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During the year we have missed the valuable services, on account of furlough,-of Rev. and Mrs. Abbott, whom we hoped would be back in autumn, Dr. & Mrs. Dunlap, whom we hope to welcome soon, on their return, and Miss Eames, who is not due to return until end of next summer. This has left us shorthanded in many ways. On the other hand we were able to welcome two new workers to the rank of our force-Mr. Carl Rankin, who came from the Arts College at Weihsien, to render much needed help in our English School and Miss Ruth McIvor, the newly appointed nurse for the hospital, who has been studying the language at the Peking Language School. The English School has also been able to secure the services of Mr. John Crofts, graduate of the C. I. M. Boys School here, and Mr. Harold Elterich, of Wooster University. Miss A. Watson has had charge of the nursing work in the hospital.

While a more than usual number of missionaries in various missions, among them quite a number of veteran missionaries, have been called to their heavenly reward, our lives, and especially that of our beloved veteran missionary Dr. Hunter Corbett, have been spared, and our health preserved.

We would present the following brief review of the activities in the various departments of our missionary work.

I.-CITY WORK.

(1) Pastoral and Evangelistic.

There has been a steady increase in the membership of our Temple Hill Church, about sixty members having been received during the year among them being a large percentage of women which is a gratifying feature. The services on Sundays became so large, and the accommodations were so insufficient, that it was found necessary to have two sets of services—one for the regular congregation—the other for our large body of students from the English School and Hunter Corbett Academy.
On Sunday October 6th a large assembly gathered in the church which had been specially decorated for the purpose by the students. It was the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the church. Both foreign and Chinese representatives from the other missions in the city took part in the special services arranged for. It was an occasion of great rejoicing because of God's guidance and blessing on the church, and the fact that its founder, Dr. Hunter Corbett had lived to see this day. In 1865 the first three converts from heathenism were baptized; the following year the membership had increased to twenty, and the congregation was formally organized into a church with one elder and one deacon. The session records showed that up to date, 1902 adults had been received and 472 children had been baptized.

Almost every month witnesses the reception of new members from all walks of life—shop-keepers, students, artisans, laborers, soldiers from the city barracks, and farmers. This winter a well-to-do man, formerly in business in Russian Manchuria and now living at his home 100 miles south-east of Chefoo—came to us with his little boy, stating he had come to find the missionaries, as he was anxious to become a Christian. He spent over a month in studying the Christian religion and was received into the church after an excellent profession of faith. He returned to his home to win his family for Christ and open his place as an out-station.

In the absence of Mr. Abbott, the work at the Institutional Church in the Foreign Settlement, could only receive our general oversight, and the services have largely been looked after by the Y. M. C. A. with which this work thus far has been affiliated. The services have been well attended and two young men were received as members.

The Sunday School attendance at both these churches has been good, over 600 attending on Temple Hill, and about 40 at the Institutional Church. The Christmas services were especially interesting, a pamphlet being used that is used by the China Sunday School Union, containing an order of service, responsive readings, songs, recitations, and representations of what Christmas means to various countries. These services were highly appreciated. A pretty incident of Christmas Day was the singing of Christmas carols in the evening by twenty school-children led by their woman teacher. Provided with paper lanterns they visited the various mission residences and sang very sweetly.
Men's Bible Training School
Teachers and Students, 1917.
In the work for Women Mrs. Wells had charge of the city Biblewomen, who together with her made systematic visits to many homes of heathen and Christians alike. In September an inquirers class for women was held seven attending, all of whom were later received into the church. In February another class was conducted the expenses being defrayed by voluntary gifts. Seventeen women attended regularly, also quite a number of Christian women for the special services of prayer and song, and helpful talks on Christian homelife.

Mrs. Smith has had charge of the Women’s Clubs in the church, the members attending with unflagging zeal, twenty-four being present at one time. In connection with the Mother’s Club a “Better Babies Show” was held last August, which enlisted the keen interest of the entire community. Twenty-five entries were made of children under two years of age. The little victims arrayed in gayest of wee jackets, and trousers, had been scrubbed and polished until their bodies fairly shone. It is gratifying to report that, of the 25 babies tested, all but 2 scored over 85%, while the prize baby scored 98.5%.

