the persecutions increased in force. The assistant manager of the shop threatened to fine him if he continued in his desire to become a Christian, but he told them they could fine him, he would not give up. One of the other young men in the shop, who had been among the worst of his tormentors had to spend two weeks in the Presbyterian hospital in Chefoo and came out so much interested in Christianity that he too decided for Christ.

The first young man on going home to be married insisted on a Christian ceremony. His family were very much opposed but he finally succeeded in having his way. His mother and brother were especially severe in condemnation of him but his father said that since this new religion
did not seem to be teaching him anything bad they better let him alone. Since then his mother too has been won to Christianity. The manager of the shop however thought they better get him away from Christian influences so sent him to a branch shop here in Weihsien. It happens to be just across the street from a fine big machine shop which is under Christian control and so he has more opportunity than before to study. Another man who joined the church at the same time had heard the gospel over forty years ago but has just taken his stand for Christ. He is now seventy-two and is very happy in his decision.

An old woman of eighty-five has also been recently baptized. All her life she had been most earnest in worshipping idols and had been a vegetarian for sixty-five years, never breaking her vows. Her daughter and grand-daughter however, became Christians and prayed for the old lady and preached to her every chance they got. At first she persecuted her daughter but one day she heard singing in the chapel and came and listened outside the door. One of the Bible-women invited her in and she said, “I want to learn this doctrine. I will break my vegetarian vows. Do you think any harm will come to me if I do? I have believed in idols so long do you think Jesus will save me?” The Bible-woman talked to her long and earnestly showing that Jesus was not only willing but waiting to save her. She learned half a prayer that first day and soon invited the Bible-woman to her home to help her break her vows. When she was examined for church membership she said in answer to the question whether she really understood what she was doing, “Whatever happens I will cling to Christ. I have asked Jesus to save me from my sins.” Soon after, trial came to her. The land owned by the family had been leased ever since her husband’s death and the man had had it so long that he thought it was his and had sold it. The family after all these years could not find the deed to prove it theirs although they had searched everywhere. The old lady prayed very earnestly about it and when she opened her eyes they rested on the old cornstalk, papered ceiling. She thought to her-
self that is one place we have not looked. The younger members of the family laughed at her but she insisted they tear down part of it and on doing so they found the deed where the old man had hidden it and forgotten to tell them. The land is saved to them and all feel God showed her the place.

The Sabbath school in the East Suburb has a large attendance of children from heathen homes and it has proved a most effective agency for opening people's hearts and leading the fathers and mothers to the church services. The students from the compound help in this work. The Chapel is far too small and there is urgent need of a larger building to accommodate the people who come every Sunday. In the City, East Suburb and Compound churches, 107 people have been received into the church during the year.

In passing we would like to tell a little about the Machine Shop to which we have referred. It is under the management of a Christian Elder, the brother of Pastor Teng who is principal of the Men's Bible School. There are about forty apprentices, and they have Bible classes organized for them which they are required to attend as well as classes in Physics and Applied Mechanics. They come two evenings a week for the classes using the Academy laboratory and are taught by one of the Academy teachers.

Although they do all sorts of machine shop work their principal output is looms which they are making in great numbers. They also make water wheels and good iron beds.

They have prayers morning and evening and are required to attend Church as the Sabbath is strictly observed. It is a fine object lesson of a Christian solution of the new industrial problem in China.

There are also several drug stores in the East Suburb owned by Christians who observe the Sabbath although the temptation to keep open is great, especially on market days.

Book Room and Literary Work.

By watching the sale of Christian Literature we can tell something of how the pulse of Christian life is beating
in a given community. During the past year the sale of literature from the Weihsien Book Room has been greater than in any previous year. Owing to the difficulty of securing hymnals it has been impossible to keep up with the demand. A stock of 500 hymnals was sold out in less than a month's time. Bibles costing sixty cents a copy are being sold at the rate of fifty copies a month and the cheaper editions of the New Testament at the rate of about 100 copies a month.

One of our number at the request of the Christian Literature Society has translated Miller's "Portraits of Old and New Testament Women" in two volumes. The latter on the "Women of the New Testament" is in the Press and the former is ready for Press.

**Women's Country Evangelistic Work.**

There have been seven classes for women held in different parts of the country field this year with a total attendance of 156, mostly illiterates. Two other classes had to be given up because of bandit activities and unsettled conditions. In five of the classes the women studied the catechism as their main text book, the other two classes were spent mostly on the Phonetic Script which most of the women who attended regularly, learned, both to read and to write. The majority of the women were under fifty years of age and many were preparing for Church membership.

