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MEMORIAL

Carrie I. Jewell

According to my human feelings at this Memorial Service I naturally feel like weeping for Miss Jewell was my Principal, my teacher and my friend. But today instead of weeping I feel like praising God for I know that “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints” and Miss Jewell was one of His saints, whose kind deeds, kind words, beautiful influence and Christian example composed an “Epistle of Christ” for all her friends and students to read. I shall divide this short sketch into seven points.

1. Her childhood. I entered the Foochow Girls’ Boarding School when I was ten years old. When I first saw Miss Jewell she was at the organ playing and as soon as I saw her my eyes never turned away from her bright and happy face. I thought what a wonderful country what a cultured home what a noble family she must have come from. I think the friends who know of her childhood will agree with my imaginations.

2. She was a consecrated missionary a beautiful representative of Jesus Christ in China.

3. She was a capable wise Principal laying deep and broad foundations for the work in future years.

4. She was a wonderful Sunday School teacher. During her first year she taught a class of College boys in English. Many of that class became earnest Christians, and are doing much for the uplift of China and the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

5. She was a true and helpful friend. She never said unkind words about others.
When a pupil had done something wrong she did not reprove her in public but called her to her study to pray with her first, and then patiently directed her to see her own faults and kept on helping her until she truly repented and then she treated her as the father treated the prodigal son. It was because her heart was full of Christ's love so she could love the weak ones as Christ did.

6. She was a patient faithful teacher. Oh! the patience of Miss Jewell as she taught the slow of comprehension and her faithfulness as she prayed for and wrote to her large company of students during her years of failing health in the home land.

7. "She being dead yet speaketh" for her work is being carried on by the women and girls whom she lead to Jesus Christ.

Her twenty fifth anniversary in China was celebrated by her students and fellow missionaries in a way that warmed and cheered her heart. She is now in Heaven with her Lord but her fruitful work and beautiful influence continue to His honor and glory for ever and ever in this world and in the world to come.

MAY HU.
ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING OF THE FOOCHOW WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

December 1920

Foochow Woman's Conference was reorganized according to the plan recommended by the General Executive of 1919. The meeting was called to order by the President Miss Bonafield at Hua Nang College.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Keeney.
Vice-president, Miss Trimble.
Recording Secretary, Miss Wilcox.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nevitt.
Statistical Secretary, Miss Willis.
Member Board of Education, Miss Mann.

Time was given for the reports and election of standing committees and for the appointments for the following year.

The name of the Building Committee was changed to Field Property Committee.

It was decided that one member from Foochow, two from the Southern district, and one from each other district constitute the House Furnishing Committee, according to the recommendation of the May Meeting 1920.

Miss Trimble introduced the new members of the Conference, namely Misses Sprunger, McCutcheon, Wilcox, Witham, Spencer, Mabel Simpson, Whitford, Keeney, Dr. Pond. Aside from the regular members of the W. F. M. S. the following were recommended and elected to membership in the Woman’s Conference:
Miss Strow was instructed to cable the proper authorities asking that Miss Mabel Simpson remain on this field.

Two evening meetings were held at which time the English reports of the year’s work were read by the missionaries.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Educational Work in the Foochow Conference

Sixty-one years ago, the first beginnings of educational work for women were made here in Foochow, when the Misses Woolston, amidst great difficulty, and against much opposition, opened a small school for girls. Today, our Society is carrying on educational work in all its branches throughout the bounds of the whole Conference. The various stages beginning with the kindergarten, and ending with the college, are all to be found.

A brief survey shows that we have three Kindergartens, with an enrollment of 209. One hundred and forty-four Lower Primary Schools with enrollment of 2316. In eight places, we have Model Day School buildings with two or three teachers at work. In all the Lower Primary Schools, a tuition fee is paid by each pupil, in some cases a smaller and in others, a larger amount. The total amount received for tuition in all the Conference is $850.00. Kutien and Mintsing leading the other districts, each with $230.00.

In each of the five stations, Higher Primary Schools are located, their total enrollment being 383. In these schools also, a great advance has been made along the line of self-support. The total amount received for board and tuition is $4980.00. Here the Foochow School leads with $3489.00 for the current year.

In order to meet the need of better trained teachers for our Lower Primary Schools throughout the Conference, a Normal Training Class with a course of one year for graduates of our Higher Primary Schools, has this year been organized in connection with our Foochow Girls’ School. Twenty-one students are enrolled in this class, and will go out at the end of the year to work in the different districts of the Conference.
For the students completing the Higher Primary Course, we have at present only one Middle or High School located in Foochow. The number of students enrolled is 137. This Middle School is the Preparatory Department of our Hua Nang Woman's College and both institutions are occupying the same buildings. The College this year has Freshmen, Junior and Senior classes, twenty-two students in all, with three in the Senior class, the first class to complete the four years of College work.

The work for women is carried on in station classes where a number are taught for a few months, and from which they enter our Woman's Training Schools of which there are now four with one hundred women enrolled.

Besides this work carried on entirely by our own Society, we have a share in the Union Kindergarten Training School in Foochow, together with the American Board and Anglican Missions. One of our missionaries is a teacher in that institution, and at present five Methodist girls are studying there.

Our goals for the work which we hope to reach by the end of five years are as follows:—

25 Kindergartens.

250 Lower Primary Schools manned by Normal trained teachers or High School graduates

25 Model School Buildings, to serve also as Community Centers.

25 Higher Primary Schools.

5 Middle Schools one in each of the five mission stations not only to prepare students to enter our College, but to give the needed equipment for teaching at less expense than if they came to Foochow for the four years of Middle School work.
Report of the Evangelistic Committee

The evangelistic work of the conference falls naturally under three types: I. Work for non-Christians; II. Work for Christians; III. Work for the deepening of the spiritual life of Christian workers.

In view of the past year's experience your committee desire to recommend:

1. Work for Non-Christians:

That an evangelistic meeting for women of several days be carried on on each circuit where there is a Bible woman, at least once each year.

That in connection with such meetings, work in the homes, including teaching in sanitation and hygiene be carried on.

We recommend that we take full advantage of the special opportunities for intensive work that are offered through the evangelistic campaigns that are to be carried on by the General Society; and that definite plans be made to prepare for and to follow up this work, that the results may be conserved.

The following plans have been found especially helpful:
(a) In preparing for an evangelistic campaign.
   1. Prayer Bands organized a few months before hand,
      a. After church on Sunday.
      b. In Christian homes.
   2. Enlisting Christian women to help, to give a half day for two weeks before the meetings, to invite the women to come.
(b) For following up the work.
   1. All those who have given their names as desiring to be Christians must be at once enrolled in classes to be taught to read. And after enrollment they have to be pursued, or they may be lost.
II. Work for Christian Women

We recommend a two-months' station class for probationers on each district twice a year, for teaching to read the Bible.

We recommend that every Bible woman have it a part of her regular work to teach women to read Romanized.

Suggested Course:
1. Primer.
2. A gospel.
3. Catechism.

1. That Christian women be enrolled in Prayer Bands, to meet once a week for prayer and report of personal work.
2. That we do every thing we can to encourage family prayer.

III. Work for Workers

1. That once a year a meeting be held specifically for workers, for the deepening of their personal spiritual life.

That special emphasis be put upon securing a systematic plan for personal devotions on the part of the workers. The Hour a Day Club has been found most helpful.

Findings of the Committee on Reform

Whereas the following evils threaten the purity of the home life of China, we feel it incumbent upon us that we combat them in every way possible.

These evils are:—
2. Concubinage. 6. Alcoholic Drinks.
These seem to be a formidable array and yet all these evils may be found under one roof. We have placed child-betrothal at the head of the list because we feel that it is largely the cause of concubinage and secondary wives. If the men of China were allowed a voice in choosing their wives, they would be as true to them as the men of any country to their wives.

Therefore in both boys’ and girls’ schools every effort should be made to prevent their betrothal until they are old enough to have a voice in this momentous question. As long as boys and girls from fourteen to sixteen are forced to marry we cannot expect ideal homes, even if the other evils were not present.

The church must be untiring in her effort to create a public sentiment against the selling of little girls into slavery or into a life of shame.

**Report of Findings of the Medical Committee**

While we are in full sympathy with the high standard for Medical Work that the East Asia Conference has set for us, we deplore the fact that we see no possibility of reaching that standard, while the present established Medical Work is so pitifully and deplorably under-staffed and miserably equipped.

Therefore we do protest against the circumstance that prevents our doing the grade of medical work that this great country requires and our great church has a right to expect from us.

Therefore: We see no possibility of widening the scope of our present work until at least every hospital has two physicians and three nurses and modern equipment.

