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The year past has been a very blessed one—not so much with mountain peak experiences, but with the daily conscious­ness of His Presence bringing us into a deeper realization that "the Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His Works." Our station prayermeeting held at noon each day as well as the special days of prayer have been sources of real fellowship and blessing to us all, and has drawn us closer to each other and to Him. The year's work has its encouragements as well as discouragements and might be summed up in these words "praise, pray and peg away."

BETHEL BAND

Early last autumn the Bethel Band came to hold special meetings of one week in our local Church. Pastor and Mrs. Chi, Mr. Lin, and Miss Hu were the four members of the Band. Pastor Chi and Miss Hu were the main speakers. Mr. Lin led the music and Mrs. Chi helped in the special work with girls and women. They made a perfect team and the appeal to follow Christ was presented in a powerful manner. A great many pledged renewed allegiance to Christ, while a smaller group for the first time accepted Him. All who attended were strengthened in their faith. It was a very helpful week from the stand point of spiritual uplift. The spiritual caliber of the team is very strong and hardly anyone can associate with such a group without being inspired and made a better servant of Jesus Christ.

The Bethel Band encourages the organization of Preaching Bands to go out into the villages. Many years the women have been active in village evangelistic work, but since the Bethel Band Meetings the men have taken more interest. These preaching bands, in small groups, go out early Sunday
afternoon some holding Sunday schools, others talking to individuals or groups on the street and still others teaching people to read the Bible. As a result, many village people are attending church and applying for membership. The girls meet Sunday evening to report on the events of the afternoon, while the men get together before starting out for the villages. Those of us who are engaged in this work feel that it is very worthwhile, and it is to be hoped that it will continue to grow as it has during the past year.

**EVANGELISTIC WORK**

Presbytery advised that revival meetings should be held at least once a year in each church circuit. This was carried out so that meetings, lasting from four to five days each, were held in fifty different villages within the Weihsien Presbytery. The attendance at each series numbered about two hundred or more, so almost the whole church membership of 7500 had a chance of hearing the Gospel preached with revival fervor. The twenty-one pastors with the help of missionaries and
warmhearted elders conducted these meetings. Some churches varied the revivals by holding Bible classes. At one church sixty people took a six week’s course of study, four periods each day. The result was an increased knowledge of Scripture and a deepening of faith. It is hoped that more classes of this type can be held in the future, for the new church membership needs grounding in the Scriptures.
Thanksgiving Day in the Compound Church

With the withdrawal of the foreign funds which have been used as subsidies for pastors' salaries, the churches have had to devise ways and means to pay bills. It has taken much sacrificial giving on both the part of the pastor and the people, but it has contributed to a much more healthy growth in the church.

A former woman evangelist, Mrs. Pan, has opened a Bible School for women in her own home village. The four teachers are offering their services free gratis, except for a share in the food, which is provided by their pupils. The women bring bags of grain and flour from their homes and take turns preparing the food; It has been a venture of faith and the school has had six months' term of study, with about forty women in attendance. The discipline is not what we expect in a Mission-controlled school, but because it is something they are doing themselves, it has hearty support. It meets a need for a less expensive type of school, which the poor but warm-hearted Christian can afford. This need shows itself again at the Loa An City Evangelistic Center, where the
old type of registered higher primary school has been given up and in its place, a short term Bible School with thirty pupils has just recently been organized.

With some of the funds released by these advances in self support we have employed twelve men who have been out continuously since Chinese New Year (Feb. 1) doing tent preaching. As has been our custom for the past ten or twelve years, a tent with seating capacity for 400 people was set up in the market place near the city and there was daily preaching from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. with 15,000 people attending during the two weeks. The tent was then sent to a group of villages adjoining one of the long established church circuits. This church formerly had a pastor but the past year could not raise his salary. It is hoped that with this special effort with the tent and twelve evangelists many new enquirers will be secured and that in time they can again call a pastor. At one village after two weeks of daily preaching 70 signed cards expressing their desire to study for church membership. At a second village 94 enrolled for a similar purpose. With three months of tent preaching there are about 200 enquirers to be examined and 36 accepted for church membership.