The best class was held in a village about twenty-five miles north-west of Weihsien. There were thirty-five enrolled, and in spite of no equipment, except the narrow church benches to sit on, the women studied well. Phonetic Script was the main subject and they learned it very quickly. They were all very earnest and paid splendid attention to the talks at the daily prayers. There were five or six in the class who are planning to enter the Woman's Bible School in the fall. There were a number of inquirers who took a stand for Christ and several backsliders who renewed their interest and worship. One of the women in this class was the bride of a nurse in the Men's Hospital who was anxious that his
wife become a Christian. She knew absolutely nothing about Christianity when she came, but studied eagerly. There was also a young widow, an attractive girl, who was persuaded to attend. She too, had never studied before, but learned quickly and now wants to devote her life to Christian service. A young girl in her teens, who was from a non-Christian home, came to class to learn to read. She learned so rapidly and was so anxious to become a Christian that some of her Christian neighbors persuaded the family to send her to the Christian village school, where she is now happily studying. Another young girl was not so fortunate and came to class only when she could slip away from home unnoticed, for her family were much opposed to her coming. If discovered it probably meant severe punishment, but the girl explained to the Bible-woman, “I do want to learn about Jesus so badly.” Mrs. Li and her two daughters walked ten miles, carrying their food and bedding, to attend the class. They are new Christians with only one other Christian family in their town, but in spite of the ridicule of their heathen neighbors, they had unbound their feet as a witness to the new life in Christ. They have family worship every day in the home and counted the ten mile walk a small matter for a chance to learn more about the Christian life.

One of the classes was held in a busy business town where many are interested in Christianity as a result of the tent meetings held there last fall. Many outsiders came each day to look and listen, but before the end of the class there was a counter attraction in the arrival of a woman in town claiming to be a living goddess, with supernatural knowledge and powers. Many Buddhists came to town in this connection and to arrange for the repair of the temple, part of which was in ruins. Some of the women that had been interested in Christianity did not dare to appear at the class after the living goddess came to town. The missionary evangelist also made ten short trips to visit some of the Bible-women at their work. In all she spent 132 days in the country and, aside from railway journeys, travelled 650 miles mostly by bicycle.
This year there have been thirty Bible-women working in twenty-two districts. In each district they go from village to village preaching all day or teaching the new Christians and inquirers, and in many places men and women gather in the Bible-woman's room for evening worship or more instruction. All the women report great interest in Christianity and more opportunities than they can take care of. Last summer there was a three weeks' class held for the Bible-women. The questions that were applied to every class were, "What is the message to me personally and spiritually?" "How can I bring out this truth by lip and life? and how can I use it to bring others to Christ?" Miss Caldwell of the Baptist Mission came for a week and gave helpful talks on Philippians and on "What is our message?" There were also courses in Amos, Psalms, Acts, and James. An hour a day was given to hymn study. Phonetic script was taught to those not already proficient and fourteen received diplomas in this work. A practical course was also given in hygiene.

The Women's Weekly Prayer-Meeting.

In the Women's Weekly Prayer-Meeting on the compound the women have been studying Mr. Abbott's book "Steps in the Christian Life." They have enjoyed it very much and have found it most helpful as it is so practical and shows them that Christianity is a matter of daily living. The last Wednesday of every month is a missionary meeting when a collection is taken for the poor and talks have been given through the year on great missionaries. They also made clothes before the cold weather to distribute to the most destitute about us and among others, two wadded garments were given to crazy men in nearby villages.

Woman's Sunday School.

One of the encouraging features of our work has been the woman's department of the Sunday School. Since the reorganization of this department last year we can report an almost 100 per cent attendance of the women of the Church
congregation besides the strangers who come in goodly numbers on most Sundays.

The work has been under a Chinese superintendent this year, one of the teachers in the Girls’ High School, and great interest and enthusiasm have been shown by both teachers and pupils. The attractions offered last year of banners for classes with perfect attendance, birthday collections, record of attendance kept with silver and gold stars and rewards for repeating the golden texts of the quarter, have been continued and we have had the help of eight of the High School girls in both teaching and secretarial work.

The day before Christmas the women were examined on the golden texts of the quarter and eighty-one women including about a dozen little girls received a large colored picture of the Good Shepherd as a reward for repeating all the verses. One of these was an old woman of seventy-seven always on the verge of starvation, but who came and spent a whole week on the compound preparing for her examination. Everyone rejoiced with her in her success.

