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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ciong Sieng Duang

Bible-Woman: July 23, 1915.

To attempt a tribute to Mrs. Ciong seems a futile, almost impossible task as if she might come cheerily in upon me any minute, and ask what I was doing! And while it is as if my right hand were missing, I cannot mourn Mrs. Ciong as dead; for with her, grim-visaged death has no part. She is infinitely more alive to-day than these poor folk she worked for, though they are still sitting about their little hovels, eating their hard-got rice, embroidering their shoes, and carrying on their endless quarrels; and if I should take a flower to lay on what they call her grave, I think I could almost hear her say, “Oh, don’t waste time doing that. Go tell the gospel to those women who need you!”

That wholesome Christian common-sense of Mrs. Ciong’s is a thing which makes it impossible to believe in pale death and a vague unreal heaven. “There is only one life, the eternal life”; and that bit of her eternal life that she lived among us was so healthy, so vigorous and genial, that it must be only more nobly so in the new bright world that is hers to-day.

“Oh, what a bore this lantern is! But she insisted that I take it, and so I had to to save hurting her feelings”; I can see her trudging up the street, laughingly struggling with a skirt, an umbrella, and the tedious
lantern, which she had accepted lest any seeming coldness should chill the tender seed she had just planted. That skirt, by the way, which she told me with delight she had used for many years and was not a bit worn yet, made more than one trip with us wrapped in a neat paper bundle, to be adjusted just before entering the home of some great one,—so wisely she had learned to be all things to all women! "Oh, you are so learned," our boat-woman said one day in despair, as she heard Mrs. Ciong expounding the scripture; "I never could learn it in the world." "Nonsense," cried Mrs. Ciong; "every one has her work. If I tried to row this boat, for instance, we'd all be at the bottom!" And you could see the boat woman's back-bone stiffen with a new dignity at this swift-turned appreciation.

"I've wasted my breath for three solid hours!" she sighed and laughed together. It was an inland Bible class, where a score of utterly raw women, lured by the naive promise that they should learn "every thing they didn't know" in three days, had assembled for the first schooling of their lives. "I've told them and told and told them again, and not one word of answer can I get out of them!" But at the end of three days, behold every one of them answering question after question in eager competition! How did she do it? It was just Mrs. Ciong's magic—the magic of indomitable love. I suspect it was mostly done on her knees in the little cabin of our boat, during the wee small hours of the morning.

"When you go in" she was saying to a group of women, in her familiar way of talking about heaven, "you want to have a great crowd just thronging in behind you." She looked behind her protectingly, as if the crowds were visibly present that she was leading in. It was so utterly vivid that we both laughed a little. Later on she said to me, "We want them all to be on our side, none on that side. Then we can clap our hands!"

And it was with that great company that no man can number in her eye that she did the day's work. "Don't look around" she laughed, as we went into her house one day. "I haven't done a bit of house-keeping for a week." And she liked a tidy house as well as any body, but she had been out from early morning until after dark, and some things had to go. And so the thought of her does not seem to befit weeping, though many faded old eyes glisten as they meet mine in passing—when no word is spoken—just because both of us are thinking with love of one whom we do not see these days. The thought of her makes me wish that if there is a human soul I can help nearer Christ this day, I may rise up in His Name and do it before the sun go down. "For they that are wise shall shine as the sun; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.
Name
This organization shall be called the Foochow Woman’s Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.
Purpose
The object of this organization is a united effort for advancing the Kingdom of Christ among women and children in China by the presentation of reports from missionaries and delegates, the discussion of methods of work, the consideration of customs not in accord with Christian principles, and the making of recommendations in regard to the same.

ARTICLE III.
Members
The membership of this Conference shall consist of properly accredited Chinese delegates elected by the District Conferences on the following basis: one from each institution or department of work of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, one pastor’s wife and one lay woman, together with the representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, and the General Board and with any other foreign women engaged in the work of the two Societies.

ARTICLE IV.
Officers
The officers of this organization shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, two Secretaries (one English and one Chinese) and a Statistical Secretary.

BY-LAWS
I. This Conference shall convene at the same time and place as the Foochow Annual Conference.
II. The order of business shall be as follows:—
   1. Devotions.
   2. Calling of roll by Secretary.
   3. Appointment of Committees.
   4. Reports of Work.
5. Miscellaneous and unfinished business.
6. Appointment of standing Committees.
7. Election of officers,

III. The rules of order shall be as follows:—
1. Each session shall open and close with prayer.
2. Resolutions to be discussed must be submitted in writing.
3. Reports of Committees shall be given daily after reading of minutes.

IV. The Standing Committees shall be appointed by a Committee chosen for this purpose and are as follows:—
1. Evangelistic.
2. Educational.
3. Medical.
4. Reform Measures.
5. Program.
6. Publication.
7. Entertainment.
8. Credentials.

V Duty of officers:—
1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Conference and supervise all its general interests.
2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and to aid her in her work.
3. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to keep a record of the proceedings of the meeting and to notify those members who are on committees of their duties.

VI. Election of Officers,
1. The officers shall be elected at the last session of the annual meeting by a majority of all the votes cast.

VII. Quorum.
1. A majority of the members attending the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. Amendments.
1. This constitution and By-Laws may be added to or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session.
OFFICERS FOR 1915-1916.

President:—Miss Lydia A. Trimble
Vice-President:—Miss Florence J. Plumb
English Secretary:—Miss Edna Jones
Chinese Secretary:—Miss Siak Ai Lang
Statistical Secretary:—Miss Ursula Tyler

Special Committees

Delegates to Foochow Annual Conference:—
Miss Trimble, Mrs. Sia Tieng I.

To write to missionaries at home:—
Miss Nevitt, Miss May Hu.

To write to the General Executive Meeting:—
Miss Ehly.

To write to Women’s Conferences in China:—
Miss Frazey, Miss Li Chung Nguk.

Correspondents of the Woman’s Missionary Friend:—
Miss Glassburner, Miss Clark.

Correspondent of Junior Missionary Friend:—
Miss Cora E. Simpson.

Correspondent of Chinese Christian Advocate:—
Mrs. Mary S. Lau.

Correspondent of China Christian Advocate:—
Mrs. E. L. Ford.

\[ \{ \text{Miss Ethel Wallace} \]
\[ \{ \text{Mrs. Bessie Nga} \]
\[ \{ \text{Miss Ruby Sia} \]

Nominating Committee
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FOOCHOW WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

Evangelistic.
Mrs. Sites
Miss Linam
Miss Wells
Miss Mace

Program.
Mrs. Eyestone
Miss Frazey
Miss Jennie Jones

Educational.
Miss Bartlett
Miss Mann
Miss Nevitt
Miss Ruby Sia

Publication.
Miss Strow
Miss Wells
Miss Clark

Medical.
Dr. Hatfield
Dr. Carleton
Miss Hartford
Dr. Li Bi Cu

Entertainment.
Mrs. Gowdy
Miss Simpson
Miss Wanzer

Reform Measures.
Miss Trimble
Dr. Hu King Eng
Miss May Hu
Mrs. Mary Sia Lau
Miss Mary Carleton

Credentials.
Miss Wallace
Miss Glassburner
Miss Edna Jone

Submitted by
Florence J. Plumb

Committee
First Day, Wednesday, October 27, 1915.

The thirty-first annual session of the Foochow Woman's Conference convened at half past two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, October 27, 1915, in the chapel of the Woman's College of South Chira.

The devotional service was led by Miss Mamie F. Glassburner, who had as her subject "Intercession." After prayer and the singing of several verses of "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling," Matthew 7: 22-27 was read as a text. The topic of the conference session was "Intercession and Evangelism," and Miss Glassburner first pressed home the great need of evangelism by stating that in Fukien Province where missionary work has been carried on for about seventy years only one out of every six hundred is a church member, while of the church members probably only one out of every ten is a real Christian. Failure in intercession has retarded evangelism. Then, using a chart, she unfolded before us the successive layers in the bed-rock foundation upon which true intercession is to be built: the lowest stratum, the will of God; the second, the example of Jesus Christ; the third, the promises of God; the fourth, the great commission given us by Christ; the fifth, the most important work we have to do. The talk was based upon an address given in the summer of 1914 by Miss Ruth Paxson of the Young Woman's Christian Association. Following the talk there was a time of quiet heart-searching before God, and then several led in prayer for God's blessing upon the meetings of the two conferences then in session.

Miss Mabel Hartford, the president of the conference, then took the chair.

Miss Wunzer sang as a solo, "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love," Miss May Hu first reading and explaining the hymn, that all might better get the real inspiration of the words,
As the Chinese secretary, Miss Dieu Sioli Ieng, was not present Miss Li Chung Nguk was elected to take her place for the afternoon. The English secretary then called the roll and the president asked that the delegates come forward and occupy the first four rows of seats.

After the changing of seats Miss May Hu gave a talk on Bible study, urging that we seek to have the Holy Spirit as our teacher, and setting forth some of the benefits to be derived from Bible study. Mrs. C. M. Lacy Sites then gave a report of the Bible institutes for women held on the Foochow district during the year. The aim of the institutes is to give every woman who is a member of the church an opportunity to know something of the Bible. Two large institutes, each of two weeks’ duration, were held in Foochow, and in addition similar smaller classes were held at several country villages, each lasting for three or four days. Those who passed the examinations held at the close of the institutes were given certificates. Mrs. Sites then showed something of the methods used in these classes.

After prayer by the president the meeting adjourned.

At eight o’clock in the evening an English session was held at Tai Maiu for the reading of the missionaries’ reports.


Morning Session.

At ten o’clock the conference met in the chapel of the Foochow Girls’ School, with Miss Hartford presiding. After a few words of opening prayer some of the children of the primary department of the school sang “God Will Take Care of You.”

Miss Edna Jones then gave an address, her subject being “The W. F. M. S. as an Outgrowth from Prayer”. She spoke of the very small beginnings in America growing out of a realization of the needs of women of other countries, and showed how thru constant dependance upon God in prayer the work had grown
from the original society with eight members to its present great proportions. She then gave a sketch of the General Executive Meeting as she saw it in 1913, and of methods used at home for deepening missionary interest. The Jubilee campaign and the League of Intercessors were touched upon.

Ruby Sia gave the report of the Fcochow Conference W F M S., pleading with the members of the conference to stop being dependents waiting for help and instead to go to work to help others less fortunate than themselves. The conference treasurer has deposited from the various auxiliaries $137.57.

When reports from districts were called for Yenping reported $30 contributed to the conference society and Mintsing reported $10, while Yuki has for ten years been supporting a woman in India. Delegates from Yenping, Kutien, and Yuki respectively then told something of the work of their districts.

Miss Hartford then asked that the remaining time be spent in prayer for the General Executive Meeting convening on that day. After prayer and the singing of a verse of "The Comforter Has Come" the meeting was adjourned.

Afternoon Session

At half past two the conference met again in the chapel of the Woman's College. Miss Glassburner was again in charge of the devotional hour. After a song and prayer some of the students of the College Preparatory School sang an anthem. Following this Miss Glassburner read Luke 14: 28-30 and a few verses from II Samuel 24. The cost of intercession and also the cost of failing in intercession were put before us. A season of prayer and a song closed the devotional service.

Miss Hartford then appointed as nominating committee Misses Ethel Wallace and Ruby Sia and Mrs. Bessie Nga, and asked that they withdraw to consider nominations.

Miss Wanzer brought a message in song, "Would You Live for Jesus?"
Miss Linam gave an interesting and instructive address on Methods of Sunday School Work, giving in detail the plan of the graded system from the cradle roll to the home department. Reports of Sunday school work from the districts were then called for, and interesting reports were given from Haitsang, Lungtien and Mintsing. In each place students and teachers of the girls' boarding schools, are doing effective work in outside Sunday schools. Mrs. Diong told something of the Bible-women's work on the Foochow district.

The minutes of previous sessions were then read in English and in Chinese and were approved.

Delegates from the Hinghua Conference—Dr. Betow, Mrs. Li, and Mrs. Ling—were introduced. They brought words of greeting and each told something of the work of the conference, Dr. Betow giving some interesting statistics showing the remarkable growth of their work during the past year. Our new missionary, Miss Tyler, who arrived in China last month was also introduced to the conference.

The president then appointed a second nominating committee, consisting of Dr. Carleton, Miss Plumb, and Miss Hu, to select the members of the standing committees for the coming year.

The report of the first nominating committee was read and adopted. (See page 3)

The conference then adjourned to go over to the reception being given in the new Magaw Memorial Hospital.

**Evening Session**

At eight o'clock a second English session was held at the Tai Maiu home for the further reading of the missionaries' reports.

**Third Day, Friday, October 29, 1915.**

The conference met for its last session at half past two o'clock in the chapel of the Woman's College. God again gave the message of the quiet hour thru Miss Glassburner. After song and prayer and the reading of
a few verses from the second chapter of I Timothy she continued her series of talks on "Intercession." Upon the bed-rock foundation mentioned on Wednesday she showed that for a life of intercession there must be laid the upper foundation of repentance, entire consecration, and the indwelling the Spirit. Then followed a season of prayer that these might be realized in the heart of each one. Keeping a prayer-list, having a definite time for intercession and also using bits of space or waste time, keeping in good repair, and obeying quickly the Spirit's promptings were given as some of the means of maintaining a life of intercession. Following the talk there was again earnest prayer that what had been heard might bear fruit.

Miss Wallace, the first vice-president, then took the chair and called for the reading of the minutes. These were read in English and in Chinese and after some corrections were approved.

After song Miss Trimble gave a short address on Methods of Personal Evangelism. Prayer, love, and sympathy, together with a realization that there is no other plan that laid down by Christ—that each who hears the story shall tell others—were given as the fundamental requisites for successful evangelism.

After prayer and the singing of a verse of a hymn Miss Plumb conducted a memorial service for Christian workers who had died during the year: Mrs. Diong Seuk Buo, a preacher's wife of the Yuki District; Mrs. Iek, a Bible-woman of Foochow; Dr. Rachal Ling of Magaw Memorial Hospital; and Mrs. Ciong Sieng Duang a Bible-woman of Foochow. Miss Wells spoke of the faithful service of Mrs. Iek; Dr. Marian Huong told of Dr. Ling's faithfulness and earnestness in the hospital as she ministered both to souls and bodies; Miss Plumb, Mrs. Sites, and Mrs. Sia Tieng-I bore testimony to the beautiful Christian life, self-forgetful service, and untiring zeal of our beloved Mrs. Ciong.