**CORA E. SIMPSON, Chairman.**
The Committee on Salaries

The committee on Salaries, at a meeting held at the Hospital Home, Saturday, December 11, recommended that the following be the scale used, these all to be raised when it seems wise, because of experience and satisfactory service.

### School Teachers:

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### Bible Women:

Minimum $4 per month, Maximum $8 per month.

Rate to be paid depending on experience, proficiency, living conditions and education.

### Nurses:

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### Doctors:

Upon graduation from recognized medical colleges, $25 per month.

**Alice M. Lacy,**

*Secretary of Committee.*
MEDICAL WORK

Magaw Memorial Hospital, Foochow

When the report was written last year it seemed we could only report "The Clouds," but this year "The silver lining" has been revealed.

First the "Silver lining" revealed the fact that all the epidemics only gave us a greater opportunity for service. The second view of the "Silver lining" revealed that while Dr. Lyon's death left us without a physician it also showed us what friends we have in the General Society for they at once loaned Dr. Gossard to us for a large part of his time. From June to June more patients were treated and cared for than in any one year before in the history of the work here, and more operations performed.

The third blessing the "Silver lining" revealed is that we have been granted the funds to build the extra storey to the hospital for our much needed and long prayed for Nurses Home.

The friends of Dr. Lyon have decided to build a Memorial Chapel and Dispensary to her memory. This is one of the great needs of the hospital—to have a place where we can carry on our outpatient department separate from the hospital. Also we need a place where services can be held. This chapel-dispensary will meet both these needs. A beautiful tombstone in the shape of a simple cross has been erected for Dr. Lyon by her class-mate and life-long friend Dr. Ida Stevenson.

Alice A. Wilcox, R. N. came to us at Christmas time and Mrs. Eleanor J. Pond, M. D. was transferred to our work from Manila at China New Year. Miss Wilcox comes from the Topeka Branch, with a wide experience in her profession.
Dr. Pond has been for several years in hospital work in Manila and we are most fortunate in securing one of her experience for the work here. Dr. Pond began regular work in the hospital in June and it was indeed a delight to have her with us during the hot summer months.

Miss Wilcox during the summer months directed the nursing in the Gamble Sanatorium at Kuliang where our Chinese nurses have been caring for the patients. This fall she has been teaching a class a day and teaching practical work in the wards.

Another great blessing was the securing of a piece of land adjoining our hospital which our missionaries have tried to buy for over thirty years. The land was used for coffin houses and was called the "Devil's Nest."

A delightful event of the year was the visit of Mrs. Lena Leonard Fisher and her party. She visited the work in Foochow and made several country trips.

Dr. Uong and the nurses have made several country trips for dispensing, teaching and healing. Many of their clinic patients have come to the hospital later for needed treatments or operations. We have with us daily those who have never even heard the name of Jesus and it is our joy that so many while with us not only find healing for the body, but also find Jesus. We have cared for a number of European patients and our rooms for foreigners are every year being used more and more.

The Florence Nightingale Training School

The Florence Nightingale Training School for Nurses and Mid-wives was the first school registered in China. It was opened in 1907 and the first diploma given in January 1909. The nurses in training are all Christian girls and take turns in leading daily chapel and mid-week prayer meetings, teach
in the Sunday School every Sunday afternoon, and have daily prayers in the patients' rooms.

Our nurses took great pride and pleasure in helping in the meetings and work of the great city-wide anti-cholera campaign that was held here in June. They helped in over thirty meetings and visited hundreds of homes, teaching and demonstrating the work. We think this campaign had much to do in keeping the city so free from cholera this summer.

Mrs. Su remains with us as head nurse, Miss Uong and Mrs. Diong, both graduate nurses, continue as teachers and helpers.

As we look into the future the clouds all seem to reveal the "Silver lining" and we are happy to be where Bishop Bashford said is, "The land of golden opportunity for service today."

**Foochow Leper Work**

Outside the city wall, at the foot of the mountains is located the Foochow Leper Colony. The Collard Memorial Chapel and Morehouse Home, gifts from the New York Branch, are here. We conduct a day-school for the children during the week, hold Church services on Sunday and dispense regularly. Two Bible women and a pastor-teacher who are not lepers carry on the work.

We never have a large membership roll because these poor people die before they are in the colony long enough to become full members. All our Centenary visitors attended the Christmas services last year. The people had the Church decorated with bamboo and flags. Children recited the story of Christ's birth and it was indeed a glad event for all.

Dr. Wong and the nurses have carried on the regular dispensary for the sick. While it is true that medicines do not cure, it is also true that soothing ointments do make the
sores less painful and loathsome and it shows the lepers our sympathy and, as one old leper said one day, "helps us to understand that Jesus does really care for us."

One dear old lady was brought to the colony five years ago, but she never left her bed after she reached there. She listened one day while we told her of Christ and then said, "I am too loathsome and can do nothing for Him. He does not want me." She was finally persuaded that He did care for her and was the means before her death of leading her husband, two sons and their wives and seven other people to believe. As I stood by her bedside a few days before her death she said, "Teacher, I am so glad that I know that Jesus cares for me."

In counting the blessings of the year I am so glad that the lepers are a part of my task and ministry.

CORA E. SIMPSON.

**Woolston Memorial Hospital, Foochow**

Twenty-two years ago, I took charge of my hospital and since that time forty-seven doctors, nurses, and midwives have been trained there, the class of the present year numbering eleven. Of these, four have gone to other provinces and the others are at work in their home villages, or in hospitals.

There are many evidences of the raising of health standards in the city during these years, among them, an increasing cleanliness in the streets and a fear of the fly, in spite of many cases of gross ignorance, the passing away of foot binding within the city though it still flourishes in country places, and a losing of faith in the idols as healers, yet still claiming for them the power to cast out the evil spirit causing the illness.
There are marked changes in the class of patients received now and formerly. We used to have many patients who had tried to commit suicide by taking opium, which is almost impossible for a woman to procure now; also there used to be many little slave girls who had been cruelly mistreated, but we do not have them now.

In connection with the medical work, the religious of the hospital includes our church service, daily prayers, a Sunday school of one-hundred and fifty children from the neighbourhood, and the ministry of two Christian women, who talk with the patients and give them Christianity by precept and example.

For the support of our work we receive about $1000.00 a year from America, while our local income last year was $4734.77 Mex.

For our future work we greatly need a hospital for maternity cases, for such cases are coming to us in greater numbers and, unless they do come, many are at the mercy of ignorant native midwives with results that make the heart bleed.

My own Philadelphia Branch has remembered us with supplies of all kinds, and He who has promised to supply every need is faithful.

One of our most interesting cases was one to which my sister was called. She and two students went to a village about four hours ride in a steam launch down the Min river. I expected them home in the evening but they did not come until noon of the following day, when the students came in almost too eager for words. It was a maternity case and the woman had been in labor for four days. They had taken the baby, and wonderful to say, both mother and baby were doing nicely. The reason they had been detained was evident for the doctor's chair was decorated with bright red Chinese
crepe, and she had been carried about the town in order that the happy family might do honor to the great doctor, who had done such a wonderful thing. The family paid a fee of fifty dollars and since then many of the people of that place have sent men with letters to our clinic here in Foochow for medicine for them.

HU KING ENG, M.D.

**Hai-tang Medical Work**

Our medical work is small if you look for buildings and equipment, but were you to spend a week with Dr. Hung you would wonder how one woman could do so much work. At present she is in the native building where once we had a woman's school and it is not very well arranged for a hospital, yet last week there were 7 patients in at one time. Having so little equipment Dr. Hung still follows the hostel plan for her inpatients and since she has no nurse to help her, a member of the family must come in with the patient to wait on her. No attempt has been made to hold a regular clinic but the dispensary work is heavy and goes on all day. Dr. Hung is called to all kinds of homes from the Official's families to those so poor that they are charity patients. The Turnabout Light Station keeper and assistant come to her for medical aid and recently gave as a gift $85 to help repair the hospital.

Western medicine is still not very popular on the island but Dr. Hung has all the work she can do and is in real need of a nurse.

We should like to remodel the building, making it more convenient for in-patients but that takes time and money and in the meantime we are going to encourage the expectant mothers to come by giving them a furnished room. It has been a real joy to help Dr. Hung in her plans and makes me wish I were a doctor or nurse that more help could be given.
In distributing the Red Cross Supplies left over after withdrawing from Siberia, the A. R. C. sent us a very generous share which is a wonderful gift for our work.

