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FOOCHOW DISTRICT

Woman’s College of South China

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It is our pleasant duty this time to report for two years, instead of one as is usual and we should like to report by topics.

Graduations,—

These years have seen two entering classes of thirty and thirty-five students and two graduating classes. There were two marked features about the graduation of the class of 1917—it was our largest class to date, numbering nineteen, and it was our first Union Commencement. With five other schools we met in our big Methodist Church where the commencement address was given. Of the ninety-four certificates and diplomas awarded to young people on that day, 32 were given to girls from Hua Nang—19 to High School graduates and 13 to graduates of the special one-year Normal.

The “Class Day” of each year was unique. At the first the governor of the province came in person and was an interested listener while the girls gave their essays, songs and other exercises. He himself spoke words of kindly appreciation. Last year the girls gave a play which they called “The Spirit of Hua Nang,” containing such acts as the last class meeting, plans for the future, reunion after ten years, etc. In a month from now when this year’s class has finished, we shall have sent out over 100 graduates during the ten years of our existence—96 from the High School, 10 from the Junior College course, and 25 from the special Normal course.
Our Graduates,—

What of them? Fourteen of them are continuing their studies in Peking, Soochow, Shanghai, Nanking and America. The great majority of them, however, are teachers, not only in our own conference and in Hing Hua, but in Amoy, Swatow, the Straits Settlement, Borneo and far-away Celebes, besides one in the North in Tientsin. We want to give below just a few of the cheering words that have come to us about these girls of ours.

"A is my main stand-by for taking responsibility and carrying loads in this great school. My health has been such that sometimes for weeks, she has had to be my substitute, and I could ill spare my very best Chinese helper."

"I want to tell you how beautifully A is doing; I'm delighted with her spirit." "The teachers you sent me are very helpful. They seem so willing to work, I feel anxious lest they do more than they should,"

"B teaches Geography just like a Normal trained teacher in America."

"You gave C a fine recommendation, but we find she deserves it. We all love her and thank God for her. She does her work well, and her influence is beautiful."

Faculty,—

During the two years just past we have had some additions to our faculty, though far too few. Christmas of 1916 we welcomed Miss Katharine Willis of Baltimore and Joy Chai of Cornell College, the very first one of our Hua Nang girls to return to us from studying in America. Last year we secured the services of Mr. Ding. He is recognized as one of the three most famous scholars in the province. When his friends heard he was going to teach girls, they said, "Why use cannon to shoot sparrows? What a waste!" But I think Mr. Ding, after nearly two years of work with us, feels it is no waste.

This September brought us Miss Roxy Lefforge of Indiana and, a few weeks later, came still another one of
our own girls, Gladys Ding. During her three years in America she graduated from Southwestern and received her M. A. from the University of Michigan. Another teacher for whom we are very grateful is Miss Marian Iong from Peking, a graduate of our Methodist school there. She comes to teach Mandarin and fills a long felt need.

**Y.W.C.A. Activities,—**

New features under the organization to keep us in touch with the needs of the day were first,—a Red Cross pageant on a small scale, showing some of the phases of the work done. As a result of this a voluntary offering of over $60 was given by the girls in connection with the May drive. Then we have been fortunate twice in having very fine moving pictures of the war so the girls have kept in intelligent touch with what is happening.

Still another good turn the Y W C. A. girls did for us was in connection with the Sister College Movement. One morning the girls marched in with the pennants of our six Sisters—Morning-side, Cornell College, Southwestern, Mt. Union, Baldwin-Wallace, and West Virginia Wesleyan. In short, breezy sentences they gave some facts and brought greetings from each.

The “Time Investment Club,” volunteering service for the long summer vacation, has become, we trust, a permanent feature of the Y W C. A.

One of the most precious memories that remains with us, is the visit of Miss Christiana Chai of Nanking. Miss Chai was a member of the Eddy party, who came to us last Easter time. Daughter of a wealthy official, educated, cultured, winsome, with a vital Christian experience and a passion for souls, she made a deeper impression on the girls than anyone who has ever come to us. “She is Chinese,—one of us who understands our temptations and problems,” were among the comments we heard. Then followed naturally, “If she, a Chinese girl, can be so used to win souls, then why not we?” And so a deeper, more glorified vision of service came to them than ever before,
Foochow Girls' Lower and Higher Primary School

and

Mary E. Crook Kindergarten.

Florence J. Plumb
May L. Hu

Menia H. Wanzer
Lura M. Hefty

Since our last Conference report was written, two years ago, our school has seen many changes.

In the spring of 1917, Miss Wanzer returned to America on furlough, and in September, Miss Plumb came back from America, after a year’s absence. In December, 1917, Miss Creek, a member of our Tai Maiu family, who had been teaching English in the school, was transferred to Chinkiang. Then in March, 1918, Miss Nevitt left for a much-needed furlough, and Miss Hefty left her work in Kutien to help us here.

We certainly have rejoiced in her being with us. A little over a month ago, we welcomed Miss Wanzer back to our ranks, and as we rejoice in her return, and in the fact that now there are three workers to bear the burdens which have well-nigh overwhelmed the two obliged for many months to bear them, we earnestly hope that the coming year may not see anyone going from us, but may rather see some one coming to our aid.

For in the work of such a large school as this we certainly need more workers in order to carry it on efficiently. And Miss Hefty in addition to her work in the school, has charge of our Children’s Home, and the work of the Business Agency, which requires much of her time and strength.

A total enrollment of two hundred and sixteen pupils in the Lower and Higher Primary grades, and over sixty in the kindergarten, has kept our hands more than full.

During the past year, the heaviest burden has been to know that so much work which should have been done, has had to be left undone. In our weakness and
insufficiency, we have called upon God, who gave us grace and strength to accomplish more than we had thought we could, and if some things had to be left undone, I am sure our Father understood and forgave.

A heavy shadow fell over us soon after the opening of the autumn term, 1917, when Miss Nevitt was taken ill with para-typhoid fever, and for weeks had to be in the hospital. But our kind loving Father lifted that shadow from us, and brought her back to health again, in answer to the earnest prayers of the girls and teachers for the one they so dearly loved. So our Christmas was more joyous and happy than usual, with Miss Nevitt back at home, entirely well, and able to take an active part in all the school festivities.

As usual, our girls were busy planning their Christmas gifts for the poor of the church, and for their “Little Blind Sister” in the Blind Girls’ School. So with the real spirit of Christmas possessing them, and experiencing the blessedness of giving to those more needy than themselves, their hearts were all the more ready to enjoy the Christmas pleasures and blessings brought into their lives by the kind friends across the sea.

On Christmas morning, the girls marched into the chapel, to find a great surprise awaiting them. The room had been darkened, and there on the platform, stood the most wonderful tree that many of them had ever seen, fairly ablaze with lighted candles and shining decorations. Their delight was unbounded, and it seemed as if they never would stop clapping. The short Christmas service of song and prayer that followed brought to their hearts again the beautiful thought of God’s great gift to the world. Then the gifts were distributed, and it was a joy to see the happy faces as they received the pencils, soap, towels, handkerchiefs, fancy pins and hair ribbons from their friends in America.

A class of eighteen earnest Christian girls was graduated in January, taking their part in the union Commencement Exercises of all the Methodist schools, held in our large “Church of Heavenly Peace.”
Fifteen of these girls are now continuing their studies in High and Normal Schools, but, of the other three, less fortunate because from non-Christian homes, two have been obliged to follow the wishes of their parents, and remain at home, while the third has already been married into a non-Christian family. As this girl herself is an earnest Christian, and her young husband has recently become an enquirer, we trust that she may be able to lead the members of her husband’s family to know Christ as their Saviour.

The class to be graduated in January, 1919, would have numbered twenty three, if two had not dropped out at the opening of this term. Two of the most promising they were too, and it grieved us to lose them within only four months of graduation. The family of one girl moved to Shanghai during the troublous times here this summer, and they have not yet moved back. The other girl was betrothed to a non-Christian man, and a few weeks ago, she was married, and went with him to Hankow. How earnestly we must pray for these two dear girls that they may be faithful and true to the Master they have learned to serve during these years with us.

When we see even a little of the opposition, ridicule and temptation our girls are meeting amidst the heathenism and superstition that exists in the homes of so many, we sometimes feel that we can scarcely dare expect them to stem the tide or turn it in favor of Christianity.

But we remember that while, with men, things may seem impossible, “with God, all things are possible,” and all things are possible to him that believeth. So our faith is strengthened to pour out our hearts in intercession, that God may give them the strength to overcome.

During the Personal Workers’ Evangelistic meetings for girls and women held last March by Mrs. Eddy, Miss Paxson, and Miss Tsai, a special opportunity was given our Christian girls to do definite personal work, and how our girls of the Y. W. C. A. and especially the
ones in our highest class, did work and pray for their unsaved school-mates and members of their families, and how great was their joy when many of these made the decision to follow Christ.

Three of the women servants in the school, one of whom had been with us for years, and for whom we had long been praying, decided to accept Christ as Saviour, and this made the girls happier than almost anything else. The answered prayers of those days especially strengthened the faith of many of the girls, and led them on to claim yet greater things from their Father.

In November, 1919, we shall celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of this school, the first Methodist school for girls in Eastern Asia. During the past sixty years, over two hundred, earnest Christian young women have gone out to various parts of China, and even to Singapore and the Philippines, to exert a Christian influence, as teachers, nurses, doctors, wives and mothers.

In the last few years, there has been a marked advance along the line of self-support. In 1900, our receipts for board and tuition were $126.75, while in 1917, our receipts were $3058.62, more than twenty-four times as much as in 1900.

As we look back over the history of the school, we rejoice that God has blessed and used it for so many years as an instrument in spreading the Gospel. We also look forward into the future breathing an earnest prayer that in every phase of our school life we may go.

"Upward and Onward,"

"Forward not Backward,"

never disobedient unto the heavenly vision, ever coming nearer His ideal for us.

Mary E. Crook Kindergarten.

If one did not believe in kindergartens, I think he surely would change his belief if he stepped into our kindergarten. We have divided the sixty-five children into two sections letting half come in the morning, and
half in the afternoon. It is an inspiration just to see the thirty odd bright little faces lighted up with joy in their play, responsiveness to their teaching, and interest in the great new world opening up to them.

And if anyone thought there was no need of a kindergarten right here, he would only need to see how many applicants for admission can not be admitted for lack of room, to realize that he had been mistaken. We would be glad if we could accommodate more children, or perhaps open another kindergarten in a neighborhood too far away for many of the little ones who desire to attend.

We do not charge any fees in the kindergarten and it may be that there are a few parents who might appreciate this privilege more, and send their children more regularly, if they did pay something. Yet on the whole, we have felt it better to open the doors wide to all, and we see gathered here children of the poor man, the ordinary tradesman, and the well-to-do gentleman.