Mr. Huong Pau Seng, the fraternal delegate from the Foochow Annual Conference then in session was in-
troduced. After his words of greeting he told something of the work in the Malay Peninsula where he has been for several years.

The report of the committee for nominating committees was then read and adopted. (See page 4).

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President . . . . Miss Lydia A. Trimble
Vice-President . . . Miss Florence J. Plumb
English Secretary . . Miss Edna Jones
Chinese Secretary . . Miss Siek Ai Lang
Statistical Secretary . Miss Ursula Tyler

The Chinese secretary then recommended to the conference a book for Christian workers recently translated into Chinese, "How to Present Christ to Unbelievers."

A letter to the conference from a Chinese Christian brother of Mintsing was read by the Chinese secretary.

It was moved that the reading of the minutes of this last session be dispensed with and their correction be left to the publication committee. The thirty-first session of the Foochow Woman's Conference was then declared adjourned.

On each morning of the conference, beginning with Wednesday and closing with Saturday, Bible classes were held for the delegates. The Acts of the Apostles was the book studied.

Jane Ellen Nevitt,
Secretary.
Magaw Memorial Hospital, Foochow
The Woman's College of South China
REPORTS

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FOOCHOW DISTRICT

The Woman's College of South China
and Preparatory Department.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE, President.

L. ETHEL WALLACE  ELSIE G. CLARK
RUBY SIA  FLOSSIE M. HOSTETTER
MARY MANN  EDITH F. GAYLORD
MRS. T. M. WILKINSON  MRS. BAYLIE HALL SCEATS

Diverse, indeed, are the experiences of the past year that must find a place in our mile-book. Uneventful the days have not been, nor unaccompanied by many a pleasure in the process of getting used to the beauty and comfort of our new buildings. Among these pleasures shall we name the year-long reception of visitors from far and near, of high and low degree, to see the new institution? The list includes names both of Chinese and American distinction, but we will mention only those who came to see how happy a missionary's Christmas is—Mrs. W. I. Haven, president of the New York Branch, with her husband and daughter, and Dr. Frank Mason North.

The thought of our distinguished guests leads us to remember that other company of visitors who asked our hospitality in September for the first Y. W. C. A. summer conference to be held in Foochow. Delegates came from almost all the mission schools of North Fu-kien, and from a gentry school in a nearby village where lives one of China's foremost scholars, the tutor to the little Manchurian emperor. These non-Christian girls did not go away from that week of Christian associations without testifying both publicly and privately that it had been the happiest week in their lives.

One of the by-products of the conference was the return of a number of our former high school graduates
and the consequent forming of an alumnae association. Another was the sending of one of our students to enter the initial class of the Y. W C. A. physical training school in Shanghai. It is a great satisfaction to us that Miss Gaylord has been able to make a start in this same direction here in our own institution, both in regular gymnastics and in daily supervision of the students’ health. Even now the shouts of a class at volley-ball are ringing thru the halls.

In addition to our candidate for a physical training certificate in Shanghai, two other former high school graduates have gone to farther fields for higher study: Miss Gladys Ding has entered Southwestern College, Kansas, and Miss Esther Hsu, a cousin of Dr. Hu King Eng, has gone to Baltimore for college work.

Still another outgoing from our member we have to record, happily one not so distant: in April Miss E. Baylie Hall of the Pacific Branch was married to Mr. H. J. Sceats of the British mercantile community. Friends at home will be glad to know that Mrs. Sceats’ home is very near ours, and that she still continues teaching for us.

There has been one home-coming also to enter on our mile-book: Miss Marjory Hung of Haitang, a daughter of Dr. Hung who carries on our medical work on that island, has come back from the University of Toronto admirably equipt for special work in the sciences. The assistance that she is able to give will remove some of the heavy burden borne by those who have been teaching these difficult subjects in Chinese.

As for the real heart of the institution,—the students,—they are our hope, and joy, and crown of glorying. They increased in number from seventy to one hundred and seven at the new year. They participated as personal workers in the special evangelistic meetings led by Mrs. Sherwood Eddy; as Bible-class leaders in the religious meetings subsequently held at the government normal school; and in the Bible institutes held at many of our country churches during the spring. One-third
of them are regularly engaged in Sunday-school teaching or some form of direct religious work for others on Sundays, and we think that the number will soon reach one-half.

So we set out happily on another mile of our history, realizing that a great work is given us to do, and remembering the memorable words spoken in our chapel during the winter by the former vice-speaker of the Chinese House of Representatives: “In the message of Jesus Christ to mankind, we find the ultimate solution of all China’s problems.”

Girls’ Primary and Intermediate School

Florence J. Plumb  May Hu
Menia H. Wanzer  Jane Ellen Nevitt

As we look back over this past year, there is reason for the melody which is in our hearts.

Miss May Hu, who during the past year has been in Peking resting and studying Mandarin, has returned in health and full of new ideas and joy in again resuming her duties in the school. When Miss Hu returned she brought with her Dr. Lydia Ding, one of our very own girls, who had just been graduated from the Peking Union Medical College. We have felt the need for a long time of having a resident doctor to live right among our students, one whom the girls would feel free to go to and open their hearts to about themselves. Dr. Ding is to be with us this term, and besides having the care of the health of our girls under Dr. Hatfield’s supervision, teaches physiology and hygiene in the school. Twice a week she goes into the city to the Woolston Memorial Hospital of which Dr. Hu King Eng is in charge and helps there in the clinic.

Another reason for the melody in our hearts is the opportunity which has been ours of doing some direct evangelistic work, and letting our older girls have a share
in this work with us. These evangelistic trips which we have taken with our girls have been some of the red letter days of the past year. Out on a houseboat on our picturesque Min river with a half dozen or more girls for two or three days, we had a most ideal opportunity to get very near to the students, a time when it was easy to have heart to heart talks about the things of God.

When, on the boat, we prepared the Sunday School lesson we were to teach to the boys and girls of the village, talked over how we would present to the women of the place, the story of Jesus and His love, prayed together for that certain village and the messages we were going to bring to the people—all these brought missionary and student close together. These week end trips helped to make the girls realize as never before, the greatness of the work that is theirs, brought to them in a new way their own responsibility, and broadened their prayer life.

Our girls not only told the story of Jesus but have sung hymns of praise to many who had never before heard a Christian hymn. Wherever the Bible goes, people of all nations read this,—

"Sing unto God, sing praises to his name,
Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth,
O sing praises unto the Lord."

If you will look at the picture from our school, you will see we are teaching our girls to sing. Our aim is to have them learn to read and sing tunefully simple songs and hymns. All our girls are required to practise singing five days a week, fifteen minute periods. We are following nearly the same course as is used in some of our schools in America, adapting where it is necessary. Our students are taking a great interest in their work and are making good progress. We feel that music can be made a great uplifting force here in China.

Another reason for the melody in our hearts is that our teachers of themselves have formed a prayer circle, and every night meet and pray for themselves, the students, and their country.
A Music Class in Hurtley Hall at the Fooclow Girls' Intermediate School

The Mary E. Crook Kindergarten
The Mary E. Crook Children’s Home At Play
For the way our Father has led and helped us this past year, we say with the Psalmist, "Praise ye the Lord."

Foochow District Primary Day Schools

Elizabeth M. Strow

We are very happy to report that our model day school building is in sight and we are very grateful to Baltimore and Pacific Branches for the gifts which make it possible. Land has been secured at Bo-ding-haeng in Foochow City, and the school will bear the honored name of Mrs. Heacock of Pacific Branch. Already we have a fine school at this place; the teacher has done excellent work this year and there is great promise for the future in this locality. There are three other centers on this district where we should have model schools: at Sieu-liang, a very thickly-populated section where there is a growing boy's school and fine opportunity for one for girls; at Ngie-seu which is one of our largest villages; (here we should have a good building near the church and combine the two schools which are the only ones in this place of about 18000 people); Au-cheng is a large section on the mainland, outside the City; it has a population of 20000 or more, and a good school in that region would build up the church and be a strong force in the evangelistic work.

Most of the schools on this district are quite easily reached and so it has been possible to make frequent visits; except on holidays we have usually found them in good order and the examinations have been quite satisfactory, when we consider the disadvantages many of the teachers work under. Our aim is to have model schools with teachers for each year of the course, but at present the teacher is expected to do all four years' work. Many girls, moreover, are not able to remain in the school even for this four years; but we feel, nevertheless, that these schools are doing a good work in opening up
to the children new views of life. Many receive in these schools the only Christian instruction they will ever get. The two schools up the river, at Hang-mui and Gaang-unguiong-die, are quite promising; in the Hung-mui school each girl is a probationer in the church; the people in these sections are farmers, and the girls can only study when they are not needed in the field or elsewhere; the day I visited them this spring, they came in from their various duties to greet me; some had been out picking arbutus berries, others had been off to the hills gathering brushwood, and still others came with little ones tied to their backs, for they were caring for the children while the older ones were in the fields; but all were eager to be examined and they did very well indeed.

We have had 295 children in 15 schools with 17 teachers at work this year; the schools are supported by Northwestern and New York Branches and to them we render our thanks.

Mary E. Crook Children's Home

Elizabeth M. Strow

This has been a red letter year in the Home, as far as festivities are concerned, for we have had four weddings,—and if one wedding in a family causes a little excitement you must know what we have had this year with four! Early in the year, Lau Ai Huong, who had been teaching in the Girls' School, was married to the assistant pastor at Tieng Ang Dong; and four weeks later, Li Nguk Ding became the wife of a Christian workman; Ling Ai Geuk and Guoh Ai Lione were married the same week in September; the girls did not want to have a double wedding, but we had the brides' feasts together on Monday, and Tuesday and Thursday were the wedding days; the whole week was given over to these interesting events, and we had two very happy brides; their husbands are Christian men,—one, a teacher in the Christian Herald Orphanage, and the other a business man,
During the last four years ten of our girls have been married and are making Christian homes. Those who have supported them all these years have surely been doing a good work for China, for their homes are models for the people about them.

Our children lead a happy life, much the same as the children at home. Two of our number will graduate from the College Preparatory School this year: as Ai Luang is betrothed she will probably be married soon, and Ai King, we hope, will begin to teach. The two girls who are taking the nurse’s course at the Magaw Memorial Hospital are doing very well, and another hopes to enter next year. Ngu Sing Li will graduate in the next class from the Union Medical College in Peking, and Lau Ai Ding will also finish at Lawrence Hall, Nanking; both of these girls are highly commended by their teachers, and write of their own desire to be back and at work for the Master.

Our good matron, Miss Li, has made a real home for the children, and they have had a happy year together. Boxes from Jersey City District and friends in Philadelphia helped us to have a blessed Christmas time; all of our girls came back home—the married ones with their husbands and children,—and we were a merry family.

In last year’s report we spoke of the great need of repairs. This year we could wait no longer and so the upstairs of the large school building was given over to the children and put into order for them; new bath rooms were built, and the shell of one of the old cottages was made into a play house so that they can play out side with the protection of a roof. Now at last the Home is comfortable and will last for some years to come.

We thank our friends in the homeland for their continued support and prayers for this work; we believe God has a work for each one of these children committed to our care, and we ask you to pray that we may do His will in our planning so that we may lead them in His own way.
Mary E. Crook Kindergarten

Elizabeth M. Strow

Fifty little ones come to our kindergarten, one half in the morning and again the other half in the afternoon; they come from heathen homes for the most part, and a faithful Bible-woman visits in the homes regularly, inviting the mothers to visit the school and attend church services.

The kindergartner, Siek Ai Lang, is doing excellent work, and this term is assisted by another of our girls, Mrs. Ding Ai Mui, who was married about three years ago and is now a widow, her husband, a young preacher, having died this spring; her baby soon followed her husband, and she is again alone, happy to be working with us.

A morning or afternoon visit in the kindergarten is sufficient to convince one of the need of this department of our work; to watch the little ones at play, to see these earnest young women leading them on, makes one wish that all the little children of China could have such opportunities. To the friends in Philadelphia and Baltimore Branches who make this work possible we are truly very grateful.

Bible Women

Mary Mann

As we look back over the twelve months, there seems to be little that is new,—just that everlasting working way at the great task. The twenty-two Bible-women are busy in their little home schools and home visitation. This year there have been sixty-two young women in these classes, many of whom are bright capable young people—and just beginning to read. Sometimes there comes a sense of trying to grasp a lost opportunity; and yet it is really a time for rejoicing. It is in these little groups studying with one who has seen
the light, that the Gospel message is gradually awakening the spiritual life of this great nation.

Since last autumn death has claimed two of our women:—Mrs. Yek, who for a number of years has worked in the heart of the city; and our Mrs. Ciong, whose name and work have been so often mentioned in reports. Her whole being was filled with the one idea of bringing Jesus Christ as a living Savior to this people. There was scarcely a month that she did not lead a group of six or eight women and young girls to the altar for baptism. Most of her last day of consciousness she spent in speaking the message of Christian liberty. Mrs. Ciong was one of those rare, strong, rich characters in whom old and young, rich and poor, found moral and spiritual support.

Vankirk Industrial School

Jean Adams

The industrial work this year employs twenty-five women at drawn work and ten at embroidery. In addition, we have twelve who are too old and feeble to do any sewing, and so we have put them on the pension list. These are some of the old original women with whom we started the work, and we can not desert them in their old age. Their ages range from sixty-five to ninety years.

Sa Die So, our white-haired old venteran of 96, is still alive, tho she was quite sick this last year and spent three months in the hospital. She is an influence for good wherever she goes, with her sweet gentle manner and her benign face.

The women are busy on their sewing in the morning in the large airy work room, and the afternoon is spent in Bible study. Mrs. Sia is a very fine Bible teacher, and also does the designing for the embroidery, and superintends the work. Our women attend the Bible study class, and more than half of them have their certificate for the first year's work. There is a spirit of real helpfulness among the women themselves. One poor woman, whose husband died of plague and left her with four
small children, was unable to support them on what she could earn at the embroidery, and we found that each one of the women was giving her a small amount each month to help her. When we discovered this we gave her work on which she could earn a little more.