Although Mrs. Rose Sie is not in our employ yet I feel as though her work should be mentioned. She is a graduate nurse from Magaw Hospital in Foochow and is helping much in relieving the suffering of Hai-Tang. Although she is not a Dr. yet she is often called in to prescribe. During the past year she has delivered 19 babies, vaccinated 174 people besides having many cases of sick or injured. She is doing good work and I am trying to co-operate with her all I can as I know that Hai-Tang women are so in need of just what she has to give them. These two women are real pioneers in their work here and well worth our help and prayers.

LURA M. HEFTY.

Lungtien Women's and Children's Hospital

Last year you had no report of our work because of my absence from home. It was necessary to close the hospital three months because the workers, having been overburdened by the work already, did not feel that they could take the added responsibility of full charge of the work.

The hospital was reopened the middle of September so our statistical report for this year covers only nine months of work. We had 192 maternity patients, 713 general in-patients, 6757 dispensary patients, and 304 out-patients.

The last of May we had the privilege of attending the first of a series of evangelistic campaigns held in our conference. It made our hearts ache to see the people suffer without medical attention, especially the poor little children, who will grow up into very weak men and women. How we long to be able to open up a dispensary or a branch hospital in every large center. We only had time to see 290 patients
but we would have liked to have stayed a long time there to help them. Not only the people of that village need our help but we know of hundreds of similar places.

How true it is in our work that "a little child shall lead them." Most of those whom we have helped to bring to Jesus Christ, are those whose children have been restored to health. There was one woman who had four sons and four daughters. All of them died except the daughter she had given away in infancy, and one baby boy who was brought to us for treatment. She and her husband, who was sixty-three years old, were very much afraid that this child would be taken from them as the others had been. We talked to her and she found great comfort in knowing that there is a Father who cares for us, for our children, and even for the sparrows. When her husband came she asked our Bible woman to tell him the sweet Old Story, too. Both of them, who had been through so much sorrow together, were now very glad to accept the Lord Jesus as their Redeemer. When they got home they asked two of our church deacons to destroy all of their idols and the woman unbound her feet. They have been very faithful ever since. Oh, it is thus that we are privileged to share the work of our Master!

For a number of years we have felt our need of a dispensary separate from the main hospital. At last our needs have been supplied by our own people here. They gave enough money for a small building and no one knows the relief it is, not to bring every kind of ailment into the hospital first. If we are not mistaken, this is the first gift of this kind that has been given in this part of the country. Most of the money was given by the non-Christians too.

There were five nurses who completed their work and graduated last term. We have taken six more in training.

Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude for the new hospital and the home that our friends in America
are making it possible for us to have. Our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving. We are also grateful for the packages which bring us many useful and necessary articles. We thank you one and all for your gifts.

Li Bi Cu.

Mintsing Hospital

As I reached Mintsing in February 1920 no work could be inaugurated until after the Chinese New Year festivities. I was glad for the few days to visit with friends who had given me such a hearty welcome back.

Miss Tyler had prepared a great surprise for me in that she had had the hospital and my apartment painted and calcimined. The entire place had never looked so nice since its erection eighteen years ago.

Owing to Dr. Ciong's illness the hospital had been closed most of 1919. The nurses had married and gone to other places for work or returned to their homes. Dr. Ciong, Lau Cauk-Ging (Handy Andy) and his wife, the old matron and teacher were however ready for work at the reopening of the hospital March first.

I was able to secure the services of one of the old nurses who returned as Dr. Ciong's assistant. Later a class of nine student nurses was received. One of these was obliged to give up her work as she is threatened with tuberculosis, but the remainder of the class passed their probationary period and were taken for the three year course.

We have had a good many patients during the eight months the wards have been open. Many times the beds intended for one had to accommodate three.

The prominent facts outside the ordinary and regular work of the hospital have been:
First, the receiving of parcel post packages of supplies, which have been many and valuable. I have already by means of postal cards, personal and round-robin letters acknowledged 486 parcels.

Second, Mrs. Fisher's visit. Not second in importance but in occurrence. We cannot begin to tell how her visit heartened and cheered us all, for Mintsing being a little out of the way for travellers, usually gets passed by. We cannot thank her enough for her most sympathetic interest and inspiring presence during those three days.

Third, our first attempt to put into execution a regular surgical clinic every six weeks, Dr. Gossard of the General Society most kindly consenting to visit us regularly for this purpose.

Fourth, the installation of a small Delco Light and Water Plant. This has been made possible by personal gifts and a small balance accumulated because the hospital was not open all of last year.

I cannot close this report without saying that I earnestly desire that a younger woman may come to help in this most delightful work.

Mary Eline Carleton.
EDUCATIONAL WORK

Hua Nang College
(Woman's College of South China)

As we turn the pages of the nineteen-twenty "Year Book" of the Woman's College, one message repeats itself over and over, "And the Lord said, 'This shall be to you a beginning of years.'" Since this is the tenth year of the institution, and since for several of these years we have had these two fine buildings, and since this decade has seen such a fine company of better trained young women going out and doing such commendable work, largely in schools from whence they came, you naturally ask, "Why a beginning of years?"
It is because no preceding year has been so "big with blessing."

On February first, the College will graduate the first class, to complete four years of college work. These "First fruits" (the realization of a vision of more than a quarter of a century) go out with scholastic equipment not inferior to that of the young womanhood of American Colleges. While we rejoice in this, we are more thankful for their splendid spiritual equipment. The college, while putting strong emphasis on intellectual attainment, figuratively speaking, writes SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT in large capitals.

The year has been marked by steady spiritual growth, surrender of the entire life to the service of God, and by the faithful, joyous earnestness with which the students have thrown themselves into wholehearted service in following their slogan, "China for Christ." Above all the first thing we would specify in this wonderful year is the fine spirit which pervades the whole atmosphere of their daily life.

This year when students strikes were called, our girls had learned from their experiences of a year ago that the wiser way of saving China was in getting the best possible
equipment for life's battle. Notwithstanding alarming threats, they stood firm and thirty-six, the largest class yet graduated from the High School, finished their course.

The enrollment in the College department is twenty-one. The Sophomore Class is missing because last year the teaching force was entirely inadequate in numbers, so a fine class, eager for admission, could not be received. Nineteen-twenty found the staff reinforced so a class of fifteen went on into college work.

We, too, had a very real share in the spiritual awakening that came to all the Foochow girls' schools during the evangelistic campaign mentioned in other reports. In class room, in social work, and in eleven Sunday Schools, all but three of which are their own creative work, in villages among the heathen people, they are giving out again that which they have received. I wish you might go with them as they go
out in bands every Sunday afternoon. One very interesting school which I visited is about three miles from here held in a big ancestral hall. One hundred children were present. When the call to separate into classes was given the children climbed upon the tables, used by the day school boys, which were grouped in various parts of the hall and sat there during the class period.

And now the Autumn brings four splendid missionaries, Misses Keeney, Whitford, Spencer, and Witham and our President from furlough and Miss Hurlbut after a five year loan to another school.

These are a few of the things that cause that refrain in our hearts "This shall be unto you a beginning of years," a year outstanding in hopes realized and glorious in outlook for the future. And this is why God has given us "the singing heart."

LYDIA A. WILKINSON.

Union Kindergarten Training School

During the past year the Union Kindergarten Training School graduated its second class of students, six splendid young women who are now teaching in Hinghua, Futsing and Foochow. We now have ten girls; five Methodists, three Anglicans, and two from the American Board (Congregational). Of these ten, eight comprise the junior class, leaving only two to graduate in January. All the missions are asking for more kindergartners and there are five Methodist Kindergartens where these two girls are wanted.

Last term the school was located in the City where we shared part of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School building. This year an increase in their school and the opportunity to rent the American Board building for a term of three years—at the end of which term we hope to be in our own building—made it seem advisable to move. The new quarters are admirably
adapted to our present needs and we are enjoying the new location very much.

Our move made a good many adjustments necessary and meant the giving up of some of our City work, but we have for this term continued our Kindergarten and Sunday School at the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School. The children greet us enthusiastically when we arrive, for they come so early it is impossible to get there first. Last term we had an average attendance of one hundred and forty. Two of the girls are also helping at the Methodist Church near us, the "Church of the True Spirit," taking charge of the Children's Church on Sunday afternoons.

There have been other forms of service, besides that given on Sunday, which the students have been able to render during the year. They help in many ways with the Mothers' Meetings held in connection with our kindergartens; the seniors have done valuable work in connection with the two special evangelistic campaigns conducted by our Church in
this area during the past year; and all the students made and sold handwork to help raise funds for the North China Famine Relief. One of the girls also taught a Y. W. C. A. weekly Bible Study class throughout the year.

The students are all doing some teaching in the kindergarten this term and feel this a real privilege as well as being part of their curriculum. The children are unfailingly responsive and seem to carry home much of what they learn at kindergarten. One mother told me a few days ago that her little girl had taught her to pray and with child-like faith she repeated the blessing used at lunch time in the kindergarten. It was very simple but it made wide the way of approach to that mother’s hungry heart. In many instances the little child has truly lead them.