Our kindergartener, Miss Laura Ding, and her two assistants are doing splendid work, and are untiring in their efforts to train not only the minds and bodies of these little ones, but also their souls, that they may become Christ's own little ones, fitted for use in his kingdom.

We are very grateful to all the kind friends who are giving so liberally to carry on this work, and we trust that the right foundation may be laid in the education of these little ones, and that the impressions made in these tender years may be such as to lead them to give their little hearts to Jesus, and grow up to be laborers for Him in this corner of His great vineyard.

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**Foochow Primary Day Schools**

**Ruby Sia**

Since last conference two years ago the events of the years have come to us permeated with the Father's loving presence and care, and, as I am writing the report, I am reminded of the words of Henry Van Dyke:
"The Lord is my teacher,
I shall not lose the way.
He taketh me by the hand to the hill-top of vision,
And my soul is glad when I perceive his meaning;
In the valley also he walketh beside me,
In the dark places he whispereth to my heart."

The growth of our educational work is not to be measured by its visible results alone, i.e., the increase of pupils and schools, but by the much brighter and more inspiring prospect of the Kingdom of God, coming into many dark places and into many homes where the women are kept close prisoners within the four walls.

I am greatly impressed with the possibilities of the day schools, seeing what has already been accomplished. For the past two years there has been a gradual, if not a very marked, gain in many ways. Scattered as they are throughout the two districts, these schools may be strong forces in evangelization and they surely do much in breaking down prejudices. They are important factors in our church work, and are very necessary in some country places; and they help greatly in reaching the women in their homes. Never was such a keen, intelligent and sincere interest in things Christian manifested among the Chinese women. Women of well-to-do families are awake to the imperious need of practical education for their daughters, and they want to come to our schools and long to hear something of the story of Christ and His love, and they are groping their way by what light they can find.

A few mothers of our Day School pupils have been baptized through the influence of our Day School teachers, won first by their love shown to the little girls in school. It is an undeniable fact that 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.

In 1917 we had fifteen schools with seventeen teachers, and two hundred and ninety pupils. This year we have an enrollment of three hundred pupils in fourteen
schools with seventeen teachers. At Bo Deng Haeng, our model school, we have three of our best teachers. The enrollment for the year was fifty-five. The last examination showed that very excellent work had been done by the teachers.

These dear teachers at Bo Deng Haeng, I am sorry to say, have no place to live, as no provision has been made in the school building for them. It was our intention to build an annex so that our teachers may have a corner to live in. As it is now there is no kitchen and no sleeping room. Our teachers have to board elsewhere, and when the rainy season sets in it is extremely inconvenient. I hope our dear American friends will finish the good work which they have begun in building the model school for us. If the school is to be what it ought or what we wish it to be we need your generous help. 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 in Foochow.

It is my plan to visit a number of homes in connection with each school. I am glad to say that wherever I go I am received with cordiality and hospitality.

Apart from the Model School, the other schools also showed marked progress and faithful work.

Not able to find a place during school time for our teacher's Institute, I was compelled to have it in our Model School in June. With a fine Chinese teacher and two promising preachers to help, we spent a very profitable week together. There were two Bible classes each day, taught by our preachers. "The Manhood of the Master" was used in one of the classes. God was with us and His spirit was in our midst. Though it was a hot week in June, the time our teachers spent together was worth while.

When we have given our best help to our teachers and these dear children, who can tell what influence they may have in leading those who are waiting to be led to the light?
We ask you to pray for our schools and teachers. Pray that they may give light in the dark places and lead many to Christ.

Mary E. Crook Children’s Home

Lura M. Hefty  Li Chung Nguik Matron

No doubt some of you who read this report can remember when our Home was full of little toddlers who had been some of China’s unloved girls, but who, because of the constraining love of Christ, were taken into a home where they would be loved and could love in return. Now our girls are too large to be carried in our arms, but even more do they need this same love, for most of those who are still in the Home are passing through the years of adolescence when they are most easily influenced for good or evil, and when spiritual things make their appeal. During the past year we feel, that there has been growth in forbearance and love among our girls. The little quarrels of child-hood are seldom indulged in and the home tie grows stronger year by year. Much of this is due to the matron, who though, having never been a mother, has a wonderfully developed mother instinct, coupled with earnest Christian consecration.

As we watch their lives unfold we can see in many the promise of splendid workers, and though some, because of their meagre heritage may never become brilliant stars, yet they are growing into womanly, helpful Christians and that is what China needs in her homes. So more than ever do they need care and love that may be able to give a rich heritage of care and love to the children that may be theirs.

We have had two weddings in the past year; one girl who had been the teacher of the mutes at Kutien, married a young man who is a secretary in the Municipal Improvement Bureau. To prevent too much teasing of the bride, which is a custom of China, a program was planned for the guests and the bride was called upon to do some thing, and she gave such a fine talk on her work
with the mutes that the guests were not only satisfied with the bride’s part of the program but also gained information of work they had known little of. The other bride married a young Methodist preacher and has a fine opportunity for helping in a village where women and girls have little educational privileges. We have one girl who is to be married about Christmas time and is busy planning her trousseau.

We have three new grandsons this year and to us they seem to be prize babies. Ai Lang, who married Moses, last year has named her baby, Job. I doubt if he lives up to his name, for he is one of the liveliest babies I ever saw, and evinces but little patience thus far. He may grow into it.

Two of our girls are in Hospitals with lung trouble but both are now improving. One is Ai-Ding who graduated from the Nanking H. S. last year and came back to teach music in our Higher Primary School, and the other girl had just entered H. S. here in Foochow. One girl has completed the course in the Medical School in Peking and is giving a year there in our Woman’s Hospital. One is in Nanking preparing for evangelistic work, another is training for kindergarten work, one is a nurse in our Boarding School, one is teaching at Mingsing, three are in H. S., one in Normal School, while all the younger girls are day pupils in our M. E. School just across the street from the home. Eleven of the girls are married and have made good “homely” women, as our English friends would say. One, whose husband was a M. E. preacher was left a widow, a few years ago, with a little son who also died of the same dread disease—tuberculosis—which took the father away. Now the widow is teaching in a day school in the city. We had a sad event this autumn, when one of our girls, with her four little sons was bereft of the husband and father who, too, died of tuberculosis. The oldest boy was five and the baby but five days old. Two of the boys are twins and one of them not robust. He has been under medical care for weeks. The husband was a teacher who got a fairly
good salary but his sickness and funeral took more than they had saved and friends had to help her. Now she is left with nothing but some cheap furniture as her husband had no home nor near relations but a widowed sister who is also very poor.

I have had the widow, Ai Cu, whose wedding picture, by the way is on page thirty-two of “The King's High-way,” come home and am paying her board, for of course she has no scholarship now, until we can help her plan for the future. In the meantime she is getting strong and doing a little plain sewing to earn “pin money.” She has just been in the hospital, lately with a badly infected face, one of the twins had a serious abscess and also a dislocated wrist so you see that the poor woman is having a double portion of trouble, but she has shown a wonderfully reconciled spirit.

We are glad that our girls are developing the spirit of helpfulness. Last summer when the older girls came home for vacation, they suggested that we need not hire a teacher for the summer studying our girls do, as has been the custom, but that they teach the younger sisters, and it was a very successful plan for the girls did so well in their studies. Their helpfulness extends outside their own circle for now several of them are doing Red Cross knitting during their spare minutes. Just today our crippled girl, "Double Blessing" brought me a pair of beautifully knitted socks for "some one in Sibemia." She earns her pin money by mending and doing easy sewing or crocheting for me for she is not able to help much in house-work.

At Christmas the day that generous friends help to make merry for our girls we hope to have most of the daughters and their families home for a good time. The girls do enjoy coming home for Christmas and weddings, just as we like to go home, and just as it is in any large family each year the “circle around the hearth” grows smaller, as the girls go out to start new homes but we feel that the real circle of love and influence for good, which has its birth in home, grows wider.
Foonchow Evangelistic Work

Phoebe C. Wells.

Twenty-five Bible-women have been at work on the district during the year. They have given their whole time to the work, and have been assisted by the Training School students, who have given considerable time during the school term, as well as their vacations.

Our last report gave an outline of the work in the three largest towns on the district, Siong Ang, Ngieu Seu, and Gang Cia. Mrs. Ding Huoi Cu’s daily Bible class has opened the doors of Siong Ang. A building has been offered for use as a church, and an earnest plea has come for a pastor. Now Mrs. Ding finds it profitable to spend much of her time entering the open doors. At Ngieu Seu the interest in the Bible class continues. There has been a marked change in the lives of some of the members of the class. Their desire to know the Chinese character has resulted in their finding Christ. Another class was organized in a large village some distance away by Mrs. Ling. She found the two classes too large to be united, so Mrs. Ding Seuk Cio came to take charge of the new class. Mrs. Ding is a bright young widow who graduated a year ago. She was given good furnished rooms in a heathen home. The older women of the village promised to see that she was protected. Her class began with over twenty boys and girls and young women. In new centers, where there are no workers, we take all who will come to us. Our object is to reach as many as possible with the gospel. We reach the homes through the members of the class.

At the close of the first term we found the parents had learned the doctrine and could answer the questions quite as well as the children. Mrs. Ding’s class is the only center of Christian influence. Could you have seen her in the midst of that eager pressing throng of women and children, you would have realized the great task given this messenger of Christ. This is the first opportunity given them to hear the gospel,
Already a third class is being planned in still another village some distance from Ngieu Seu. We aim to make these new centers feeders for the church. The growth of the church depends upon new centers of Christian influence. In this town our work is among a class who will be able to help make the church self-supporting. Our work in China began among the poor, but now we are reaching those who will be able to support the church.

How I wish St. Luke could give a report of the growth of the church at Gang Cia! We would have another chapter for the Acts of the Apostles. It would tell how Mrs. Ding Suoi Hiong came to Gang Cia and found the church not holding its own against the forces of evil; of her efforts in trying to bring the church to a living faith in the promise of God; of the first “miracle,” when a poor heathen girl was “delivered from the demon that possessed her,” and while Mrs. Ding was praying her mind became clear and calm; of how the family brought out all their idols and burned them before their neighbors, and were baptized and brought into the church. This “miracle” has led to other miracles until twenty families have given up their idols and accepted Christ. Mrs. Dione, the Evangelist, says, “Mrs. Ding works like a physician. She never lets go of a case until she has seen it through. Every case includes the whole family.”