We are hoping in the near future to have a helper out from home to teach dressmaking, designing, and, if possible, general housekeeping. There is more and more a need for teaching in domestic science. There is also a field for plain sewing, and we have calls daily for women to do this work. Only a few have been trained but we hope to have more in the future.

We are deeply grateful to those at home who have so loyally supported us thro this difficult year of war and turmoil. The Lord’s work goes on and we have faith to believe, that it will prosper.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

Magaw Memorial Hospital
Lena Hatfield, M. D. Cora Simpson, R. N.

This year the dream of years has been realized and we are in our beautiful new hospital. It is a simple brick building of three stories, most complete, airy, sunshiny and comfortable, and a joy to us all. On the first floor are rooms for the nurses and helpers, a chapel, consulting and dressing rooms for the clinic, store rooms, two sun parlors, laundry, and, best of all, a smokeless kitchen. On the second floor are offices, class rooms, nurses and guests’ parlors, matron’s room, dressing room, drug room, laboratory, diet kitchen, linen room, two sun parlors, bath rooms, and four large airy wards with nurses’ waiting rooms. On the third floor are the operating suite and
minor operating rooms, two surgical wards, four family private rooms, several smaller private rooms, a private suite, including a diet kitchen and bath room, obstetrical ward with delivery room, bath rooms, sun parlors, diet kitchen, and nurses’ waiting rooms.

The building has beautiful open verandas on all floors, four outside entrances, and a good water system supplied from a large well on the grounds. It is lighted by electricity and supplied with laundry and elevator shafts, dumb waiter, plenty of large roomy closets, and a fumigating room. The sun parlors which are used for dining rooms, also make good places for the Bible women to gather the patients together for services. To the back is the refuse furnace, drying grounds, volley ball and tennis court, and vegetable garden with four large cisterns for rain water. To the right stands the W F M. S. residence. In the same compound, but entirely separate, is the Isolation Hospital, just repainted, white-washed, and repaired, with a capacity for sixty or more patients at one time.

Large roomy grounds dotted with Oriental trees, palms, roses, bamboo, bananas, flowering shrubs, and flowers of all kinds, white cement walks, and grass green the year around make this one of the most beautiful compounds in Foochow.

Our hospital “family” now consists of fifty people, each alike important in his or her place. Mrs. Ling the matron, whom we often call Sunshine; Edith Ling, graduate of the Canton Medical College; Marion Huong, graduate of the Peking Medical College; Ida Dang, the pharmacist; Sarah Su, the head nurse, Bible women for the evangelist work, four classes of nurses in training, with the helpers, make up the family.

The first patient received was Miss Mary Sing Gieu Carleton of Ming-chiang. The first baby born in the hospital was little John Wesley Chai, son of Rev. and Mrs. Chai of In-ka City. Mrs. Chai was one of our first class of nurses.
The doctors have visited all kinds of homes, and this summer our people did a great work in inoculating for the plague. Many lectures on health, sanitation, diseases, and nursing have been given in homes and churches and at conventions and different societies. Thousands of pamphlets on different diseases have been placed in homes.

The evangelistic work has been carried on as usual. The cards and scrolls sent from home are a great help in this work. Regular weekly services with daily classes have been held together with visitation in the homes. The Bible woman to the boat people daily finds more and more people ready to listen to her message; and many of these people come to the hospital and clinic now.

At the Chinese New Year a class of five nurses was graduated. One was married at once to a teacher in the Anglo-Chinese College. Four remained to take the obstetrical course. A new class enters every year. The three year International Nurses Course is given with a fourth year for the obstetrical course. One of our greatest needs is more nurse scholarships. We ought to have twice the present number to carry on this large work properly. Our thanks are due to the non-resident members of our teaching staff. Dr. Gossard had classes in physiology and anatomy. Miss Gaylord has classes in massage and hygiene, and Mrs. Baylie Hall Sceats in dietetics and domestic science. We are very grateful for this time given, and our nurses look forward with pleasure to the class hours.

The Hai-tang medical work has been faithfully carried on by Dr. Hung Ciong Saeeng with her mother in charge of the evangelistic work. See the statistical report for the account of their work. Both Dr. Hung and her mother are in good health, and are doing a splendid work among the island women who have no other medical help. One of our nurses goes back there to help next year when her course here is finished.

Some people thought our patients would not like the "foreign" beds with sheets, mattresses and gowns.
We wish you could have seen these rough women get into them the first night. One said 'this must be like Heaven;' another 'it was so soft and nice I stayed awake to enjoy it.' If the workers at home could look into our wards and see the neat, clean patients with happy, contented faces, it would more than repay them for all the work.

We now can care for all classes and all kinds of diseases. To the wealthy lady with her private servants, or the poorest sister who can not even pay the cash a day for her care and food,—to each alike the doors stand open wide, and inside are found the skilled doctors ready to attend and heal, white-capped nurses to care for and woo back to health, and sweetfaced "Church mothers" to teach and comfort,—for our beautiful motto, given by Bishop and Mrs. Bashford, is "not to be ministered unto but to minister."

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Foochow Leper Work

CORA SIMPSON, R. N.

The Foochow leper work has been in my care while Miss Wells was in America. The Bible women have faithfully carried on the teaching and visitation work. The pastor has held the regular church services. He has now been pastor there for five years, and the people are very fond of him. There are about thirty members now. All the well people who are converted there become members of other churches, and the high death rate among the leper people makes it impossible ever to have a very large church roll.

The dispensing work has been carried on as usual. At every visit there are from fifty to one hundred people who come for medicine or to be taught how to care for their wounds or diseases.

Last Christmas was a happy day for all. We were so fortunate as to have with us Mrs. Haven, president of the New York Branch. We all remember that the money
to build the church and home at the leper village was
given by the New York Branch. In her talk Mrs. Haven
gave the leper people a beautiful message from the women
of America, and they in turn sent one back by her. One
touching incident of the service was their "gift trees." They had heard how the people of the big "Church of
Heavenly Peace" had "gift trees" where they hung their
gifts and later distributed them to the poor and needy; so
they decided to have some "gift trees" for their poor.
They collected about three cents and got a few garments
together, tied them with red paper, prepared four little
bamboo sprouts to hang them on, and fastened them up
on either side of the pulpit. I wish that you could have
seen their joy as they brought out their two orphan chil-
dren and their two "poor" old people to receive their
gifts. You might have laughed or cried. I think most
of us did both. But they certainly knew the joy of the
text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Some people say, "But this work is so hopeless." Is it hopeless to bring the hope of Heaven to a man or
woman who has never heard and who is in the last stages
of this terrible, incurable disease? You might say so if
you had never been to this village; but you would never
say so again after you had heard them sing, "Jesus loves
me." It may seem strange, but some of the sweetest symp-
athy that has come to me this fall has come from the le-
pers. One said, "Teacher, did your Mother return to
Heaven before you saw her? I am so sorry for you, but
how good it will be to be there." Another, "Don't wait
so long again before you come; we want to see you." Still
another, "You look so tired today; what did you do
all the hot summer?" The joy of Heaven will be greater
because these friends from the leper village will be
there,—just as the hours with them are among our happiest here. Even when one knows that the medicine
can not cure, it is certainly a comfort to see the happy
faces as they go back to their little dark rooms with their
pointment or medicine after they have been to the church
clinic, and to hear them say, "Thank you. Come again
soon. It makes the pain less and our hearts glad. Peace, peace. Come again soon."

This work is as great as any given, as needy as the hearts of men, and as bright as the promises of the One who said, "The leper shall be cleansed."

Woolston Memorial Hospital.

Hu King Eng, M. D.

"Thus far the Lord hath led me on,
Thus far His power prolongs my days."

We praise our Heavenly Father for giving us the opportunities of another year of service for Him. This finishes my sixteenth year here in the city hospital, and you may be interested in a comparison of the work of that first year and this last one:

That year This year
In-patients. 358. 114
Patients visited in their homes 425. 812
Dispensary patients. 1,837 .18,512
Receipts. $155.79. 3,655.12

We feared our receipts would not be so much as last year because we have tried a new method this year. The majority of the patients who came insisted that the physician-in-charge attend them, and, if that were not possible, at least they must have the second doctor, my sister. In order to give the students and assistants their proper share of the practice, and make it possible for us to attend to the many calls that come from outside, we decided that I should attend the dispensary only on Tuesday and Friday of each week, and that, should a patient demand my attendance on other days, a fee of one dollar must be paid instead of the five coppers, or ten, twenty, thirty or forty cents, the regular charges. In this way the senior students and assistants have had much better opportunities in the practical part of their work, while I have had more time for the hospital in-patients, and patients in their homes. And you will rejoice with me that the receipts have not been less but more.
The receipts from June 1913 to June 1914 were $3,383.59 while from June 1914 to 1915 they totalled $3,655.12. So the new experiment seems to have done good all around. Of course the students knew when the patients needed my attention and let me know, and when they were too poor to pay the fee it was not required of them. You will notice there were not so many dispensary patients this year as last. We have not been using the old hospital this year, because it is not safe for the girls to go back and forth when the northern soldiers are quartered right on the street along which we must pass to go from our new building to the old one. But since the war, drugs are so much more expensive that it is perhaps as well that the patients are fewer.

The needed chair-house has been built and is a constant blessing to hundreds of patients and chair bearers. Many of these wish to send thanks to the thoughtful donors in America. Some of the patients were so greatly touched by this kindness, that they also wanted to share in the good work and subscribed forty dollars to help finish it.

During this year God has called home two of our brightest students, one of whom was Mrs. Iek Bing Duang, who graduated about two years ago last April and received an appointment to the government hospital at Harben. It was she of whose work Dr. Tuck spoke so highly last year, when he asked for another of our students to come to the hospital at Harben, as he was promoting Dr. Iek to the hospital at Tai-hei-ho. While there, Dr. Iek not only did her medical work well but led many to Christ, and persuaded two wealthy official ladies to give considerable sums of money to help to preach the Gospel. She leaves a daughter who is studying with us. The other student was Guok I Chee of the American Board Mission. She had not been with us more than eight months when she was called to her heavenly home.

Ung Nguok Ing went to Tai-hei-ho, more than a thousand miles away, and so another student is asked for at Harben, and Ding Ging Chai is getting ready and will
start in a few days. Ding Ho Hiong is leaving for Tieng-
tsin tomorrow, and Dang Nguok-Gie has been helping Dr.
Shire of the English mission for a year now. Tiang
Muoi-Ing is in a Shanghai hospital. Ngu Ieng King and
Lau Duang are in the service of our city government.
So most of our graduates are busy helping either in mis-
sion or government hospitals. There are others who are
busy practicing and teaching in government schools near
their homes. They are unable to go far because they are
mothers and their children need them. I want to thank
you who send us money to give our students a medical
education and enable them to do what they can for our
country and for our dear Savior. And last, but not least,
two of our graduates have been willing to stay on and
work in the hospital here for a few dollars a month when
they might have gone elsewhere and received from fifty
up to two hundred dollars a month. Muoi Seuk Ung
who is practicing in Peking receives more than two hun-
dred per month.

Miss Perkins of the American Board Mission asked
for one of our graduates to help in her school for wo-
man and girls. I was sorry not to be able to send one,
but we had not one to spare.

Besides being interested in this medical work, our
students and helpers are active in all lines of Christian
work. They always contribute to the pastor’s support.
This year they gave ninety dollars.

The Bible-women and the matron have been faith-
ful to their duties, and as a result of the combined in-
fluence and teaching of our hospital corps of workers,
we have to report for the year, probationers 31, the num-
ber baptized 30, number taken into full membership 20,
number of women lead to the institutional church at
Hua-haeng 1,252.

Mrs. Wilkinson has been most faithful in her teach-
ing, and has helped me in many ways. We are also
very glad to have Dr. Ding Caik Ing, who graduated from
the Peking Medical School in June, help us twice each
week on our large clinic days.
HAI-TANG DISTRICT

Kings Heralds’ Girls’ Boarding School

Mamie F. Glassburner    Jennie D. Jones

As we undertake to chronicle the record of the past year, we are reminded of James Whitcomb Riley’s happy couplet:

“The world is full of roses,
And the roses full of dew,
And the dew is full of heavenly love
That drips for me and you.”

For, as commonplace things, like wayside roses and dew drops, overflow with divine tenderness, even so have the every day events of this extra-ordinarily ordinary year come to us permeated with the sense of the Father’s loving presence and care. Of flood tide occasions there have been, however, a few which may serve to indicate the general trend of the year’s work.

When our girls came to us at the opening of school a year ago, almost the first words which greeted them were, “Would you prefer to attend the Jubilee in Hok-chiang City or the Annual Conference at Foochow!” It is doubtless difficult for any of us to realize what this first trip to the Capital City means to a girl who has spent all of her life on the island of Haitang; who has never seen a house boat, or a steam launch, or a boat family at home on their little craft; who has never visited a pagoda, a monastery, or a factory; who has never been inside a walled city or gone shopping in wonderful streets gay with the ornaments and trappings dear to girl hearts, the world over. On the other hand the proposed trip to Hok-chiang held little of glamor: there was the single promise of spiritual benefit; and our hearts were filled with great gratitude when our seniors decided that the latter appealed to them more than the former. They had no reason to regret their decision. The quiet talks given by Evangelist Ding Leh Mi, reinforced, as they were, by
his spirit-filled prayerful personality, made a lasting impression on many hearts. A number of the girls and also of their teachers signed the pledges for Bible reading and soul winning, and we know that some have been mindful of the covenant then made. One of our teachers said, a few weeks afterward, "At present I am separated from the people I promised to win, so that I cannot speak to them; but I am praying for each one of them every day." When reports of the meetings were given, on our return, some of the very youngest girls filled in the names of those they hoped to lead to Christ during the year. One asked if she might put a boy's name on her blank; and another said that she did not have ten names, but she had put down all in her village who were not Christians. The Hok-chiang Jubilee has given a real impetus to Bible study, to intercession and to evangelism among our students and our workers. The Jubilee year of our Hai-tang work is now less than ten years in the future, and we expect to have a greater rejoicing then because of influences set in motion at this semi-centennial anniversary of the work in our sister district.