REORGANIZATION OF STATION CHURCH

Last autumn the church in the East Suburb petitioned Presbytery to let them become an Independent church. It was granted and this took 400 members off the roll of the local Church. The two city churches were sold to the Independent Chinese Church for an amount equal to the original cost of the two properties. It was a very happy occasion as the leaders in this church invited the Mission leaders to a feast, at the close of which the money was paid and the deeds to the properties transferred to the officers of the church. Though the feast was given at a public restaurant, after congratulatory speeches were made, all rose to sing the Doxology. The mission staff gave each church a leather-bound pulpit Bible in remembrance of the happy event consumating the complete establishment of two Independent churches in the city of Weihsien. The result is that our Compound church has become
a separate organization while the several groups in the surrounding country are on a different preaching circuit.

This is predominantly a Student Church since there are about 700 students on the Compound. The problems we face in such a situation are much different from those of the churches in the country or even in the city. In the fall over 50 people were examined for church membership. More than 20 of these were accepted and received baptism. This spring there were 67 examined and 16 were received into the church. With Pastor Wei giving full time to the work of the church and with several of the missionaries working with the student groups, many helpful activities have been sponsored. Although the situation is far from ideal, nevertheless much has been accomplished.

Many churches observed the Chinese Thanksgiving Day by offering gifts to the church. Some used the God's Acre Plan and reports of this type of giving were most enthusiastic. The 1934 Thanksgiving in the local church was a red letter day. Not only did the people turn out well to render thanks to God for His mercy and goodness, but they also brought something concrete to show their gratitude. Special printed cards had been given out in advance, on which people pledged a gift to the church. It was both interesting and amusing to hear the list of gifts read off. There were over sixty different kinds of things, varying from vegetables, fruits, ducks, rabbits, to chair-cushions and sunflower seeds. After the things were sold and the money counted we were surprised and grateful to learn that $120.00 had been received. Compared with our total budget this was a great help to the work of the church. Thanksgiving services these two years have been a real inspiration to all of us. We better appreciate how much God has done for us and also have learned how easy it is to do something to show our gratitude. The God's Acre plan is a great success here and we hope it will continue to be a blessing.

This spring has been very dry and the crops have suffered sadly for lack of rain. In some places the wheat has headed, but the grain has not formed due to the drought, while
in others the usual summer crop of kao liang has not even been planted. Every effort to persuade the gods to send rain has been futile. There is one god, Father King Dragon, who is supposed to have charge of the rain. So many women were going to his temple to pray for rain and offer gifts, that the mayor of the city decided that this superstition should be broken down. He had the god carried out from his temple to the river bank where there was a big market, and announced that they were going to publicly flog the god because he had not sent rain, and if he did not send it within the next few days they would shoot him. Fortunately three days passed without rain where upon the idol was flogged 50 strokes and shot to pieces, much to the amazement of the populace, who declared now it would never rain. It rained the very next day.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

A group of students from both the High and Bible Schools, several of the Chinese ladies, and two missionaries taught in Sunday School. Our enrollment this year has not been as high as it was the latter part of last year, but it has been a real joy to see the children come tumbling into the room dressed up in their bright colored clothes with their little faces shining. They are so eager to sing the songs and choruses and listen with such interest to the Bible stories in spite of a great deal of twisting and joggling and shuffling of feet. These children can recite verse after verse from the Bible and sing by heart some of the Psalms to old Chinese tunes. When it is all over they leave with the same smiling, happy faces running quickly home to show the lesson leaflets to Mother or Father. The children are most receptive and we have faith to believe that the seed sown in these little hearts will bring forth an abundant harvest for His Kingdom.