The Woman’s Home Missionary Society met monthly, the president, Mrs. Smith, giving addresses varying in subject from the unique work of Cyrus Hamlin, to The Missions to Deep Sea Fisheries. This society supports a city Biblewoman and a village school.

Our City Evangelistic Work has been conducted along the same lines as formerly. The Street-Chapel Museum, under the charge of Dr. Corbett, still draws large crowds aggregating about 80,000 visits a year. At the Chinese New Year 4367 women and children attended on the two days specially reserved for their attendance. Mr. Mao, our eloquent street preacher has been able to reach hundreds of people, and has been especially successful in the soldiers barracks; quite a number of converts have been the result of his work.

At the New Year union evangelistic prayermeetings were held with the other Protestant Missions of the city for the purpose of stirring up the evangelistic zeal of churchmembers. Thousands of tracts were distributed at the last markets of the year and systematic preaching in the streets and house visitation conducted during the New Year Season.
(2) Educational.

The English School opened on September 1st with an enrollment of 260, the largest in the history of the school, and this Spring began with 230, which is good considering the fact that 18 students had been graduated the last term, and many who wanted to return were unable on account of hard times. The graduating exercises were of more than usual interest, as the class numbering 18 was the largest in the history of the school, and the occasion also was honored by the presence of the "Tao Yin" the highest Chinese official in Chefoo. The same presented the diplomas and addressed the graduates. These are either attending higher schools, or have been placed in good business positions.

We are especially gratified with the religious state of the school. Six students were received into the church and three more are enrolled as candidates for baptism. A monthly class has been conducted specially to prepare candidates for entrance into the church. The Christian students are also doing fine personal work among their fellow students.

The Hunter Corbett Academy graduated one of its largest classes numbering 18, a few of whom have gone to the Arts College at Weihsien with the view to preparing for the ministry. The school is getting on a more satisfactory basis every year, the primary schools of the city looking to it more and more as the place to which to send their graduates. There are 29 day students this year.

It was sincerely hoped, that in view of the money already in hand, building operations on the new Academy buildings could be begun this Spring, but this has been made impossible for the present owing to the increased cost of materials, and loss by exchange, the latter involving a loss of $7000. Mex.

The School for the Deaf reports 46 pupils in attendance, an equal number of boys and girls. In addition to their regular studies, manual work is being done; the boys making bamboo reeds for cloth weaving, doing carpentry work and grading the premises; the girls doing lace and sewing work.

A report of the school covering the last two years was prepared and published, also a leaflet appealing for additional funds for the new Recitation Hall. These reports and leaflets were sent to the Schools for the Deaf in America, societies and churches for the Deaf, as well as to many friends and donors.
Temple Hill English School
Graduating Class, January, 1917.
Kindergarten Children

with Christmas Gifts from America.
The original estimate for the Recitation Hall was $10,000 gold, of which $8000 are available, but it has been impracticable to begin building on account of the low exchange and increased cost of materials.

Last term the Men's Bible Training School had an attendance of 15 students. This term 25 have been enrolled making it difficult to provide the necessary accommodations. Some of these new students are especially promising.

The curriculum has been revised, and a very complete Bible Study, and Evangelistic Training Course arranged for covering 3 years.

For years now this school has met a distinct need in the training of Christian leaders and helpers for this part of the province.

The Kindergarten and Primary Schools were well attended last term, but the attendance this Spring was so large that our accommodations were crowded to their utmost, and some children had to be turned away. In the kindergarten department 89 pupils were enrolled, in girls intermediate 27, almost twice as many as last year. In the kindergarten-primary building there are now 144 pupils. Our greatest need at present is a suitable girls school, the present quarters being nothing but a number of old, one-storey Chinese buildings.

One of the greatest events of the schools was the receiving of Christmas presents sent by the Ladies and Children of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren Ohio, which caused the greatest joy to the recipients and their parents, the chief attraction being the beautiful dolls which were so coveted by the boys that they cried with disappointment when the girls got them instead.