Two years ago we secured the services of a young woman trained in the C. M. S. school in Foochow, as a calisthenics teacher. She accomplished wonders with our girls in an incredibly short time, and in November an exhibition of this department was given on the school campus. The girls took great pleasure in preparing for the event, and they were indeed a bonny sight in their pretty blue uniforms as they went through drill after drill with an accuracy and grace which astonished our three hundred guests,—all of whom came by special invitation and were admitted by ticket. The plan had been to invite women only, but, fifteen minutes before the program began, we relented and sent invitations to the magistrate and a few of the teachers in the government school who earnestly asked for them! Our calisthenics teacher left us this fall, and for a time it seemed as though we would be compelled to discontinue our physical culture department. Finally, we decided to plan the work at hours when our
kindergarten teacher could take charge of it. When we found her teaching the girls new drills no less beautiful and intricate than the old ones, we, in surprise, inquired where she had acquired such a wealth of calisthenical lore. She replied, "Mrs. Lacy taught us these exercises when I was a little girl in the Foochow Boarding School. In those days we had no paraphernalia, but we used our fists for dumb bells." We were reminded of Solomon's statement that there is no new thing under the sun, and of the fact that the only absolute essentials of a good school are a real teacher and her pupils.

Christmas brought to us even a greater joy than usual, for our girls had decided that they desired the greater blessedness of giving, as well as the lesser one of receiving. A subscription of over ten dollars was taken, and used to buy gifts for the poorest people we knew. One of the beneficiaries was an old lady whom our students found at one of our Sunday School appointments. Living alone in a wretched hovel, clad in tattered rags—it seemed that no life could be more in need of Christmas love than hers. She was provided with two entire suits of substantial clothing, besides a warm wadded garment which will last her the rest of her life. It was great fun to attire her in her new clothes, to unbind her feet, to see how perfectly the new "un-bound-foot" shoes fitted, and to hear a bystander call for a towel to wash "Grandma's" face, since a soiled visage did not seem to go well with new, whole garments. A little beggar-boy came in for another share of the school bounty. He was not a member of the guild, but a mere baby of seven who was compelled to walk a couple of miles into town and back each day to beg the where-with-all to support him and his sick father. We know that his body was warmer because of the second-hand suit and shoes with which he was provided—we dared not give him new ones lest the temptation to sell them be too great; and his face certainly radiated happiness when one of our official members led him in and put him on a front seat where he could see everything during the Christmas exercise. His happiness
was reflected in the faces of our girls as they watched

Our girls gave not money alone. They also gave
themselves. Each class in school prepared a program of
Scripture recitations, dialogues, and drills for one of our
Sunday school appointments. Thus we were able to have
a real Christmas celebration at each of the five points
where we have Sunday schools. The boarding school
girls and the kindergarten children had prepared over
five hundred picture posters to be presented to the Sun-
day school pupils. The appreciation accorded these and
the exercises more than compensated our students for
the long hard day. One contingent had started off on
an early morning tide and reached home just at night fall;
another reached home long after dark, after a ten mile
walk in the raw Hai-tang wind; but they found a good
hot supper and a cheerful dinning room awaiting them.
Tongues and chopsticks flew together, and we all felt
then, and still feel, that it was the very best Christmas
we have ever had. Our students themselves were not
forgotten. Friends in the homeland had provided a most
bountiful Christmas, and we take this occasion, on behalf
of our girls, to thank all who so generously contributed
to our joy.

In January nine girls completed their course and
were graduated with the enthusiasm which is Hai-tang’s
peculiar characteristic. The class program this year
centered about Hai-tang itself. One student told of the
natural beauties of the island,—and you who fancy that
it has none should have heard her describe its illimitable
expanse of ocean-scape, its matchless sunsets, its towering
piles of granite boulders, its wonderful freshwater
lake, and its lily-flecked mountains! One girl discussed
social service in Hai-tang, one its undeveloped resources,
another told of the influence of the King’s Heralds’
School on the community, and another proved by irre-
futable arguments that no other place in the wide world
offered equal inducements for the investment of a life in
Christian service, as does our own Hai-tang,—situated at
the cross roads between Amoy and Foochow, Formosa
and the mainland, and sending its constant stream of
workers to the evangelization of the interior districts.
Six of these girls are continuing their studies in the Col-
lege Preparatory School at Foochow.

The magistrate was present and courtesy demand-
ed that he be asked to speak. Instead of the wearisome
platitudes usually presented on such occasions, his re-
marks showed that he had fully understood and appre-
ciated our program.

Our Sunday school work continues to be a blessing
to our students as well as to the five hundred pupils to
whom they minister each Sunday. At present, every
girl in school has a share in the work, each of the very
youngest going with an “elder sister,” assisting her in
the passing of materials, and the teaching of the golden
text, while observing her methods of teaching, thus get-
ting what might be called a kindergarten normal course
in Sunday school methods.

A distinct advance has been made in the discipline
of the school. The uniform examinations have played no
small part in the development of self control, while two
rolls of honor, one for house work, and another which in-
cludes practically every department of our school life,
have been a great incentive to cleanliness and circumspect
conduct.

The year has also brought us encouragement in
the greatest of all things, the spiritual life of our girls.
It has taught us the difficult lesson that a single word in
private about spiritual things is worth more to a girl
than all the sermons she can hear in a year. Before our
last communion service each class of girls was assigned
to one of the teachers as her special charge—to talk with
each one personally and find out if there existed any
stumbling block which might prevent her from taking the
sacrament. Besides her own class, each member of the
faculty also talked with any other girl with whom she
felt she had any special influence. The communion
service which followed was one of the most precious
we have ever had in the school. As our girls went forward freely and gladly without any urging, and as we knelt with them, our hearts were melted with gratitude and we realized how true it is that God *always* does His part. We only pray that we may through personal work and intercession do ours more fully, till every girl in the King's Heralds' School is a real Christian.

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**Bible Women**

The station classes opened last year are still struggling on their way. They are neither large nor ideal in any way, but in each one of them a few women are learning to read the Word of God. Fifteen women have already been presented with the Romanized Testaments which were promised them whenever they were able to read one of the Gospels readily. The gay-colored covers and the gilt lettering of the new edition greatly enhance the gift not only to the fortunate possessor, but also to those who have not yet attained. One of the greatest hindrances to this work is the *men* who stand around and make such remarks as, "Do you really think you can learn to read," "If you must study why do you not study Chinese characters instead of foreign letters," "Do you expect to take a trip to Rome that you should study Romanized"!!! Not a little of our time when we visit our station classes is spent in comforting the women and urging them to continue their struggle for the ability to read in spite of these adverse influences.

This year we are trying to supplement the work of these station classes by a Bible study institute for the women of each circuit. Our first institute was held in Tangtau, in the Woman's School building, during the China New Year vacation. As we hope to get this department of work on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible, we decided to ask each woman to pay half of her expenses. Our pastor demurred, saying, "Since it is the first institute you have held you had better make it free," but we felt that if the first were free the rest probably
would be too. Not a single woman failed to pay her fee and we know that they prized what they received more highly because a nominal monetary value was thus placed upon it. The main subject of study was the little book of questions and answers on the life of Christ which is now required of candidates for baptism and church membership in our Hok-chiang and Hai-tang region. At the close of the institute seventeen women were examined on the book, were awarded their diplomas, and baptized. Our district superintendent made an impressive service of the occasion, preaching a special sermon calling attention to what these women had done, and urging the brethren to make haste lest they be left behind. At the end of the sermon he asked for volunteers from among the men who would promise to begin at once on the little book; over a score stood, some of them Christians of long standing.

In July our workers themselves gathered for a time of refreshing which we trust will help them in their oftentimes weary and thankless task of ministering to those who as yet know so little of Him Whom they are trying to serve.

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Hai-tang Woman’s Training School

In making this report it is most natural to tell what happened first in the conference year, and of course, the most important event was the preparation for and celebration of Christmas. The women had a share in the making of gifts for some of the poor who would have had no Christmas except for the generosity of our pupils. They enjoyed the Christmas tree, too, just as much as the girls, and thanks to the generosity of friends in the homeland each woman received a number of nice presents.

Following close after Christmas came commencement when we had three strong women finish the course, all three of whom are at present teaching day schools, two doing exceptionally fine work. One of these women is stationed in a most interesting and at the same time
difficult place. When she began work in this village there was not one Christian family, but now thru her example and efforts a number of families have been led into the church. It is certainly most encouraging to see the love and respect these people have for her and to realize how they are depending on her for spiritual help and guidance.

This fall a class of six women were taken into the school making an enrollment of twenty. One of these new women is a most interesting character. All the teaching she had received was from an Anglican Bible-woman, and certainly she had been well taught, for she has a remarkable knowledge of the Bible and seldom have I seen such faith and devotion. She told us that before coming to school whatever she was taught she immediately taught to some one else until at last she reached the place where she felt she must have an education in order to teach others. She reached this conclusion thru a series of dreams, and she at least feels she is thus being led; so, in spite of opposition on the part of her husband and the fact that most of her people think her mind must be unsettled, she is going on her way continually rejoicing, her whole desire being to learn that she may give to others the blessed truth. We are hoping that others in the school may learn from her and be imbued with her zeal.

One of the dark days of the year was when we were forced to send to her home one of our second year pupils, a most promising student. She came back this fall in a weak condition and not long after had a severe hemorrhage. With her lungs affected we could not keep her in the school and thus endanger the health of other pupils; there was no place in which she could be cared for so we had to send her home. Her mother and father-in-law are dead, her husband has been away from home for a number of years, she has no children, and so she is at the tender mercies of relatives-in-law who no doubt feel her care an added burden that they do not want. Surely if the desperate need for a hospital on Hai-tang were realized in only a small degree such incidents would soon only be unpleasant memories of the past never again to
be repeated and we could see such women and girls nursed back to health or at least properly cared for rather than send back home where they can not be cared for and at last are conquered by their disease. This is not the first of such cases; it is the third in two years.

Since our home is some little distance from the Women’s School we are forced to place a great deal of responsibility on our teachers. We are certainly grateful to them for the way in which they co-operate with us and their willingness to bear responsibility. This fall we have felt there has been a deeper spirit of co-operation than ever before and each teacher is putting her whole heart into her work with the desire that each woman may go out both mentally and spiritually equipped for the work that she is to do.

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Hai-tang Day Schools

Some thirty years ago the day school work on Hai-tang had its beginnings in the opening of the doors of a boys’ school to the girls of that village. We have no written record of that school or of those that followed up to the year 1901. In that year there were five day schools on Hai-tang with an enrollment of 54 pupils. The course of study was a very simple one consisting of “The Three Character Classic,” a tract on “Faith,” the “Catechism,” “Hymns,” and portions of the Bible.

I am sure could the old record books talk they would tell many a thrilling tale,—of trips across the channel in the days when there was no resident missionary on Hai-tang, of the days and weeks spent on the district, of the joy or the sorrow that came as each school was visited. One can to a certain extent enter into these feelings as the pithy comments on the work done are read.—“Utterly hopeless, Closed!” “Practically nothing to examine.” One term the brief comment “Utter failure,” and the next term briefer still “Closed!” But there are others which cheer the heart, “Very fine”! “Good work” “Very thoro
work’’, "A model School."

As we read, "School closed on account of plague" we remember that this must even yet be written on the pages of the record book.

As I looked over the records in the first register a thrilling story which I heard not long since was brought to mind. According to this tale, one day, as Miss Trimble was returning home from a day school trip, she came to a mountain stream much swollen by the heavy rains. In attempting to cross she was swept off her feet by the raging waters, and was rapidly being carried down the stream, when one of the chair bearers, realizing her danger, sprang in and rescued her,—and just in time, too, for only her head was above water. The man then went after the day school book and rescued it from a watery grave. Its water-stained covers and pages are proof of the truth of this story (at least in part!). These books give striking evidence of the faith, determination and high ideals of those who had charge of the schools in those early days, and of their ever striving to give to a larger number of girls a more liberal education; for we find each year the number of schools increasing and a gradual broadening of the course of study. It seems a far cry from the 5 schools, with an attendance of 54, to our present 28 schools having an attendance of 340, and a course of study covering full four years work. It has come only thru steady perseverance and never failing courage.

In the fifteen years there have been schools in 60 different villages. It seems to me a significant fact that we still have schools in four of the first five. For seven only of the 54 pupils the day school was a stepping stone to higher work. These seven have gone on thru the boarding school, one thru the high school, and then out to teaching others. We are happy to be able to follow these seven girls; yet we find ourselves asking, "What of the other 47? What did the years spent in the day schools do for them? Are they better wives and mothers?"

And then we think of the 32 villages in which at some time we have had day schools. What about them? It
resolves itself into the question, Are we conserving results as we should?

The examinations for the third quarter have just been finished, and as we look back over the year's work we feel that it has been a profitable one and that there has been a gradual, if not very marked, gain along many lines. Fourteen girls have entered the preparatory class of the boarding school. Two of these are the first from their village, in which we have had a school only four years. There are only four Christian families in this village, but the day school leads in enrollment, and the teacher says that since these two girls have come many others are planning to enter the boarding school.

The incident which stands out clearest in the year's work is the Teachers Institute held during July. Most of the teachers and Bible-women attended, and we all felt it was a most profitable three weeks. *Quiet Talks on Power* was the book used for the chapel exercises, and we are daily seeing the results of those morning talks. To many of the women it meant a deepening of the spiritual life and the making of definite decisions; and, as on the last Sunday in the quiet of the evening hour we gathered about the communion table, we felt that surely God was with us and His Spirit in our midst. During the institute a course was given in Sunday school work; the lessons for two quarters were given to the teachers just as they are to be presented to the children, with outlines for future use. During the last day school trip three most enjoyable Sundays were spent on the district helping with the Sunday school work; the time we had spent on the lessons was truly worth while.