Alice M. Lacy.

Higher Primary Schools

 Foochow

Conference had only just closed when Christmas was upon us with all its busy days of excitement and festivities. Although each girl received a little gift their greatest joy was in planning Christmas gifts for the poor of the Church and for their “Little Blind Sister” in the Blind Girls’ School. And as they taste the blessedness of giving to those less fortunate than themselves they come to understand and catch the real spirit of Christmas.

The last days of the autumn term were exciting indeed with student strikes on every where. For the second time in less than a year the boys’ schools were closed and although the girls’ schools continued their work until the end of the term, they received their diplomas with no public commencement.
This class numbering twenty-six is the largest class graduated in the sixty-one years of the school's history. Thirteen of this number are now in high school, six are taking normal training, two are studying nursing in mission hospitals, one has become the wife of a Methodist minister and gone with him to his charge in Singapore, while the others are remaining at home for various reasons.

The urgent need for better trained primary teachers throughout the Conference has been so keenly felt that it was decided to reopen a training class in connection with this school. We have twenty-one students enrolled in this department and all are graduates of the various higher primary schools throughout the Conference.

The outstanding feature of the spring term was the great spiritual awakening that came to our girls and teachers as the result of the meetings held by Miss Dora Yu, a Chinese evangelist. The students of the various girls' schools located in this neighborhood gathered together each morning for ten days in our large church of Heavenly Peace and listened with growing interest to the messages she brought them. Even more than the daily addresses, the personal interviews, singly or by groups, which the girls had with Miss Yu made them realize very clearly their own condition and their need of cleansing from sin.

The last of the series of meetings was one which we shall not soon forget. When the opportunity was given for personal testimony the response was quite overwhelming. Several were on their feet at the same time and for more than three hours the stream of confession and thanksgiving flowed on, some out of the depth of their humiliation or the fullness of their hearts' joy speaking two or three times. The best part of it all has been that the effects have been lasting.

You may remember that last year when so many of our graduates came back for the school's sixtieth anniversary
they brought with them their birthday gifts to the Mother School. Ever since then gifts from students past and present have been coming in, and joined with funds already in hand have made possible the erection of a new class room building. The building is now rapidly nearing completion.

Under Miss Bonafield's supervision this year marked advance has been made in the department of Homecraft. All through the grades much attention is paid to needlework, and in the higher classes the girls learn to cut and make their own clothes,—each girl being required to cut and make a complete suit of clothes before graduating.

Our girls of the graduating class are all required to plan, buy, prepare and serve entirely without assistance a dinner for eight persons. On several occasions to celebrate the birthdays of their teachers the girls of the class have jointly prepared dinners which have even rivalled the Foochow caterers.

FLORENCE J. PLUMB

This beautiful new building was erected for the Foochow Girls' School from local income and gifts from alumnae and friends. It cost $13,000 at a time when American gold and Chinese silver money were the same in value. The building will seat two hundred students in bright airy rooms and was a much needed addition to the oldest Methodist Girls' School in Asia.
Because the girls had lost two terms of work owing to the condition of our building, we decided to give them a summer’s term for review and opened school June 1st, closing for a month’s vacation before beginning the regular work the last of September. The girls took up their Sunday afternoon work in the villages and went out even the hottest days. Then, too, we had our share in a sanitation campaign, going out with women to distribute hand bills and posters about cholera, plague, flies and rats. They took them into almost every home in town and explained them to the women. Then we held big meetings for women in five different places, all of which were well attended.

During the month’s vacation the girls held meetings for children in their own villages, and also went into other homes to tell the gospel. The reports, when they came back sounded somewhat like the reports of the “Seventy” whom Christ sent out.

There were many joys in our Jubilee week, but one that meant much to me was when Miss Ding, a teacher in our school, was given a local preacher’s license. She is not a Haiting girl but the grand-daughter of one of the oldest Conference preachers. Miss Ding is but nineteen. She was educated in Foochow and is a high school graduate. Later she plans to go to Nanking Bible School to better prepare herself for the evangelistic work to which she has dedicated her life. As far as we know she is the first Chinese woman to become a local preacher in our Church. In the talk she was required to give before the District Conference she told with feeling and eloquence of her conversion last spring.

She had always been a nominal Christian but only answered as Peter did the Master when He asked, “Lovest thou
me?" After her conversion she understood why Jesus had asked his question three times and she, too, had a different reply from the half-hearted "Yes, I love you" that Peter gave first. She truly is Spirit-filled.

The Women's work was given one afternoon during the Jubilee and Mother Ding, a sister of the first Christian told of early days; her daughter, Dr. Hung, told of the growth of medical work, and two of the Bible women of the development of all the work and the eagerness with which women are now hearing the Gospel. Our girls repeated in concert Isaiah 35 and sang, "God will take care of you." Then on Field Day they gave a very effective flag drill, so we all had our share in making this week one of joy and blessing. And now we have come down from the mountain top and find the every day tasks waiting for us but they are easier because of the vision and the talks with the Father.

LURA M. HEFTY.

Kutien

When we reported at our last Annual Conference Miss Nevitt was with us temporarily in charge of the Model Primary and Kindergarten, as well as helping out in many places. The last month she had not only her own work but all of mine as well because I was ill, yet new as she was to it all she proved herself wonderfully equal to the task. She went back to her Foochow work in February and Chinese and foreigners alike have been all but coveting her for "Keeps." Our second blessing came in the person of Miss Jennie Jones who was transferred from Haitang. She immediately took charge of the Model Primary and Kindergarten and has shared the district work with me. We feel very happy that she is ours to keep. Then at Conference time Miss Eva F. Sprunger was appointed to Kutien. She is a student of the language yet even in the early weeks she managed to be very
helpful and we seldom remember that she is a new missionary, so much she seems a part of everything.

The past year in our Girls’ Boarding School ended with the graduation of twelve girls. Four of these entered High School, four are taking one year normal training preparatory to teaching in our day-schools, three are teaching and one is married. The new school year began in February with an enrollment of one hundred in the Intermediate Grades and four in the Deaf-mute department which work is primary. One of these latter, a girl of seven, is a most pathetic case and a constant problem to us. She is not only a deaf-mute but crippled as well, having lost one limb last year when she was run down by the motor bus in Foochow. Her disposition seems crippled too. For months she was most wilful, often in fits of temper refusing to study. It was her habit to stick her fists in both eyes and refuse to see the motions made by her teacher. Punishment did not avail but this Fall the teacher by long and persistent effort has begun to win out and the little girl is showing an interest in her lessons and the life about her.

The girls of the two older classes in the intermediate department are teaching in two children’s Sunday Schools. During the summer eighteen girls held Sunday School classes with the children of their home villages, or did other special work. All of our teachers are active in the church work here in our city and were a very decided help in their villages during the summer vacation. Two of the young women took a leading part in the week of evangelistic meetings held in the town of Doh Long in July. Miss Ding conducted the children’s meetings each afternoon and was able to hold for two hours and thoroughly interest from forty to sixty children. Miss Tiang spoke at the Women’s meetings each afternoon. An average of forty came daily and on the last day nineteen came to a decision to follow Christ.
Our girls in addition to the usual subscription to the church gave twenty dollars to help the famine sufferers in North China. Earlier in the year, on their own initiative they raised ten dollars to help a former graduate of the school who was ill with tuberculosis.

Death has visited us twice. The long strain during the brigand times, when her home and father's life were constantly threatened was too much for one of our young women teachers. A few weeks after her home was destroyed by the brigands and her uncle was burned to death in it, she began to fail and in April she gave up teaching and went to bed, never to rise from it again. In November one of our first year intermediate girls unexpectedly came down with bubonic plague and died three days later. We are very thankful that no others have taken the disease.

Laura Frazey.

Lungtien

One Red-letter day in the year's work of the Lungtien Girls' Boarding school, was the graduation of thirteen girls, the largest class, but one, in the history of the school. All the Lungtien schools had part in the Commencement, which was held in the church with Magistrate Uong as speaker. He is a fine Christian man, and his address could not but inspire young men and women to better service. Of the thirteen girls, four went to Hua Nang for high school work, five went to the Normal school to take a one year course fitting them for primary day school teachers, three are teaching day schools, and one is taking nurse training. There were some exceptionally strong girls in this class.