The following day at the Christmas service in which every school on the compound has a part, these eighty women recited in unison the golden texts of the quarter. It was an inspiring sight to see that many women massed on the platform repeating Scripture, and it made a big impression on the audience.

The birthday collections were sent to the Near East Relief and a refuge for little girls near Shanghai.

Mothers’ Day was celebrated as a Family Day. The women’s Sunday School provided flowers to everyone entering the Church to be worn in memory of their parents. A splendid sermon on “What constitutes a good home” was preached by one of the teachers, and after the regular Church service, all the families were invited to remain for the Sunday School hour. They were asked to sit as families instead of the men and women separate as is the usual custom, and although it seemed an embarrassing proposition for some of them yet we succeeded in getting them seated in the main body of the church. Forty-two families were represented,
GROWING CHRISTIANITY.
FIVE GENERATION OF THE TAN FAMILY.

The Great-Great-Grandfather, 86, had been hostile to Christianity and had not visited the Mission Compound for over 40 years. He was so excited over the invitation to the "Family Day" that he washed his face three times. He says he will come again. The Great-Grandmother is a Bible-woman. The Grandfather (at the left) is an elder in the Church and teacher in the Wen-Mei Girls' High School. The Father is a Point Breeze Academy graduate and head machinist in the Christian Machine Shop. The fifth generation children are the girl (second from the left in front row) kindergarten pupil and the boy on his Great-Grandmother's lap. The others in the picture are all relatives.

ANOTHER INTERESTING FAMILY PRESENT ON FAMILY DAY.

Old Elder Teng and his wife with their two sons, their grandchildren, nephews and nieces. The son at the left of the back row is the head of the Christian Machine Shop and an elder in his home church. His Brother standing next to him is a pastor and principal of the Weihshien Bible School.
Elder Teng is trying to carry on his Machine Shop on Christian principles. Looms and water elevators are the chief products manufactured.

This society is providing Christian instruction, opportunity for Christian service, wholesome recreation, and a night school where the men can take up any line of study they desire.
one with five generations. The old great, great grandfather, a man of eighty-six had not been to the compound for over forty years and had been even hostile to Christianity, but when he was invited to attend this service with his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren he accepted the invitation most willingly, and was very much pleased with the service and the day spent among Christians. We hope it may be the means of bringing him to Christ.

The largest family numbered twenty-seven, the old grandfather who is partially paralyed being carried to the meeting on his son's back and carried home in the same way by one of his grandsons. One son is Pastor Teng the Principal of the Men's Bible School and another the manager of the Machine Shop. There were twenty-nine grandparents and nineteen babies in arms counted at the service. The kindergarten and various schools had prepared special music and Pastor Teng gave an excellent talk on the training of children.

Eighty-seven women received the large Bible poster at the end of the spring term for repeating the golden texts of the quarter.

Primary Sunday-School.

After the New Year the time of the Primary Sunday-School was changed to the time of the regular Church service. This has been a wonderful help to the whole congregation as it has given the parents a chance to enjoy the Church service and insured quiet for the rest of the worshippers.

The cradle roll is not merely a roll but has become a reality. Four or five high school girls take all the babes in arms who can be persuaded to leave their parents and keep them during the entire church service. The school now has children from a few months old to ten years. Then they are considered old enough to go to church and are graduated into the Senior Sunday-School.

The Sunday-School has quite outgrown the Kindergarten room and has moved over into one of the Girls' High School
class rooms. The attendance ranges from thirty-five to fifty-five.

Miss Rankine's book on "Religion for Beginners" has been used and the children love the stories, taking great delight in acting and drawing them as well as listening. For the younger children most of the teaching is action. After the study time they have games until Church is over when they are hustled home to their fathers while their mothers have another free hour for Sunday-School.

An amusing incident occurred one Sunday. The subject was God's love as shown in the love of parents. After the story they were allowed to play "family" in any way they wanted. One class chose to go to Church. They rang the church bell and then solemnly filed out. They were gone so long the teachers went to find them. They were in one of the class rooms all sitting solemnly in a row singing a hymn with the son of the choir leader standing in front leading them, and going through all the motions his father does in Church.

Instead of their collection this year going into the general church funds they were asked to decide themselves what was to be done with it. They decided to help clothe a very poor child. Their pennies were brought eagerly and even the youngest knew why he was bringing them. The money proved to be enough to clothe two children, so the cloth was bought, and the women of the Bible School made the garments.

The Servant's Christian Endeavor.