**WOMEN’S PRAYER MEETING**

Our Mother’s Prayer Meeting that started over two years ago continues to meet every week at the different homes. We have wonderful fellowship together and have grown deeper in our prayer lives. One of our members, who a year ago was
having difficult times of depression and loneliness, today is a very happy woman. By sharing her difficulties with us we were able to help her thru prayer and by teaching her to read her Bible. She now spends her spare time going to the hospital and villages telling others what Christ has done for her. The prayer meeting has done the same for the rest of us according to our needs.

**THE WOMAN'S BIBLE SCHOOL**

The new Normal course which is in addition to the five years of Bible school has now finished its first full year. There have been about twenty girls in this section and about forty in the lower grades. These girls have had practice under supervision, teaching Chinese reading, arithmetic and Bible stories to the lower grades of the Bible School. They have taken the work seriously and have improved greatly.

The Spiritual tone of the school has been helpful. In the fall the first week of school was given over entirely to meetings of the Bethel Band. They were a great blessing to the entire
school and started the year with emphasis on Spiritual things. One non-Christian found us too religious and left, but three others were gloriously converted.

During the Spring term the normal class was given a week of experience and a taste of the joys of evangelistic work in the country. They went in supervised groups to four places, much to the envy of the rest of the school. Their subsequent reports were intensely interesting and most enthusiastic. Their experiences varied, all the way from children's meetings, Bible stories with hand work, teaching reading by Phonetic, Bible classes, praying with the sick, preaching and witnessing, to casting out a devil.

We would like to tell you about Mrs. Cheng who was formerly an idol worshipper but when she heard the story of Jesus Christ and His redemption she destroyed her idols and became an ardent disciple. She recently walked fifty li or seventeen miles on her little bound feet to attend four days of meetings, and then trudged all those weary miles back again. Her zeal is most heartening, and though sixty years old, she
is attempting to learn to read her Bible. She was examined three times before being admitted to church membership. As she knelt on the mud floor of the little thatch-covered cottage and received the rite of baptism, she wept tears of joy. It is seldom that we see one so touched by the communion service as she was, and it made us realize anew the meaning of the Cross of Christ, and His sacrifice for sins.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

In the fall term of the Kwang Wen High School, there were 596 students in the entire school from the primary grades through the senior High school. This spring the senior I boys, after six weeks of study had to leave for three months of military training. The girls went home to return in the summer when the class will complete the term's work. It is making a very unsatisfactory year of work for this class and gives little vacation through the year for the teachers. It is hoped that the government will devise a different schedule in the future for the Senior I military training. By this method the government wants to get a more intelligent leadership in the army. The latest report indicates that the boys are having a fine time in spite of the hard work. It doesn't hurt the students to do hard labor, for they are apt to think that manual labor is beneath them. The strict discipline and camp hardships are good for them, but it is regrettable that they must have these experiences because of China's fear and hatred of her neighboring country.

The students of the registered schools have such heavy schedules, with as many as seven classes a day, that the teachers are complaining of the poor work the students are doing, because of lack of time and weariness of body. The government will have to change its requirements if the students of High School age are to keep physically fit for future work. Several students have had to leave school because of breakdowns in health, due to the heavy grind of work. Practically every minute of the day from 6 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. is scheduled for the students, leaving little time for outside activities.

The past year the school has run on a budget of $50,000 Mex. only one-tenth of which is given by the home churches
The Better Baby Day.

The amount does not include the salaries of the three missionaries who are doing part time teaching of English in the school.

With the lack of funds from America and the government requirements of registration, the country primary schools have had to be closed or joined with the government schools. Because of the few strictly Christian country primary schools, it will soon be a serious question where the children of the Christians can be properly educated. It will also be difficult to get Christian students for the High School in the compound, because formerly most of these came from our primary schools which were financed by Board money.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Religious work in Kwang Wen has been in charge of a Committee made up of the pastor, several missionaries, teachers, and a few students. Here is a picture of some of the work: It is six o'clock and as the boys file out of the dining-room, laughing and talking, the bell rings that announces the
evening chapel service. Most of the boys who are not Christians, seize bats and balls and go off to play games. About thirty or more with Bibles and Hymnbooks under their arms, turn down the tree-shaded lane leading to the church. The school principal, Mr. Tswei, is leading a service on the theme, “Purity.” As he announces each reference, the boys and girls turn to the Word of God and read it for themselves. A time of prayer is called for, and the students are encouraged to name subjects for petition, and then unitedly they make their prayer. For three nights each week this is the general program, but on Tuesdays the students break up into discussion groups under the leadership of teachers. Chapel attendance of course is voluntary, and the numbers fluctuate between forty and eighty. Of this group, 12 are studying to become Christians. Only two of these are from Christian homes. One boy came because he saw that his room-mate was so faithful in prayer and Bible study, and because of their friendship he wanted his room-mate’s Christ.

