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PERSONAL REPORT BY MISS L. MOON

The beginning of the year found me at a village in Pingtu, to which Mr. Sears had asked me to go, to teach the women. I also visited Li Tz Yuem, Yuchia, and Saling, in the same region.

On my return journey to Tungchow, I heard at Hwanghein that our city had been bombarded by the Japanese. Having lived several months in an atmosphere of false reports, I did not credit the story. About five miles out from Tungchow I had ocular proof of its truth. The road, in places, seemed like a crowded street, so great was the number of fugitives. It was the saddest sight I ever witnessed. Our way was much impeded by the numbers hurrying westward, and we reached home after nightfall. The first news that greeted me was that a United States man-of-war would come the next day to take us away. I also learned that a shell had struck my front wall, carrying away a portion of it, and then exploded on the verandah. My first thought was to return to Pingtu, which I had recently left in perfect peace. On finding that the cost would be more than ten times what was usual, that plan was promptly abandoned. I finally decided to remain at home, and though the Japanese returned twice, and though the people who could not get away were in a state of tense excitement and deep gloom, I never regretted my decision to stay. In those dark days the people and the missionaries were drawn together as never before, and the good effect has been permanent.

During the months of March and April I visited Chinese homes almost daily, besides attending services at the church every day. About the time peace was concluded I resumed country work, and met a cordial reception among the villages. During the year I have visited one hundred and sixty villages. The work is increasingly encouraging, and there are some inquirers. It will be seen that my time is given mostly to country work. The departure of Mrs. Crawford and the subsequent withdrawal of Mrs. Taylor, who had taken her work, will compel me more and more to devote myself to this department of the work. It also forces me to cease working in Pingtu for lack of time. O for more workers! May the Lord send them in his own good time.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2661
DATE :: May 07, 1897
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TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Tung-Chau and Shang Tswang -- **Miss Moon** has been untiring and persistent in the prosecution of her work, which is directed chiefly to the villages within a radius of thirty

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miles of Tung-Chau, though some of her journeys have taken her much farther. God has blessed her in her work, and some of those baptized are, under God, directly the result of her labors. He report is as follows:

I have worked mostly in the country this year, though visiting occasionally in the city and teaching a class regularly in Sunday school. I have visited sixty-two towns and villages. Where the work seemed to demand it I have repeatedly visited the same villages two, three or four times during the year. In a few of these villages there are inquirers in various stages of advancement. In others there are people willing to be taught hymns, prayers and religious books, but who could hardly be classed as inquirers. In any given community my work is not confined to any class, but includes men, women, schoolboys, girls and little children. In some towns and villages I spend several days at a time; to others, as those near the city, I go out only for an afternoon. The urgent calls are far more than I can possibly meet.

REPORT OF TUNG CHOW MISSION

Miss Hartwell reports:

Most of my work for the year has been done in Tung Chow city. My general program has been: Two hours' study of the language daily; one hour spent in teaching in the church boys' school; one half-hour given to a Bible lesson in one of the little day schools, and visiting in the afternoon; attendance on and assisting some in my mother's weekly prayer meeting for women and girls; the conducting of our Sunday school teachers' meeting every Saturday afternoon, and the teaching of my Sunday school class. One of the day schools had to be closed on account of small attendance. During the latter part of the year I have had to leave the other mostly to the care of its excellent teacher, visiting it myself only once a week. Teacher and pupils have done good work. During the year it has grown in enrollment from fifteen to twenty-three, and in average attendance from nine to fifteen.

My Sunday school class of ragged street boys, numbering seventy to one hundred weekly, are the apple of mine eye. Begun with a mere handful of little boys and girls, it soon grew so large that my little sister, Janie (herself then only eight years old), agreed to take the smallest tots and teach them, using Bible pictures and little children's hymns as helps. Thus began the class for outside girls, now often numbering thirty or more, and taught by my mother and little Janie.

The visiting in the homes has often been very encouraging. If time and space permitted I might tell of certain cases of interest. Not long ago my Bible woman remarked: "Koo Niang, we seldom come home without feeling that the Lord had that day purposely led us to some particular person or place, with a special message for us to give to a prepared and waiting one." And so it has truly seemed.

My Country Work has been done in five trips away from the city, the shortest being for one day (thirty-eight li away), and others for three weeks. The trip to Koo Hien with **Miss**

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Moon was especially encouraging. My father was with us part of the time, and preached to large, attentive crowds. A fall in a shentsz, and consequent injury, prevented my engaging in country work as much as I had hoped for this year. I have visited in all twenty-one villages.

The appalling need of more workers everywhere makes one's heart ache. When can we hope for help? The Lord grant that the day be not far off, for we of North China are sorely in need of helpers. Work, work opening up in all directions, pressing on us from all directions, and so few to do it!

The little day schools referred to in the above report have been maintained at Miss Hartwell's personal expense, there having been no appropriation for them by the Board.

Mrs. Hartwell reports:

This has been a year of steady growth in our girls' school. Our faithful Chinese principal, Mrs. Kwoa, though suffering from repeated serious illness, has managed the girls, directed the assistants, and taught her own classes. There have been two baptisms, and seven girls have unbound their feet. Several of our pupils were withdrawn in the fall to enter the Christian school opened by the native brethren in Hwang-Hien, but their places have been taken by others, and we still have thirty-seven pupils, of whom twenty-eight have unbound feet and twelve are Christians. Since September I have had an

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TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

"From the above I think we may say progress is to be reported in the church. And in estimating the good influences at work very large praise may be given our sisters, **Misses Moon** and Hartwell.