On a compound of over five hundred people with so many schools, besides the hospitals and missionary residences there is necessarily quite a staff of servants, including gatemen, cooks, janitors, and laundry-men besides personal servants. These men have always been more or less of a problem for it seemed hard to interest many of them in spiritual things.

This winter it was decided something more must be done for them as a class, and after consultation with them they were organized into a Christian Endeavor Society with
their own officers and committees. A pleasant, airy room was set aside for their special use in the basement of one of the large school buildings. They were allowed to choose their own decorations for the room and after the Chinese New Year an opening night was held with speeches, music and refreshments followed by games. Every Sunday night they have their regular Christian Endeavor meeting, usually led by one of their own number and they seem thoroughly to enjoy a meeting in which they can take part, for heretofore they have felt embarrassed to take part in meetings when members of the more educated classes were present. Mondays and Thursdays are study nights and classes have been arranged for them in whatever subjects they requested and are taught by some of the teachers and students. Saturday evening some special lecture or entertainment is arranged for them and the Chinese doctors and teachers have all been most willing to assist in this work. Talks have been given on First Aid, Health, Current Events, Physics, several nights have been given to Singing, and they have held a tournament of games and had an evening of stereopticon pictures.

The other evenings except Wednesday, which is prayer-meeting night, are open nights for games which they much enjoy, and they also have a few bamboo flutes and fiddles which furnish pleasure to Chinese ears.

The enthusiasm and gratitude of the servants has been really touching and we feel the effort has been very worth while. There seems to be a different spirit among them and eight of them came before the session at its last meeting asking for baptism and admission to Church membership.

**Men’s Bible School.**

The Men’s Bible School has had a good attendance with 45 enrolled in the fall term and 31 new students entering in the spring. At the close of the year 14 men, 12 belonging to the Weihhsien region and 2 to the Tsingtao field were graduated. The two latter are now aiding in the work of the Tent Preaching band in that field and of the twelve
Weihsien graduates, eight are teaching country mission schools where they also serve as leaders of Sabbath services, one is in the Weihsien Tent Preaching band and two are evangelists, one in a country field and one in city work. One graduate has gone into business. The school is fortunate in the personnel of the whole teaching staff. One new teacher, a graduate of the Arts College of the Shantung Christian University has been added who is an earnest Christian and good teacher.

The undergraduate students continue as active in volunteer religious work as in the past. They frequently engage in street preaching on Saturdays and are responsible on Sundays for the regular preaching services in three nearby country places. They also assist in the Sunday School teaching in the City and East Suburb Churches. During the summer vacation, sixteen students engaged in preaching and fifteen conducted nine free Daily Vacation Bible Schools and have volunteered again for this work during the coming summer.

Extempore speaking has been added to their literary society programs with a view to developing readiness of address in unexpected circumstances. In the Field Day Sports the Bible School took part, securing four positions among the winners.

Among the students who entered this spring is one of over forty years of age. He is of limited education and cannot take the full course, but comes at his own expense because of a thirst to know all he can about the Bible. It is a matter of real interest to know of the existence of such spiritually hungry souls.

**Woman’s Bible School.**

There have been forty-four women enrolled in the Woman’s Bible School, ranging in age from 18 to 62. There is a fine spirit among these women and it is a pleasure to see the earnestness with which they study. The wives of five of the Tenghsien theological students who are from the
Weihsien field have attended during the year. These women unfortunately are sometimes far below their husbands in mentality having had little or no opportunity for attending school. They brought with them six children and a mother-in-law who has been more of a problem than all six children. There are seven young widows in school this year three of whom graduate in June. There is a great difference in their outlook on life after they have been here and studied more of the gospel.

One of the younger women is engaged to a young man who has developed leprosy. His parents still want the girl to marry him, but she is naturally very unwilling and we hope her will may be the deciding one. A young widow, belonging to a rich family has for years wanted to come to the woman's school, but her husband's people would not consent. Finally six men of the family were taken by the bandits for ransom and she and her serving woman were sent to the Bible School for safety. She is so happy and says it was God's plan to give her this chance. Although she has been used to wealth she waits on herself and does everything required of the other women. Another woman asked to go home to comfort her mother, as three men of the family had been taken by bandits.

This year the minimum fees have been raised to $10 a year for the older women, $15 for the younger women and a charge of $5 for each child.

The school has also attained to a gatehouse and gatekeeper. On Thanksgiving day when all were telling of blessings received during the year, he rose to tell of his blessings. Among other things, he numbered three square meals a day, a small yard with trees and flowers and a room by himself where he could invite his village cronies in for a cup of tea. At first he felt so important in his position, that he not only answered the gate bell of the Woman's School but jumped when the Girls' School bell across the street rang.