A special conference was held here in the spring with five guest speakers for three days. The students were faced with the challenge of saving China, not through military aggression, but through following Christ Jesus. Eighty-three boys and twelve girls signed cards, signifying their willingness to take Christ’s way of saving China. The Principal gave the visiting committee full support and much was accomplished in putting the challenge of Christ before the student body.

The men students have taken a deep interest in a village nearby and have gone there each Sunday afternoon to teach forty boys in the village school about Christ. Others walk three miles into the city and teach in a Sunday School which they started in the Independent Church. The work of the eight or ten girls, most faithful in village preaching on Sunday afternoons, over a period of two years, is bearing fruit. They have been divided into two groups, one large, one small and some of the younger girls have joined them occasionally. The kindergarten teacher, and the school principal’s wife, with one or two other Chinese women, have led the bands. The larger
group has gone to the "Head of the Fish River" where a Chinese pastor has lived, but where the church has been without life for some time. There had been a cold indifference or even hostility between Christians and non-Christians in the village. These school girls came to gather a few children for Sunday School in an open air courtyard; or to teach a little group of women to read, oh, so laboriously, until after a year, these women could find help and light from their Bibles. Some of the girls went into the homes, to teach these uneducated, bound-footed women what Christ can do for their homes, changing a scolding wife and mother into a gentle loving one; or a tyrannical mother-in-law to a kindly, sympathetic one. It was this practical Christianity that opened up closed doors and closed hearts, so that the pastor has come asking for more students, and only last week many from that village were examined for baptism. In the other village- Cherry Garden- where the smaller group goes, there is a school of thirty small boys which has one of our graduates as a teacher. She opened the way for a Sunday School in the school building. Last Sunday the head teacher, an old Chinese gentleman, led his charges the two miles across country to attend church here, although neither he, nor most of his pupils, are Christian.

The Bible classes for the year have been encouraging. A group of teachers who speak English have met in the home of one of the missionaries each Sunday for a discussion on certain Bible passages. In the fall we were fortunate to have three Chinese women, trained in the Bible, to teach several of the girls' group, who meet Sunday mornings. This meant about a total of 40 girls, representing most of the Senior and some of the Junior school. As there is no Bible teaching in the curriculum, this once a week Bible study is very important, for our girls often become teachers in village primary schools and need to know their Bibles, for what they may give to others, as well as for their own spiritual growth. This spring there were fewer enrolled, and two of the Chinese teachers were not available, so we missionary mothers have helped out. The most faithful attendants have been those girls seeking baptism and church membership.
An early morning prayer meeting has been going on for some time with a group of boys who meet daily at 6 A.M. for prayer and fellowship. Although there are only nine boys in this group, because of its reality it has great promise. The girls have their group prayer meeting in the evening.

The change from morning to evening chapel made for an increased attendance. Taking a single subject and making it the theme for a week, also gave the program depth, integration, and movement. Printed questions were used each week, and an attempt was made to go thoroughly into the problem, and find the answer that Christ had revealed to us through the Bible. Pastor Wei has been a help in leading the students in Bible exposition. The programs are planned so as to have relation to each student and his needs, and to carry the student forward in his Christian life.