"I think that probably the work in the country has suffered most from Dr. Hartwell's absence; from the simple fact that no substitutes could be had for that. The work is necessarily, to some extent, neglected. How sorely a man is needed in Tung Chow!"

"New Inn, or Shintien -- This is a station belonging to the field of Dr. Hartwell and **Miss Moon**. At the request of **Miss Moon** and Miss Hartwell and our Mission I have taken up this work to do all I can to aid the Tung Chow work. I found here, too, many people who had heard Dr. Hartwell many years ago.

"Hwang-Hien City -- Just a few steps from my door is a large market outside the East city gate. Sometimes thousands gather here to buy and sell vegetables, wood, hay and corn, donkeys, horses and cows. I have met not a few here, and the seed sown will, I trust, some time in the providence of God, bring forth fruit. There are other places that I cannot now speak of. I feel it due, however, to Mrs. Crawford and to Mrs. Holmes, to add that

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almost everywhere I go the people speak well of them, thus showing that lasting impressions have been made, some of which, in slow China, take a generation to manifest itself.

MISS ANNA HARTWELL, of Tung Chow, reports:

"My work for the year has been mostly in connection with the schools, especially the Girls' Boarding School, which on the departure in early March of mother and father for Canton, seeking health, was left to my care. The enrollment for the year has been thirty-nine, but the actual number in school most of the time has been thirty. I have now limited the school to that number, because the health of the girls, as well as the means with which to support the school, demanded it.

"Tung Chow has been scourged with sweeping epidemics of smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever. In the limited quarters with which we have to be satisfied, and with infection in the air all around us, it proved impossible, even with all the disinfectants we scattered about, to keep the dread disease from entering our midst. Five in the school took the smallpox, but all recovered. Three of our girls have died (though not in the school) of typhoid fever. Two have been baptized during the year. God is blessing us in answer to prayer. There seems to be an especial awakening. Seven girls and the school cook are asking for baptism.

"The girls supported by special churches, societies or individuals are:

MISS L. MOON, of Tung Chow, reports:

"My report this year is very brief.

"I have done a little work in the city (Tung Chow), and have visited eighty-four different villages and towns. I have been greatly hindered this year in work by circumstances beyond my control. Two men have been received for baptism from a village to which I go, and others there have asked baptism and been deferred.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2663
DATE :: May 12, 1899
LOCATION :: Louisville, Kentucky
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

REPORT OF MISS L. MOON

I have visited this year one hundred and eleven different towns and villages. The interest manifested has been varied. In some villages there is absolute indifference. In others, there is apparently a faint beginning of interest. In yet others, there are earnest inquirers

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and believers, who have not yet the courage to identify themselves openly with the Lord's people. Five have been baptized from one village.

I have superintended with much pleasure a day school, which is supported by the "Sunbeams" of the Norfolk (Virginia) Freemason Street church. The children have made good progress in their studies, and have improved in many ways. The books studied are mostly religious. The number of pupils now on the roll is fifteen.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2666
DATE :: May 11, 1900
LOCATION :: Hot Springs, Arkansas
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

REPORT OF MISS LOTTIE MOON

My time has been given mostly to country work. I have visited ninety-six different towns and villages. One large town, about twenty miles east of Tung Chow, called Wu Shi Li P'u, I have visited six times. Here much seed was sown in former years by Mrs. Holmes and myself. Now, after many years, the seed seems to be springing up. The most hopeful inquirer, a young man about twenty-seven years of age, whom I was expecting to ask for baptism, was called to Manchuria by stress of family necessities. With drought there was failure of crops, and the only way to earn money was to go to Manchuria. I had the satisfaction of hearing that he took all his Christian books with him. For about three years he had been diligently studying the New Testament and other religious books. Since his departure, his wife has manifested a decided interest. His father and mother are also believers. From Wu Shi Li P'u, as a centre, the interest is slowly spreading to other villages.

In the southwest I have visited Mung Chia three times during this year. Here are several whom I regard as Christians, but being mostly young women, it is very difficult for them to come forward and ask baptism.

There are always many learners whenever I go. Two of them are young men, of whom one is diligently studying the New Testament. There are many young women studying Matthew or the hymn book. Of most of these it would be fair to say that they believe in the truth of Christianity. Boys and girls also come to learn.

In some other villages, such as Lan Chia Ko and Buh Wang Shu and Wang Chia Tswang, all west of Tung Chow, there are persons who are earnestly interested, though they have not yet the courage to confess the Lord in baptism.

To the field south and southeast of the city, I have not been able to go for lack of time. I long to be out in what used to be a favorite field, with Lung San Tsin as centre, but unless one person can be in four places at once it is simply impossible to visit even once a year all the places that ought to be visited twice a year, or much oftener when there is special interest.

The Day School, supported by the Sunbeams of the Norfolk, Virginia, Freemason Street Church, has prospered. During the year twenty-seven names have been enrolled, but there have never been so many in attendance at one time. The year closes with seventeen names on the roll. Six of the little boys were formed into a Sunday school class for Mr. Owen, and he teaches them with the aid of his little interpreter, Claude Hartwell.

I have taught a class of young men in the Sunday school. The members are frequently changing, as circumstances call them elsewhere. Still it is a great pleasure to study with them the Gospel of John, with the light thrown upon it by Dr. Hovey's commentary.