One day as the women were starting out to call on some of these new converts, a stranger came into the court asking for Mrs. Ding. He had been directed to her home by men in the market, who had heard about the miracles. Even the temple priest had urged him to come, “because the idols could not cast out evil spirits.” He begged Mrs. Ding to come and pray for his wife who was dying. On hearing his story the women knelt in prayer, and when they arose Mrs. Ding was filled with the spirit. She said, “This is another call from God, I must go.” They found the woman dying; starvation was largely the cause of “the troubled visions.” In this case faith was coupled with works. Food was given and the case cared for until health returned. The Chinese gave the means
to tide the family over until the husband could find work. His witness brought two more families to Christ. It is wonderful to see how our Bible woman is used in bringing souls to Christ. Her fame has spread abroad so that those who have loved ones sick or "possessed" come to her for help. They have great faith in her prayers, and so have I, for she has faith in God. The girl mentioned above as being "delivered from the demon," has married and gone to live in a heathen village, and her neighbors are becoming interested in the gospel.

Through the newly organized Home Missionary Society the women of the district are becoming more interested in service. Auxiliaries have been organized in twelve centers. Special evangelistic services have been held, and splendid social programs were given without the help of missionaries. At Siong Do the auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Diong Daeng Lang, forty dollars were collected to repair their little church. This has given them a new interest in the church. The Sieu Liang auxiliary rents a room for their Bible woman. At Ching Sing Dong the women helped repair and furnish the rooms used by the Chinese F M. S. workers. For the present the auxiliaries are giving their support to the churches. They need to more fully realize their part in making the church a power for Christ. And the churches need their help now while they are trying so hard to become self-supporting.

We are most grateful to the friends for their continued interest and help during this time when great demands are coming from needy lands nearer home. China is in great need of help just now. Nothing but the gospel can bring peace to these millions of poor people. Do pray for us during these trying times.

Bible Teachers’ Training School

Phoebe C. Wells.

Twenty-eight students were enrolled in the Bible Teachers’ Training School. A year ago we felt keenly
the need of more suitable buildings. Students came, and after seeing the condition of our buildings, refused to enter. Our teachers and students met daily to pray for this special need. Their prayers were answered in an unexpected manner. A fine new building belonging to the American Board Mission was offered to us for a year, on condition we take charge of their Training School during the furlough of their Principal. We have been well housed for two terms, but as the school term draws to a close, we are again obliged to look for another building. Our difficulties and long waiting will help us to appreciate fully a building of our own when we get one. However we are thankful for the splendid work done by teachers and students. They are doing all in their power to make it a success.

The spiritual atmosphere of the school has been fine. Daily prayer meetings were held throughout the year. A spirit of earnestness in pleading for souls, and in going out after them, never failed to be present. For a number of days studies were largely laid aside for special evangelistic services. During the meetings the students chose special persons whom they had been trying to win for Christ. Some of these persons were invited to spend a few days with us as guests. It was inspiring to see the welcome given them by the students, and to see their united efforts in trying to bring them to a saving knowledge of the truth.

We do not have to go far to find souls, for close about us on all sides are hundreds of homes where Christ has never had a chance to enter. From my upper window I can look down into some of these homes. And never do I look without a feeling of intense pity as I compare their Christless lives with my own. Such miserable dark hovels opening on to narrow dirty streets! There is never a breath of pure air for it is always laden with vile odors, poisonous gas from the tin-foil that is constantly being prepared for beating. From early morn until late at night men and women are heard beating the tin-foil into sheets for idol worship. This is
the hardest kind of labor for the poorest kind of living. We are often tempted to ask "Under such circumstances is life worth while?" As we pass the open doors we pause to give a word of cheer, and come away with heavy hearts. We find in all these dark homes the same longing for a better life that is found in other lands. What chance is there for these poor people in a land where greed and oppression rule? We come back to our Bible school more determined to make it a success, for the gospel is the only door of hope for these poor down trodden people. From such homes as these come boys and girls, and young men and women to enter our mission schools, and they have gone back to lighten the burdens and to make life worth while.

One day a delicate young woman was bending over her task. The hammer was too heavy for her, but she dared not pause to rest, for there must be rice enough earned for herself and the crippled husband, who was lying helpless on the hard board bed in a corner of the room. She lowered her head to hide the tears that would come unbidden. Over and over she had thought of every way possible but there was no way of escape. How long would her strength be equal to the task? She was so busy with her own thoughts that she did not see a stranger enter the open door, and was startled at the touch of a gentle hand and a voice full of sympathy. The stranger seemed to come from another world. She brought love and sunshine into that dark room. After she had gone Ing Seng looked around the room. The mud floor and bare brown walls were the same, and yet somehow the room seemed to be filled with the presence of the stranger. New thoughts filled her mind as again she bent to her task. Hope had come to lighten the burden. The stranger, one of God's messengers, came again and again, until Ing Seng laid aside the hammer and followed her new friend to the Bible school. A few years with the Christian women made a wonderful change. The happy winsome young woman who returned to that home would never have been taken for the one who a few years ago
sat bending over her heavy task. She too had become a messenger for Christ.

In one class there are three bright young widows. As I look into their happy faces, and hear their songs and laughter, I remember each one as she came into the school. They came pale and anxious. They thought life had nothing in store for them but sorrow, for they had already learned that there is little love for a childless widow. What chance had a widow ever had? And now through the door of hope they have come into a life of joy and peace; a life full of promise. They remember the women who are still shut in and waiting, and are eager to give them the glad tidings.

If ever tempted to be discouraged, the faces of these three women would reprove me. “Does it pay to have a Bible school?” Yes, if only to give these three women a chance. And when I remember the scores of women who have come and gone, the sorrow turned into laughter, the messengers who have gone out into the homes and villages to find the weary and the lost, the scores of women, who have never heard the gospel, and never will hear it until we give them a chance, I repeat, “It does pay,” and it will pay until Christ comes again, and the “Earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

We do appreciate the help you have given. We are glad you have given the few an opportunity to be trained for service. The fields are calling for more workers. They need them, oh so much, for they are indeed “white unto the harvest.” We are looking to you to help us establish a Bible school, that down through the ages will continue to send out women prepared for service. The school is no longer for married women alone, but for any one who wants to prepare for service.

Magaw Memorial Hospital
Ellen M. Lyon, M.D.

Our motto here is “Do the next thing” and it is well so for in the medical and hospital work the next
thing is not what we planned to do even to the eating of a meal, for, with the accident cases that come and the sudden calls out it is one motto which we obey.

Last conference left us with Dr. Ling, Dr. Huong, Dr. Ding and Mrs. Sarah Su, our head nurse on whom we depend so much.

The Chinese doctors have cared for the dispensary, most of the out-calls and maternity cases, the drug room and have helped me look after the in-patients. Dr. Huong was virtually superintendent of the Nurses' Training School. They with Mrs. Su taught the nurses in the class room and instructed them as to how to care for the sick patients.

In July Dr. Lydia Ding was persuaded that she was needed more in Pekin than here, so we had to lose her. Her sweet spirit and willingness left its influence with us.

We graduated two nurses from the regular course of three years and seven from the course in midwifery. One of the two graduates from the three years course was called back to the mission school to which she belonged to be school-nurse, while the other one remained with us for a fourth year. Of the seven, two are helping us in the hospital, one being taught to be a druggist by our doctors month about, the other is teaching and acting as head surgical and floor nurse. One is married, one is helping in an English hospital, another is nursing among her own people, and two are acting as school nurses with splendid reports from their work.

We find we can report 865 in-patients for the past year, 265 above the number in the last printed report. We do not have the congested conditions as in the old hospital where there was room for only 40 beds. We now have 100 beds in the regular hospital and 40 beds in the contagious hospital. Our contagious rooms are not what we wish they were and yet many, many cases of measles and small-pox have been cured.

From lectures and textbooks we have heard of the loathsomeness of small-pox but we can little appreciate
the awfulness of it until we have to care for patients who have it. Last year some 30,000 died of it within the city wall of Foochow. Awful as it is, so that it causes one to pray as she enters the room, one of the nurses cared for the patients, washed their eyes night and day to save their sight. Not one who left us had sight less perfect than when they came. It was pitiful to see the little ones brought in blind from lack of care by the parents at home.

Last fall and winter brought also an epidemic of typhoid fever of which we had many cases. One of our nurses returned from her vacation with it and had only been here a short time until she died. Another was taken ill at home but after being brought to the hospital for treatment she recovered. Now we inoculate all new nurses for typhoid.

Our foreign ward has been in use for operative, obstetrical, scarlet fever and other cases.

Our Bible-women have had charge of the evangelistic work and every day the old, old story is repeated to young and old. They listen, learn, believe and receive His comfort. One of our Bible-women, Mrs. Ling, is president of our W.F.M.S. the first one which was organized in Foochow conference. We meet once a month in our Chapel. Last month on a rainy afternoon we had eighty present.

In September one of our old graduates, a doctor, came to help us. Besides her work as matron she has opened a dispensary among the boat women who seem to appreciate her very much.

September also brought Miss Simpson, who has taken over the training school, the hospital housekeeping and besides looks after the babies, little ones and old ladies. This year she has the leper work again.

Our branch hospital at Haitang is left entirely with Dr. Hung. She reports over 400 in-patients during the last year. We look after the finances and medical supplies, many of which are prepared here.

Our receipts are increasing. If not, we could not carry on our work. The patients fully expect to pay the
small consultation fee and the cost of the medicine. Of course, the poor we have with us always. We are grateful, indeed, to the dear friends in Baltimore Branch who provided funds that we might have free beds with the attendant blessing to the work. We have been able in that way to care for many small-pox and tubercular patients.

We also want to thank Dr. Gossard for his interest and help in laboratory and surgical work.

Woolston Memorial Hospital

Hu King Eng, M. D.

How glad we are to be daughters of the King, and we thank Him for many blessings bestowed upon us and our work. Dear Christian friends, if you were only here, could see what we have seen, and hear what we have heard, you would better appreciate what we say, and understand how we feel.

We have been unusually busy this year with many very sick patients. They were the given-up cases. Doctors refused to come and idols said they must die. For one of these, the coffin had been ordered and pall bearers engaged. Then some one suggested the family call Dr. Hu, a Christian physician to see if she and her God of Heaven could cure the poor woman. Thank God, He did deliver her from death. Just as soon as the old mother-in-law will give her consent, the whole family will become Christians. One discussion ran somewhat like this. "We want to join your hospital church and worship your God, but what shall we do with our idols. We can send them home to their temples with our promised offerings, and tell them not to come until we need their help again." Another conversation with a grateful family ran so. "We are very sorry our home is so far from the hospital. It is three miles away, and in case the idols should be displeased and come after us, we would not be able to run fast enough for our Dr. Hu to come, to help and protect
us." "Don't worry," said I, "I am the one who has caused you to change your faith. If the idols can do anything about it, they will very naturally come to me and not to you. I will either send this Bible-woman, or go myself to help you and to send all the idols away for you. Be not afraid, for my God is King of Kings and Jesus, His Son is the only Saviour for the world. He will always be with you."