As a part of their training, the women go out Wednesday and Sunday afternoons to preach in the surrounding villages. One woman was bitten quite seriously by a fierce dog. These
dogs are one of the many hardships our Bible-women have to meet.

Since the proposed school at Tenghsien does not contemplate taking women of elementary grade we are planning an advanced class for next year which will be comprised of graduates of the elementary school, who have preached a year or two acceptably, but need further instruction to make them more efficient. The cities are wanting better grade women for their city evangelization work, and the country work too needs younger, better prepared women.

Point Breeze Academy.

The Point Breeze Academy has had a record attendance this spring of 260 pupils. Registration had to be stopped early to limit it even to this number as 250 are about all that can be accommodated with any degree of comfort in the dormitories.

It has been a year of preparation for changing to a six year middle school course according to the new 6-6-4 plan, which means six years primary, six years middle school, and four years college work for the general educational system.

There has been a good spirit among the boys, and the teachers have done excellent work. The teachers' meetings have been a pleasure to attend and there have been many interesting discussions along new educational lines.

A hope which we have had for many years has been realized this year in having a Chinese pastor as the instructor in religious studies and also for personal work among the boys.

Two of the teachers attended summer school at the University of Nanking last summer, one teacher spent a month during the winter in Peking University studying Physics laboratory methods, and one teacher is taking a year of special study in science and educational methods in Shantung Christian University. One of our recent graduates is taking an agricultural course in Nanking University with the view of returning to start some agricultural courses in this school.
OUR STUDENTS AT WORK.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Children saluting the flag in one of the village Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Only five of these children attend school ordinarily. It is interesting to note that many of these schools are co-educational. The students in this work seem to be breaking down a prejudice which the Mission has tried for years to do without success.

ONE OF THE WEIHSIEN EAST SUBURB DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS.

105 of the girls and boys of the Wen-Mei Girls’ High School, the Point Breeze Academy and the Weihsen Bible School conducted 31 of these schools during the summer of 1922 with 1,088 children in attendance. The girls led the procession with 12 schools, 51 student-teachers, and 532 pupils. Indications are that these numbers will be considerably increased in the summer of 1923.
Athletics have done much for the schools in China. Health, physical development, alertness of mind, quickness of action, ability to do team work and learning how to win and lose, have been some of the benefits from organized athletics.

Chinese students have gone a long way since the remark of a student a few years ago in answer to the question, "Why don't the Chinese use rocking chairs?" He replied, "The Chinese are not very fond of athletics."
The demand for more English is growing ever more insistent and the general criticism of our graduates is that there is too little English in the course. This can only be strengthened by additional teachers for this purpose.

The annual track meet was participated in by three schools. The government Middle School in the city had been invited for some years to take part always refusing the invitation, but this year they asked to join of their own accord. Besides the usual events of a track meet, match games were played in basket-ball, base-ball and tennis.

The Y. M. C. A. in the school was re-organized this year with the aim of making it a greater force in the student life. The custom had been for all the students to join the Y. M. C. A. on entering school and in consequence some of the members were only nominal. The new organization reduced the numbers and it has been an uphill job for the officers this year, but we feel it is on a better basis.

Twenty-seven boys united with the church during the year. Three seniors who had not seemed interested in Christianity and who had been somewhat of a hindrance in the Christian life of the school took a strong stand for Christ at the last session meeting and were received into the Church, still keeping the school's record of graduating only one student so far who has not been a church member.

During the summer vacation, thirty-five boys conducted eleven free Daily Vacation Bible Schools with 329 pupils enrolled. One of the boys, a new Christian himself and with only one other Christian in his home village, had a school of 120. He invited scholars in the village to assist in the work and such a good impression was made, that money was given to the school from some public funds and he was asked to open the school again next year.

Girls' High School.

Since the New Year the Girls' School has had ninety-two students, the largest enrollment but one in the history of the school. Never before have there been so many applica-
tions from outside schools and students were received from Tsingchowfu, Tsinan, Tientsin and Peking. Formal entrance examinations were held for the first time. One girl came from a government school and non-Christian family. She had never seen a Bible before nor heard any Christian teaching. Great was her amazement in the first Bible class she attended. She said to the teacher, "I don't seem to understand anything you say, what are you talking about?" However she soon began to understand and now she writes to her brother that she is very much interested in Bible study.