The work, as a whole, seems to me very hopeful. I am constrained, however, to reiterate most urgently my oft-repeated plea for more workers. The Tung Chow station needs and ought to have prompt and large reinforcement.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2669
DATE :: May 10, 1901
LOCATION :: New Orleans, Louisiana
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

REPORT OF MISS LOTTIE MOON

I began country work in February by a trip to Wu Shi Li P'u, where there has been an increasing interest, not only in the town itself, but also in the neighborhood. I promised to visit Wu Shi Li P'u once a month. The inquirers were increasing in number, the latest being an old man of excellent character and good standing in the town. He had long wished to come, but was held back by Chinese etiquette. He promised to come always when I should go there. Alas! the trouble came on, and that visit in the spring was my last to Wu Shi Li P'u.

I visited all the villages and towns that I am accustomed to visit in the spring, except Mung Chia. From that place I had urgent advice not to go, as an epidemic of typhoid fever was raging. There are numerous inquirers at Mung Chia, mostly young women, who were taught by Mrs. Crawford. I have been greatly blessed in following that noble woman and faithful worker, not only at Mung Chia, but at Buh Ko and other villages.

My distant country work usually closes early in June, with the coming of wheat harvest. I then turn my attention to city work and to the nearer country villages, of which there are about one hundred and fifty within reach. I kept up this village work until June 23d, one week before I went aboard the Chinese man-of-war, the Hai Chi, to escape from the Boxers. The noble Commodore Sah was in command, and a brother could not have been more cordially kind. I remained under his protection until July 4th, when I went aboard the United States man-of-war Yorktown, on which some of us went to Chefoo. I was indebted to Captain Taussig for much kindness and hospitality. His gallant son had been very seriously wounded in Admiral Seymour's disastrous attempt to relieve the legations at Peking.

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The city work at Tung Chow was constantly growing in interest. Two women especially manifested deep interest in the Gospel.

The North Street school, supported by the "Sunbeams" of the Norfolk Freemason Street Sunday school, was crowded to overflowing, parents even asking the privilege of entering their children a year in advance. The success of the school is largely due to the teacher, Mrs. Mu, whose kindness and tact are unailing. I closed the school about the middle of June, as the troubles thickened; yet the boys continued to come to my house to play in the yard. Until the hour I left some of them were there at play. My class in the Sunday school went on until the Sunday previous to my departure.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2670
DATE :: May 09, 1902
LOCATION :: Asheville, North Carolina
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

REPORT OF MISS LOTTIE MOON

I returned to China in April, and in the latter part of that month resumed work in the country. My first visit was to Buh Ko, which had been a very hot-bed of Boxerism. The ill effects are still manifest. I made a second visit to Buh Ko in September, but saw no improvement. The Christians there seem painfully isolated in their social life.

My next visit, in the spring, was to King Chia Tswang, where a young woman lives who has long been a believer. Her mother-in-law has also shown considerable interest. I am sorry to say that the men of the family have only been interested in the question of getting help in collecting debts due them! Some Chinese have very queer ideas of what we come to China to do.

During the year I have made four visits to Mung Chia, where there are several who, I hope are Christians, but who have not the courage to make open confession of their Lord while trying to serve Him secretly.

Although there were Boxers in Mung Chia last year, their influence seems wholly broken. When I go there many children and young people come to learn, and I am invited to visit in the homes of the people.

I have visited Wu Shi Li Pu three times this year, but the work there is not satisfactory. The events of last year seem to have alienated many of the people. I have been assured that the power of idolatry is largely broken in the town, but the people seem no longer to care for anything in its place.

I have visited twenty-one villages in the vicinity of Tung Chow, going out and spending an afternoon in each. In general the people received me very kindly, and seemed glad to see me back.

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I have made a few visits in the city, and have taught some in my own home. I have an interesting class in Sunday school, made up mostly of pupils from Mrs. Hartwell's school.

The North Street school, which is supported by the "Sunbeams" of the Norfolk, Virginia, Freemason Street church, has not numbered at any time this year over fourteen pupils. This is due to the fact that I was in Japan at the beginning of the China school year, and my letter authorizing the teacher to open school reached her too late. The children have made good progress in their studies, and their improvement in other respects has been gratifying. Last year the school was full to overflowing, and pupils had to be turned away.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2671
DATE :: May 08, 1903
LOCATION :: Savannah, Georgia
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Miss Lottie Moon, of Teng Chow, China, left there November 30, 1902, and is now spending awhile with relatives at Crewe, Virginia.

Now that **Miss Moon** has gone to the United States for needed rest and recuperation, my daughter is left the only single woman on this station. With her returning strength she has taken on enlarged work, and both she and we are amazed at the amount of work she is able to endure. But, she is only one. Our station and our field -- the blessing of God upon us, the increased number of converts needing teaching and training -- the readiness of multitudes of both men and women, boys and girls to inquire into the truth and to seek to know Christ, all call upon us, upon God and upon the churches at home for reinforcements right here in Teng Chow.

One important branch of our work is our Sunday School Department. We have two Sunday schools every Sunday P. M., one for adults and one for children. In the "Little S. S.," that for children, I sometimes count 230 present, and we almost always have 175 or upwards. These are divided into classes, and we try to teach the teachers how to teach them. Of course the teachers differ in capacity to teach and to interest the children, but we feel great pleasure in the work done in this department. Brother Owen is our superintendent, and he does his work well.