Here is a story of one of our most faithful students in the religious life. Mr. Yu Ben Shan had two room-mates. One was an expert photographer who possessed an expensive camera. The other was a youth of very loose ideas as to property rights. His inclinations were many, and his expenditures never balanced with his income, so he had to adopt exceptional measures to make them come even. The result was that he took Mr. Yu's last $10.00 and the other room-mates camera. Pawning the camera was dangerous and the boy was caught. He spent an evening in the local jail, and was then brought back to the school, where he packed up his few belongings and was escorted off the campus with two policemen as guards. Here Mr. Yu showed what stuff was in him before he left. Instead of being glad the boy got his just deserts, he was sorry for him. He bought him a Bible and after a long talk and prayer, he asked him to accept Christ and the Bible that tells about Him. The unfortunate student took the Bible and he was so struck with the love and forgiveness of Mr. Yu that he wanted to learn what could make a person like that. Mr. Yu walked with him over to the railroad and escorted him off with all the courtesy of Chinese etiquette completely ignoring the two police and the fact that the student had wronged him and was a criminal in the sight of the law and by all who

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watched him go by. He was so impressed with Mr. Yu’s action that he began to read his new Bible and as he did so he found that the Christ pictured there was so altogether lovely that he surrendered to Him his past life with its sin and misery, and became a born-again Christian. He wrote back a letter making a full confession and asking the pardon of his friends, and told of his new joy and the peace that had come into his heart, since all had been given to Jesus. Mr. Yu felt that all of this was worth the ten dollars he lost, and to-day, he is happy to have been used of the Holy Spirit in the saving of one poor needy soul.

KINDERGARTEN

The mission helps finance this year, as formerly, a kindergarten in the city, which continues to be popular. More applicants come than the small and rather unsuitable quarters can provide for. If it were possible to secure better property, there is no question but a large kindergarten could be carried on, which would be a splendid opportunity to bring Christ into non-Christian families. The teacher has had very little special
training, but is a product of our “Women’s Bible School” which has since added some kindergarten training to its course. Miss Chin, for half a year took a long walk across the city four afternoons a week, after kindergarten was over, to teach a little group of women to read and build them up in Christian knowledge.

The kindergarten on the compound for children of teachers, doctors, servants, missionaries, and others, is entirely self-supporting. The teacher is the mother of four. She was trained for this work before her marriage. She adds in this way to the family income, to pay off the heavy debt incurred when the husband’s father was ransomed from bandits. She gives her Saturday afternoons to telling Bible stories to about 50 children and usually devotes Sunday afternoon to leading our high school girls along the little river to the nearest village where two years of very fruitful Christian work has been carried on.

TRAVELLING LIBRARY

Another interesting phase of the work is the Travelling Library. Last summer Mr. Van Etten of our South China Mission came up north telling about the Travelling Library which they had started in their country field. The plan was rather appealing and so we have launched out with something of the same idea this spring. We have a man who carries books from village to village, visiting especially the schools. He loans books on religion, biography, hygiene, etc. to the teachers of the schools. After two weeks he returns to exchange them. At present we have more than 1000 books in circulation. The Librarian travels over a circuit of 50 villages in which he makes his books available to some 75 schools. Other people in the villages can borrow through the school teacher. We see great possibilities in this project. Public health and evangelistic effort can easily be joined up with this work. It looks very promising.

THE HOSPITAL

The year at the Hospita has held much to make us feel encouraged and inspired to go on. A group of forty, Staff and Students, Christian in spirit and in action who truly
have at heart the good of the Institution and service to the patients, is an ideal atmosphere to work in. That is what we are enjoying in our Hospital. In addition to these a large number of the servants are also Christian. You can almost guess the rest of the story—the work is being done not only cheerfully but better. We have lots of fun—real genuine fun, while we are doing the work. Patients too, sing the day thru in the wards, the songs and choruses which the Evangelists teach them, and often we have a whole choir of patients, nurses, evangelist and perhaps too the ward coolie singing together—no, one shouldn't say "together" but at least trying to.