We were able to save eighteen of the twenty-one given-up cases. One who died was a precious three-year-old son, who was sick with pneumonia. His death was due to the carelessness of a servant. The other two received our treatment, for a time, then became fearful, lest they displease certain idols. Men were sent to a temple to make inquiry. We are not surprised that the answers came—not to take treatment from the Christian doctor, but to go to certain noted idols. Limited space forbids my telling you the unspeakable ordeals these poor people experienced presumably at the hands of idols. No wonder one died about two weeks ago, and the other just yesterday morning. Dear friends, we still need your help.

A few figures will at a glance, give you an idea of what we have done during the year.
Inpatients 305, Outpatients 875,
Dispensary patients 11,600,
Receipts for the year $5,394.45, Silver,
Probationers in the hospital church 70,
Baptised children 44,
Receipts for pastoral support $79.80.
The new road in front of our property is wide enough for rikishas and even for carriages. Our share in the cost of the road was $900.00. With medicines and instruments at present prices, we were wondering how we could pay it, when an official, whose family we had treated several times in cases of protracted illness, offered as an appreciation, to pay $200.00 on the road. Other friends asked to help. Then our provincial officials sent
a message saying they would assume the whole assess-
ment. So you see my people, even the non-Christians,
are learning to give their money to the good cause. Your
work in this great non-Christian land is not in vain.

The Kutien Girl’s Boarding School

Paula Seidlmann Laura Frazey

Did you ever stay in your house safe and secure
and go quietly about your work while a heavy storm
raged without? If you have, you know something of how
we have felt this past year. Week by week in our city
small pox, plague or other disease has carried off num-
bers of people. In the villages and towns brigands have
systematically robbed the inhabitants. Everywhere there
has been trouble and fear, yet we have felt secure and
many times have we been led to offer up our Thanksgiv-
ing to God for protecting us and for the privilege of
working unmolested.

For a year and a half past our enrollment has ex-
ceeded our actual attendance by only two. Last January,
our class of six of the liveliest girls we have ever had
graduated. I am sure that war-time economy had nothing
do with it but this class who had caused us no little
trouble during their student days not by meanness but
by mischief, ever cropping out, certainly gladdened our
hearts when they came up to Commencement. None of
them could afford to spend much money and unlike some
of their better-behaved predecessors they would not go
into debt for the sake of a bigger display. Graduation
dresses and everything else connected with Commence-
ment were planned with extreme simplicity. They did
not even feel it necessary to buy skirts which they would
rarely use afterwards but wore ordinary suits of blue
muslin. Two of these girls are now studying in High
School in Foochow, two are teaching village day schools
and the other two who were married within a few days
after graduation are in their own homes.
When our new term opened we received 5 new girls each of whom had finished the four years Primary Course in their village day schools. We had 98 in attendance during the spring term but during the summer holidays, three of them went to their Eternal home. We lost the brightest girl in our head class. She had been a strong, sweet character in school but we had not known until after her death what her life in her heathen home was like. Her parents-in-law, for she was being brought up by them to be a wife for the son, were sad beyond comforting for a time. They could not say enough in praise of the beautiful life of the girl who had gone. Without anyone urging them to it, they gave her a Christian burial because they knew that she would wish it so. This, too, by a father who is a most zealous idol worshipper. We are hoping and praying that the death of this girl may be the means of bringing salvation to her home. Another a girl of sixteen had a most joyful death, calling her sisters about her to sing hymns as she left them.

During the year seven girls were baptized and two received into full membership in the church. Our girls gave $61.50 for pastor's salary and other benevolences this last year. At Christmas time they gave up most of their usual Christmas dinner so that the money ordinarily used for that could be turned into a Christmas gift for the church. Because of a shortage of funds all our Chinese churches were asked to increase their subscriptions this year. The church to which we belong was asked to raise fifty dollars above the previous year. When the Committee of our Church and the faculties of our schools met to plan a union Christmas entertainment, it was decided to have in addition to an offering for the poor, an offering for the Church. The idea of a gift for Christ took and everybody worked, and meanwhile prayed that we might get a generous gift for our King. On Christmas day when we met together, the offerings were put on four Christmas trees and we had some rather unusual decorations. On one tree hung a fish, dozens of unsweetened cakes strung like buttons on strings, other eatables,
shoulder shawls, cloth, garments and money. When all was gathered together the Church fathers were almost embarrassed by the amount. The needed $50.00 were raised, six or seven dollars were sent to the Tientsin flood sufferers with a generous offering for the poor of our city left.

We feel that we have never had a more helpful corps of teachers than the present one. Because they have worked so harmoniously and faithfully, the labors of the missionaries in charge have been materially lessened. Our trained nurse has been so efficient in looking after the health of the girls that we have been saved many a step. With one exception our teachers have all had High School or its equivalent and one has had a partial college course. These teachers all have church work such as teaching, officers in the Epworth League and Sunday School. Three of the young lady teachers not only teach in the regular S. S. but in an afternoon S. S. for street children. Three of the upper class girls also help in this.

Nothing in particular has marked the spiritual growth of the school but little things have made us feel that Christianity is becoming a vital force in the lives of many of our girls. Not long since, at an hour when no teacher was with our head class girls I walked into the class room unannounced. I wondered at the doors all being shut but found them all getting down on their knees. I expressed my regret for disturbing and one of them told me they were just going to pray for one of their class who was ill at that time. We have been specially gratified by the manifest desire of our teachers and older girls to do Christian work of any kind, and every time we have invited any one to do any special work or go out with us for evangelistic work in the homes there has been a ready and happy response. If by teaching and by example we can lead these girls, one and all to know Christ in such a way that they shall consider the advantages they have and the education they are getting only a means to enable them better to serve Him we shall
feel that our work, your money and your prayers are not in vain.

Kutien Kindergarten and Model Primary School

Paula Seidelmann

In our Kindergarten and Primary day-school we can only report growth. When we opened the work we were rather discouraged over the small enrollment on account of the tuition we charged, but now we have as many children as we can accommodate.

In the Kindergarten department we have an enrollment of sixty-one. The parents begin to trust us. The other day one very wealthy man of the city of Kutien said, “I never thought Kindergarten was anything but a place for play but since my little boy is attending it, I find him more polite and he does not use bad language, a thing which I could not break him of. He is also very obedient. A Christian Kindergarten is better than anything else to train children to be good and polite.”

Our Primary department has now an enrollment of sixty-four pupils so we can say that Kutien City is sending some children to school even if we must report that some of these sixty-four are from the district and board with us.

Right in the beginning of our work country friends wanted to entrust their little ones to us, and offered to pay all their expenses if we would only take them. So we were glad when we found that we could rent the neighboring house with a large garden, for a very small amount. We notified our country friends and the result was that not only Primary students but also Kindergarten children came, and they pay all their expenses. One church member, a travelling sales-man brought his little boy to us. This little boy is the sunshine of the place. A rich family living near our Kindergarten is sending two girls to
board with us. They really could go home every night and the family has servants to take care of the children but the father told us that he wants the children always under Christian influence. Another, a rich merchant, who recently became a member of our church, is putting his little girl under our full care for the same reason. Several Woman's School students are sending their children to board with us in their absence because they feel that the children are better off here than with relatives in their homes.

It is interesting to see the little ones play between school hours, always repeating the Kindergarten games and songs. The Primary pupils, even the older ones, learn the Kindergarten songs from the little ones and enjoy singing them. Thus we are assured that the children who return to the homes every evening teach the people in their homes what they have learned and so not only bring songs but undoubtedly tell the story of God's love to all who want to hear it. We have a great opportunity with those Kutien City children because through them we get into many homes, make many friends and thus are able to fulfill our object in coming to China to help save souls.

Four of our last year's pupils we lost. One was given away by her parents as a little daughter-in-law and three died. While I am writing these lines one of our dearest little boys, whose mother is our best Kindergarten teacher, is recovering from a light attack of plague. Had he not been inoculated we might have lost him.

As we have no opportunity to get Kindergarten teachers since our Training School was opened only last year, we have been keeping a few pupil-teachers in order to train helpers. That of course makes a great deal of extra work, but we hope the time is near when we shall be able to get trained teachers from our Union Kindergarten Training School in Foochow. One of our pupil-teachers has been preparing for four years and is able to lead the whole forenoon program without assistance.

In connection with our Kindergarten department we try to hold regular mothers' meetings. We know
many women in our neighborhood who when invited come regularly to our meetings. We do hope that this is another door by which to win women and through them win their whole families for Christ.

Our little ones fill a whole section in the new church. They will not stay away when they hear the bells ringing. While they do not understand the sermon they do learn to sit still so that others can listen. Every Sunday afternoon we assemble all the children who want to come to our Kindergarten Chapel for a meeting. To such meetings we invite older people and little children even too small for the Kindergarten but not too small to commit to memory a verse like, “The Lord is my Shepherd,” or, “God is Love.” Our own children and many outsiders attend. In short we invite everybody, old and young, who can not understand the Epworth League meetings, if they want to come to get a little Bible knowledge. In these meetings we have an enrollment of about 220. In connection with this we keep a cradleroll, just to have another opportunity to get into homes. These 220 friends are divided into fourteen classes and each teacher tries to impress the love of Christ on her pupils. We hope that some good seed is falling on good ground and will bring forth rich fruit.

We would not like to close this report without thanking all those friends for the help rendered to us by their prayers and their gifts. Certainly we should have been unable to look into so many happy faces and to hear so many happy voices last Christmas, had we not received so many tokens of love and interest in our work from the friends at home. Many thanks in the name of all the children whose hearts have been gladdened by your gifts.

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Kude District Bible Women and Day Schools
Laura Frazey

If you wish to know what becomes of many of the graduates of our Girls' Boarding School and the Women's Training School, I could show you if you would
take a trip with me around some twenty villages, nestling among hills as beautiful as God ever created. You might get weary of the sedan chair or the climbs over steep hills, or of the thronging crowds in places. You would perhaps feel heart sick over the dirt, squalor and ignorance that met you in every one of those villages, where man and beast and fowl live so contentedly in common dwellings. In every new place you would see or hear of sickness, loathsome skin diseases and inflamed eyes. You would find life in the dark Chinese houses rather wearing I fear, and dare say would feel not only the discomforts and lack of privacy, but the feeling of imprisonment which their shut-in houses gives one. But you would be gladdened by seeing in those wretched places, the village day-schools and the Bible-women, the centers of Light, which are beginning to lighten the way to intelligence and to God. Here and there temporarily living with the teacher would be a woman pointed out to you as one "possessed of a devil", and the teacher or Bible-woman would in some moment aside tell you, "We are keeping her because she is so much better with us and we are praying that God will cast out the devil,"

In all these places you would find only one real school building with proper equipment. This is the Stafford Kansas Model School. Last summer this place, with its clean play yard, light airy school rooms, seemed heavenly, after I had been four days examining schools in Chinese rooms where there was nothing really adapted to school use. Here we have two teachers and a properly graded school. This is excellent and we hope ere long to have other such buildings. On Sundays the teachers and Bible-women hold Sunday School there. They very much want a large bell, for the town has few clocks and the bell would facilitate prompt attendance. We hope that some of our friends will see fit to purchase the bell for us.