At the North Gate School, conducted by **Miss Moon**, there has been preaching every Sunday, principally by an unpaid native brother. At the South Street chapel we have sought to have preaching every day. At each of these places the attendance has been good and souls have been saved as a result of the work. Two Sunday schools have been superintended -- the first for grown people, averaging about sixty for the year, and the second for children, about one hundred and fifty. In order to supply teachers for this number of children it has been necessary to take the Christians, uneducated in some instances, just baptized in others, and previously teach them the lesson which they were afterward to give the children. One of the best results of this effort for the children is the training which these teachers have thus received. Another is that the Gospel has, in this

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way, been carried into many homes which have been reached in no other way, and in some instances the curious parents have come to the church "just to see what their children are being taught." We give each child a picture card with a text of Scripture written on it, and in this way as well as by the lessons repeated by the children in the homes, we are sowing seed which will ripen in due season.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2673
DATE :: May 14, 1904
LOCATION :: Nashville, Tennessee
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Miss Lottie Moon sailed from San Francisco for her work in China, February 15, 1904.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2678
DATE :: May 11, 1906
LOCATION :: Chattanooga, Tennessee
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

NORTH CHINA

Teng Chow Station

1. Educational. The station schools have all been prosperous. The competition with the newly established city schools has not injured us.

The church school for boys has had the largest number in four years. The memorial school on North St. conducted by **Miss Moon** has had more than fifty pupils with a live Sunday school and an interesting work among the women.

The Boarding School for girls presided over by Miss Hartwell has had the largest number of pupils in its history, forty-one being enrolled. Weekly examinations are given by Miss Hartwell in every study. There is a Mission Band which has shown much devotion and sacrifice. Seven were baptized this year. There were three graduates this year, one is now teaching a day school, one is to teach the Boarding School next year and one will go to the Seminary next year.

Two day schools conducted by Miss Hartwell in the city and one in the country have been largely attended. Our educational outlook is very bright.

2. Evangelistic -- Of the three men in the station, two have charge of the Theological Seminary and are devoting themselves largely to the work. In addition, they preach every other Sunday and superintend or teach the Sunday school. There is also an Evangelistic Band in the Seminary which meets Friday evenings to plan their work for Sunday and on Monday to give an account of what they have done.

Dr. Hartwell this year celebrated his seventieth birthday, yet finds himself in the height of his activity. He has charge of the New Testament Department in the Training School and is pastor of the church.

Mr. Pruitt, in addition to his superintendency of the Sunday school, has charge of the Old Testament Department in the Seminary and his work of translating. He preaches monthly at the North Gate School.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2679
DATE :: May 16, 1907
LOCATION :: Richmond, Virginia
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Miss Moon, in addition to her Memorial School on the north side, and her broad work amongst the women in the city and country, took charge of the Girls' School the last half of the year.

ACCESSION NUMBER:	2679
DATE:	May 16, 1907
LOCATION:	Richmond, Virginia
TYPE:	SBC

Teng-Chow-Fu Station Report for 1906

Missionaries -- We were reinforced in February by the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Vingren. Brother Vingren having previously spent three years in China, was able in six months to preach, and has been of great assistance. He has, however, devoted his energies principally to the written language.

The departure of Dr. and Mrs. Hartwell, through the removal of the Bush Theological Seminary at Hwang-hien, was a great loss. Dr. Hartwell was the first of our missionaries in Shantung, and Teng-chow has been his home until recently. Miss Hartwell was born here, and many women have heard the Gospel from her lips.

Miss **■Moon**, in addition to her Memorial School on the north side, and her broad work amongst the women in the city and country, took charge of the Girls' School the last half of the year.

W. C. Newton taught in the Theological Seminary the first half of the year, and has been preaching regularly in the country stations and in the city as well; and has also been superintending the Church Boys' School.

Evangelistic -- A hopeful indication is, that about one-half of the thirty baptized in the church were women. Only two evangelists were in the regular employ of the Mission during the whole of the year. Four Seminary students assisted during the summer.

Educational -- The Girls' Boarding School has had a prosperous year. The enrollment reached 43, and all had natural feet. The School continues to be the garden spot in our

Station. The pupils are to be commended for such docility and the sweet Christian spirit in their daily lives. Miss Hartwell's withdrawal left a gap not easy to fill. Of Miss Hartwell's two progressive day schools in the city, one was taken over by Miss Taylor, and one by Miss Jeter. While these day schools have not been crowded, they have been well attended, and the children have been in Sunday school, either in the church, or at the Northside Mission.

The Robert Barnham Whitehurst Memorial School, which is supported by the Sunbeams in the Freemason Street Church, Norfolk, Virginia, had an enrollment of 42 pupils during the year. Of these, several withdrew to enter government schools, which have, heretofore, provided food, clothing, and free tuition in English, as well as in Chinese. These inducements are withdrawn for the next year and the competition will not be so severe. In addition to the regular enrollment above mentioned eight young men have come in the afternoons during the fall term to learn arithmetic and geography.

The Church Boys' School, which is supported from native funds, is steadily growing, and now has twenty-eight large boys in attendance.

Woman's Work -- Country work has been neglected for lack of time. Classes were held and as the result of one there were nine baptisms. Another small class closed with two baptisms. In the city there are many doors and the women have never shown more willingness to hear the Gospel, yet only one city woman has been baptized this year. The fruitful field is still the country.

ACCESSION NUMBER:	2680
DATE:	May 14, 1908
LOCATION:	Hot Springs, Arkansas
TYPE:	SBC

Tung Chow -- The Girls' Boarding School under the management of Miss Taylor, and the Day Schools under the management of Miss **■Moon■**, during the first of the year were imbued with zeal for the work, but all had to be dismissed in the fall on account of the epidemics. The Day Schools, however, were resumed during the winter.

Hwanghien -- The school work of the Hwanghien station is taking on new interest and new life, and promises to be a most vital part of our future endeavor to reach this section for the kingdom of God.

So far, our evangelistic work has been so promiscuously scattered over such a large territory that our village schools have been but few, and have suffered for want of more careful oversight. We now have five village schools, with forty pupils, and our plans for a more thorough oversight of the different localities where we are doing evangelistic work will mean more village schools in the future with a larger average of pupils to each school. These schools make it easy to enter the homes of the pupils and preach the gospel, when otherwise it might be very difficult to get a hearing.