The year opened with an interesting report of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools carried on by the girls during the summer. In all there were twelve schools with fifty-one teachers and 532 pupils. The summer was an unusually hot one and many were the difficulties which the girls encountered in getting pupils and in teaching them after they had secured them. Most of the schools were in small villages and were conducted by one teacher because she could get no one to help her. However in one school there were 97 pupils and in another 140. In the latter place a public meeting was held where the object of holding the school was discussed and funds were solicited. They raised $60 in all, the official giving $20 of this amount. One girl enlisted the aid of her mother in getting pupils, but had no suitable place to hold the school, nothing but a small dark room which was also very hot so she took them out into the yard. There was no blackboard and no slates, but she was not to be outdone by any such lack and had them write on the ground with sticks. Another girl in teaching Sunday School, found the children were not as interested as she would like, so she bought some candy and gave one piece for attendance and another for learning the lesson. Small wonder that these children thought the Bible Stories the "sweetest" stories they had ever heard.

Another thing of interest in the school year was a two days' trip to Tsingchowfu. Some people thought it a fool-hardy undertaking but the girls had the time of their lives.
They looked very nice in their new uniforms of blue Korean cloth and marched to the station in high spirits. The first day was spent in sightseeing, and a match factory, hair-net factory, a Mohammedan Mosque, and several temples were among the places of interest they visited. In the evening the Baptist Mission Girls' School gave a tea party to the girls which was much enjoyed.

The next morning all arose early and climbed Yün Men Shan or the "Cloud Gate Mountain." Coming as these girls do from a level country a mountain proved to be a wonderful and inspiring sight. Although quite a climb, all but two or three went to the very top, and found the view well worth the effort. It was a tired, footsore crowd that marched to the station to take the train home but they were game and as one girl expressed it, "When I think of that beautiful mountain I forget that I am tired."

Another innovation this year has been the introduction of English days in their weekly oratorical society. Each girl who took part memorized some selection in English, and although they were so badly frightened at first that it was hard to recognize that they were trying to speak English, yet it has proved quite a benefit in their English work.

A school store opened under the management of the Y. W. C. A. has been another feature of the year. Although they sold things as low as possible they made expenses, and with the money left over gave a party to the school when a humorous report of their experiences in running the store was given.

The girls have taken quite a liking for indoor baseball and one of the outstanding features of the athletic week held by the Boys' Academy recently was a match game played by two teams of girls.

Another cause for gratification was the choosing of one of the girls of this school to represent the student Y. W. C. A. organizations of Shantung Province at a conference in Shanghai in April. It was a great experience for her to meet thus with representatives from all over China. She was quite impressed with the sights of Shanghai and was very en-
thusiastic in her description of everything, no detail of which seemed to escape her. All was wonderful whether it was Wing On’s department store, listening to a radio demonstration or riding on a tram car. She had not dreamed that Shanghai was so progressive. “Why,” she said, “down there even the coolies use hair oil on their hair.”

The spirit in the school has been especially good this last semester. This has been due in great measure to the capable president of the student body. At the opening of school both women teachers were unavoidably absent and she looked after things as efficiently as if she had always done it.

Beginning with next fall the new 6-6-4 system recommended by the educational commission will be introduced.

The health courses put into all the compound schools last year have been continued this year with great interest and benefit to the students. Over 200 men, women, boys and girls have had lessons in physiology, hygiene, first aid and good health with simple remedies and precautions, all of which the Chinese are so ignorant of and need so much.

One of the causes for rejoicing has been the installation of a small Delco Electric light plant for the schools on the compound. After many years of struggle with kerosene lamps and lately with gasoline lanterns the change was a welcome one, and we are very grateful to the friends who helped to make the change possible.

Boys’ and Girls’ Country Schools.

Owing principally to the prevalence of robbers in parts of the country field, ten of the boys’ country schools have had to be closed. There are now forty-eight boys’ schools with sixty-one teachers, 491 Higher Primary pupils and 1,135 Lower Primary pupils making a total of 1,626. The mission furnished $404 as a total toward teachers’ salaries this year, while $4,655 were raised locally. The people also provide their own buildings, equipment and books.

According to the new educational system an effort is being made to establish schools with two teachers giving
six years primary work. Consequently mission help has been withdrawn from most of the one teacher lower primary boys' schools, putting them practically on a self-supporting basis, and more help has been given to the two teacher schools.

The girls' country schools have been under the same management for over thirty years and as the missionary in charge is now relinquishing these schools, it is interesting to think back over these years in connection with this work. During the first days of Weihsien Station when one, two or three schools were opened, they were under the supervision of the itinerating missionary who had charge of the district where the school was located or of the missionary's wife. Later on when the schools increased in number it was found better to put them under the charge of one person. At the same time it was found too hard to visit all for inspection and examination so in connection with the boys' country schools two inspectors were appointed.