You will be interested in our new girls—seventeen of them. Six of them came from villages, where girls have never gone away to school before. One new girl came from a home where the idols had only recently been destroyed.
Dr. Li has written her story for the Friend, as the family became Christian through the hospital, when a precious little grandson was cured. The story of the family is a most interesting one. As I was passing the parsonage one day last spring, the pastor called me in, and there he had a great array of idols, which he had just brought from this home. They were such ardent idol worshippers, and he said there was hardly a place in the house, where a piece of furniture could be put down without coming in contact with an idol. After they became Christians the daughter came to school, and her face fairly radiates happiness. This term she has been baptized and joined the church.

The greatest joy of the fall term has been the coming of Miss Emma Ehly to our school as its principal, and already she has the work well in hand, and we expect the best year in the history of the school under her efficient and careful supervision.

CARRIE M. BARTLETT.

Minteeng

Our school is not just higher primary for of our 102 girls thirty-eight are in the lower primary classes. The most encouraging thing to report is that this term all of them have become Christians, and are each one eager to bring another to Christ.

One girl is praying earnestly for her grandmother, who is almost persuaded, while another is trying to win her twelve year old sister's mother-in-law, because she so mistreats the sister.

During the summer vacation the girls held children's meetings, taught in Sunday Schools, and did personal work teaching some woman or child to read. One twelve year old girl took charge of a day school, held in her home, for several days when the teacher was called away. "Happy Flower" conducted Sunday School in her own village where a number
of children and several women, who are learning to read the Bible, attend.

The seventh and eighth grade girls teach in the primary department of our Sunday School, and several go out with us in the afternoon to help with evangelistic work.

When the girls heard of the suffering in the North caused by famine they decided to do without part of their regular food and send the money thus saved to those who are starving. They were able to save thirty dollars in this way.

In the sewing department, we are teaching the girls to make their own clothes and shoes besides some form of hand work by which they can earn something toward self support. Those who can not pay their tuition are trying hard to earn it, and those who can are giving what they earn by hand work to the girls who are especially needy, which shows something of their spirit of helpfulness.

Rose A. Mace.

**Lower Primary Day Schools**  
**Foochow**

We have been fortunate this year in having as an assistant in the day school work Miss Lucile Iek, a graduate of Hwa Nang High School. She has made weekly visits to five of the near-by schools, telling the children Bible stories and teaching them to sing, and has visited most of the other schools on the district occasionally. She reports her work as follows:—

"Every time I go out on the street I see things which make my heart so sad that the tears come, and I realize that it is because my people know not Christ. God still pities them. Our people are in great distress just now, for God is chastising us to try to awaken us. I thank God that His truth has come to China and as a result in many places the
Church has established day-schools, thus giving poor little girls who have had no training a chance to study and to hear of Christ.

'The day-school teachers' work is not easy. In the first place the pupils are hard to classify and so inevitably there are many classes. In the second place they often do not want to study the text books prescribed in the course of study, wanting only the old Chinese Classics. Consequently they are unwilling to buy the books and the teacher must often buy them herself and give them to her pupils.

'I thank God for some of the things I have seen in my work. At Siong Gang, a very large village, the people in former years have been without knowledge of the truth, have been quarrelsome and opposed to Christianity. Formerly an Anglican pastor and an American Board pastor who were sent there received severe persecution. This year our Church has appointed a preacher to go there, and a school has been opened there for boys and two for girls. Within the year five or six elderly men, more than ten pupils from the boys' school and one pupil from one of the girls' school have been baptized and joined the Church.

'The pupils in these day-schools are glad to hear the Bible stories that I tell them, glad to sing the little songs, and already the desire to become Christians is awakening in their hearts.

'Since I have been helping in this work my heart has been greatly stirred as I have seen these bright innocent little children repressed and stunted by their parents. When they receive only a very little training they quickly respond. If our Church is willing whole-heartedly to work at their training God will show His power in the lives of these little ones. I pray that God may bless them.'

Florence J. Plumb.
Kude District

We have had many calls for day-schools and Bible women that we have not been able to fill for lack of funds, yet we have had twenty-six schools in operation with an enrollment of 450. Our Stafford Kansas Model Primary is still the only proper school building we have on the district and we are longing for the day when we shall have convenient, comfortable school rooms. The school has made two new departures this past year; one was having Commencement, exercises with a public awarding of certificates to the girls who had finished the four years work. The second venture was a union of the Boys’ Primary School with the Girls’ for the sake of better class work. This was accomplished by housing the boys in a rented building adjacent to our school. When the classes are small enough to admit it the boys sit and recite with the girls. The teachers from both schools alternate in teaching, thus making possible better class work for all. The head teacher in the school, a High School graduate, has just sent an urgent plea for the opening of a Kindergarten there.

Although our lack of equipment and unseemly school rooms in so many of the villages are a great hindrance to the best work, yet through the years, despite the conditions, many of our best workers have gotten their start in these little schools. We received ten of the graduates from these primary schools into our Boarding School this year and I was interested to learn that these girls with two exceptions had become Christians in the day-schools. The schools have all been visited the past year two or three times either by Miss Jones or myself and a Chinese helper.

LAURA FRAZEY.

Mintsing

This year, we have had joint supervision of the day schools, and have had as our assistant, Miss Margaret Ling,
a graduate of Hua Nang High School. She has given the examinations in several of the schools each quarter, and has spent several days at a time in many of the schools helping with the regular work, giving suggestions as to methods, and going to the homes of the pupils. We have long felt the need of such a helper, and are grateful to the Baltimore Branch whose gift for this purpose makes it possible for us to employ her. She is the first educated Chinese girl many of them have seen, therefore, they look at her with wonder and admiration. When she tells them that she began her education in a country day school, many of them say that they are going to send their girls to school so that they, too, may be educated and become really as capable as boys.

We have introduced practical sewing into our schools which meets with the approval of the mothers who say, "This is good; now our girls are going to become clever as well as educated."

Our second Model Day School building is now completed, and we feel very rich with these two comfortable, useful buildings where work can be done so much more satisfactorily than is possible under the conditions which usually exist in school rooms in Chinese houses. Many more are needed. Several villages are offering to furnish the land and part of the money if we will build.

Recently we met, in a non Christian home, a woman who seemed unusually gracious and cordial. In conversation with her, we learned that she attended a day school a short time when a little girl, after which she was married and not allowed to attend church. Though she had forgotten almost all the characters she had learned, she never forgot the lessons of faith in Christ, and says that in her heart she has never ceased to believe in Jesus and to love Him. She insisted upon her little sister-in-law attending school, and she said with
real pride, "Now she is married, and both she and her husband are Christians."

Not long ago a woman came to our neighbourhood on business. She lives in the mountains about eight miles from here and far from any church, but she calls herself a Christian. When a little girl she went to a day school and ever since she has read her Bible and prayed, and now she teaches her children to pray. We asked her if she had a Bible and she replied, "Oh yes" and showed us a much worn copy of Matthew. We suggested she buy a New Testament which she eagerly did and started back to her mountain home happy with her new book, and especially happy because she could read in it about the Christ she had learned to love when a child.

Our day schools are far below the standards we wish for them, and yet we are coming to believe more and more that they are one of the surest sources of the fruit that abides.

EDNA JONES.
ROSE A. MACE.

Mary E. Crook Kindergarten

In spite of a complete change in our teaching force our kindergarten has not been any less popular nor has it diminished in numbers. In fact we have still found it necessary to have the two circles—one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon—in order to care for all the children who desire to attend the kindergarten. Indeed our numbers have been larger than we could easily accommodate this term.

In the spring term we enrolled fifty-six and had an average attendance of fifty while this term we had eighty-three enrolled with an average attendance of seventy.

For the first time a tuition fee has been charged; only twenty cents for each child. Though a small amount it has
seemed to help the parents to appreciate and value more the advantage of the kindergarten for their children.

A new feature has been the introduction of very simple character and number work once a week, the two alternating—one week character work and one the simple number work.

It is interesting to look in on them when they are having their weekly lesson in table manners. The simplest kind of refreshments are served with tiny chopsticks and bowls, and, as the teachers say, they not only learn how to serve and eat politely, but they learn that which is of first importance, to thank the Heavenly Father and ask His blessing upon the food.

There is certainly no more important work than laying this foundation for the educational work among China's little ones and we are still hoping and praying for more kindergartens in this great Foochow District.

Florence J. Plumb.

Mary E. Crook Children's Home

Not many girls are called upon to change mothers every few years, but so it is with our family of girls in the Mary E. Crook Children's Home. They cheerfully submit to the inevitable, bid farewell to the retiring mother—though sometimes with tears—and welcome the new. One of these changes of parents came about last winter when Miss Hefty was appointed to Haitang, and the Children's Home was assigned to me. The girls had been under my care for a few months before my furlough and since Miss Hefty had to give them up I was glad that they were again entrusted to me.