In just one other place do we have a graded school. This is conducted in a Chinese room with earthen floor,
blackened walls and wooden windows. The teacher has succeeded here in spite of her surroundings.

Our schools prove the feeders for our girl's Boarding School and the Woman's Training School. Five young women from our day schools entered the Preparatory class of our Woman's School in Kutien in September and a dozen more are hoping to enter next year. A number of girls hope to finish the four year's Primary course and enter the Girl's Boarding School at the beginning of next year. Year by year the greater part of the girls and women who enter our churches have been for some time in our day schools.

A yearly fee of twenty cents, although so small, has had the salutary effect of weeding out pupils who plan to go only long enough to get a Christmas present or some other material reward.

In February we held a week's Institute for our day school teachers. Thirty-seven from the two districts attended not counting the nine babies. We had a very helpful Institute as results since have shown. Daily model lessons have resulted in better teaching. An hour daily of practice work in telling Bible stories as they should be told to little folks has brought a new impetus to the teaching of Bible stories to the children and older ones alike. As I listened to the little ones tell so understandably the stories of the Bible characters, they had learned I could not but believe that these very stories would be the means of starting these little ones toward the kingdom.

Our Bible-women have helped much in getting the girls and women started to school and they also have gone to teach the ones who will not leave their homes and one by one the women are coming to Christ. They are the ones who are called in case of sickness and death. They also have had to cheer and bring courage to those women who have been so frightened and distressed when brigands visited their homes. Fully half of our Bible-women live in places where there are no pastors and if there are any religious services held, these Church
Mothers must conduct them. Despite their lack of preparation they sometimes cause me to wonder. I think now of a Sunday in a village where there was only one Christian family. On Sunday about 50 women and girls gathered and when the Bible-woman gave her message it was one that went home. She knew her flock and what they needed as we visitors could not. The work there is new but already there is a large inquirer's class.

Despite small salaries and heavy demands from the people about them, these women workers have raised 14 Mexican for Mission work. As we think of them and of you who are making it possible for them to labor we cannot but say, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

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Kutien Bible Training School,

Station Class, Day Schools and Bible Women.

MARY PETERS

Having spent so much of the year in America it seems a little incongruous for me to be writing the yearly report of the Kutien district work, namely: The Woman’s Bible Training School, Station Class, Day Schools, and Bible Women.

China has her own internal problems, bandits traversing the country, killing, robbing and intimidating the people. Fukien province is not exempt and Kutien district is suffering also. People are afraid to travel unless in the company of a foreigner for protection.

The Training School is full to overflowing this fall term. There are 27 women who are doing splendid work. They appreciate the value of an education and seem determined to get one. Two of them did Bible-work during the summer returning to school in September. One fine student married Dr. Coole’s medical assistant last winter, but continues her studies in the school and pays her
board. They are all earnest and I believe are Christians. It is touching to hear them, with tears, relate the story of their lives to the present time. Many are widows. They praise God for leading them to the light and from their dark closed quarters into our school where they are advancing spiritually, mentally and physically. Everyone will fill some important place or calling for which you have helped them prepare. Keep on. Your prayers and gifts are doing more in a quiet way here than in many other places.

The Station Class has a nice lot of women also. There are 20 this fall and winter term. A class of six finished the year's course last June and are now hard at work in the Training School. The people are coming to see that if China is to take her place among the nations of the world it must depend largely upon the women of the land. The efficiency of the home rests with the mother. What can take the place of a wise, efficient, loving mother? A Christian mother makes a Christian home, and Christian homes make a Christian nation. Let us do all we can to help the women of China to come into their possessions in Christ and we need not then fear for the nation. There is One, the One who brought us here, who can do this. May we then be fit instruments in His hands.

The Day Schools are in great demand. Some changes of place and teachers have been made, and I would feign supply other places where they are anxiously waiting, but at present I have no workers for them. In three different places the Chinese have generously offered a part of their own houses for the day school, including rooms for the teacher and Bible-woman. One man proposes to pay $3.00 a month for a time in addition to giving the use of his house. The teacher who has gone there writes that the rooms in a large new house are very nice. They realize that the schools benefit the community. The scholars are to pay 20 cents each in advance. The Seng Leng preacher brought me $10 in advance from a village on his circuit and the names of eighteen scholars
with more to follow. At Dio A Mrs. Ling Nguok Hiong is teaching a school of women and girls in their beautiful new house, which they offered for the present. She desires to repay to some extent what God has done for her. Her husband is a graduate of our Foochow College and is in the Nanking University. We need two buildings on the district, one at Dio A and one at 18th Township for model day schools. Who will give $1000 for a model day school? Who will give $200 for the furnishing of the two school rooms and teacher’s and Bible women’s rooms? There are 22 day schools on the district. The teachers’ institute was held during the winter vacation and Miss Hefty, who was in charge of the work while I was home, reports a profitable session.

There are 22 Bible-women on the Kutien district. Since my return, on the two trips I have taken around the district examining day schools, it has been refreshing to see the teachers and Bible-women in their work and the Chinese friends in their homes. The Bible-woman’s conference was held in May with over 40 women. Miss Frazy and I held our two conferences together. The days were full of teaching, examinations, instruction and prayer. It did my heart good to see the women from our Training School and to realize what splendid workers they are making. Truly this work pays. You would be delighted to go to a village, see the crowd, witness the examination of a school and see the Bible-woman, a Mother in Israel, among her people. May we prepare more of them and send out more to gather the hungry, thirsty multitude into Christ’s kingdom, Matthew 25:35,36. “For I was hungry and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me.”

The Girls’ Boarding School

Ursula Tyler

“The lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places,” are the words that have been most often in my heart and
thoughts during the past few months. Though the whole world has been torn with the sufferings of war; though China in torn with civil strife and we know not what any hour will bring; and though our own Minchiang District has been the scene of frequent battles and much suffering yet we in our Lek Du valley have felt safe and happy and no harm has come to us. We have been thankful that most of our girls could come back to school and for the sense of security and safety they have felt with us, and very often their confidence in the Father and in us has quieted our own hearts when we have been fearful lest the brigand troubles near by would disturb them. The very night the brigands were expected, though in all the Chinese houses about us there was panic and fear, and the air was rent with the sound of warning bombs and bugles and temple gongs, yet there was in our big study hall the accustomed incessant sound of quiet study. Though many of the girls knew that in their own homes that night there was disquiet and fear they could be trustful and confident.

We have tried very much the past year to teach the girls lessons of service and the results have been indeed gratifying. When our six girls graduated in the winter Miss Ruby Sia came to us and gave us a most helpful address on “Serving Others”. Our church was nicely decorated in ropes of green and over the pulpils in big Chinese characters of green were the words “Freely ye have received, freely give” What more appropriate text could have been found for a class of Chinese girls to whom the way of life has been opened in a Christian Mission School? As we listened to the address, thought about the words of the text and looked into the awakened countenances of our six girls and then thought of the many, many women of China who have not had their privilege we determined to increase in zeal our efforts to teach our girls what real service means: to teach them their duty and privileges,
In April Miss Smith, travelling secretary of the Y. W. C. A., came to us and told us of the opportunities for service through the Y. W. C. A. It seemed just the thing we needed and after she went away we talked it over, and the girls decided they wanted to organize. The organization is proving the blessing we have wanted it to be and through it the girls have seen their opportunity for service. Not only are they learning confidence in themselves to lead meetings and pray aloud but every girl pledged herself before she went home for the summer vacation to do something helpful for the people in her own home and vicinity during the summer. Various but most interesting were the reports at the first meeting after school opened. Every girl had something to tell, something that was of interest to her and she knew it would be of interest to others. Many of them told of Sunday School classes they had taught, others told of Bible classes of women or children, one girl had taught a woman in her house to read the Romanized so she could read her Bible, another had helped her father to learn to read, one girl in a far away heathen home and tried to teach the people in her house something of sanitation and cleanliness, most of them had taught little children to sing hymns and had told them Bible stories. When the preachers of our District met in their annual District Conference we were made pleased and happy listening to their reports for many of them mentioned the willing service the girls had given in their home churches during the vacation. One of the girls recently graduated gathers the children of her village together every Monday afternoon and has a little meeting with them. What a merry band of twenty-five or thirty they are as they sit on the long benches in the “Heaven’s Well” and listen while she tells them a story and teaches them a song and then shows them how to do a bit of hand work with a colored crayon and a nice American postcard with white paper over the writing on the back. But most of all perhaps they love the little play time of hand-clapping or other simple drill exercise which she learned at school.
One of the girls told me of her efforts to live the Christ like life in her own home during vacations. She said her home was small and dark and crowded and there never was any place to pray and there was always work to do with so many little children about. But she said "My little sister and I always bowed our heads for grace before meals and tried to read our Bibles and pray every morning." Her parents are not Christians and she said "Oh, I'll be so happy when they become Christians." She seems to realize the service that is so plainly set before her and I am praying with her that she may be constant.

We have been thankful for signs of growth in the spiritual life of the girls, oh, so very thankful. The Y W C A. prayer-band meeting at noon every day has been most helpful and the girls who have the privilege of belonging to that band are feeling in their own hearts a need of purity and a desire for a deeper prayer life. They are realizing that prayer is a real service that they can render one another and it has been interesting to note the things for which they ask prayer. Their own land of China is never forgotten and daily do we pray that strife may cease and the people of this land come to know the Christ. The girls sometimes ask prayer for themselves, as the girl who is President of the Y W C A. asked that we pray that her heart might be made pure. Another asked one day we pray that she might be able to do her Arithmetic acceptably this term. And so they are learning to pray not only prayers for themselves but helpful prayers for others.

Yes, surely the "lines have fallen to us in pleasant places" and we thank the Father not only for quiet and the beauty about us here but most of all for the privilege of working with him, for the enrichment and blessing that come to our own lives as we live and work with these people, many of whom are walking very close to the Master.
Report of the Hai Tang Work

Edith F. Abel

As I think back over the past year, it seems scarcely more than a month ago that I came over to this island to try to take the place of Miss Jones while she was in America, and yet it has been more than a year, and again I am on Hai Tang trying as before, "to fill in" this time until Miss Ebly returns. Truly the time flies. It has been a happy year and tho some discouraging things have gathered at times, like a storm over us, we have always found a silver lining and thru it all have heard the Father's voice and felt his presence.