We are hoping to raise the standard of the work done in the day schools by the grading system which we have been using this year. During the Teachers' Institute we had on exhibition a chart showing the relative standing of each school for the past two quarters. It had a decided effect in one instance at least, for the school at the bottom of the list has made noticeable improvement in this quarter's examination.
We are very happy indeed over our new model day school building which is to be built in the near future. The material is now being purchased and we hope the building will be completed by the beginning of the new year, in time for our three teachers who are finishing the primary normal course to begin work in it. Surely, with an adequate building and equipment and with well-trained teachers, we can have a model school that will influence all the day schools on Hai-tang.

During the examination in a village where only recently the people have begun to turn to Christianity, as the children recited the beautiful psalm, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," my heart burned within me, and I thought that surely these beautiful words would not be forgotten, but would make these children better women. For many a girl the years spent in the day school is the sole opportunity for study; as the children go out, most of them to homes of their own, surely it is our duty to help them remember what has been given them and to conserve the results more carefully.

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KUTIEN DISTRICT

Kutien Girls' School

Emma Eichenberger  Laura Frazey

During the busy, happy year just passed, we have been conscious of the presence of the ever faithful Guide in our every undertaking; and what we have accomplished has only been done because of His help and His leading.

It was a rainy, rainy Christmas but a happy one notwithstanding. We surely had everything to make the day a bright one in spite of the rain. Remembering the Savior given to us so long ago, and all the blessings we enjoy through His great love, and receiving gifts from the friends who so generously remembered us, our hearts could not but be filled with gratitude. We wish the friends who sent the gifts and the money for Christmas
might have seen the room into which the things were put before distribution. You'd have thought Santa had moved his headquarters or had opened a branch office in this part of the world. The girls were so happy over their gifts that one and another came to us saying that we must write and thank their friends in America. The entertainment and the feast were enjoyed by all, and everybody had a part in something, if not to recite or sing, then to decorate or help prepare the good things for the feast.

During the Eddy Evangelistic Campaign, many of our teachers and girls helped in the work, serving on various committees; and it did our hearts good to see the earnestness and interest with which they undertook the duties to which they were appointed.

Our twelve graduates were honored at their commencement by the chief magistrate of Kutien district, his wife and two daughters attending the exercises. His two daughters being at the time day-pupils in our school, this official was especially interested. We are sorry that these girls were with us only a year but trust that the opportunity we had in that short time was well used. The older daughter, a lovely girl of eighteen, found time in the midst of all the difficulty and danger in which the family left (there had been serious trouble which was the reason for the change of officials) to write a letter of thanks for what she had received while in school and of regret that she could not come back. She was eager to learn more of the subjects we teach (she had studied a number of Chinese books before entering our school), made no objection at all to Bible study when it was included in the course prescribed for her, and came of her own accord to chapel service in the morning, though it meant rising and leaving home at an hour when few in the yamen were yet astir. She also secured a hymnal and was working hard to learn to play and sing the hymns.

At the beginning of the spring term, there was rejoicing over Miss Frazey's return from furlough and over
Fortifications on Haitang Island, with the King's Heralds' School on the hill at the middle back. Note the flat roof necessitated by frequent typhoons. 'Surely the isles shall wait for me.'

Commencement Day on Haitang Island. A student at the pulpit, reading her essay.
A Day School in Kutien

Are you helping to give one of these little ones a chance?
Miss Seidlmann's coming with funds for the much needed, long-wished-for day-school and kindergarten building. Miss Hefty left for furlough at this time. At a farewell meeting in her honor a few days before school closed, she was told she must return soon, our pastor, who delivered the address on behalf of the Chinese friends, waxing eloquent as well as dramatic, showing how he'd go right over to America after her if she didn't come back when expected.

For the first time in years, a death occurred in the school, one of the younger girls being taken from our midst one morning during the first week of school. Her teachers and school friends formed a long procession to the grave on beautiful "Church Hill," as it is called, having been purchased by some of the Christians for a burial ground. The brother, the only member of the family who could come in from the distant village, though not a Christian himself, permitted all the rites of a Christ'ian burial and seemed grateful for all we tried to do. Six more brothers and a mother mourned at home the loss of this little girl on whom were built the hopes of the family. It was a sad time for them when the other little girls from the same village went home at the end of the term and their sister and daughter was not of the number.

At the beginning of the spring term, we received eleven new and promising pupils, two of them daughters of former graduates.

Four girls were received into full membership in the church during the year. We have very few girls who are not members of the church. The teachers and girls contributed sixty dollars to the pastor's salary and benevolences.

Our annual Field Day, in May, was a happy affair. Over a thousand people attended the exercises in our compound and thoroughly enjoyed the drills, races, and games. The boys' school was glad that it was our turn to have the exercises in our compound, for they had just
spent much time and energy planting flowers and beautifying their school grounds, while our flowers were all movable or too big to be trampled, and so we could accommodate such a crowd without fear.

We must not close this report without mentioning one of the most interesting as well as most refreshing corners of our work, the Deaf-mute Department. There were four pupils in this department and another has just entered this fall. They are busy, happy, industrious little folks and proud of their achievements,—and well they may be. Visitors always marvel at the fact that these children really know the meaning of the characters and can write them, as well as solve problems in arithmetic. They never fail to ask, “How do you, how can you teach them to do this?” And then their teacher, whom they think the best in school, one of our Foochow Orphanage girls who studied in Chefoo for this work, explains the method to the deeply-interested listeners, who, when she has finished, say, “Oh, what a blessing to have such a school; God does love the deaf and dumb too.” In calisthenics, these deaf girls take their places too, carefully watching what the others do and not making very many mistakes either. They are among the happiest girls in school and are not confined to their own number for conversation or amusement, for every other girl in school understands them and can make them understand, in a sign language all their own. The other girls are all kind and good to these afflicted ones, and we feel sure that having them all together is mutually beneficial. We want to see this department grow, for there are many more such unfortunate children in our district as well as others.

Again we want to thank the friends for the help we have received in this work, for your prayers which are so essential to the success of what we are trying to do together, and for all your gifts, the boxes, the money, and picture cards.
Ku-tien Women's Training School, Training Class, Day Schools, and Bible Women.

Mary Peters

The past year has been one of blessing because of the presence and love of God. How rapid time has been in its flight. It is good for one to take a retrospective view to realize where it has gone.

The Training School had twenty-seven women during the spring term and twenty-four this fall. One of my best women died of cholera during the summer vacation. She was a member of the first class and had the qualities of a good teacher. She was faithful, polite, and an earnest Christian. The Lord, who loved her most, took her to a higher service. Our good matron, Mrs. Ling, became seriously ill and was in the hospital a month at the opening of the spring term; Mrs. Ngu, one of our first class, acted as matron during the term. We have many women in our school who are making rapid strides and bid fair to make good workers. A goodly number are preparing to be Bible women while the younger ones are taking the teachers' course. The women are good workers. They finish about six books a term, keep the house very clean, and do all the cooking. I am quite proud of one young woman, seventeen years old, who came this fall from one of my country schools. She passed the Romanized course creditably and entered the third class in the Training School. She has read ten Government readers besides other books. I have one new teacher, Miss Li, added to our faculty this year, a graduate of the College Preparatory School. This gives me an opportunity to take some one with me on my country trips each quarter.

The women enjoy the Thursday evening prayer meeting, The Saturday afternoon evangelistic work in the homes, our Saturday evening class meeting, Sunday school, church services, and Sunday evening Bible reading. They seem to like examinations, and it is wonderful how
well they prepare for them. It is remarkable how they write compositions on any subject assigned them. The last was, "The Greatest Need of Chinese Women at the Present Time." They did so well that I commended them. Last Christmas they rendered a program that they prepared themselves. It was all about Jesus. It was so restful in the tastefully decorated school room, and the women did so well that it rejoiced my heart. We thank the kind friends at home who contributed to the pleasure and joy of Christmas by their splendid gifts that provided for all our women and district workers and day-school children. We heartily thank you.

Station Class

There were nineteen women in the training class last spring term and twenty-four this term. Most of them have studied some in the day schools. Three of the new ones are from the Uong Chio Lang school away off on the mountains, thirty-two miles from Ku-tien City. They are the first students to come from that village, and they were three days on the journey, walking all the way. The women are young and promising. Their previous work in the day-schools gives them a start so that they fit in with the work and progress more rapidly. Some who have not had their opportunity do well also and by faithful hard work make good progress.

One woman, fifty-one years old, came to encourage a younger relative who was a little homesick. She liked the school so well that she asked to stay. She was a bright, cheerful, healthy person and had studied Confucius' books when young. In two months she learned to read Romanized, and repeated the Scripture remarkably well. She was the only Christian in their village. She thanked me when she bade me good-by, and said she was going home to tell the women in her neighborhood about Christ.

All the women pay a tuition fee of two dollars and contribute to the church. Miss Ding plays the organ and teaches singing one-half hour a day to each school. There never was a time when work among women was
needed more than at the present time, and it is work that yields a rich reward.

The salvation of China depends much upon her women. May we do our part in helping them into the great heritage God has for them.

**Day Schools**

There are twenty-five day-schools on the Ku-tien district. One at Dung-iong deserves special mention. There were seven boys’ day-schools in the village, six supported by the Chinese, and one opened by the church. The people had been asking for a girls’ day-school for some time. Last spring the Lord gave me just the right teacher for that place, and so I opened a school there. In June I was pleased to find many girls and some women in the school, all doing well for so short a time. The people crowded into every available place to see and hear. The corners were crowded, there were a dozen heads peering over the door in the next room, and across the front court a man and boy stood on the roof. There are a good many educated men in that village, which accounts for the interest. I found on my second visit that the school had advanced very much, and the hundred spectators were remarkably well behaved and quiet. I visited a number of homes in the evening and was received with cordiality and hospitality. I look for great things from this school. There were several other schools that showed marked progress and faithful work.

The teachers assembled for examinations last January, and we had a profitable three days’ conference. A good teacher is capable of much good in a neighborhood, and a good school even for a few years is an untold source of blessing to many for life. Pray that they may give light in the dark places and lead many to Christ.

**Bible Women**

There are twenty-two Bible-women on the Ku-tien district. Bible-women are a very important factor in church work. They are necessary to the women in their homes, and without them we could not have successful
day-schools. How necessary, therefore, that we pray for the training schools that prepare these women for their work.

In another report I have spoken of Mrs. Ling's illness and of our being deprived of her help in the training school. After her return from the hospital she was appointed to one of the churches in Ku-tien City which was in need of a good Bible woman. Her knowledge and experience proved a great blessing to the work. We opened a "mothers' meeting" on Thursday afternoons, and the visits in the homes with the help of our women from the training school got many interested. Many women who had not been to the church before came to the meetings and listened attentively. There was an attendance of from twenty-five to fifty which kept up even through the summer.

At Ing-pong on the Lo-kang circuit, the Bible woman told me eight people were added to the church at their last quarterly meeting. She said there had been quite a change for the better in the place. One man took all the idols that were in his house out into the yard, piled them up, and burned them. He is now an earnest Christian. This is mainly the work of the Bible-woman and day-school, as the preacher seldom gets there. There are Bible-women and day-schools in several different places where the preacher has no set time for his visits, and the Bible-woman and teacher hold meetings.

The Bible-women's conference was held the last week in June in connection with the preachers' district conference. The women had their yearly examinations and attended the addresses and Bible readings. Four Bible women had papers on "Methods of Work and How to Reach the People," one afternoon. This was a very interesting session. They enjoyed the conference and were pleased with the hospital appliances and addresses, though the weather was far too hot to be comfortable. May we be so near to God that He will use us in helping these people into the Kingdom. The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.
KUDE DISTRICT

Ku-de Primary Schools and Bible Women

EMMA EICHENBERGER    LAURA FRAZEE

Our Bible-women and day school teachers have been visited by one of the missionaries each quarter since last conference. The visits have necessarily been short but we have seen enough to make us feel that the district work is improving.

Twenty-three Bible-women have been at work during the year. Five of these have not only worked in the villages to which they were appointed but also carried the "Good news" to nearby villages. Two have been hindered in their work by illness, and one of these is now dangerously sick. Her constant anxiety during the first days on her sick bed was the day school and the women to whom she wanted to go and preach. But, I'm sure, much as we shall feel her loss, that if God calls her home it will be to a "Well done, good and faithful servant." For several years she has worked untiringly in her own and nearby villages, and the very atmosphere of her village is changed. She has led many into our day-school there and helped make the school one of the best. Almost without exception the younger women and girls have spent some time in school, and one can see the effect in clean, tidy, and more intelligent-looking people. During the last two years this school has given two of its girls to our Girls' Boarding School in Kutien, and seven of its women students have entered the Kutien Women's Training School. Bound-feet will soon be a thing of the past there, and each year finds an increasing number of women in the church.

In June we had a week's Bible Institute for our Bible-women in connection with the Preacher's Institute which was very helpful. They joined the preachers in the daily prayer-meeting, in a study of John's Gospel led by Mr. Bissonnette, and in some very profitable medical lectures given by Dr. Trimble. These women had been
taking studies during the year and took evident pleasure in being examined on them. They enjoyed too a *resume* of Gordon’s “Quiet Talks on Service,” given by Miss Lula Ding, one of our Boarding School teachers.

We have in session eighteen day schools in seventeen villages and always have applications for more. Five of these schools have from fifteen to twenty pupils, and the other thirteen have kept enrollments ranging from twenty-two to forty throughout the year. There was once a little while when we wondered if any good could really come of a village day-school which must needs be conducted in a room wholly unfitted for the purpose, and without any equipment. But if Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a pupil on the other constituted a university, we can believe, yea, we have observed, that a little Christian teacher and some girls and women who wish to study can produce a primary school well worth while.

It is true that many pupils are transient, stay only a few months or a year and then drop out; but those few months have meant a touch with a world unlike their own, the learning of some Chinese characters, the Ten Commandments, some memory passages of Scripture, the Catechism, and perhaps a beginning on other books. They have meant, moreover, contact with the Christian teacher, and in many cases the forming of a habit of church going.

But many of the students remain in the day schools longer. Next January we shall be receiving several of these into the boarding school in Kutien. These have finished three of the four years primary course. One has completed the four years and will enter the intermediate department in our Kutien school.