The Eastern Light School for the children of high class Chinese, which is self-supporting, had to remove to other premises owing to the owner returning to occupy the same. There are now 31 pupils enrolled in the kindergarten and primary departments. The Chinese patrons have re-organized the management of the school, added quite a number of other patrons, and are planning a new building for the school.

(3) Medical.

The dispensary attendance has been good, the hospital full most of the time and at times crowded. This occurred after Christmas when 20 patients were brought at one time, survivors from the ill-fated "Hantaka
Maru", a Japanese steamer which was wrecked in a blizzard just outside of Chefoo harbor. Only a few score out of the 370 passengers were rescued. These patients were in a terrible condition with feet and hands frozen. In spite of all medical care several died. 2 or 3 might have been saved had they allowed their feet to be amputated.

The evangelistic work has been carried on by our faithful, blind evangelist Mr. Han, and another helper and Biblewoman in the dispensary. The follow-up-plan for in-patients adopted by the Evangelistic Conference held at Weihsien last December, is now being made use of with the hope of better conserving the religious work done in the hospital.

The greatest need at present is a Nurses Home, to make more room for patients in the hospital.

We can record a steady increase in the number of dispensary and hospital patients, as well as in the receipts on the field.

When we remember that it was only a few years ago that our medical plant consisted of a small one-storey Chinese building, a Chinese physician, an attendance of 4000 patients, with no receipts on the field, and that we now have a large medical plant with Dispensary for men and women, a Hospital accommodating 65 beds, a staff of two foreign physicians, two Chinese physicians, a foreign nurse, 21 Chinese nurses, an attendance during the year of 332 inpatients, 15842 treatments, and Chinese receipts amounting to $5000 Mex.-we feel we have cause for great gratification at this marvelous growth in this department of our work.

We are also pleased that the China Medical Board has agreed to aid our Hospital by providing another foreign physician and nurse, and paying three fourths of the outlay, the Board to provide the balance. The Board has accepted this offer and is seeking to secure this force.

**II. COUNTRY WORK.**

*(1) Pastoral and Evangelistic.*

Our country work has only one Chinese pastor, the Rev. Li Si Hai who was trained in our schools before taking his theological education. In autumn he gave up the charge of two churches which had been able to provide only one fourth of his salary, and accepted the charges of three small churches in our south-west field who are paying his entire salary of $240 Mex. One of these churches completed a nice church edifice seating
Temple Hill Hospital and Dispensary.
Group of Nurses.
200, and costing $150 gold.—The churches which Mr. Li left, failing to secure him again, took over the support of an evangelist and opened up three new schools. This has been quite a step forward in the line of self-support. The other seven churches together with twenty odd out stations, were all visited in Fall, and 51 candidates examined of which 26 were received. This work together with the superintendence of the 20 preachers, 5 Biblewomen, and chapels, as well as country schools have all been under the care of Dr. Elterich, showing our dire need for more clerical men. Our other great need is a woman evangelist. We have none.

Mr. Wells has been busy at his out-station 12 miles to the south-west of Chefoo, preaching daily to people who visited his chapel, or being out visiting the many villages in his district. Sixty villages were thus visited, and religious talks held with heathen school teachers and their pupils.

Mrs. Wells was able to make two short trips to this out-station, and also to visit the district city and a number of villages at all of which she was well received, the women and children listening with great interest to the gospel message.

Our country preachers, who, with but few exceptions, have received their training in our Bible Training School, have been busy at the various centers reporting open doors everywhere. Several inquirers classes were conducted the expenses being defrayed by those attending.

(2) Educational.

A number of changes have been made in our country school work, a few schools having been dropped and some new ones opened. Our men teachers are bright young men trained in the Normal Department of our Academy.

A more efficient school-inspector was taken on this Spring and plans already made for greater efficiency in our day schools both in city and country. Two schools of an intermediate grade are being planned for in different parts of our field.

Handicapped though we have been thru lack of sufficient members on our force in some departments of our work, yet we can report progress in every part of our work due to God's gracious help and blessing.

In behalf of the Station,

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