Our matron, who has so faithfully taken care of the girls for the past six years had a prolonged illness during the
winter and early spring. She was so thoroughly tired out that we have given her a year's furlough. In her place we have secured a fine young woman who has been teaching in our Girls' School for several years. She is so earnest a Christian, so faithful and conscientious in all her work that although she is young for such a position we considered it safe and wise to put these young girls under her care. She is proving truly a Big Sister to them, and more than one person has spoken of the beautiful happy spirit in the Home. Our girls are fast growing up, and our problems are no longer problems of dealing with the mischievous little children but of guiding aright young girls who are just entering young womanhood.

Almost every year our family grows smaller as one by one girls go out to make homes of their own. Last year one more girl was married. We have only twenty-nine left now and of these several are self-supporting. Ngu Sing Li after being graduated from Peking Medical College and later serving her internship there is now in a hospital in Tai Ciu. Ling Ai Guong is doing good work as head of one of the model day schools of our Conference. Iong Bing King after her graduation from the Union Kindergarten Training School was put in charge of the kindergarten at Futsing in connection with the institutional church there. In the Foochow Girls' Higher Primary we employ two of the girls, Fanny Ding our trained nurse, faithful and untiring in her work and Faith Lau, our piano and organ teacher.

Our hearts have been made very sad recently because Faith who has been so bright and happy in her work and so eager to serve wherever and however she could has had a return of her tubercular trouble and is now lying in the hospital weak and ill. (Faith Lau passed away on Christmas morning.) We rejoice however, because during the past few years she learned something of the secret of real trust in
Christ and so there is not the same rebellion in her heart that there was when her former break came.

Our other girls with one exception are attending school, some at Hua Nang, some at the Girls' Boarding School, one at the Union Kindergarten Training School, and one at the Nanking High School.

As we look back over the year there are many things for which we thank God. Last spring during special meetings (held by Miss Dora Yu, a Chinese young woman of Shanghai,) some of our girls came into more vital relationship with Christ than they had experienced before. Several of our number have done definite Christian work, teaching in Sunday Schools, working among children, telling the story of Christ. One group spent the summer down on Haitang Island and while there they saw as they had never seen before how their own people live—their poverty, their need—and there came into their hearts a realization of how much they had for which to be thankful and at the same time a sympathy with the suffering and a desire to serve.

JANE ELLEN NEVITT.
EVANGELISTIC DISTRICT WORK

Foochow Women's School and Bible Women

At the beginning of our Conference year thirty-five students were enrolled, a class of fine young women, many from the best homes on the district. All but two were able to pay their board. The appropriation given by the home friends is used for teachers and the running expenses of the school. The best Chinese teachers possible have been secured, and we are most fortunate in having helpers who take responsibility.

The year has brought us various experiences. The first term one of our seniors, who was secretly living a double life became the leader in a patriotic movement and before sufficient proof was obtained to justify having her expelled she had done a good deal of mischief. Through her influence we lost a number of new students who were not well established.

This last term a revival conducted by a Chinese worker greatly helped the students to become overcomers, and has brought back the old Bible School atmosphere. For a few weeks confessions with tears and then smiles were a daily occurrence. So as we review the year's work we feel, in spite of the strong forces of evil, there has been progress.

The students have continued their practice work; teaching and superintending Sunday Schools, leading prayer meetings, etc. The revival gave opportunities for personal work.

Among the students three were found who would never make good students. Two of these were widows, the third one a woman who had been driven away by a wicked mother-in-law. We kept them until all had become earnest Christians
and could read their Romanized Bibles then we found positions for them as nurse maids. Three of our girls were married, not being allowed to finish the course. They may never become district Bible women but their stay with us will help them establish Christian homes. One graduate entered Magaw Hospital to take the nurse’s course. She had given two years on the district as a Bible woman. As the majority of the young women who come to us are widows we aim to give them a foundation that will fit them for the kind of service they seem best fitted for.

Bible Women

Very few of our Churches have rooms for Bible women, and so like the disciples of old they “abide” wherever a welcome is given them. Some have been fortunate in having well furnished rooms and even board given them. Others have rented rooms, asking the daily Bible students to help meet the expenses. In some cases these students have helped support the Bible women. Poorly provided for as they are we have always found them ready to respond to the call whether it came from the rich or the poor and needy.

We have an example in the case of Mrs. Tiang, one of our brightest young women, who when the call came from a large heathen village, quickly responded. The miserable cottage in which she lives is in perfect order and the mud floors swept clean. The poverty and bareness of the rooms are forgotten when we look into the smiling face of Mrs. Tiang and watch the crowd of interested, eager women and children as they gather close about her, listening to the Gospel message. Mrs. Tiang comes from a good home. She loves the bright and beautiful things that help make our lives worth while, and yet for the sake of those who need her she is living a life of extreme self-denial.
During this evangelistic year we would like you to keep the Bible women and the Bible classes on your prayer list. Pray that many more may respond to the call. We need them so much.

PHEBE C. WELLS

Futsing Day Schools and Evangelistic Work

One of the best fruits of our day schools, since our last report was the fine class of girls received into the Boarding school in March. Two of these girls came from the mountains up beyond Futsing city. Our day school there was never what we called a really good school, but, when we saw these two fine girls, we felt it had been worth while, for, if there had not been a day school, they probably never would have come to the boarding school. In that great region with its hundreds of villages, these are the first girls to go away to school.

Then the Siong Giang day school gave us four splendid girls. One of these Uong Nguk Ging, lost her father and mother with cholera, a few months before, and her mother’s dying wish was that Nguk Ging might go to school, but with the death of both father and mother, she was left in charge of an unprincipled uncle, who vetoed any plan for school. She was almost like a slave in his family, and she could only go on with her studies as she could steal away for an hour or two, now and then, but even in this way she kept up with her class. When we conducted the closing examination of the year, we thought it all settled that Nguk Ging was to come to us, for we promised to help her tuition, and another uncle, her mother’s brother, and one of our pastors, promised to help her clothes and spending money. However, when the other girls came at the opening of the term, Nguk Ging
did not come, and they said the uncle would not let her come, but had decided to betroth her, which practically meant to sell her. A few days later Nguk Ging appeared by herself, and we found that she had run away.

The Futsing schools also sent their quota of six fine new girls. All were able to go into the fourth grade, where they are doing good work.

One of the Red Letter days of the year was September 2, when we opened our first Institute for men and women teachers together. It was a decided success and I am sure we shall never want them separate again. At the close, the women teachers took the written examinations with the men, and next year they will be granted the same kind of certificates. We feel that this is going to be an added incentive to our teachers, and will result in better prepared teachers and better schools.

As recommended from the East Asia Conference held in Peking last spring, we have organized a board of education in each district, and next year this board will have charge of all primary schools for both boys and girls. This year, Mr. Siek, the examiner for the boys' schools, has conducted most of the examinations for our schools too, and we have found it very satisfactory.

The strong feature of the Evangelistic work has been the station or probationer's classes. Two have been held at Lungtien, and two at Futsing, and now another is being held there, and one at Cui Cong Bieng on the Ngu Ka district. At the end of a month, seven of the ten pupils in each of these classes were able to commence to read the Bible, having learned to read by the Romanized method. Not only do they learn to read, but during the two months they are under constant Christian instruction, and they became intelligent Christians. If we can carry out our plan of three classes a
term, or six classes a year, it will mean putting the Bible into the hands of some sixty women a year, and while that is not many among our large numbers, yet it cannot but mean much to the homes and to the church. We believe the intensive work on this few will mean more than the scattered work which we have been able to do heretofore over the large numbers.

Twenty-two Bible women have been going in and out of the Futsing homes this year, and we know God has been using them, for we hear splendid reports of their work. Some of them are in hard, hard places, but rejoicing in victories won. The women have taken for this year's text, "I am persuaded to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified," and with that ideal before them, they could not but have victory.

In the recommendations from the East Asia Conference, a wholly self supporting church was one, which not only supported its pastor, but its Bible woman as well. We are hardly ready yet for the local church to take full support of its Bible woman, but a step was taken toward it, when we asked this year that each church asking for a Bible woman give, at least, four dollars toward her support, and more if possible. This fall your missionary has been making a round of the district conferences, and among other things presenting this matter to the pastors and official members. Each district has adopted the plan.

We have had a good year, and we look toward the coming year with great hope and expectation. We wish to thank all the good friends in America, who by their gifts and prayers have made possible the year's victories.

CARRIE M. BARTLET.
Haitang Day Schools and Bible Women

Just before the Chinese New Year we held an institute for teachers and Bible women. Because of the condition of our buildings this was held in a small building formerly occupied by the Anglican Woman's School. In spite of the inconveniences we had a very helpful meeting and a number of the women came to know Christ as an abiding Presence.