One of the happiest times of the whole year was that time which means so much of joy and happiness in Christian lands—the Christmas season. Because of much plague on the street we had to omit some of the usual festivities and could not invite the non-Christian people to take part with us. But the day before Christmas our girls gave a very interesting program to which they invited the Christian women. They all came, glad for an opportunity to break the dull monotony of their lives, and I am sure enjoyed the program almost as much as the girls did getting it ready. We invited them into our parlor afterward for tea and cakes and their faces shone when we added to these a little gift consisting of a handkerchief and a pretty postcard.

On Christmas night the girls gave the "White Christmas." In the soft candle light it was especially impressive and touched many hearts with its message of service for others. The happiest moment of this happy season was when the girls brought their gifts and in the name of the Babe whose birth we were celebrating, offered them to His needy ones. It seemed to us then that the whole "radiant throng" burst into a song of joy, and I know they hovered very near the girls in that moment. The girls, to whom even a penny is a rare possession, had denied themselves and had given almost six dollars to be used for those who were more needy than themselves,
With this we bot rice, wood and cloth which was distributed by a committee. Of course it was all much appreciated but I want to tell you what the gift meant to one woman. She had been a church member but because of much trouble and many hardships had become indifferent, and seldom if ever came to church. She was ill at Christmas time and in such needy circumstances that we felt she should be one of those remembered with a gift. Her heart was much touched but she could not understand why anyone should love her enough to give her rice and wood. She talked about it for days and thru that small gift was brot to really know the Christ and His gift to her. She was anxious to get well that she might go to church and show to others the new joy she had found. But she did not get well. In two weeks God took her to Himself, but she went from her little dark room with joy on her face and peace in her heart because she had learned the meaning of love.

Our next event was Commencement, which came just before the China New Year. Our class was not as large as some, only six girls, but they were such earnest Christians and had been such a help and inspiration that we wondered how we could get along without them. They have gone out to continue their Christian work in other channels. Two are in Foochow, one taking the High School course and the other nurse training; one is married, and the other three are teaching in our day schools, all in villages where there has never before been a school.

Our new Senior class seems to have caught the helpful spirit of these six girls and they entered upon the new year's work with a determination to make it the best year in the school's history. They organized themselves into a Self Government Society which has had such a helpful influence on the school that neither we nor the teachers have had any disciplining to do. Every Sunday afternoon they go with some of the younger pupils and the teachers to near by villages where they hold Sunday School, and in various other ways they are proving their worth.
One thing we have introduced this term that we feel will have a helpful influence on the girls is a play hour after school three evenings each week. One of us with a teacher to assist takes charge of the hour and it is very encouraging to see the interest and the spirit with which the girls enter into the games. At first it was difficult to persuade them to take any part whatever, but now they are most eager to play and if for any reason one has to miss an evening she is much disappointed. During nice weather we have the games out of doors, but when it is stormy we play inside. The girls are not only learning many new games but also how to play and to do team work and are acquiring a spirit of friendly competition which the Chinese so often lack.

Of course you want to know about our day schools. They are always interesting and like the lighthouse which stands off the coast of our island they shed their bright rays out over a sea of blackness and these rays reach farther and save more lives than we ever know. We have twenty-eight of these day school lights scattered over the island, including one on a small island off Hai Tang, and in these schools some three hundred girls are learning of the Light of the World. In one village, where the teacher has had no higher education than our school here gives, is one of the very best schools I have ever seen any place. There is only one Christian family in the village and as they had a daughter whom they wished to educate they wanted a school and we were glad indeed that we had this earnest Christian girl to send them. She has an almost perfect school in every way. Every Sunday she takes all her pupils and walks to another village some distance away to attend church, and she has already been able to persuade some of the people to unbind their feet. Needless to say that not only her pupils but the entire village love her, and when a few weeks ago I was needing a teacher for our model day school here and wrote asking her if she could come, the pupils and villagers begged so hard for her to stay that I could not insist that she come in here.
DAY SCHOOL PUPILS, MINTSING GAING

DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, MINTSING
Our Bible-women too, especially those here in Tang Tau, have been doing splendid work with their Romanized classes. Not a day passes, if the weather permits, but it finds them out teaching. If the women who are learning feel they are too busy some days to study, the Bible-women help them with their work so they can have a few minutes for study. Only a few weeks ago I examined a class of fifteen women who had learned to read during the summer, so now we have left in this village not more than have a dozen Christian women who cannot read their Bibles, and our women hope to have them ready for examination in a few weeks. Once a month I hold a mid-week meeting at the church for the women and they seem to enjoy it and receive help from the splendid talks given by a teacher or Bible-woman.

On the whole it has been a good year and if their have been discouraging things to meet, and we have made mistakes, we trust they have driven us closer to our Master and that they may be made stepping stones to years of greater usefulness.

Day Schools

Edna Jones

If I could take you with me for a trip around the district and let you look in on each group of little girls studying in the seventeen day schools I am sure you would say, "I want to have a part in that work for there you are laying the foundations for a Christian China." Then if you could stop and get acquainted with each group, hear their ready answers in examinations, note their happiness in their school work, and study the bright little faces showing such wonderful possibilities you would understand my joy in this work and my longing to be able to give more time to it, that the opportunities in it may be more fully used. You would see how each school
has its own individuality and its special points of interest and attractiveness, so you would be undecided when you reached home just which school you liked best. You would wonder as you saw some of the school rooms and noted their crowded, unsanitary conditions and the confusion of work going on near by, how the teachers manage to get the results they do under such conditions. At other places you would be glad to see how the people of the village have fixed up the school rooms making them fairly convenient and sanitary. In all of them you would see that the teachers have made the rooms attractive by bright pictures on the walls and by the orderly arrangement of tables, benches, and other simple school apparatus.

I am glad to report that we now have one building of our own which is a model of beauty, convenience, and brightness, and is equipped with suitable furniture. It is a brick building surrounded by a neat brick wall, and it contains four school rooms, three bedrooms for teachers and Bible women, reception room, dining room and kitchen. This building is located at the County Seat, an important center. Many people come to see it and this gives the Bible-woman who lives there an opportunity to tell them about Jesus who loves the little ones, and because of whose teaching this beautiful building has been given for teaching them to know and love Him. During the year two of the pupils of the school have died and though they were both from heathen homes, each of them before her death talked about Jesus and heaven and said she was not afraid. This made a great impression on their parents who are now asking the Bible-woman and pastor to tell them more about this teaching that delivers from fear of death. The school is proving to be the opening into the homes and hearts of these conservative people and we rejoice that they are beginning to turn to the light. There have been sixty-eight pupils in the school this year, but this fall the work has been greatly hindered because of troubles with brigands. A few weeks
ago there was a battle between soldiers and brigands and this took place so near the school that bullets broke glass in the windows. Since then it has been difficult to keep the school together, as they fear another battle, but we are hoping that the troubles in this land will soon be settled and that the school may then regain its former flourishing condition.

The villagers of Lek Du have united and bought a piece of land which they have presented to us for the use of a Model Day School, so we hope soon to have another building of our own where the little girls may be taught in more ideal surroundings.

At Eleventh Township, though the pupils are in one of the very most unideal rooms, they are always so well prepared, following the course of study so carefully that I come away from a visit there feeling thankful for this school with its faithful teacher and group of ready learners. Several pupils have come from this place to the Boarding School and quite a large class expect to enter this winter after completing the Primary course there.

At Third Township the little teacher, only two years out of the Boarding School, is overworked with her twenty-three pupils, each requiring so much individual help with the difficult Chinese character. If we could afford two teachers for the school they could easily have more than thirty pupils and the two working together could get greater results.

In one school the needle-work in which the teacher is proficient has proved an attractive feature and the pupils are proud to show the various articles they have made. Among these are covers for their cloth shoes and hats which they have crocheted from bright-colored cotton. The teacher is now planning to have the pupils knit and crochet little articles to send to patrons of the school. This was her own idea and she gave as her reason that the children were receiving so much from friends in America she would be glad if they could do something to show their appreciation.
Some of the teachers, besides teaching their students all day, have classes for women in the evening, where they are not only taught to read but are also taught the way of salvation.

At Chinese New Year time we had an Institute of ten days and all the twenty-two teachers were present, though they had to pay their own travelling expenses and board while at the Institute, and it meant giving up about half of their vacation time. As I have been detained from doing much itinerating this fall, because of brigands on the district, I have not been able to get to the schools regularly and so am especially glad for this help we were able to give them at the beginning of the year.

The amount received for tuition this year is an advance over that of last year, and though it seems a small sum from each one yet it has been more than enough to cover all the travelling expenses for day schools and evangelistic work.

While we are far from satisfied with our present attainment, yet we feel that we are making some progress in this important work, so we "thank God and take courage" and look forward to better things in the year to come.

Bible Women

EDNA JONES

We have just closed a twelve-days Institute with the Bible-women and it has been a time of blessing and inspiration. Many of the women are old and definite study is hard for them, but they were so eager to get any new thoughts that might help them with their work that they would pore over the books and tracts we were considering trying to decipher the difficult characters. How I long for the time to come when we shall have a greater variety of helpful literature printed in some easier medium. But with the help of teachers they were
able to get the thoughts and proudly answered the questions asked in the simple examinations given at the close of the studies. They all wanted other new tracts to take home with them and those who read chiefly Romanized said they would have the day school teachers help them so they could make use of the tracts. The most interesting period for me each day was the conference hour in which reports were given and methods of work discussed. We came to a fuller appreciation of their difficulties and their sincere earnestness in their work and feel that we should constantly support them by our prayers. When given the opportunity all gladly become members of the League of Intercession and the Stewardship Band.

The Bible-women all reported classes studying the Catechism and numbers of women have become Christians through this study as a beginning. One said that she believed in getting classes started in homes even if only the children would study. She told of one instance where she had, by much persuasion, been able to get a class started among a group of children in a home where the people had always been unwilling to listen to her teaching. She kept on going to teach the children regularly, the mothers at their work making remarks occasionally about what the children were reading. Recently to her own surprise she says three of these mothers have told her that they want to learn to be Christians and every week they come to church and to the Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting for women. At another place a woman became interested through hearing her little grand-daughter read the Catechism which she brought home from the day school. The woman wanted to learn to read it so the little girl began to teach her. The Bible-woman went on with the work and the woman has now read two of the books and is an earnest believer and a church member.

At Fifth Township where the women began studying at a Bible meeting held there two years ago a large number have gone on with their study of Catechism,
hymns, and Romanized books, and whenever I visit the place a company of them come together to show me what progress they have made. They take a great interest in learning hymns as they say they are ashamed not to be able to sing in church when the men do. I went with the Bible-woman into a wealthy home where some women were studying. About a dozen women gathered with us in one of the large bedrooms, some to read what they had learned and others to listen. One dear old lady over sixty said that she could recite a hymn, and when we signified our desire to hear, with great precision she recited the Doxology, her face beaming with pride and satisfaction because she had learned something. As we passed another house some women came out and urged the Bible-woman to come in. They were a class of probationers and they wanted her to come and teach them to read the ritual so that they could respond properly when they were baptized and received into the church.