We heard more from the Pastors and Elders at Presbytery meeting last fall than ever before about ex-patients who had been converted during their stay in the Hospital, or who were really interested enuf to go home and hunt up the nearest pastor or evangelist or Christian group in order that they might go on studying the Gospel. Why? Not only the paid Bible woman and preacher, but many others are telling the Good News in the wards and to individuals.

This sort of atmosphere saves a lot of trouble—we haven't had any strikes among either students or workmen for some time back. Long hours have to be put in these busy days and not always an opportunity to make them up, but that is no great problem any more. We make it up when we can. The basket ball and tennis courts are just as much in demand when the hours have been long as at any other time. Even the evening prayer meeting which the group started three years ago, finds a goodly number gathered each evening after duty hours. There is keen interest shown in the Christian Endeavor meeting each Sunday to know what the committee in charge is going to do. The Bible class groups which have met in our home each week have kept up well in both interest and numbers, all but four of the students being enrolled in classes.

More patients have been served this year too—well over 1000 have spent time with us, and in the Dispensary nearly 7000 treatments have been given.
Our staff members are not without vision of larger work even while tied down to necessary details of daily work in the Hospital. If there is one leper for every 400 people in China as has been estimated, then by treating the occasional leper who arrives at the general clinic once in a long time, we certainly are not begining to touch the number that must be hidden away in the mud huts that cover the fertile Shan-tung plains around us. Leper clinics have been opened—three of them at country centers where evangelists or other Christian workers have been taught to give the injections of Pure Fresh Chalmoogra Oil for which a charge of $3.00 Mex. ($1.00 Gold) for one year's treatment (weekly) is made. At one of these clinics a woman 66 years old came for her "shot" and told us how she started in 3 months before, such a hideous sight, with her nodule covered face and arms that people wouldn't look at her. When we saw her, there was only one on her face and those on her arms were few and far between. She can feel some with her finger tips and the sensation in her arms is practically restored again. There are over 100 being treated in these clinics. The hope is that the lepers will come out to these local clinics for treatment while they stay at home and continue in their normal routine of living.

**NEW WORK**

With the Government's drastic regulations against opium, we have had a big increase in opium addicts coming to be cured. The new cantharidies "blister" method is used and so far seems to have been very successful tho it is too soon to make any estimate of permanent results. Patients are discharged "cured" in from ten days to three weeks depending on various circumstances.

A Hookworm Survey was undertaken in some of our surrounding villages. Village school children were taken as subjects as they could be easily handled thru the teachers. Altogether 17 schools were visited and 1000 students examined. They were mainly boys and represented the more well to do section of the villages. The incidence rate was only about 2% which was less than our hospital rate of 5%, but compared the same as that of the Hookworm Survey for North
China as undertaken by the Rockefeller Foundation some years ago. Another point of interest was that the incidence rate of roundworm infection is 95%.

This year for the first time we have gone out into the villages vaccinating. Since there are only about 2 or 3 weeks after peach blossom time when the Chinese feel that it is suitable to vaccinate, it has made this a very rushed reason. We asked for volunteers of the staff and students who were willing to give their half day off duty to helping with this work. Fourteen volunteered, but those who have actually gone have exceeded that number. About 1000 have been vaccinated in 13 different villages. Although some have been afraid of us, on the whole this move has been very well received as evidenced by the invitations to go to other villages. This has only been the beginning, and we hope by another year to be able to reach a much wider field.

Last fall we had a Better Baby Day for the children under three years of age living here in the compound with the result that 22 children registered. The morning was given over to physical examinations and a lecture, demonstration and exhibits were held in the afternoon. The day itself was a success, but because of lack of staff we have not been able to follow it up as we should.

FINANCES

Yes, we have finances to worry over too. Board grants have been cut down and exchange has dropped—but the number of patients goes on increasing. Our efficient staff, whom we have spent years gathering together, must occasionally have salaries raised, and it is right that they should. When men and women who could command salaries two or three times what they are getting here, if they chose to go into any of the many Government positions open to Medical people now, are willing to stay with a Christian Institution because they respect it and what it stands for, it is not right that there good nature should be imposed upon to the limit. Folks at home have said to me. “But if they were really Christian wouldn’t they be willing to make the sacrifice?” Yes, they
are, but there is a limit to what should be expected of self-respecting people with families to raise. So, we try to give them the best we can—meagre tho it seems.