We plan to open the Carter Girls' School next fall. A good number have already asked for admission. This school will possibly open with from twenty to thirty girls. Many rich families of Hwanghien are not binding their girls' feet now, and they talk freely of the importance of their education.

Our Boys' Boarding School is greatly enlarging its circles. The many disappointments of students returning from Japan give us a unique opportunity to reach a class of people who have hitherto kept their distance from Christian influences. We have therefore increased our teaching force and added English to the curriculum. Previously this school has had an average of about thirty-six students, mostly from Christian families. The outlook is now good for this class of students to increase in number, and that there will be in addition as many more from non-Christian families of good standing and influence. This school is making rapid strides toward self-support -- a feature into which the Chinese Christians are entering with encouraging interest.

Pingtu -- The North China Institute has seven Chinese teachers. There have been 121 pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of 102. This school is growing in importance as well as numbers. The school was started in 1901, and this is the first year it has had a senior class. There are to be six graduates and all of these are to be in the employ of the Mission. We are truly thankful for this, since our mission is so much in need of trained men.

Two of the normal class have completed a two years' course and also enter into regular work as teachers in our mission schools. The Institute, from its beginning, has been eminently a Christian Institution, and has stood for the advancement of the cause of Christ in China, and, thanks be to God, it is beginning to bear fruit.

The Girls' Boarding School has four Chinese teachers and an enrollment of ninety, with an average attendance of seventy-five. The pupils range in age from ten to twenty-six, and every one has unbound feet. The girls have done faithful work all through the year. There has been no sickness among them, the daily class in calisthenics being a means toward this end. Seven of the girls have been baptized, while more than twice that number have applied for baptism. About half the pupils are members of the church, and we are very much pleased with their spiritual growth. They are being trained to lead meetings. The outlook of this school is full of promise, especially as all the girls are either Christians or from Christian families. Some of the girls hope to finish the course in a few years, and then we will have some teachers for girls' schools. There is not now a woman teacher among our 800 Christians connected with this work.

This year there have been twenty-five village schools with 345 pupils. It is the policy to start schools only where the majority of the pupils are from Christian families. In this way the schools become truly a life-giving center wherever located. Besides teaching all the week, four-fifths of the teachers conduct Sunday schools and hold evangelistic services every Sunday. It is hard to estimate the transforming power of these schools in the villages where they are located.

Laichowfu -- There have been five schools in connection with this work during the year -- one boarding school and four day schools. The boarding school has had an average

attendance of twelve, and has done good work throughout the year. The teacher is a fine young man and has been very diligent. One of our most pressing needs is better quarters for this school. Further growth is impossible until better quarters are obtained.

The four day schools have had an average attendance of ten. These schools suffer for want of proper teachers. At present we have to do the best we can with the material we have. Both teachers and pupils have been more or less irregular during the year. We are planning a class for teachers at the Chinese new year to instruct them in methods of teaching, and matter to be taught, with a view to correcting some of the evils.

Three from the Boarding School and one from the Day Schools have been baptized. All the boys in the Boarding School are Christians except three, and these have asked for baptism.

It is planned to open a school for girls next year. There are now ten prospective pupils. The school will be opened in rooms on Mr. Lowe's compound, using two rooms on the chapel compound, hoping that as the work grows better quarters may be provided for it.

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In addition to the need for workers, we need the following buildings:

Laichowfu -- Home for single women; buildings for Woman's Training School, and building for boys' school.

Chefoo -- Church building; two school buildings; two residences.

Hwanghien -- Hospital enlarged and building for boys' school.

Tung Chow -- A residence and buildings for girls' school.

A member of the Chefoo station, in writing of the needs in Chefoo, says: "Dr. J. B. Hartwell, our senior missionary in North China, a man who has given his life for nearly one-half a century to China and the Chinese, a veritable father in Israel, known and honored by our Baptist brotherhood both North and South, has written urgently and strongly to the Board regarding the immediate needs of Chefoo.

"Miss **■Moon**, a noted missionary from dear old Virginia, has also written of our great needs to the Board.

ACCESSION NUMBER:	2682
DATE:	May 13, 1909
LOCATION:	Louisville, Kentucky
TYPE:	SBC

REPORT OF NORTH CHINA MISSION
By J. W. Lowe

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The North China Mission has just passed its forty-eighth milestone. The reports from our five stations sound a note of victory; a larger number of missionaries, more baptisms, better schools and greater faith are to be counted among our possessions.

In answer to prayer, there have been four hundred and four baptisms, six new missionaries have arrived, appropriations for some needed improvements have been received, many doors have been opened, and seed sown in tears has produced a glorious harvest.

Six of our co-laborers are absent on furlough. Misses Jeter and Taylor have been seriously ill. The latter is now in Japan seeking recovery from an attack of smallpox. Both are improving in health. The heroic service of Miss Jones in nursing Miss Taylor during her attack of smallpox is worthy of a medal. Our other medical missionaries, Drs. Ayers and Gaston, together with Misses Pettigrew and Miller, have made for themselves a large place in our hearts by their ministry of healing. The return of Brother W. D. King and family to our mission is an occasion for thanksgiving. Their presence in Tungchow brings to Miss **■Moon■** needed relief from the too heavy responsibilities of the past year, which she has borne so heroically.

With sad hearts we record the death of Dr. and Mrs. Huckaby. They have been called to higher service, and we labor on till our Lord shall call for us.