Our Bible-woman reports the large number of idols, incense burners, bound-footed shoes, and other symbols of idolatry that have been given to her and rejoices over this as it means to her that they have given up the heathen superstitions which have bound them.

When Ai Cio went to Tenth Township last winter she found it most discouraging. It is a small village far away in the mountains where a church has recently been established and though there were a good many men attending church their wives had had no teaching and clung to their old superstitions. There was an epidemic of small-pox and in nearly every home someone was down with the disease. The few women who had previously come to church would not come then but stayed at home and performed idol ceremonies to get rid of the evil spirits that they thought were the cause of their affliction. Ai Cio says she was very homesick and disheartened, but she felt the Lord had sent her to that place to save the women and she must do it. So she decided to go to the homes to try to comfort and help. She was told she
must not go lest she get the disease, but she said she would be careful and was not afraid. So she went around to the small-pox infested homes with words of consolation and cheer and was welcomed as an angel of light. She was able to reach the hearts of the women in their need and they began coming to church and seeking to know the truth that could make them free. When I held a Bible class there last spring they came in large numbers, were most responsive to teaching, and gave testimony to the goodness of God in saving them. The Bible-woman reports that since that meeting the opportunity has been increasingly great and they are asking for another meeting to be held there. There are now some tens of women who are believers and fourteen are preparing for entrance into the church. This summer the brigands have troubled the place and people have fled to the church for safety, as these lawless bands do not disturb our churches. This has given the Bible-woman such a good chance to teach the people the doctrine that she feels it is a case of God making the wrath of man to praise Him.

These are times of great opportunity and great need. May we unite our prayers for this band of workers on the very front of the firing line, that their service may be richly rewarded and the light be brought to many who have long been sitting in darkness.

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Women’s School

Edna Jones

A year goes by so quickly and when the time comes for a review of what has been done during the months we say to ourselves, “It is so little.” And so it is when one reckons only by what can be put down in statistics. But when we look into the faces of the more than twenty women and see there a new brightness; when we hear their testimonies and prayers showing an increasing
knowledge of God; when we note their willingness to serve even when it requires a personal sacrifice; and when we think of how very rarely their conduct in school calls for reproof, we ask ourselves again, "Is it so little?" Truly one can learn many lessons from these women who are able to adapt themselves to the new life in school, and to live and work together so harmoniously. Their ability to learn at their age is a constant surprise to us, and their responsiveness to spiritual teaching, put into practice in their daily lives is a cause for gratitude.

We are still occupying rooms in a Chinese house and from our school we see many entertaining (though to us, pitiful) sights in the general reception room opposite. One day a short time ago it was an all-day performance to drive away the "Dog of Heaven" spirit from a family whose children were ill and were supposed to be troubled by this "dog." One man took the part of a dog and another was the tiger that chased him away. A few days later a man who had been cured of eating opium had a service to offer thanks to "Great Uncle" the "unknown god" who was supposed to have helped him. The mother of the baby who was ill brought the child out to this service and gave it some of the tea used in the ceremony hoping that this would cure her baby. Should this prove efficacious hereafter she too would worship "Great Uncle." We feel that we are brought into close touch with heathenism right here in the house where the school is located and it is our constant prayer that we may save these people whose hearts have thus far proved stony ground.

We have several new women in the Station Class this year who are self-supporting. They are all promising students and we hope they will continue for the work of the Training School.

The course of Study conforms with that of the Primary and Intermediate schools, with more Bible in addition. The women usually complete the four years more for the Intermediate course, while others (as a rule
the older women) take only two years of special Bible training, preparatory to being Bible-women.

Two were graduated from this Bible-women's course last spring and are now both in important places doing good work. Four more will be graduated this winter.

When the students go home for the summer vacation they are given blanks for reporting their daily Bible study and voluntary service along various lines. The reports this fall accompanied by their verbal accounts had a note of earnestness which showed that the students realized while they were home that they could be of use to the Master there. Nearly all of them reported the teaching of the Catechism, Ten Commandments, and selected Bible verses to members of their families and people in their villages. One woman said that she could not get her mother-in-law to go to church so she had told her the story of the S. S. lessons each Sunday. Several had been able to teach others to read Romanized, one of these being a woman who had been in school only one term. Some had induced women to unbind their feet and one had made and presented a pair of shoes to a woman who had thus yielded to her persuasion. They told with enthusiasm of how people in their homes or at their relatives homes where they had been visiting, had wanted them to tell about the doctrine and of how glad they were to do this. Their joy in reporting these and all opportunities showed that in doing for others they had themselves been blessed.

While only a small per cent of those who come to us remain to graduate, many who have to stop earlier because of home duties are being used in their own villages in teaching others the many new things they learned while in school. So we are glad to have them come and have this opportunity to learn if only for a few months. One old lady who lives near the school, for three terms came and studied a half day and worked at home the other half day. She learned to read Romanized and
during the two years. Since she left school her daily reading of the Bible has proved a power in her life. As a result, in her poor little home where she works very hard for a living, she is a shining light and God has used her to bring her husband to Christ, while others are being led to church and coming to believe in this teaching which can bring so much joy to an old woman who has little of this world's goods.

The graduates from our school are occupying various places of usefulness as Bible-women, day school teachers, nurses, and pastors' wives. When we think to what an extent we are depending upon these workers for the salvation of our women on this district we realize anew how important is the work of the women's school. Here are being trained those who are to go on with this work of bringing our women to Christ, so we pray that they may come to know Him in a vital way themselves while they are with us, that they may be "instruments meet for the Master's use" when they go out from us into the fields white for the harvest.

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The Hospital

Ursula Tyler

Last January the work of the hospital was given over to Dr. Ciong, our Chinese Doctor, by Dr. Carleton. It seemed desirable that she should have some experience in charge of affairs before Dr. Carleton should go on furlough. In the nine months covered by this report there have been more than two hundred men, women and children treated as in-patients. There has been no perceptible decrease in the number of patients coming daily to the dispensary for treatment, medicines and milk and we are glad to report also that the receipts for such seem about the same for the same length of time as when Dr. Carleton was with us. The five girl nurses have been kept busy generally with the women and children and the
one boy nurse has had all he could do to care for the several men, who have been here in numbers of fourteen, sixteen or twenty all the time. Dr. Ciong has been so splendid with those men and they hold her in the highest regard. They come over to the main hospital daily and there she sees them and prescribes for them. Hardly Andy is ever ready with his open Bible and before they leave for their homes every man knows something about the Christ and if it happens that he has had to be there some weeks he is then able to repeat the Lord’s Prayer or perhaps read a few verses from the Bible. He has learned what prayer is and whom the Christians worship and many, many times men have come to give their hearts to the Christ before going back to their homes.

Huoi-Mu, the dear little old lady, who has been there for many years as Bible-woman and matron is just as diligent in teaching the women and children. Almost every afternoon or evening she can be found with a little group of them about her in a corner of the chapel and there she is telling them about Jesus and how happy he can make their lives if they but let him come into their hearts. She teaches them to repeat verses of the Bible and is very proud if on Monday morning at chapel every woman can stand up before others in the chapel service and repeat the verse or verses she has learned that week. These women going back to their homes are happy to tell others that they have really learned something there and repeat to their many admiring friends what they have learned. Thus the seed is sown. One poor woman from very far away came with a sore foot. All the native Doctors told her she had leprosy and a great fear was upon her. She had wasted much of her substance in paying these doctors and sacrificing to idols that she might have relief but no relief came. Then she came to the hospital and there was assured that she had no leprosy and could soon be made well. The few weeks she was there were happy ones for her and she learned to believe in Christ and worship him and when she went home with
her foot all well, made so with foreign medicines and patient care, she went to tell others of the wonderful little Doctor who could do such things and more than all else she is constantly telling of the Master she has come to love. Many people from her village have also come to the hospital, and the woman herself is as a light shining in that darkness. When Dr. Ciong told me about it she said "Oh, I am so glad we could keep the hospital open this year." And so am I and so are very many people who are being helped and blessed by it.

We have missed Dr. Carleton very much and never so much as now. Last June Dr. Ciong's little boy, Luke, was taken ill with a slow fever. She did everything she could do for him but nothing seemed to help. It was pitiful to see her poring over the big medical books trying to solve the problem of how to save her baby and the tears would stream down her face as she would try to decide. How we did wish for our own Dr. Carleton or for some other who could help. Her sorrow over the loss of him was inexpressible for he was the pride of her heart. She was very tired and worn with the long weeks of watching and care and as her sympathetic neighbors expressed it "the sorrow has entered her blood" and all the fall she has not been well. It may be that we shall have to close down the hospital for a few weeks until she rests a little but she is determined that it shall not be so. She begs that we wait a little longer and she will try to rest more and eat better food and so will be able to keep the work going. She has been so splendid and brave and strong and cheerful even with the burden of her sorrow over her heart and we have all admired and loved her.

Handly Andy is the same blessed, helpful man he has been for years looking after the repairs and taking care of gardens and buildings. Doctor does her share in superintending and seeing to sick people and the nurses have been so kindly helpful in doing whatever tasks were assigned them. They have all worked together
so splendidly with one purpose and aim to make the hospital while Dr. Carleton is away the same blessing to all the needy folks about that it is when she is here.

Report of Lungtien, Futsing and West Futsing Districts

CARRIE M. BARTLETT

This has been an unusual year in many respects in our Futsing work. Last April Miss Hurlbert was called home to America, and that left all the work of the Boarding School, Woman’s Training School, Day Schools and Bible-women to one missionary.

The teachers in the boarding school have taken added responsibility, and so things have gone on even better than we anticipated under the circumstances. This term opened up auspiciously, three girls dropped out, but two news ones entered, so our enrollment remained practically, the same. We were just nicely started in the term’s work, when a young man from Yunnanfu, who had been away for a number of years came home and wished to claim his bride, one of our most dependable teachers. We could not say “No”, when he had come home purposely to marry her, so began to cast about in our minds as to how to plan for her work. About a week later, one evening, when we had returned from a day-school trip, the news met us, “Dr. U has returned, and he is going to marry Ai Ging on Monday.” This was Thursday, and Ai Ging was another teacher. We began to wonder, if Cupid had designs on all our teaching force. Dr. U is a surgeon in the Chinese army, and only had a few days leave, so we have “war brides” even in China. Two weddings in a school within two weeks, is upsetting to say the least, but we looked happy over it, ate the feasts, did all we could to help things along, then settled down to what we hoped would be solid work till Christmas time any way.
For a week or so everything went on normally, then next came influenza, and that has been more upsetting even than cupid, for hardly a girl in school has escaped. At present writing forty-seven of our sixty-three girls are down, and sixteen of them in the hospital, and this is only the fifth day. Thanks to Dr. Li’s skill, and good nursing, they seem to be making good recovery. Needless to say, we are having a forced vacation, and it looks more like a hospital than a school.