Soon after New Year I began again the evangelistic meetings in the various villages where we have churches. Meetings have also been held in several villages where as yet we have no churches but where a number of families have just recently given up their idols and signified their desire to become Christians. These meetings are most encouraging. The people are so eager for the message and beg us to come back while calls are continually coming to us from villages where ten, twelve, fifteen or more families have destroyed
their idols and are asking us to come for meetings. We need some one who can give all her time to this work and then enough Bible women to care for those who are turning almost by the hundreds from their idols. The pastors alone cannot do it. Some of them as well as some of the Bible women have more than twenty villages on their circuit so it is utterly impossible to give the Christians in these villages the teaching and shepherding they need.

Within two weeks ten families in one village have destroyed their idols and this the place where two years ago they asked us to send them a teacher for there was not a Christian in the village and the evil spirits were troubling the people so much that even little children were possessed and they felt if they only had a school perhaps the spirits would leave. The above is the result and I wish you might have heard some of those pupils pleading with their parents to destroy their idols.

At our meetings in these villages we usually reserve one afternoon after the service for a bath party when all the babies whose mothers are willing are given a thorough scrubbing. This always brings a crowd of interested spectators who fully expect the babies to catch their death of cold while being subjected to the terrors of hot water and soap. They have always survived however, as far as I have heard. I have been really surprised at the willingness of most of these mothers to let us bathe their children and we have bathed as many as eighteen in one afternoon.

We have only thirty day schools now for this year death has claimed four of our best and brightest teachers, each of whom left a tiny baby and a splendid school with no one to care for them.

In September we held another Institute and this time the teachers from 'the boys' day schools met with those from
the girls' schools. This was quite a departure from the usual custom but we hope to make these joint Institutes a permanent thing.

Our Bible women have done some especially good work this year and their reports are encouraging. More than one hundred women are in Romanized classes and a number have received as a gift the New Testament which I promise to all who read the four Gospels.

We have organized a Missionary Society among our Christian women here in Tang Tau and thirty-three mite boxes have been given out. The women meet once a month when an appointed leader gives an interesting talk on the life of some early missionary and this is followed by a social hour of games and refreshments.

But by far the biggest event of the year was our Jubilee celebration of the coming of Christianity to Haitang. This took place November 1-5 and brought in guests from all over the island as well as from other places. We had the pleasure of entertaining in our school nearly one hundred Chinese women and children and in our home sixteen foreigners. It was an inspiration to hear some of our very earliest Christians, now past their working days but still on fire with zeal for the spreading of the Gospel, tell of the changes that have come since those days when those who accepted Christ had to endure all kinds of persecution, when there were no churches or schools, when not a woman on the island could read, and none who did not have bound feet.

We were glad to have Bishop Keeney with us during those days and for his inspiring messages; we were glad for all our visitors but we were sorry indeed that our earliest Haitang missionaries, those who bore the hardships, the discouragements, the burdens during those early days, could not be with us. They would have felt that it all had been
more than worth while and would have thanked God that they were privileged to have so large a share in bringing forth the fruits of today.

It has been a good year crowded with blessings and as we come to its close we can truly say with the Psalmist, "Thou crownest the year with goodness."

EDITH F. ABEL.

DING SO SING
The first Chinese woman to become a local preacher

Kude District Bible Women

Until one has lived among a people whose civilization is non-Christian, it is difficult to realize how little of human tenderness, of unselfish doing there is in the world outside the Christian Church. But how often in my visits in the villages have I found out how much devolves on the Bible
women. Poverty, sickness and death or other calamity bring to light the way in which these women are called to help. The non-Christian people are so heedless of suffering and need unless it touches their own. When I was out the last time, examining a day-school, I wondered why I didn’t see the Bible woman for several hours. I asked: “Where is Siok Li Church Mother?” the answer was, “She is over helping make the burial clothes for one of our Church members who has just died.” Replying to my query as to whether the neighbours didn’t help, they said to me: “Our Chinese people never think of doing those things for any but their relatives.”

Twenty-six of these Bible women have been carrying on their helpful ministries. Their reports show more than one hundred women led into the Church. Aside from their ordinary work, most of them have started classes teaching illiterate women to read the Romanized. By this means we hope that these women who have little time to study can be taught to read the Bible.

Laura Frazey.

Kutien Bible Women’s Training School,
Bible Women and Day Schools

One of the most outstanding memories of the past year is our delightful visit in April from Dr. and Mrs. Fisher and daughter and Mrs. Slack. They were so appreciative and delighted with their reception, and the work in Kutien that they did us good. They were so refreshing and helpful.

We are enjoying our beautiful Wilson Memorial Chapel, the gift of Rock Island Auxiliary. The women appreciate it greatly. The dedicatory services of March 12 were enjoyed by all. Best of all it affords what we have long needed, a quiet place for communion with God.

Our school building both terms has been full to overflowing. There is an exceptionally fine number of new women in our
Romanized school this term. Our five teachers and matron are faithful and doing good work. The weekly prayer meetings, class meetings, and Bible study are a spiritual help to all. The stories of the women's lives are so full of tragedy and make one truly grateful for a Christian home and training.

The official has opened a government school for boys and girls, the first of its kind in Kutien, to which girls have been admitted. The three women teachers are from our Christian schools. It is interesting and encouraging to realize that something is being done by the government.

I have twenty-four day schools and twenty-five Bible women on my district. We had our Bible women's conference in September and teachers' institute in April. The programs were full of helpfulness. I have opened a number of schools in new places and have been around the district three times examining day schools. Kutien is a very large district, and the schools are far apart and it takes many days travel to reach them all. The scenery is beautiful and the great stretches of mountains are inspiring.

At the seventeenth township Rev. Ding had planned work for the afternoon. The pastor, Bible woman and I walked to the village and found a crowd of over one hundred men, women and children gathered in the open court of a large house. We sang and all three gave them a message and they listened attentively. I gave them some ten commandment sheets and they asked for more. We left feeling that some good had been done.

This is the time for evangelistic work in China. Evangelistic bands, freed for this work alone, could accomplish much. Pray that those in our schools may be given efficient training and receive the Spirit of Christ to prepare them for this work of winning China for Christ.

Mary Peters.
Lungtien Woman's School

Our Woman's Training school has been full to overflowing this past year. In January seven women were graduated, one is a pastor's wife, and is already busy in her new field of labor. One went to her home on Haitang island, where she is a Bible woman, and three are Bible women here on the mainland. One, Iek Bing Kong, writes joyfully of her work, although she is in a station alone. God is using her greatly, and she is so happy to be in the Master's service. The other two are teaching successful day schools. The women brought back splendid reports of their summer vacation work. Two were appointed to do follow up work at Deng Cheng after the big evangelistic campaign. The pastor was loud in his praises of their work. He said they had done more work in three months than some women would have done in three years. Great joy has come into their own lives, because of this service.

CARRIE M. BARTLETT,
for HARRIET HALVERSTADT.

Minsing Bible Women

Last year we spoke of the prayer bands which the Bible women had organized in line with the Centenary plan. They continue to do definite work and have brought many non-Christian women to join them in their weekly meetings.

Nearly every Bible woman has some on her list who are learning to read the Alphabetic Script and a few are now able to read the Bible. It is not an easy task to get women busy in their homes to learn to read, in the face of opposition and ridicule, and interruptions and confusion in these crowded homes. An elderly woman who came to the Woman's School just long enough to learn to read her Bible in Romanized has
continued her Bible study and is now teaching a class of learners the script, giving her time freely, though she is very poor.

Our evangelistic work at Lek-du has been greatly helped by the Evangelistic Campaign held here in October. More than a hundred women decided to give up their idols and become Christians. As we have visited these women in their homes since the meetings we have found nearly all of them sincere in their desire, but of course they now need much instruction. Almost all of them have been enrolled in regular classes to which the Bible women go twice each week.

One Bible woman in writing to me of her work said: "Many boys from the homes to which I have gone have entered our Christian school and I have been able to teach two women to read. Last week the day-school teacher was away and I taught for her. It is very hard to get the women of this place to believe and to come to Church for they are bound by customs and dare not walk out on the streets. However, they are willing to send their children to our schools and our hope is in them."

**Woman's School**

The Woman's School has sent five new workers into the field the past year: three are working as Bible women and two as day-school teachers.

We are hoping to plan for some two-months' station classes in which Christian women can be taught to read, and we think that from the women attending these classes we may be able to select some who can go on and train to become Bible women. We have no funds for such classes nor any building in which to hold them, but the need of them is so great we feel that in some way they are going to be made possible.
While some of the women who come to us are still too young to be Bible women we are glad to have the opportunity to study and become helpful members of the Church of China. They so appreciate the privilege of studying which was denied them when they were children that they are most faithful. Those in the preparatory class receive no help except free tuition, but most of them now do their year of preparatory work outside with the help of the Bible woman or day-school teacher.