These days schools have started many a woman toward Christian work. In September, six women left our Kude primary schools to enter the woman’s school in Kutien. Eight or ten more are planning to go later. The majority of these will enter active Christian work after their training.
One bright girl who wants to come into the boarding school next year is engaged to a man not a Christian. Her parents had fixed the engagement before they were Christians; but the girl herself, now a happy Christian, does not seem to be bewailing the fact. We were expressing our regrets to her teacher and she said, "Oh, this girl says she is sure that when she is married into that home she can win them all to Christ."

In another school we saw a new pupil who was making remarkable progress. We were told that she is the daughter of "Red Sister" who teaches in the woman's school in Kutien. We expressed our surprise, for we had never known that "Red Sister" had a daughter. The story came out this way. "Red Sister" had given her child away at birth to be brought up as a daughter-in-law in another family. Not long afterward the Bible-woman and day-school opened "Red Sister's" eyes to her own need of an education. She spent some years in school and after graduating from the woman's school began teaching. She became a Christian, and the little girl no longer under her care or control came back into her thought; she succeeded in getting her released from the parents-in-law, took her home, and is giving her the care and training she knows a daughter ought to have.

Our teachers and Bible-women do not always find a ready following. Poverty often hinders. Unbound feet and freer sentiment have made it possible for once shut-in girls to go to the hillsides and pick tea or gather wood and thus help out the family finances. During rice-planting or rice-cutting time the girls are kept out of school to carry lunches to the fields, and the women feel that they cannot take time to go to church or even to listen to the Bible-women in their homes. We are almost sure to find some teacher or Bible-woman discouraged at these busy seasons. Theatre companies have hindered two of our day-schools very much the past quarter, for even the tables which the girls brought for their own use were turned over by their non-Christian parents to help the theatre company in their plays.
We know from our own short experience in China that our primary schools are very helpful to evangelistic work. Every preacher on the Ku-de district is very desirous of having a girls’ day school in each village on his circuit. We wish we had the money and the teachers. We are longing and praying for the day when we shall have proper buildings and a missionary free to give adequate supervision to the Bible-women and primary schools. We are grateful for what you are making possible even now, and regret that you cannot be here to see and hear these workers thank God for your help and for the grace that has made it possible for them to learn of Him.

Ku-tien Primary School and Kindergarten

Paula Seidlmann

This institution is not yet in existence, but we cannot let these reports go in without a word of the new school that is to be opened next September. The German churches of America and Germany have answered our prayers for a building by providing the money. The building has been planned and the foundation stones are on the ground of a good site in the first ward in our city. Miss Seidlmann is overseeing the building and the workmen have agreed to have it done in May. We promise you that Miss Seidlmann will tell you all about the completed building and a school in session when next conference comes. Meanwhile we rejoice with a good old Chinese Christian whom I saw in his village about two weeks ago. He said to me, “I’ve prayed for years that Ku-tien might have a kindergarten and now I know this is an answer to my prayers, and I’m so happy.”
LUNGTIEN DISTRICT

Lung-tien Educational and Evangelistic Work

CARRIE M. BARTLETT        FLOY HURLBUT

At the Chinese New Year, or the close of the old year, there is a general settling up of accounts, and as we come to the close of this conference year, we have been casting up accounts; great investments have been made, and we are asking, What of the dividends? The returns this year have been in girls and women, whose lives have been strengthened and brightened, and brought into touch with the Master. Could we ask for anything greater than this? We praise God that He has given us this high privilege of investment in immortal souls.

Girls' Boarding School

The Lung-tien Girls' Intermediate School has had a good year. We started out well with a series of meetings held by Mr. Ding Li Mei, or Pastor Ding, as he is known all over China. His week with us was a benediction to all. A little later, Miss Ruth Paxson, of the Young Women's Christian Association, came to us with a message, such as only she can give. Our girls were drawn nearer to the Master, and given a new vision of service.

This inspiration for service has found expression in special Sunday school work. Our senior girls all have a part in it, three of them going out every Sunday morning to a nearby village, where they help Miss Hurlbut conduct a Sunday school for women and children who otherwise would have no Sunday service.

The other eleven girls in the class help in our Lungtien Sunday school, in primary and kindergarten departments; on Sunday afternoons they help in four other Sunday schools in this and neighbouring villages. One just opened is in a village where for ten years a dear old brother has been standing almost alone, praying for his fellow-villagers; God has rewarded his faith, in giving sixteen families enrolled as enquirers this year,
numbering in all one hundred ten persons. It is a long walk to the village, but we feel that the time is ripe for intensive work, and, as one of the girls expressed it, "It does not matter about the long walk, if only there is work to do." One of the joys of the year has been seeing these girls grow and develop in this work.

The influence of the recent Y. W C. A. summer conference is already being felt in our school. Two of our teachers and two of the seniors were delegates, and they came back with a message for those who were not permitted to attend. There is renewed interest in the Y. W C. A. work, and a quickening of the spiritual life of the school. At a recent meeting, fourteen new girls gave their names to the Association, and were received in a unique little social meeting. It was a glad day when, at a recent quarterly meeting service, nineteen of our girls stood at the altar and were received into the church, and almost every girl in school took part in the communion service.

Of the class of seven who graduated last year, one has gone to the College Preparatory school, another has been helping in our Lungtien kindergarten, and the other five are teaching day schools in their home villages.

Another event of the year was Miss Allen’s leaving for her already overdue furlough in the homeland. We did not realize how great was the burden she had been carrying these six years, until it was shifted to our own shoulders. It was lightened, however, by Miss Hurlbut, our new missionary, who has given a half day to teaching in the schools. This term Miss Hurlbut is taking up the day-school work along with her teaching.

A large class of new girls came to us in March. We are crowded to the limit, many of them sleeping three in a bed; the teachers come to me in desperation, saying, "We don’t know where we can put another bed." How we hope for our new buildings soon! Many of our most difficult problems come from the crowded buildings and unsanitary conditions. We are hoping to hear the good news that money has been granted for our needs.
Semi-Centennial Jubilee of Hok Chiang Methodism—1914.

"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."
Woman's Training School and Station Class

The New Year brought us thirteen new women,—an unlucky number, but by no means an unlucky class, for it was one of the best we have ever received. If we could only tell you about all these women! One is a young woman who came to us as a result of the great Fukien evangelistic campaign last autumn. Her family, of the gentry class, became Christian at that time. Her husband had died shortly before, and one of his last wishes was that his wife learn how to read, and so she asked permission to enter our school. She has proved one of our brightest pupils. When she came, she was very sad, but she has learned something of the sweetness of casting all your care upon Him, and she went home for her summer vacation, a bright, happy little woman, taking with her a Bible and a Bible Picture Book, that she might share with her family and neighbors something of what she had learned. During the summer her only child, a little girl of two or three years, was called Home to the Father. It has been a severe test of her faith, but she does not sorrow as one without hope.

Another woman is the first Christian from a large village in the center of heathenism. She entered through the influence of a day school, and after one term with us, went to preside over a parsonage, and to mother three small children, whose own mother went to Heaven more than a year ago. We hear good reports of her in her new position. Another one of the most patient and faithful is a cast-off wife, whose place has been taken by another, for no reason than that she was not able to give her husband a son. Poor woman! our hearts ache for her in her sorrow. She is patient and cheerful, and a true example of what the Grace of God can do for poor Chinese womanhood.

We have a class of six to graduate from the Training School this term. Because of the faithful and efficient teaching of Mrs. Jessie Ankeny Lacy, this class is going out with an exceptional preparation in Bible study. We
are expecting much of these women as they go out from us, and we thank you for making this training possible.

We want to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to those who helped toward our Christmas, whether for schools, day-schools, or Bible women. Because of your thoughtfulness and generosity, we had one of the happiest Christmas seasons we have ever known, and we trust there was an added note of joy to your own Christmas, because you shared some of your blessings with us.

Bible Women

We have some thirty Bible women at work this year, and could have appointed almost as many more, had we the trained workers, and the money to support them. We do so need a missionary to give her entire time to this work. We are feeling more and more the need of intensive work among the women. The church will never rise higher than its womanhood!

One of our most successful trips was a two weeks' tour in a comparatively new field,—places that probably a woman missionary had never visited before. At Huang-dio, where we have an earnest membership among the men, we found the women practically heathen, not knowing the first principles of the Christian religion. They were eager to learn, and came in crowds. Some who had been away on a visit came to my room after the meeting had closed, saying, “We want you to tell us about Christianity.” We have two good Bible women there this year, and we expect a different church in the near future. The women must be taught, if the church is to have any permanent growth. So many times this year as I have gone over the district, I have heard of churches that in the early days had a lively membership, but now are dead: I have wondered whether the cause does not lie in the fact that we have not done all we should for the women, for it is they who stick longest to the idol worship, and heathen customs and practices.

At Chui-die we found the most encouraging company of women we have met anywhere. During the two
days there, though the rain poured, the women crowded into the little church until there was hardly standing room, and they listened and studied from early morning till night most earnestly. We are glad we could open a day-school there, and send them two good Bible-women to continue the good work already begun.

Encouraging reports come from all over the districts. Crowds are coming to the churches and manifesting a greater interest in Christianity than ever before. Among the men there has been a great movement towards Bible study, and we must keep pace with this in our woman's work, or there can be no permanent advance. God is giving us wonderful opportunities of service these days, and we must meet them now, or they are forever gone. Surely, now is the accepted time, and now is the day of salvation for China.

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Day Schools

FLOY HURLBUT

The day schools of Hok-chiang, West Hok-chiang, and Ngu-cheng districts are subjects worthy of a much more gifted pen than mine. I feel that I know too little about them to give any adequate account of them, for I have made only one complete circuit of all the schools. Miss Bartlett has, in addition to her other work, not only done all of the supervising, but part of the examining. Therefore, it is with hesitation that I submit this report.

The first day school which I visited was at Liong-chio last fall. This was reported as one of the best day schools on the Hok-chiang district last year, but how little it seemed like a real school to my uninitiated state of mind. I have since learned to value the merits of just such schools. The teacher was the pastor's wife, and as he was moved at conference time, the school had to be closed. It did not close, however, until we had succeeded in persuading two of the brightest girls in the village to unbind their feet and enter our Ngu-cheng boarding
school. They are the first girls who have ever come from that part of the district, and we are thankful for this entering wedge into a new field of labor.

As the distances in Hok-chiang are so great, it takes from three to four weeks to examine all of the schools. Traveling through a new country, meeting people who are not accustomed to seeing foreigners every day, especially one who has very white hair and therefore must be very old, and whose eyes are so blue she can’t possibly see out of them, has made the work very interesting. In most places, I have found good work being done, but occasionally things haven’t been so encouraging. Six of our schools this year are situated on islands, and I have enjoyed the boat rides even more than chair rides. When the tide serves at the proper time, the winds are favorable, and the boatmen pleasant, what more delightful than to sail away on the deep blue sea. One is always sure of fresh air, of plenty of company, and of a safe landing—somewhere!

Our best schools in the past year have been in the three centers Hai-kau, Ngu-ka, and Hok-chiang City. The teacher at Hai-kau is only out of the boarding school one year, and while in school didn’t seem to be an especially promising student. But the official board of the church were urgent in their request that she be appointed to them, and to the delight of all, she has “made good.” She is one of the few day-school teachers who carries out a regular daily program, having a time for every thing. The people are well pleased with her work. We are rejoicing over the fact that we are soon to have a real school room in Hai-kau. It is to be in the basement of the new church, and will be clean, light, and airy, the first really suitable day school room which we will have in all Hok-chiang.

The money has also been promised for a new model day school building in Hok-chiang City. We have had three teachers in that City since the beginning of the year, and it will be a help to have a building where the school can be properly graded. There is no reason why,
in the near future, we can’t have a school of eighty pupils in this most promising field.

The Ngu-ka school is also in need of a good building. This is where the people are waiting for us to accept their offer of one hundred dollars Mexican for every one hundred, gold, which we can give for a girls’ school. They have proved their interest by keeping up a fine, two-teacher school in rented quarters. We are proud of what has been done, but we fully realize that the highest success cannot be reached until each teacher has a room of her own, pupils whom she alone is responsible for, and work which she can’t shift to some one else’s shoulders. Oh! that we might have good buildings and have them quickly, for certainly the day schools are one of the most important phases of our work; and the best work cannot be done in narrow, cramped, unsanitary quarters!

We wish to thank the ladies of the Des Moines and Northwestern Branches for the Christmas which they gave us last year. Because of their help, we were able to give every girl in the day schools a new dress of either gingham or print.

The most touching thing which I have seen or heard during the year was when twelve girls in one school, all from heathen homes, together sang “Jesus loves me,” and repeated the Lord’s Prayer. The pastor said not long ago that practically all of the people who had come into the Ngou-cheng church during the past year had been brought in by the children as a result of our day school and Sunday school work. Ought we not, then to give our best to this work, for it is certainly true that “A little child shall lead them.”

Lung-tien Women’s and Children’s Hospital

Li Bi Cu, M. D.

When I first came into this hospital, I wondered how we could ever get enough patients to fill the wards, but during the past year our cry has been, “How can we make room for the patients who want to come?” We
had to have room, and the only thing to do was to turn our women workers out of their quarters, and give the rooms to patients. We would not tell you how our poor women have slept, but it is enough to say that they have not been comfortable. Our nurses had to give up one room for the maternity patients, and moved into my guest room. Even then we had had to send patients away, because we had no room or beds left. I hope no one will get the impression that we have had to send patients away every day, for we have not, but it was often enough to make our hearts sad. Nevertheless we are glad that we have been able to care for 1166 in-patients during the year.

Our dispensary and outcalls have been as interesting as ever. Many and varied have been the cases treated. The care of patients and the teaching of nurses has kept me from taking country trips.

My strength has seemed to have a limit. If it had not been for the untiring energy and help of Dr. Uong Kie Chung, I could not have done as much as I have. As it was, I was laid aside for several months. It was hard to know what was going on in the hospital every day, yet not be able to help. Finally we decided to close the hospital for two months, as Dr. Uong had not had a vacation the year before, and the nurses were all tired out. Thank God, I am able to work again. We realize more and more that we cannot do this work in our own strength. We are constantly depending upon Him for power and support.