There were then 14 girls' schools all with boarding departments scattered over a large territory, necessitating a great deal of hard travel in the rainy season and at the coldest time of the winter on the part of the inspectors. After some years the Chinese were anxious to increase the number of day schools so that more girls could attend, and conceived the plan of using the money with which the boarders were helped for securing more teachers. The plan proved successful and there are now thirty-nine schools with 591 pupils and 41 teachers. Of these pupils 105 are in the Higher Primary and 486 in the Lower Primary. Of the Lower Primary Pupils 224 are from non-Christian homes.

The pupils are bringing on an average over one-third of the teachers' salaries. The Lower Primary pupils pay their own board and help is given only to the very poorest among the Higher Primary pupils. All other expenses are paid by the pupils, including the buildings and equipment except where the school is in one of the City Evangelization Centers.

When one sees the schools grow from three to the present number, from less than fifty pupils to 591, it rejoices
the heart and we feel much has been accomplished.

Much credit is due to the inspectors. They have to travel in all sorts of weather often going without one or more meals and often facing most difficult problems. The last two years the prevalence of robbers has added much to their difficulties and it has taken real courage on their part to continue in their work. One of the missionaries this year has made a general survey of the girls’ country schools. Although there were times when rivers had to be waded and snow drifts ploughed through, a bicycle made it possible to visit all but a few of the schools in the worst robber districts.

Kindergarten.

The kindergarten equipment and the small room that is available make it necessary to limit the attendance to twenty. This year not only has the enrollment reached twenty but more children would have come had the accommodations permitted. An effort was made to make the kindergarten self-supporting by more than doubling the tuition, and private assistance was given in only three cases.

There have been ten girls and ten boys and any lover of children would find them every bit as interesting and representing as many types as American children. There is little Chwen whose pigtails sticking straight out behind each ear fairly quiver with excitement. There is Teng I Hwoa whose proud feat it is that he can hop on one foot three or four times around the circle coming down flat each time with a resounding thud. There is the one with the dimples, the shy one, the sweet singer, true son of his father who is the music teacher in the schools, there is the weepy one and alas, the naughty one who is just so full of mischief that he is always in hot water.

As usual the high point of the year for the children was Christmas tide. They were busy long weeks beforehand, making their lanterns and paper chains, practicing their program and preparing gifts for their mothers and souvenirs for all the guests. An effort was made in the program to
throw the emphasis on the giving instead of the receiving side of the day. The teacher Mrs. Lu composed a little play with this in mind called "The True Meaning of Christmas." It was based on a Chinese hymn the verses of which begin "Although I am blind, The all powerful Saviour can guide me. Although I am lame, He can support me. And Although I am poor, He can help me." In the first scene little motherless Li Hung En, although still shaky from an attack of fever, impersonated a Christian gentleman explaining to a heathen inquirer the meaning of Christmas. Just as he finished, one of the little girls entered as a poor blind woman and he taught her to sing the first stanza line by line and gave her a present which she immediately shared with others. She was followed by a little boy taking the part of a lame man and he was taught his verse and given his gift which he also shared. Then some one was heard calling at the door and a poor old beggar woman entered. The Christian gentleman filled her basket with food, covered her rags with a warm garment, and then taught her, her stanza. The poor beggar left singing, and true to what she had just been taught, also gave a share of her food to the first needy one she met.

It was really well done for Chinese children are born actors, absolutely free from self-consciousness.

There was also a fine, big tree, a real live Santa and a bag of gifts, a doll, toothpaste and toothbrush for each one, thanks to the kindness of the Pittsburgh churches and to the Presbyterian Church in Circleville, Ohio, which also sent a splendid box of kindergarten supplies that we hope will last for yet another year.

Indeed the whole Compound is indebted to the Young People's Branch of Pittsburgh Presbytery for the generous Christmas boxes which they yearly send. Everyone on the compound from the missionaries to the milkman and postman received some gift from these boxes. over five hundred people in all this year, besides several country congregations to whom picture cards were sent.
Weihsien Hospital.

The hospital has had a unique experience this year in being left without a foreign doctor while the Superintendent is on furlough. This has thrown more work and responsibility on the foreign nurse but the two Chinese doctors, both graduates of the Medical College of the Shantung Christian University have done excellent work. They make a good team, since one seems to have little interest in anything other than "doctoring" and is willing to do more than his half of the clinic and operating work if he can be relieved of executive work. The other one enjoys "managing affairs" and has natural ability in that line so between them they have carried on splendidly, and from the beginning have had a spirit of "We will show them that we can do it" and have certainly lived up to it. The only thing that they have openly not wanted to do was to care for foreign cases, but fortunately we have had a year of good health among our number and have not needed to call upon them often.