Besides Bible study in the daily classes some of the means for developing the spiritual life of the women are the Morning Watch, the daily chapel service, the prayer groups conducted by the students themselves, and the class-meetings in which they take an active part.

The students have long gone out to nearby villages for afternoon Sunday School work. This year they have taken charge of the work for the women in these meetings more fully themselves, and the results in the number who have become Christians prove their faithfulness in this work. This leads us to feel more strongly than ever that Chinese women are to be saved chiefly through the work of other Chinese women who themselves really know Christ.

Since the Evangelistic Campaign the women have had a definite part in the follow-up work. On Saturday afternoon the students and teachers go out two by two to work with the new learners. They continue the work the Bible women have been doing during the week, teaching these women to read Romanized and also teaching them the Ten Commandments, Bible verses, etc., and telling them more about the way of salvation as they have experienced it in their own hearts. Their joy in service for others is the most telling proof of their joy in the Lord and His life in them.

Edna Jones.
INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, FOOCHOW

In the Institutional Church in Foochow we have real co-operation between the Board of Foreign Missions and the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society. Our work naturally falls under three headings: religious, educational and community. The latter two are only means to our real end, that of interpreting Jesus Christ to people in terms which they can understand.

Our graded Sunday School is a great joy to us. We have a very good superintendent and the children have increased in number so that we have had to go outside for help. Five of the Hwa Nang students come in each week to teach. The children are very enthusiastic and enjoy all the good times that are provided for them. There is a private school conducted by two of our Church members and they have given us permission to go there once a week to hold a weekday Sunday School as it is too far for the children to come here every Sunday. However, they consider themselves a part of our Sunday School and when we have any special “doings” they are invited. It seems like a very great opportunity and I wish that we had more such openings.

This year we have an all-day kindergarten in which the regular kindergarten program is followed in the morning but very simple studies are followed in the afternoon for an hour and a half. We added the afternoon session because the parents wanted the children out of their way but still cared for.

The average for our day school has been about fifty and we are very glad that this year we have been able to add one more grade. Formerly we had only the four years of lower primary work but now we have one year of higher primary. This year we are to be linked up with the board of education
by taking the examinations which they issue. We expect to
add a grade each year until we have the four grades of higher
primary.

One of the new forms of work this year has been the
Vacation Bible School. Many of the children reached
through it still come to our Sunday School.

Our Mothers' meetings are open to all women but we
have a few regular members who pay a fee of ten cents a
month to be used in some form of social work. We were very
pleased to be able to hand to the famine relief committee
$58.00 which this small group of women raised.

We have just started a better baby group and had ten
months' old John Gossard for a sample of proper care! The
babies were weighed and the mothers had a good time asking
questions. Next year we hope to have a resident district
nurse who can take up this work regularly.

There is now a new project started. It is a museum.
We begin of course on a small scale but hope to make it worth
while to the City. It pleases me that the team which raised
the most money was a women's team and the person who is
to get the Bishop's silver cup for the largest number of
subscriptions raised was also a woman and a member of our
church.

Then there was the great anti-cholera campaign in which
we had a real share. And in the spring our church was the
center of an evangelistic effort in which we tried to reach all
of the city for which the Methodist Church is responsible.
These are the outstanding things that have happened this
year and there have been many things to encourage us.
Among them has been our Thursday evening prayer meeting
which was started this term. It is a real source of strength
and unity and more and more we realize the power of prayer.

MARY SING-GIEU CARLETON.
APPOINTMENTS

Foochow District.

_Hua Nang (Woman's College of South China)_
President: Lydia A. Trimble
Faculty: Ruby Sia, Mary Mann, Floy Hurlbut, Katharine
Willis, Roxy Lefforge, Gladys Ding, Helen Spencer,
Marion Whitford, Mrs. Lydia Wilkinson (half-time)
Students of the language:
Elizabeth Richey, Dorothea Keeney, Lois Witham.
_Girls' Higher Primary, Normal Class, Primary Day Schools:_
Julia Bonafield, Florence Plumb, May L. Hu, Menia
Wanzer, Jane Ellen Nevitt.
_Woman's School, Station Classes and Bible Women:_
Phoebe C. Wells.
_Mary E. Crook Children's Home:_ Jane Ellen Nevitt.
_Industrial Work:_ Jean Adams.
_Magaw Memorial Hospital:_
Dr. Eleanore J. Pond, Physician in charge.
Cora E. Simpson, R. N., Superintendent Florence Night-
ingale Training School for Nurses and Midwives.
Alice A. Wilcox R. N., (half-time student of language).
_Leper Work:_ Cora E. Simpson, R. N.
_Woolston Memorial Hospital:_
Dr. Hu King Eng, Physician in charge,
Dr. Hu Seuk Eng, Assistant.
Mrs. Lydia A. Wilkinson, Evangelistic work.
_Union Kindergarten Training School:_
Alice M. Lacy, instructor and Supervisor of Kindergartens.
_Institutional Church Woman's Work:_
Mary Sing-Gieu Carleton, in charge.
Bing-tang (Haitang) Districts.

Girls' Higher Primary, Bible Classes, Bible Women, and Primary Day Schools: Lura M. Hefty, Harriet J. Halverstadt.

Medical Work: Dr. Hung, Lura M. Hefty.

Kutien and Bing-Hu Districts.

Girls' Higher Primary and Deaf-Mute Department, Model Primary and Kindergarten: Jennie D. Jones.

Kutien District Bible Women and Primary Day Schools: Eva Spruner, (part time student of language).

Woman's School, Station Classes, Bing-Hu District Bible Women and Primary Day Schools: Mary Peters.

Mintsing District.

Girls' Higher Primary School: Rose A. Mace.

Woman's School, Bible Classes and Bible Women: Edna Jones.

Primary Day Schools: Edna Jones, Rose A. Mace.

Nathan Sites' Memorial Good Shepherd Hospital:
Dr. Mary E. Carleton, Physician in charge.

Dr. Ciong Kai, Assistant.

Lungtien, Futsing and Nguka Districts.

Girls' Higher Primary School: Emma L. Ehly.

Woman's School and Bible Classes:
Martha McCutcheon (part time language study).

Primary Day School and Bible Women: Carrie M. Bartlett.

Woman's and Children's Hospital:
Dr. Li Bi Cu, Physician in charge.

On Furlough: Paula Seidlmann, L. Ethel Wallace, Ursula Tyler, Mabel Allen, Emma Eichenberger, Edith Abel, Laura Frazey.
General Treasurer for China: Elizabeth M. Strow.

Business Agent: Menia H. Wanzer.

Official Correspondent: Jane Ellen Nevitt.

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Field Reference Committee: Rose A. Mace, Lura M. Hefty, Emma Ehly, Jennie D. Jones, Julia Bonafield, Lydia A. Trimble, Alice M. Lacy, Cora E. Simpson.

Field Property Committee: Julia Bonafield, Mary Mann, Phoebe C. Wells, Mr. P. P. Wiant.

Credentials: Rose A. Mace, Floy Hurlbut, Harriet Halverstadt.

Program: Lydia Trimble, May Hu, Mrs. Cartwright.

Evangelistic: Jennie Jones, Mary S.-G. Carleton, Phoebe Wells, Mrs. Sites.

Medical: Cora Simpson, Dr. Carleton, Dr. Hu King Eng, Dr. Li Bi Cu, Dr. Pond.

Reform: Julia Bonafield, Ruby Sia, Lura Hefty.

Entertainment: Mary Peters, Jennie Jones, Eva Sprunger.

Publicity: Lura Hefty, Eva Sprunger, Cora Simpson.

Publication: Mrs. Walter Lacy, Mary Mann, Dorothea Keeney.

Correspondents:

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To Women's Conferences in China: Edna Jones.

To Missionary Friend: Katharine Willis.

To Junior Friend: Eva Sprunger.

To China Christian Advocate: Mrs. Wiant.

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*Chinese Gift.*
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Contributions ..................

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Total Contributions of Women and Girls for Benevolences ........ M. $ 62.80

Total received on Field for Support of Work. G. $ 12,342.50
Value of Real Estate. .. G. $388,000.00
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**Leper Work**

1 Church and home for workers
1 Day school
28 Children in school
2 Bible Women
1 Pastor Teacher
196 Services held
5300 Attendance
12 Clinics held
725 Patients
34 Members of Church, 11 members died

Rendered by

**MISS CORA SIMPSON**

(Nurse-in-Charge)
Union Kindergarten Training School.

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