Brother W. B. Glass, having been elected by the mission to teach in the Bush Theological Seminary, has, with his family, moved to Hwanghien. We are encouraged by the arrival of the following new missionaries: Dr. and Mrs. Gaston, Mr. Adams, Miss Abernethy and Miss Hensley.

Evangelistic -- The invasion of Manchuria. Brother E. L. Morgan, of Chefoo, writes: "This time the invasion was not by an earthly army, but a small company of soldiers of the Heavenly King. The doors of Manchuria have been closed to us, it seemed, until the summer of 1908, when the Lord stirred up Brother Peyton Stephens to make another attempt in behalf of our North China Mission. In the summer, with two evangelists, he made the first trip to look out the land, and, following the line of railway, they preached the good news as far as Harbin. Encouragement met them everywhere. The Chinese evangelists returned to stir the hearts of the Chinese in behalf of their people in the regions beyond. One man has since contributed money for the support of two evangelists for one month in Manchuria. In October, Brother Stephens and his helpers went northward again, and the spirit so impressed them that they thought it best to spend all their time in one place, Dalny, with the result that after preaching to the limit of their strength night and day for three weeks, there were some twenty-five men who broke with heathenism and openly declared for Christ. This work has been done by our church, as the Shantung Mission Board was not prepared to send workers this autumn. Some workers should come from home who will devote their lives to this great section, larger than France and Germany combined. Baptists have entered Manchuria, and there should be no turning back now."

The Churches -- The evangelistic work of the churches has been greatly blessed during the year, as may be seen not only from the four hundred and four baptisms reported, but also in the Christian growth in grace and power. Some of the churches have enjoyed genuine revivals. Classes for instructing inquirers and Christians have been held in all the stations with most gratifying results. The fifty-six evangelists and Bible women have been burdened with their duty to rescue the perishing, and have preached the word in many new places.

A Trip to the Interior -- Mr. Lowe, Pastor Li and two other evangelists made a trip into the interior of Shantung province, going as far as Tai An, where they had delightful fellowship with the members of the Gospel Mission. The work among the pilgrims, and with the Christians, and a tour of several days in the country around Tai An will never be forgotten. The evangelists have been more zealous since their return.

New Churches -- Pingtu and Hwanghien each report two new churches organized. Pingtu, Laichowfu and Hwanghien report special classes for helpers during the year. In October Pastor Li, of Pingtu, preached several days in Laichowfu. All were greatly helped by his ministrations. As a result a new impetus was given to the temperance society, also an anti-footbinding society was organized.

Pastors -- Pastors Li, of Pingtu, and Dzang, of Hwanghien, have charge of six and four churches, respectively. They are worthy of the high esteem in which they are held by the Chinese and foreigners alike.

The Outlook Glorious -- Hear the words of one of our new missionaries, Miss Abernethy: "I have been in Chefoo four months, just long enough to get a little glimpse of this field and the work. To me the outlook is glorious. People are not only willing but eager to hear the Gospel. It is impressive to hear the Chinese Christians earnestly praying the Lord to grant the missionaries strength; to give us, who have recently come, quick minds to learn this language, and that others may come to China to tell their people of the Christ who saves."

Bush Theological Seminary -- The seminary has had an attendance of twenty-eight during the spring term of four months, twenty-five during the fall term of three months, and eighty pastors, evangelists and students during the chautauqua class of one month. Eight men, having completed the three years' course, have gone forth to preach the Gospel.

The curriculum has been broadened, and for the first time instruction has been given by Chinese teachers. Mr. Chu, of the Hwanghien church, was added to the faculty at the beginning of the year, and Mr. Nan, of Pingtu, at the close. W. C. Newton has taught for the year and C. W. Pruitt and W. B. Glass each for half year.

Woman's Training School -- Regular work has gone on throughout the year. The number in attendance was fifteen. The school at present and for years to come will have to labor under the disadvantage of receiving women, who, for the most part, are past thirty-five years of age, and have never attended school before. A burning zeal for winning souls to Christ and a thirst for knowledge, coupled with intense earnestness and longing for

something better and higher, have been great factors in helping over the difficult places, and it has been gratifying to see how much they have been able to accomplish.

The autumn term closed three years of work for the school, during which time about forty-five women have been enrolled -- some for one year and some for a longer time. Of this number two have finished the three years' course of study and will be Bible women in their home churches.

The students have had ample opportunity to exercise their gifts by telling the Gospel story to the many heathen who come to visit in the foreign homes, visiting in the near villages, talking with the patients at the dispensary and in class work for inquirers. They have also given valuable aid in the Sunday school and in the Sunday afternoon meetings for women. The spiritual atmosphere of the school has been much improved during the last three months. A daily evening prayer-meeting has been conducted by the students. One Chinese teacher has given her entire time and Miss Willeford has given nearly all her time to the work of teaching in the school.

The aim of those in charge has been to get the pupils well grounded in the knowledge of the Scripture, especially the New Testament, and to teach them, by the Spirit's guidance, to skillfully use it to uplift and redeem the women of China, for we realize that China must be saved by her own people.

The personnel of the school is made up of widows and wives of seminary students, and if they do not all become permanent Bible women, they will learn to be better wives and mothers and to make Christian homes in China, the time spent here will not be in vain.

This institution has no home, its present narrow quarters having been borrowed temporarily. Women asking admission have to be turned away. We have been praying three years for a home for the school and promising larger buildings, but still the answer to our appeal is, "No money." While Miss Willeford is putting her life into this work who will furnish the funds necessary to enable the school to attain its largest usefulness!