We have a prayer-circle among our workers every morning at seven, and always feel that this strengthens us to enter upon a new day's service for the master. I know that our many friends in America are praying for us too, and as a result of our united prayers many have been converted, and several back-sliders brought back to the fold. Those who have not come out openly are more favorable toward our teaching. Our Bible woman is very zealous in leading people to a knowledge of Jesus, and she visits them in their homes and prays with them.
I wish I could tell you the story of everyone who has confessed Jesus as her Lord this year, but space will not allow it. I will first tell you about one woman, who twenty years ago became a Christian. Her family came into the church because the eldest son, then a child of three, was troubled with evil spirits. They did everything within their power to pacify the gods, but failed; so they became Christians, and entered the Anglican church. She said that for ten years they enjoyed peace, but alas, just at that time, the plague was very bad in the village, and the villages proclaimed a big idol procession. The head man named her son as one of the bearers of the idols. She and her husband objected to it, but the grandmother was afraid to offend the gods, and so she used her power to force her grand-child into it. After that they were ashamed to go back to the church, and gradually they drifted away altogether. They certainly have paid dearly for their sin, for in the nine years they have lost six important members of their family,—the husband and eldest son among the number,—and they used up all their money on the idols, to obtain peace, yet no peace came.

With all their suffering they did not try to come back to God for forgiveness, but instead, were only hardened against Him. God still loved them, and sent the woman to us to be helped. While she was here, she heard His voice, and came back to Him. She unbound her feet and learned to pray again. We do hope and pray that before long she may be able to lead the old grandfather and grandmother, and those who are left of the family, back to the loving arms of Jesus, our merciful Savior. We do rejoice in the work He has given us to do. Praise His blessed Name!

We thank our friends for sending us cloth to give to the dear little babies. How sweet they do look when they leave us, with their many-colored wool caps, and their red, pink, and blue calico dresses which you have sent them. We are grateful to the Standard Bearers of the Genesee Conference for giving Dr. Uong and our
nurses watches, and also for boxes of useful articles for the hospital. You who have sent parcels and boxes have made it possible for us to give Christmas presents to many. Miss Vail continues to send us a gift of money, and Miss Bissel of Rochester gave us five dollars for Christmas. We pray God to bless our generous friends one and all.

MINTSING DISTRICT

Mintsing Girls' Boarding School

ROSE A. MACE

One marvels at the great inventions that are being made, but I find no richer field for research than the hearts and minds of the twenty-two girls who have studied in our school this year. I see a marked intellectual growth, and many of the girls are developing strong Christian characters, their lives becoming permeated with Christ's love and the spirit of service.

One of our greatest joys during the year was the return of Miss Jones in September. Miss Wanzer also kindly came up for several weeks last spring, and looked after the Woman’s School, and helped in many ways.

For lack of space in our church, we have the primary and junior departments of our Sunday school meet here at the boarding school. The average attendance in these two departments is more than one hundred. These little ones are taught largely by our students and as we have a Sunday school teachers’ normal class, they are able to use many of the modern methods.

The elder girls, the teachers, and myself give Saturday and Sunday afternoons to evangelistic work in the nearby villages. In one village we have a class of twenty-five women who are learning the Christian religion. Some of these women can read a little and more than half of the others are learning Romanized. In one large house where we held service seventy people met
to hear the gospel. I shall never forget the intense eagerness with which one elderly lady listened to the story of Christ's life for the first time. When she heard of the Crucifixion she seemed to be experiencing all the agony of the cross; and when she heard of the Resurrection she gave a glad exclamation, and her countenance beamed with joy as tho she truly received a Heavenly benediction. One class of women who were led to Sunday school by our girls and who are preparing to enter the church, meet here at our house for Bible study.

Last Saturday a few of the girls went to their homes at the third township and when they returned they came immediately to my study. I saw the reflection on their faces of joy in their heart, and I did not have long to wait, for they were truly happy and wanted to share their joy with me. They had met a woman on the road who had asked them if they were not from the boarding school, and on their replying that they were, she asked them to stop and explain the Christian doctrine to her. When the girls met one who voluntarily sought the truth, they were very happy. They sat down by the roadside and explained the Christian faith, quoting Scripture and singing with her until her hungry heart was satisfied.

Will you not join us in earnest prayer that we may have a great revival among our church members, thus preparing more true disciples who will be able to bring many into the Kingdom?

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Mintsing Day Schools

Edna Jones

Since last conference the day schools have been supervised first by Miss Carleton, then by Miss Mace, and since my return by me, so I feel that I am reporting work that has been done mostly by others.

We now have but seventeen day schools, but there are two or three places with pupils waiting where we might have schools if we had qualified teachers and means of supporting them.
While the schools are not up to the standard which we desire, and while we often see things which disappoint us, yet we feel that, on the whole, advance has been made. The attendance is better than in former years, the teachers are better qualified and are trying to do their duty. If we realized how hard is their task we would pray for them more earnestly and more definitely and we should then see greater results. Some of the difficulties which they have to meet are irregular attendance, tardiness, ignorance of law and order, multiplicity of classes, a paucity of helps or equipment, and often unattractive and unhealthful rooms in which to teach. The day school teachers surely need our sympathy and our prayers to help them in their difficult but important work.

Miss Mace assembled the teachers for an institute during the Chinese New Year vacation, giving them methods of which they are now making use. They came to district conference one day early to take examinations on the books they had prepared, and now they have begun to prepare other books for examination in the twelfth month.

Our school near the church at Lek-du did good work during the hot summer months, as was shown by the number of books they had ready for examination in September. We have a new school in Lek-du which seems to be quite promising. The people in whose house the school is held have fitted up a room with individual desks for the pupils, and the room has the luxury of glass windows and a board floor. Two of the pupils boast of clocks in their homes, so they have to set an example of punctuality. It is a relief to find a school where the pupils are all supplied with pens, ink, and paper, and are ready to buy books, pencils, and chalk when these are needed.

The school at Baik-du excels in the number of pupils staying to finish the four years’ course of study. Though many of these do not come into the boarding school, the teacher there tells me that she feels it has paid to teach them through the four years, as they have all joined the church and seem to be established in the
faith. She gets them together for Bible study several times a week, tho they are not now in school.

One of our schools is up in the mountains so high that it is visited by snow storms in the winter. The little woman and her husband up there have charge of the boys' and girls' day schools, and also of the religious services on Sunday as there is no pastor there now. They send students to both our boarding schools, so we see some results of their work done in this faraway place where it is impossible to give much supervision.

Our model day school will probably be located at Lek-du and we are looking forward to having it ready for use by next year. This building is the gift of a consecrated woman in the Des Moines Branch, in memory of her sainted daughter.

I was not here at Christmas time but I have heard many words of appreciation of the gifts received at that time, and I want to thank those who sent them. We thank all who are helping to keep up these schools, and we look forward to better conditions in them in the years to come, as the effects of the Gospel they are helping to spread shall be realized more fully.

_____ Mintsing Woman's Training School _____

Rose A. Mace       Edna Jones

Our school has been marked during the past year by a spirit of harmony, earnestness, and mutual helpfulness. We have continued to occupy a rented Chinese building which has served our purpose very well, but it is so far from the girls' school and the residence that it has been impossible to give the school the supervision we should. However, the teachers have borne their responsibility faithfully, and we have never failed to find the work going along in good order, at whatever time we might happen to drop in upon them. We are fortunate in having our pastor and family located in part of the large house in which we have the school, and the Bible woman also lives there. If we had a woman's school
building in our own compound, as has long been our
dream, we could supervise the school with much less ef-
fort, and without the loss of time now required for the
long walk, and we would then be able to do more teach-
ing in the school ourselves, and get into closer touch with
the students.

At Chinese New Year time three women were gra-
uated. One of these is now working as Bible woman,
one is doing good work as a day school teacher, and the
other has been teaching the children at the hospital, but
is now resting because of poor health.

As most of the women we now have did some work
out in the station classes before entering the school, they
are a picked company, and it is easier for them to work
together. A few are taking the course for Bible women,
but the majority are too young to be Bible women for
many years, and they are taking the more difficult course
prepared for day school teachers. How have these wo-
men first been reached and saved and then brought to
the school? As we have talked with them, we have been
encouraged to learn that in most cases it has been a Bible
woman, a day school teacher, or a student from one of
our schools who has been the instrument God has used
for their salvation.

One of the students is forty-nine years old, and
yet she has a good understanding of the books she stu-
dies, and a splendid memory, especially in her Bible
classes. It is an inspiration to hear her tell with shining
face of her experience. She tells how she used to per-
form the ceremonies before the idols, but found not the
peace which she was seeking. When the Bible woman
came to her home and told her of Jesus she said, "That
just suits me," and she said when she went to church
and heard the preaching she felt that her heart had been
set free, and she came home full of joy. She has suffer-
ed persecution since then and some of her fields have
been taken from her because she is a Christian. But her
faith has remained unshaken and her spirit sweet. Many
of the people of her house have begun to give up their idols.

As we listen to the stories of the lives of these women, one after another, we find in almost every case much the same tale—infant betrothal, early marriage, narrow shut-in life in darkness, until some torch bearer has come to lead them out into light and life and freedom. Their prayers, testimonies, and the earnestness of their lives tell of their appreciation of their deliverance and their present opportunities. This appreciation and gratitude is extended to all of you who are helping by your prayers, gifts, and work to spread the “great light” among a “people who have walked in darkness” in the past.

Bible Women

MARY E. CARLETON, M. D.

Our district woman’s conference has just closed. I wish I could repeat to you the reports brought by the Bible women of their year’s work, but even if one were allowed such length, one could never depict their pathos and humor,—and thank God that some of them are not devoid of the latter. As I think of these women I feel uplifted and encouraged. Whether they have always done as well as they might I don’t know (I know I haven’t); the heart of man is an open book to our Father in Heaven and He knows all about them. But of one thing I feel certain, and that is that the Holy Spirit lives in them and more or less controls their lives. One woman who lives in a village at the top of a very high mountain, a long distance from any church, brought the tears to our eyes as she tried to tell us what these few days of Christian fellowship meant to her. Only one other Christian family is any where near her, and the visits of the nearest pastors are most uncertain. She said, “I have wanted my children baptized and there have been those who would have had a Christian marriage ceremony had there
been any to do this for them. I couldn’t do it for them, even though they wanted me too, could I?” she asked. Another told of a recent experience when she was called to visit a woman who was suffering from the taunts of her mother-in-law because she had no child. Unable to bear it longer, the woman took to her bed where she had been a year, eating little and speaking less. “Think of a woman’s suffering like that for a thing quite beyond her control, and all the time ignorant of the sins of her own heart and of the loving sympathetic Saviour who died for her” said this Bible woman. Thank God she was inclined to listen to the message and come out of her seclusion and go to church. Pray that she may learn to love and know Our Lord.

One of the graduates from the Woman’s School who was appointed to enter the the ranks of the Bible women seems to be doing good work. Another new worker is the wife of our caretaker. When I think of the change in her life during the past ten years I can but declare, “What hath God wrought!” Unwilling to learn, thinking her recently-converted husband had gone crazy, she lived her secluded, narrow, shut-in life in her little home on the hillside. Then one day six years ago her husband said to me, “Last night I dreamed that I saw my wife and little John at the bottom of a well holding up hands to me; I think I must have them with me and try to get them saved.” I found a way by which they could come and live at the hospital and the wife’s advance in the things of the Kingdom was rapid. After a time she prepared her verse to repeat at Chapel service where we read around in turn; one day some one sat in her place and read her verse; ashamed and chagrined not to be able to read the next one she told her husband that “unless he would teach her, so she could read any where in the Bible, she would go home and stay there.” Last winter I appointed her to be “a Bible woman on trial” and at our conference she was accepted in full standing. Her husband says there is no child more eager to go to his play than she is to go out to preach. I cannot tell
you how proud her sons are of her and how Little John writes for her daily the numbers of people to whom she has preached. One thousand she reported for the last quarter. "How much time have you spent in studying your Bible?" I asked. "One hundred hours," she answered.

I lay down this work for better hands to take it up, but I shall always be thankful for the loving Christian intimacy with these dear women into which it has brought me.

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The Good Shepherd Hospital

Mary E. Carleton, M. D.

The two great events of the past year, so far as our work is concerned, were the graduation of a class of students and the serious and protracted illness of my adopted daughter Mary.

While we do not pretend to have a nurses' training school, yet we have worked out a three years' course of study and practical work for nurses, and give those who take it a certificate, verifying the fact that this has been faithfully and successfully completed. The work of caring for the patients must be done by nurses, student nurses, or amahs under most competent supervision. The nurses' training schools have not yet turned out in sufficient numbers trained nurses enough for their own institutions, and it is entirely out of the question for any foreigner who is alone in a hospital to give amahs the time and thought necessary to make them of any use whatever; there remains, therefore, for most hospitals the necessity of training their own nurses.

Furthermore we wish to cooperate with the missionaries in our schools in being able to offer the graduates of those schools, an opportunity for further study, and the acquiring of a useful means of livelihood without obliging them to go away from home to get it. We have found at an expensive cost that not all girls are teachers, and we know well that there are many girls with very real ability to nurse, who were not brilliant scholars. More-
over, we are willing to give a limited number of girls a nurse's training even though they will never practice their profession outside of their own homes, for we believe that Chinese mothers in particular need this training. Should we need any further excuse we would say that this method is the cheapest way to get our work done,—the most efficient at the least expense.

Of the three girls whom we graduated last January one is remaining with us, hoping to become an hospital assistant, able to take accounts, to keep records and to superintend the work of the undergraduate nurses. One is with us simply as a nurse, and the other is taking a year in another hospital in practical obstetrics. She will return to us at the end of this year and give us her assistance. Four new students were accepted at the beginning of this year, one of these being the best prepared student we have ever had, having completed the course of study in the College Preparatory school and also one year of college work. She will be able to complete the textbooks of our nurses' course in a year and a half, thus qualifying herself for our scholarship at the Woman's Medical College, at Peking. She has made a contract to return to us after that course for as many years as she enjoys the scholarship. The other three students were graduates of our own Girls' Boarding School.