The friends at home have had VISION too--vision of the financial needs of this work and have been generous with their help. The Minnesota Synodical Women have continued their White Cross work in spite of the burden it has put upon them in these days of depression—and they have actually made our keeping open possible. Mrs. Lockhart of Pittsburg has again come to our rescue with a substantial gift which has enabled us to keep a jump a head on drugs and other necessary supplies which otherwise would have to come out of field receipts which just do not cover.

This past year nearly two thirds of the Board grant went into Charity work. With the depression having struck China now, and the country districts feeling it keenly, there will be a greater demand for Charity work this coming year. We must do it. It is only right that a Christian Institution should--and we will. We are not worrying about how it will be done. God has not failed us yet and we have no reason to believe that He will as long as we do our part and have His approval.

**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

The School of Nursing has reached a difficult place this year in that it has graduated within eight months, two classes with a total of twenty-one nurses. When we only have thirty-two in the school, this leaves a pretty big gap. It was due to the re-opening of the Hospital with all new students after the closing of 1930. We have taken in a new class in two sections to make up the number, but it leaves us with very few experienced nurses to take much responsibility.

This gives us a total of 43 graduates in 10 years both boys and girls. Of this number there are;

| Gold Star | 3 | School Nursing | 2 |
| Hospital work | 17 | Married, not nursing | 7 |
| midwife | 1 | Business | 8 |
| pharmacist | 1 | Business—not medical | 1 |
| Public Health | 2 | No position | 3 |
They have all passed the National Examinations equivalent to State Board Exams in U.S. Some have taken postgraduate work in Midwifery, Public Health, Nursing Education or Pharmacy and several have had the experience of general duty nursing in the P.U.M.C. Hospital, Peiping or Central Hospital, Nanking.

There is always the country wide cry about male nurses, that they stay only long enough to get a smattering of Hospital experience and then go out to become "Doctors". This has not been so with us--our boys, who constitute the larger part of our School because our work is largely with men patients, stay thru their course and graduate and get their National diplomas before going into country "drug shops" or "hospitals" so-called. Of the eleven boys who graduated this year all wish Hospital positions, but so many hospitals have given up male nurses because of the above reasons that there are very few openings for them. Thus, unless they can get into Public Health work--which is, to be sure, a fine opening for them--they are pretty nearly driven to going into the medicine shop business. At that they fill a large place which without them is filled by men who have had no training at all and probably little learning. There is one large and flourishing "drug store and dispensary" in the country run by the coolie who used to take care of the doctor's horse and mop the floor in the dispensary. So we can not feel that it is such a crime for these boys to do such work and run some of these who have nothing to commend them but financial backing.

For the girls their great future is in Midwifery. The Government is conducting midwifery schools and encouraging untrained women to enter also, but giving a shorter course to nurses who already have medical foundation. This is one place where graduate nurses can continue their work even after they are married and settled down in their home villages.

As this report is being written, our wards are full and we are at our annual spring job of combing the wards for patients who can be discharged in order to give their beds to those who need them more. Patients wait at the Inn outside the gate and when they hear of the possibility of a patient
being discharged, they are right there begging for the empty bed. However, this last year the average bed occupancy has been more evenly distributed than in past years and we hope that the method the doctors use at the O.P.D. of deliberately refusing to admit chronic cases during these busy times and setting a time for them to come back later, will eventually bring about a more normal condition throughout the year.

**REINFORCEMENTS**

Last year brought reinforcements to Weihsien--Mrs. Jack Dickson, with mischievous seven year old David, and brown-eyed Mary Ray, just two. The older sisters are away in school. In spite of family cares, she has given of her time and strength to teach in both girls' schools, besides taking her responsibility for the Girls' C.E. and the school chapel, going out with preaching bands, and never saying “no” to any call for help. Weihsien is surely happy to have such an earnest, radiant Christian worker added to its number.