Boarding and Day Schools -- Our school work has been organized, and the results justify the measure. They are evangelizing centers. Our forty-eight day schools have an enrollment of 691 pupils. Here the pupils are being prepared for our eight boarding schools, which have the watchful oversight of a foreigner. The North China Institute has already given us a goodly number of teachers and preachers. The Bush Theological Seminary and the Women's Training School are creditably meeting the growing demand for trained evangelists and Bible women.

There are five boarding schools for girls and three for boys. Three new schools for girls have been opened during the year at Chefoo, Laichowfu and Hwanghien, with an attendance of more than sixty pupils. The Carter Girls' School, at Hwanghien, is the largest of these, having an attendance of thirty-two.

The Pingtu Girls' School has an attendance of ninety. Of these, twenty made the maximum grade of 100 in the closing examinations. The gift of an organ by an unknown friend is a joy to all. The spiritual life of the girls has been deepened by the reading of "Times of Refreshing in Manchuria." In the absence of Miss Taylor the girls school in

Tungchow has gone on prosperously under the watchful oversight of Miss **■Moon**. There are four girls in the senior class here and six at Pingtu. There have been a goodly number of baptisms in the schools and signs of the deepening of the spiritual life have not been lacking. All have unbound their feet, thus gaining a great victory over the mothers-in-law, the world and the devil.

Our North China Institute at Pingtu is turning out some useful men. The ten members of the first graduating class are now in mission employ and have done a faithful year's work. There are seven in this year's graduating class. It is thought that some of these will continue their studies in the Shantung Union College. There have been twenty baptisms. Enrollment, 113.

Laichowfu has just completed a school building for boys. There have been several baptisms during the year. The outlook for this school is bright.

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NORTH CHINA MISSION
By T. O. Hearn

We pass the forty-ninth milestone of our North China Mission, and submit to you our report for nineteen hundred and nine.

During the year the following of our members had to return home for rest and medical treatment -- Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Miss Jeter in March, and Mr. Lowe in December. Mr. King in August and Miss Hensley in October, passed to their heavenly field of service. With sad hearts we parted with these servants of the Master, but we find comfort in thinking of their blissful state.

We are glad to acknowledge the mercy and goodness of our Father, for most of our number have been kept in health, and he has greatly blessed his work in this mission during the past year. We desire to thank the Board and friends for their generous contributions, for their prayers and sympathy, and for five new workers. We consider these five to be God's choicest spirits, and we are grateful for their coming.

We now have in our mission, 5 stations; 17 organized churches, with a membership of 2,223, 297 of whom were baptized during the year; 45 outstations, 45 missionaries, 15 male and 30 female; 80 native helpers; 44 Sunday schools, with 1,770 scholars; 68 day schools, with 1043 scholars; 7 boarding schools, with 428 scholars; 1 theological seminary, with 36 scholars; 1 training school for women, with 14 scholars -- or 77 day and boarding schools, with 1,521 scholars; 3 hospitals, where 21,112 patients received treatment during the past year.

Surely the Lord has been with us. Our native helpers have labored with a zeal heretofore unknown.

TENGCHOWFU

Evangelistic -- The two men of our number are comparatively new, so the work here has been mainly among the women -- City visiting has been prosecuted as time permitted. Tengchowfu is open as never before to this kind of work. The women receive the missionaries cordially and listen attentively; many are eager to be taught. Many visits have also been made to the country, and we trust much good done. During the fall we had some series of meetings for the purpose of praying for a revival of the Holy Spirit, and a heart cleansing of our church constituency. Members from Hwanghien and Chefoo rendered effectual aid. The Lord was greatly with us in this work, and we believe "the very root of our church's trouble is coming up". If our hopes are fulfilled, we shall be in a position to go forward in the work. We are hopeful for Tengchowfu, and are glad to report 12 baptisms for the past year and a total membership of 292.

Educational -- We have here five day schools, and one boarding school for girls, with a total enrollment of 135. All the schools are in a fairly good condition, and with a few exceptions the pupils are to be commended for constant attendance, diligence in study, and good deportment.

HWANGHIEN

The Hwanghien station with its five churches and twelve outstations has received during the year by baptism, letter, and restoration 66 members; and has lost by death, expulsion and letter 20; leaving a present membership of 550. We have four houses of worship, and five Sunday schools. The total sum contributed was \$664.00, Mexican.

Evangelistic -- (1) Among the men. Of the four male missionaries at this station, two are occupied wholly in the Seminary, one has had to give most of his time to the boys boarding school, and the other has had his medical work; so the greater part of the actual evangelistic preaching in the districts round about Hwanghien has fallen to the native assistants. They have been directed in their work mainly by the one who has had the evangelistic funds in his hands, and to whom they go for help, advice, sympathy, and whatever else they need as to a father with a pastor's heart, and never come away lacking. The Seminary students have lent no little aid to this branch of the work. The workers conference, which meets three times a year, is a source of great inspiration and encouragement. To this, all the evangelists, colporters, school teachers, and Bible women, who possibly can, come and report their work, opportunities, and etc., since the last meeting and consult about plans for future work. The chapel inside the South gate has afforded opportunity to many hundreds to hear the Gospel, and some have entered the church.