While it was expected that there would be some decrease in the number of patients when it became known that there was no foreign doctor here the numbers have kept up surprisingly well. In fact there have been thirty more women in-patients than any other year and the two doctors have had all the out-patients they could do justice to.

There have been an unusual number of gun shot wound cases owing to the prevalence of robbers in the surrounding country. 49 men and 4 women. At one time last winter out of 32 in the men's hospital, 18 were gun shot cases.

Four new probationers have been added to the nursing staff, two of whom are high school graduates. One new subject has been added to the curriculum and all teaching has been carried on as usual. The doctors have showed greater interest in teaching the nurses than formerly, and the results are plain to be seen in the wards.

Evangelistic work has been carried on constantly in the wards and out-patient department. The men's hospital has been fortunate in having the services of a theological student
this spring as hospital evangelist. The Bible-women spend all their time with the women, some of whom are very slow to learn. It is often discouraging work but when the Gospel once takes root it is there to stay.

Portions of Scripture have been sold or given to the patients with catechisms and printed prayers. Bible classes have also been held for the nurses and helpers. The evangelistic work is one branch the outcome of which we can never know. In many instances we hear definitely of patients or of friends, who have come with the patients, returning home to unite with the church as a result of what they have first heard here. Hundreds of others we never hear from again directly, but the seed has been sown and “God giveth the increase.”

Last Christmas Eve brought the good news by cable, that the money had been given for the new hospital. Needless to say, this has brought great joy to the hearts of not only the hospital staff but to all friends of the medical work, foreign and Chinese, who have hoped and prayed these many years that we might have a suitable building in which to “heal the sick and preach the Gospel.”

We take this opportunity of again thanking the friends of the Shadyside Church, Pittsburgh who have thus generously responded to our appeal. The new building will be called the “Shadyside Hospital,” the operating room to be a memorial to Dr. Charles K. Roys who spent the best years of his life here under most difficult circumstances.

Another splendid movement which is helping to make our new hospital a realization is the White Cross work of the women’s societies at home. We have received many beautiful gifts in the way of garments, bedding, surgical and operating supplies this year from the societies of the Minnesota Synod and we wish to send very sincere thanks again for this help. Everything in the nature of garments and bedding which is not actually needed at present is being hoarded for the new hospital, so a good start has been made in the way of supplies. We realize that many hours of work have gone into these articles and greatly appreciate the help it is to us not only
financially, but in the interest and prayers which each new society added to the list represent and on which we count so much.

Each year sees many patients turned away or sent elsewhere who might be cared for with adequate equipment, but with the new building so nearly a realization we hope we will soon be able to relieve in some measure all who come to us.

The building operations are awaiting the foreign doctor's return who is expected in the late summer.

While we would not like to repeat the experience of being without a foreign superintendent, the year has been a successful one in all departments, and we are thankful the medical work in Shantung has reached the stage where Chinese medical graduates can carry on by themselves, and that our own men have proved so faithful to their task this year.

Such is a résumé of the year's work. We thank God for work accomplished and for many blessings. We feel however the need of strengthening in every line. For many years we have been praying for reinforcements for there are many doors open which we cannot enter. We pray that God may soon grant our prayers and send us the new workers we so much need.

The workers asked for are:

- Business Man
- Woman Evangelist,
- Nurse,
- Woman Teacher.
- Clerical Man,

We would like to close with a story which one of our evangelistic men heard on a recent trip. There was an old lady living in a country village who had heard the Gospel but who had had very little instruction. As her health was failing she had a great desire to be baptized before she died and prayed and prayed that a pastor might come to her village who could baptize her.

She waited months and months but no pastor came and she despaired of one coming in time. One day when it was
raining the thought came to her, "Why couldn't she ask Jesus Himself to baptize her with the rain." Acting on this thought she asked her children to carry her outside. They were very unwilling to do so in her weak state of health but she begged so insistently that they finally consented. Just as they carried her out the rain stopped. The poor old lady's faith was sorely tested and she said, "Am I so great a sinner that Jesus won't baptize me?" However, she kept praying and in a few minutes the rain poured down. A wonderful peace came into her heart, she felt her sins had been washed away, and a few days later she was taken to meet her Lord.