This year for the first time for several years two families—Mr. and Mrs. West and their two children, and Dr. and Mrs. Johnson go on furlo. They will be greatly missed, but we all join in wishing them a happy helpful furlo.

In writing of our work the missionaries' children should be included as they have had their share in giving life and fun to the station. The two-seven-year olds, Martha Murray and David Dickson, are now completing their second year in the Calvert Course and they have more than completed the allotted mischief for a year, and have been well aided by the five-year olds, Florence Reeder and Elliott Murray, who are just starting out on their first year of study. Then there are the two-year olds, Priscella West and Mary Ray Dickson, who spend their time playing in the sand pile, sometimes affectionately hugging each other, but more often grabbing at each other's toys. We have our share of babies too, little Eleanor Reeder just reaching one, and the latest arrival, Ellen West, age 6 months. The children have had their times of trouble too, and have gone through a series of epidemics this spring—mumps, measles, and chicken-pox. Even a couple of the mothers reverted to their childhood and had mumps and measles.
A walk around the compound always brings us to the gate with Mrs. Mateer's nameplate, and we begin to be reminiscent, thinking of her contribution to the work and life of the community. There is a feeling of sadness that she is no longer with us in active service, but we are glad she is having such an enjoyable and helpful time in America. Continuing our walk we come to a big empty house, and the children call out, "That's Ezra's house". Then we think of Mr. Ezra Hollister and how he helped us during his three years in Weilsien, and realize how much we miss him.

As we look back over this past year there is praise and thanksgiving for the way God has answered prayer and blessed the work. There have been hard places, the problems, and discouragements, but God has over-ruled all and has done "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think".

**STATION ROSTER**

Honorably Retired
Rev. J. Ashley Fitch D. D. 1889
Mrs. (Mary Richardson) Fitch
Mrs. R. M. (Madge Dickson) Mateer M. D. 1889 in U. S. A.

Regular Members
Miss Ruth A. Brack R. N. (1914) Supt. of Hospital, Supt. of Nurses Training School, Executive Com.
Mrs. (Barbara Lorenz) Reeder (1927) Station Treasurer-Secretary, Teacher, Women's work.
Miss Lucile F. Donaldson (1917) Principal of Woman's Bible School
E. E. Murray M. D. (1923) Shadyside Hospital
Mrs. (Lucy Booth) Murray (1923) Teacher, Student Work
Miss Martha E. Wylie R. N. (1925) Shadyside Hospital
*Hosmer F. Johnson M. D. (1928) Shadyside Hospital
*Mrs. (Cora Hoffman)
Johnson R. N. (1928) Shadyside Hospital, Women's and children's Work

*Mrs. (Helen Fraser) West (1930) Shadyside Hospital
Mrs. J. R. (Rachel Newton) Dickson (1932) Teacher, Student Work

Children
Vaughn Naomi Dickson Dec. 7, 1919
Katherine Lillian Dickson Sept. 8, 1921
David Maxwell Dickson Oct. 20, 1928
Mary Ray Dickson May 29, 1933
Mary Ruth Reeder Dec. 7, 1920
David Abernathy Reeder Sept. 17, 1922
Florence Reeder Jan. 29, 1930
Eleanor Reeder June 20, 1934
Martha Katherine Murray Nov. 22, 1927
Elliott Chevalier Murray May 8, 1930
*Priscella Anne West Jan. 13, 1933
*Ellen Elizabeth West Dec. 19, 1934

*On furlo from July 1, 1935.
This year Weihsien station lost one of its youngest missionaries when, after a prolonged illness, Prudence West just slipped away to be with Jesus. She had just passed her third birthday but her big darke eyes and happy heart had already endeared her to many. And we really haven't 'lost' her, for she was a child whose winsome self will remain with us although we know she is with Jesus of whom she loved to sing- in the Chinese words-Yesu ai wo- "Jesus loves me."