Despite the difficulties, the year has been a good one. The girls have been studious, and their deportment excellent, Good Christian work has been done in the Y.W.C.A., for the older girls, and the junior Y.W.C.A., for the younger ones. Last spring the missionary department of the Epworth League asked for volunteers for Sunday afternoon village work, and all girls old enough for this work responded, and with Training School women, teachers, and Bible-women as leaders of bands, they have gone out into Ngu Cheng and surrounding villages, holding services in the churches or homes, and then at Epworth League that same evening, reports of the afternoon’s work were given. These reports were encouraging to say the least, and we could see that the work had a marked influence on the spiritual lives of the girls, and we know their coming meant much to the women and children, whom they taught.

January 29th a class of seven was graduated. This class had the distinction of being the first class in which not one girl was yet betrothed. Five of the seven went on to Foochow to continue their studies in the high school, and the others are teaching in two of our two teacher day-schools.

Christmas was again a time of giving as well as receiving, and many of our church poor were made happy, because our girls and women and others gladly shared with them. We wish to thank the friends in America, who so generously supplied us with gifts, so that Christmas was a happy time for all,
Our woman's Training School has been smaller this year, due to the fact first, that it had been closed for a year, and so some women were lost to us, and in the second place, we charged a tuition fee of two dollars, and even this small fee may have kept some from coming. It has been a good year on the whole, a class of two will graduate at Chinese New Year. There was a third, one of the dearest women in school, but when the dreaded small pox reached us last spring, she was taken. We do not grieve for her but for the young husband, just out of the Theological School, and needed such a wife to help him, and for the work which we felt needed her so much. But we know the work is our Father's and He knows best.

The Training School women, besides their Sunday afternoon visitation work, have been excellent helpers in the Sunday School. This year we have been teaching Romanized, and the third year and fourth year pupils have been teachers. The last quarter hour is taken by the Bible-woman and the matron of the Woman's School in turn, giving a short and interesting talk on the Sunday School lesson. We have found this plan to work very successfully. We have now eight women, who have commenced to read the Romanized New Testament, and are very enthusiastic now that they can commence to read the Bible.

The day-schools have done well considering the lack of supervision. We started the year with twenty-one schools, four of them having two teachers each. Our most promising new school has been the one opened at the social center in Futsing city for the daughters of the gentry. The request came from them, and has had their hearty cooperation. The district magistrate was much interested, putting up proclamations, urging the people to send their girls to school, and on the opening day he came in person and made a speech. For some time through the social center, the church has been in touch with the men of the gentry families, but this is the first
opportunity to reach the wives and daughters, and we feel that it is a great opening. The teachers have visited in the homes, and have been most cordially received. The father of one of the girls, probably one of the most influential gentry in the city has asked to join the church. He was most interested in the school, and himself promised to be responsible for one hundred dollars toward its support. Just at present our city day-school work is at a standstill, because of the political conditions, but things are beginning to quiet down and we hope soon to be at work again.

Siong Giang on the Ngu Ka circuit has afforded another splendid opportunity for day-school work. This school was new last year, and increased in attendance this year, till they needed two teachers. Siong Giang is a large, well-to-do village, and has as yet been little touched by Christianity, so we are especially glad for this opening through the day school and an opportunity to bring the Gospel to these houses. The junior teacher is one of our recent graduates, Miss Ding Gie Saeng who was supported by the King's Heralds of Warrington Mo., so thru this teacher, the K. H. are definitely reaching the children of China. I wish they could have been with me, when I examined the school a few weeks ago.

We should like to mention other schools, for in the main, the work has been good in all of them. One step in advance has been the charging of a small tuition fee this year. Some have not been happy to pay, but it will soon be considered a regular thing and thus another step toward self-support.

We started out with large plans for Evangelistic work this year, hoping to push the Romanized Chinese, by organizing a study class on each circuit, where there was a Bible-woman, who could follow up the work. But here again, we had not counted on all the work being left to one missionary. During the fall and early spring, six circuits were visited, and on five of them classes started, but since April, when we had to take over the Boarding
School too, we could not give them any personal supervision, not even examine them. So we fear except in one or two places, that only at Lungtien and Futsing, where there have been foreigners to push the work, little has been accomplished. At Deng Aing, twenty-one women started, and when the Bible-women went to examine them at the end of the first term, some sixteen or eighteen were examined. At Hai Kau, the last place we visited, a few women will soon be able to commence the Bible. Our largest class is in Futsing city, where Mrs. Worley has been pushing the work. She has succeeded in making our Bible-woman there enthusiastic over Romanized, and we feel that a real victory.

The beginning is small, but we are not discouraged, we pray that very soon there may be at least one missionary for Evangelistic work in this great field. The Bible-women must have the help and encouragement of the missionary, if they are to succeed. The Chinese District Superintendent in his report to the annual conference this year, says the time is ripe for an Evangelistic Campaign, yet feels that there must be more foreign leadership if a campaign suited to the times can be carried out: If this is true in the work among men, how much more is it true in the work for women. Pray for more missionaries for our Futsing field, “not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.”

The Ngu Cheng Women’s and Children’s Hospital

Li Bi Cu

This closes our thirteenth year of work, and as we look back over the years, we can see the growth of the hospital work very plainly, and we are most thankful to God. It has not been smooth sailing, for we have had to fight down the predijudice against foreign medicine. At first it was through the maternity work that they commenced to have confidence in us, and through the help we
gave in several epidemics. This does not mean that the people all believe in our medicine now; far from it. The first year, we had only 150 in-patients, 2905 dispensary, and 143 out-patients. This year we had 1332 in-patients, 7839 dispensary patients and 672 out-patients.

For the first time, during the epidemic of bubonic plague, we were called to inoculate the district magistrate and his family. He was very much interested in this method of prevention of plague, and at once put up notices, urging the people to take this preventative measure, in order to be saved from this terrible disease. We do hope many will take his advice, and come to be inoculated. When he was in Ngu Cheng the last time, he came and called on us, and was so pleased with what he saw of our work that when he went home, he sent us fifty dollars. Wish we had more of such visitors, those of us working in country districts do not get large donations and contributions, therefore, it is almost impossible to make the work self-supporting.

Our work this year has been like the tide coming and going sometimes you will find us with a few vacant beds and then again you find us so full that we are borrowing beds of our neighbors. We wondered how the influenza germs could travel to such a place as Ngu Cheng, but come they did! Almost every one in our three schools, and in the hospital took sick. Many of them came down at once, so we were able to take in only sixteen of the worst cases. We had to put them in the chapel, and they had to bring their own beds. The rest of them were treated in the schools. So for a time we were running four hospitals at once. We had the hardest time at the hospital, for Dr. Uong, eight nurses, and three helpers took sick, while we had fifty-seven patients, and sixteen maternity patients to care for. Most of our nurses were back at work, before their temperature was normal, and now they are paying for it, for they are still not very strong. I feel that, if we were not so crowded they would not all have gotten sick at once. I do hope before we
write another report we will have our addition to our hospital and better accommodations.

A number of our patients became Christians while with us, but one especially deserves to be mentioned, because she came from a home of devout idol worshipers. Every year they spent lots of money on the idols, yet every year, they had sickness and death. This woman had lost four sons, and only had left one tiny one. He was very sick, and as a last resort, they brought him to the hospital. He was all wrapped up in a big net, so the Evil Spirits could not hook him. For a time, we gave up all hope of being able to save him, but God in his mercy spared him. The mother was very eager indeed, to hear about the wonderful Jesus who can save to the uttermost. She learned to pray before she went home. Ever since then, she has attended our church regularly. The pastor told me he was much surprised to see her, because they knew of the family. Our Bible-woman visits her very often, and talks to the whole family. So now other members sometimes go to church with her. Do pray that every member of that family may be brought to the feet of our Jesus. I might tell you of others who have become Christians through the faithful teaching of our Bible-woman, but space will not permit.

Last year we graduated our first class of nurses. Three of them are here to help us, one is working in a hospital in Ing Chung, and one teaches in our woman’s Training School. We have taken a new class of six young women. They have proved to be just as faithful and earnest as our first class. We do not know how we could get along without Dr. Uong. She puts her whole heart and soul into the work. She has no other interest than to make the hospital so that the people will be glad to come. Both she and the nurses are very kind to the patients, so no wonder they are happy to come to us.

We want to thank our friends for sending us the baby out-fits, and other useful articles.

Please pray for us, that we may truly represent Him before the world.
W. F. M. S. APPOINTMENTS

Foochow District

Woman’s College South China.
President; Lydia A. Trimble.
Faculty: L. Ethel Wallace, Ruby Sia, Mary Mann,
Mrs. Lydia Wilkinson, Katharine Willis, Roxy
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Wanzer, Lura M. Hefty.

Woman’s Training School, District Bible-classes and
Bible-women: Phebe C. Wells.

Mary E. Crook Children’s Home: Lura M. Hefty.
Primary Day Schools; Ruby Sia.
Industrial Work: Jean Adams,
Magaw Memorial Hospital; Ellen M. Lyon, M. D.
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Nurses, Hospital Evangelistic Work, and Foochow
Leper Work: Cora E. Simpson, R. N.

Woolston Memorial Hospital; Hu King Eng, M. D.
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Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Union Kindergarten Instructor, Supervisor of Foochow
Kindergarten Work: Alice Lacy.

On leave for Government Red Cross Work:
Edith F Gaylord.

Bing-tang (Haï-tang) District

Girl’s Intermediate School, District Bible-classes, Bible-
women and Day Schools; Jennie D. Jones, Edith
F. Abel
Medical Work, Magaw Memorial Hospital Physician-in-charge: Dr. Hung Ciong Saeng, interne.

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Kutien (Ku-cheng) and Kude Districts

Girls' Intermediate School and Deaf-mute Department: H. Laura Frazey, Paula Seidelmann.
Kude district Bible-women and Primary Day Schools: H. Laura Frazey
Kutien Kindergarten and Day School: Paula Seidelmann.
Woman's Training School, Bible classes, Kutien District Bible-women and Primary Day Schools: Mary Peters.

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Mintsing (Ming-chiang) District

Woman's Training School, Primary Day Schools, District Bible-classes, and Bible-women: Edna Jones.
Nathan Sites' Memorial Good Shepherded Hospital: Dr. Ciong Kai, interne.
Business manager: Ursula Tyler.

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Lungtien (Ngu-cheng) and Futsing (Hok-chiang) District

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Primary Day Schools and Bible-women: Carrie M. Bartlett.
Hok Chiang City Evangelistic Work: Mrs. Harry Worley.
Woman's and Children's Hospital: Li Bi Cu, M. D.

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