On 18th of February my adopted daughter was taken very ill with relapsing fever, and for three long months she made no progress towards regaining her health. In May a change for the better was evident, and from that time until September she has made good progress until now we may safely say that she has regained her health. It was in answer to prayer that her life was spared. This illness, of necessity, took much of my time from my regular work, but my very efficient assistant willingly added to her own duties many of mine, besides doing her share of the extra nursing. I thank God for the kindness and love showered upon me by the Chinese about me. Did time and space allow I should like to tell also of the kindness of Miss Gaylord and of Drs. Gossard, Matthews, and Wilkinson who at various times came to
my relief; but I can but record the deep gratitude I feel and the assurance that this will never be forgotten.

The work of the hospital has gone on in its ordinary routine, and we have known that the presence and blessing of God has been ours. Our little blind boy of whom we wrote last year has been received into the School for the Blind in Foochow city; we hope that when he has completed his studies God will call him to be an evangelist to his own people in this district. He returns to us for vacations and astonishes all who see him with his remarkable accomplishments. The fall term finds the hospital full of patients. May God bless us another year, and use this hospital for the advancement of His Kingdom.

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YENPING DISTRICT

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Emma Fuller Girls' Boarding School

EMMA L. EHLY

The Girls’ School of Yenping has had a good year. There has been a pleasant but indefinable school spirit or atmosphere—a feeling of comradeship between teacher and pupil, and a good, healthy attitude toward work as well as play. One of the missionaries said to me at the close of the term, "I have been pleased to note the spirit of friendliness and loyalty so apparent during the year."

There have been sixty girls in school—fewer than last year. The teaching force has changed and re-changed until now only two of those who took up the work with me are left. One teacher has been married, one is taking the short normal course in Foochow, and one has had to leave teaching because of her health. But other experienced teachers have been found to take their places and the work has gone merrily on.

The girls were much interested in the Eddy meetings which were held last November. The presentation of old truths in a new dress made an impression that prepared the way for a week’s meetings with the students of the schools. This second week was truly a time
of soul awakening for all. The Holy Spirit was with us and as a result, eleven of the girls received baptism six, became members of the church, and all were brought closer to the Master.

Later in the year the Young Women's Christian Association was re-organized. Their first meeting after organization was a welcome to Mr. Uong, secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. This was a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. During the week Mr. Wong spent with us he made special effort for definite decisions for Christian work. Several expressed a willingness to take up such service. The work of the Y. W C. A. has been carried on entirely by the girls themselves. This has appealed to them and their enthusiasm has surely been refreshing. Three delegates attended the recent conference held in Foochow; and no doubt the coming year will see put into practice many of the lessons learned during that week.

"Man knoweth not what a day may bring forth" is a truth on the mission field. So this year finds me in Foochow, very happy in the work to which I have been appointed. I give to Miss Maun the temporary care of the Girls' School with a prayer that this year may be one full of richest blessing both for her and the girls of the school.

Bible Training School, Station Class, and Kindergarten

Alice Linam

This has been a blessed year, and there are many encouraging things to report. Forty-two women have been studying in the station class and Bible Training School. They have all done good work, and three have gone out into active work.

Twelve of the school women go to the street and visit in the homes regularly, twice each week. Many whom they see are anxious to learn to read, and to learn how to become Christians. The women greatly enjoy this work and are thus learning how to be evangelists. Mrs. Lau said to them one day when
they visited in her home: "Please come back tomorrow; I expect a lot of company, and I wish you to talk to them."

So I sent five of my women the next day. They had a very good meeting, everyone appearing much interested.

We use the graded lessons in our Sunday school. All the teachers and helpers in the beginners, primary and junior departments are teachers or pupils in the woman's school where I conduct a teacher's training class. In this way I hope to train Sunday school teachers for the district.

Twenty-seven children have been enrolled in the kindergarten this year. They are happy little people. They have a Bible lesson each morning, using large colored pictures. They thoroughly enjoy this and tell their people all about it when they go home. Many are led to Christ through the children.

We had a Merry Christmas, and the women and children join me in sending thanks.

**Bible Women**

As soon as school closed last spring, I started on a long country trip of thirty-three days; in many ways it was one of the hardest trips I ever made, but God wonderfully blessed us.

We held special evangelistic meetings for the women at five different places, each lasting four or five days. The women from a distance were invited and entertained while the meetings lasted so that they could give their whole time and thought to the meetings. By varying the program we were able to hold their attention for eight or nine hours each day. The theme was the Life of Christ. The women and children were first taught to recite some easy Bible verses, which were written in large characters and hung on the wall. The verses were thoroughly explained before they learned to recite them. When talking with the women about prayer I often heard them say: "I would be glad to pray but I do not know what to say." They were taught several easy prayers
during these meetings. One woman said: "This is just what I have wanted for a long time."

At the close of the last session, I held an after meeting with the women and girls who came from Christian homes, and those who seemed most interested. When I asked whether they planned to worship God or idols when they returned home, they shouted, "Worship God, worship God." Then I asked how many wished to give their names as probationers, and nearly every one responded. After this they were organized into classes and class leaders appointed.

One woman said: "My husband has been a Christian for several years; I mean to destroy all the idols and worship God from now on."

Another said: "I had not realized how important it is to worship God. I mean to begin right way, and tell just as many others as possible. I am glad you came to tell me."

At Nguong-kang a beautiful new church was dedicated. I was there four days, and the church was filled with women, although some had thought it too large for the place. The women here have a peculiar way of dressing their hair which requires two hours time. The hair is combed back very tight and put into a wing arrangement which stands out from the back of the neck, over a foot in length. It is most uncomfortable and very heavy, and it pulls on the hair so that a woman is very bald before she is thirty years old. Then to cover up the bald spot she puts a piece of black cloth over it, and ties the cloth to the hair around it.

While the meetings were in session at Uong-dai, we had prayer meeting each morning from five to six o'clock. Often times three or four were praying at once, weeping and asking God to help them live pure lives and win souls for Christ. When the meetings closed they said they had had such a blessed time, that they did not want to go home. Nineteen Bible women have been at work on the three districts this year and there is also a Bible wc.
man at the hospital. They are all very earnest Christians and have done good work.

Day Schools

There have been ten day schools on the Yenping and Song-chong districts this year. We will be glad when the new day school building is finished in Yenping City. Li Chung Lang who has been taking the normal course in Foochow is to be the teacher of this school. Many children here are very anxious to study.

When I was out on the district I visited and examined each of the schools. Many of the pupils are earnest little Christians and are doing a great deal of good in school.

At Song-chong soon after the meetings closed little girls came to the church and said: "We want to go to Heaven; we have come to study, and learn how to get ready to go there."

I am more and more impressed with the possibilities of the day schools. Scattered as they are throughout the district, they may be strong forces in evangelization, and they surely do much in breaking down prejudice. As the children carry to their homes the hymns, Bible verses, and stories learned in school, who can tell what influence they may have in leading those who are waiting to be led to the light?

YUKI DISTRICT

Women’s Work

MABEL C. HARTFORD

Last conference when I was appointed to give my whole time to Yuki district I was happy and at once planned to spend more than half my time travelling over the district. But I have not been able to carry out my plans, as the officials forbade my travelling, on account of many places being overrun with brigands. I only
visited four places on my way home from Conference, and then for eight months I was shut up in Yuki City. On my way to and from Foochow, before and after my summer vacation, I visited six day schools.

Last conference I reported that Yuki women and girls did not realize the need of an education. On my way home from conference I visited the 17th Township and found that within a few months, there had been a great change in the women there, many having become anxious to learn to read. At Kang-dau there was a fine school, half of whom were women.

In September this school had thirteen women, twelve girls, and six little boys. I did not wonder the teacher looked tired, teaching so many during the hot summer days in that small Chinese room. A country day-school cannot be well graded, as the attendance is irregular, and so there are many different classes to teach.

At U-tau, also in the 17th Township, the Bible-woman has been teaching twelve women and several girls. She has also spent a good deal of time in house to house visiting. During the summer, one of the Yenping school girls taught twelve girls in her home village, the 50th Township. Now she has returned to school, and the people are begging me to send them a teacher. The Ka-kau school still holds its place as a first-class school.

At the 9th Township the Bible-woman has been a real pastor to the women. As the chapel is very small and full of men, the Bible-woman has held service for the women in her house. She has a list of all who attend church put up on the wall, and every Sunday marks who is present. It would make many men ashamed to see how regular these new women are in their church attendance. Five recited the Ten Commandments and several hymns, when I was there in June.

I expect you will say, "You were shut up in Yuki City eight months; you surely had time to do a good deal for the women there." During those eight months the anxiety and burdens were great, and I cannot truly say
A group of Ngucheng Bible Women. "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

The Women's Training School at Mintsing—a small company of the Women that publish the Tidings.
Miss Hartford's residence at Yuki—the "House of the Beautiful View,"
as it was named by the Yuki magistrate
that great things were accomplished. The first thing was to find a house for the Women's School and myself. We had been living in the chapel; but a new district superintendent with a family of nine, was coming, and so we had to move out. For a time it seemed as if there were not a house in Yuki City that we could hire. I came near being discouraged. Finally I found a house for the women, but the sleeping rooms were too few. There was a very large kitchen, and so I decided to tear out the range, repair that for a sleeping room, and build a new smaller kitchen. As soon as we began to build that kitchen, it began to rain. The mud walls fell down three times. At last we moved, and two days later the district superintendent's family came. If some of the children had not been ill, they would have come several days earlier!

Back of the house hired for the women, is a small house which our landlord said I might occupy, if I'd repair it. It rained nearly all the time, and so it took a long while to get the repairs done. It was Feb. 22 before I moved into my own little home. Perhaps it was a good thing that I was obliged to live in the house with the women for two months; I surely have appreciated my own home since.

In February we opened a kindergarten and day-school combined. There never had been a kindergarten in Yuki! Everyone who came to see it was delighted. According to custom in Yuki women cannot go out into the street in the day time, but so anxious were the women to see the kindergarten and my house, that many of them threw custom to winds. Every pleasant day women came, some several times, each time bringing new women.

Several of the training school women took turns going out with the Bible-woman to visit in the homes of the people. They had a list of the church members and probationers, and it was their purpose to visit in their homes, and try to lead the women of the family to Christ; but many women from non-Christian families urged them to come in and tell them the "Doctrine." They often did not have time enough and not reach home until after
dark. Surely Yuki people gladly hear the Gospel. A good deal of seed has been sown; now we are praying the Holy Spirit to cause the seed to spring up and grow.

During the spring term I invited one of our most faithful Bible-women, who had studied in our Women's School twenty years ago, to come to our school and study one term. She was very happy to have such a good opportunity, and it was wonderful how much she learned in one term. She was also a great blessing to us all, for she was always sunshine itself. Soon many non-Christian women came to know her, and would inquire for her when they came to the school.

The past year has been one of trial for us all in Yuki. Our comfort has been "Tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope."

We have tried to be patient. We surely feel we have had some kinds of experience. We have not yet arrived at hope, and cannot say with Paul, "We rejoice in tribulation;" but we do believe that God loves the Yuki people, and so we will trust Him to help them.

YUNG-AN DISTRICT

Work Among Women

MRS. GRACE TRAVIS WILLIAMS

I wish most sincerely that you who hear and read this report might visit, as two or three of you have done, this beautiful, needy corner of God's earth, this work that seems to you so far away. Our Yung-an valley, with its picturesque river, beautifully kept gardens, groves of pine, bamboo, and many other trees, the whole flanked by three ranges of hills and mountains rising range above range, charms the eye and forces admiration from every observer who can feel beauty of landscape.

Our streets are wide, for China, and the houses well-built. Best of all, the people are good-looking and intelligent. On the other hand, for idolatry and all man-
ner of wicked customs, Yung-an is as remarkable as for its beauty. One end, and often both ends of nearly every street, has its shrine with the idols frequently worshiped. The better women of the town, except our Christians, are housebound, and the young girl or woman who ventures out regularly, as is necessary to attend school, is shouted after insulted as she passes thru the street, even in a quiet residential neighborhood. This makes necessary two things: One is that much house to house visiting must be done if the virtuous women are to be found and taught; the other is that we must have a school where the girls and perhaps a few women can live and be properly chaperoned by a lady who can be with them.

Seven of our girls have gone to Yenping Boarding School this year,—a long, expensive, and perilous river journey. Only two Yung-an boys are attending the school in Yenping. The reason is that the boys can pass freely thru the street and attend our large day school, which by the way, is automatically becoming a boarding school by the coming of boys from outside towns, bringing their rice with them. There are many girls now who would provide their own food if they could live at the school and be properly cared for by a missionary. There has been much illness in my own family this past year, and so I dared not let the girls live at the school, fearing I could not supervise them so as to make it safe for them in this newly opened town. The semi-foreign house where the girls' school has been conducted this year was washed away in the flood of last spring. The pupils have been fewer since that because the only available place to be rented was a Chinese house some distance farther from the homes of the girls.

My meetings with the women each Wednesday afternoon and part of the time twice a week have been very well attended all through the year. We have practically always from twenty to fifty present, and frequently sixty or seventy. It is hard to label these meetings as school or religious services. We have our songs and prayers and a little talk, then the meeting breaks up into groups,
one speaking Foochow, one Amoy, and a third the local Yung-an dialect. Fifteen girls and women have just finished reading the Probationer’s Manual containing the Ten Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, part of the Catechism, model prayers, etc. Many hymns have also been read. Several girls and women have already been baptized and received into the church, and others are nearly ready.

It is certain that if Yung-an had a W. F. M. S. missionary who could be free from family cares so as to visit often in the homes and itinerate, the woman’s work in this city and in the large towns nearby would be greatly benefited, and the hundreds of bright, attractive girls and women come to know our blessed Christ and to grow like Him. We have 150 or 200 persons present at most Sunday services, about 40 or 50 of them women and girls. If you could look into their bright faces, you would feel keenly, as we do, that they need proper teaching and care.

Let no one who is looking for a pleasant, easy field of labor offer to come to Yung-an, for every pioneer missionary well knows that there are innumerable difficulties and disappointments that are unknown where the path is broken and work well opened. But surely you can spare us just one where there are many workers, and surely some woman of God will be willing to undertake greater difficulties and give herself in more entire consecration to Him.
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