(2) Among the women. The work has suffered for lack of workers, a number of the lady missionaries being absent from the field. Those remaining, however, with the help of the native sisters, rallied most nobly to the front, and not only kept up their own but most of

the work of the absent ones. Three extended trips, and many short ones, were taken to the country, going down into the Chao Yuan, Lai Yang, and Chia Hia districts. At Hwanghien itself, the woman's chapel held its regular Sunday afternoon meetings with the women and its regular Sunday afternoon meetings with the women and Sunday school for the children, the native sisters taking their turns in conducting these right along with their leader. The women's missionary society, with thirty or more members has held most interesting monthly meetings during the year, has supported a Bible woman for two months and sent her forth during the summer, and has aided poor Christians through the bitterness of winter, as has been its custom now for several years. Hwanghien has five women in the training school at Laichowfu. A house has been rented near the seminary compound and fitted up as a little woman's chapel. Many women hear the Gospel at this place. Class work has come to take a most prominent part in our evangelistic efforts. Several classes were held during the year for both men and women, both here in the station and in the country. One of especial interest was that held for one month for the wives of the seminary students. Most of those taken into the church have come, as a final result, from these classes.

Educational -- (1) The Girls' Boarding School. This school is young in years and small in attendance, there being only 27 girls; but there are evidences that God's hand is resting on the school, and that it is going to be used to glorify his name. The work done by the girls is fairly satisfactory, and the spiritual atmosphere is indeed encouraging. There have been 17 baptisms during the year. The health of the girls has been exceptionally good, and this is cause for gratitude when we recall the condition of so many girls' schools in China. Every girl is required to take a certain amount of exercise each day, do some sewing each week, and each one has her daily task of house cleaning. We are trying to teach them that a woman's work in the home is never to be looked down upon, even though they know a few characters. What we long for most of all is the prayers of those in the homeland who are interested in the coming of his kingdom, that God may lead in everything, and that his spirit may abide with us richly.

(2) The Hwanghien Academy. This has been a year of encouraging progress in several respects. First, we have had the largest enrollment in the history of the school, and from the number are sending out six graduates. A large and very active Y.M.C.A. has been organized this year, and has done especially good work during the fall term. All the boys who board in the school have been faithful and earnest in the study of the Scriptures, including the few boys who are not Christians. We have done our utmost to make the school as far self-supporting as possible, and the native brethren have stood with us nobly. The amount which is to be spent for the aid of students next year, is very encouragingly small. Every such school as this needs a man in charge who has no other responsibilities. We count it a great gain indeed to have as principal next year one who speaks the language like a native, and has his heart set on making the school first-class in every respect. With the present encouraging conditions, we are most hopeful for the future of this school.

The day schools were visited and examined regularly by different missionaries. The teachers employed have proved faithful and efficient.

Medical -- The work in the Warran Memorial Hospital was interrupted for three months during the year by work on the enlargement of the main building. During this time the dispensary building was torn down and the attendance of patients was greatly reduced. The total attendance for the year, however, amounts to 9,583. These have been treated without expense to the Board, save the salaries of those who work in the hospital. The running expenses of the hospital have been met by fees from patients and local contributions. Many of the very poor have been treated from whom no fee was received or desired. No one has been sent away without treatment because he had no money. This service to the sick poor has been made possible by liberal contributions from missionaries and wealthy Chinese. The evangelistic work in connection with the hospital has never been more encouraging. Thousands have heard the Gospel, many have been led to give up the worship of idols, and a number have given their hearts to the Lord and been received into the church by baptism. The enlargement of the main building has given a large, handsome, two-story building, and makes it possible to receive a larger number of patients and do better work than heretofore. Regular clinics have been held at Chao Yuan City every month, and others at outstations at different times during the year.

PINGTU

Evangelistic -- Great enthusiasm and excellent results have marked this year's evangelistic work. Several new departures, necessitating more work on our part, have been attempted, but the results have certainly justified them. Early in the year the native association decided to open up work in Western Shantung. Three of our Pingtu evangelists are now located over two hundred miles from their homes, in three walled cities about fifty or sixty miles apart. Pastor Li made two extensive trips this year doing pioneer work in these cities. This is the tenth anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Li. During this decade he has baptized 1,072 candidates. Much of the success of our Pingtu work can be attributed to the zeal of this Godly man. Everybody loves him. His spirit and his methods of work are well nigh above criticism. He is one of God's choicest gifts to the church in China, and it is a privilege to be thus associated with him.

Our evangelists and colporters, led by Pastor Li, have just closed seven evangelistic campaigns, of one week each, in which over four hundred villages were visited. With each of the seven churches as a basis, they preached and taught a week in all the adjacent villages. In all these campaigns, the Christians rendered most efficient voluntary service. Truly the doors are open on all sides. The good that is done by this method of work is not to be measured. Our Pingtu churches are certainly blessed with fine, consecrated workers. As Mr. Meyer said, "It is most important to develop workers though they may not do the work quite as well as you." This has been the policy of this station from the beginning. It makes our helpers more independent; it makes the work in general independent, and it insures a permanent success. Our seven churches have all made substantial progress. There have been 191 baptisms, coming from 104 villages, and we now have a membership of 1,147.

Trei Kwoa, our youngest church, was organized only a few weeks ago with 74 members from 17 villages. It has fine and able material in it, and is surrounded by a large territory that has hitherto been but little worked. Two classes have been held in the city for men, besides several smaller at the country churches and outstations. The first was a normal

class held in February for our village school teachers. Day and Sunday school pedagogy formed the basis of the instruction for this class. Several of the teachers of the high schools rendered good service. Near the close of the year, a class of one month was held for recently baptized Christians and inquirers. This work is hardly second in importance to any work of our station and has been attended with marked results. At the close of the class twenty-three of its members were baptized. We praise God for the deep interest manifested all through the month. Our monthly helpers' meetings have added very materially to the unity and growth of our work. The churches, at the beginning of the year, appoint 25 or 30 members who meet monthly for consultation. This enables every one to keep in touch with all the details of the work. For nearly three years Pastor Li has been pastor of the Tsingtau church, and has made regular trips there, notwithstanding his being pastor of all our Pingtu churches. One of the Pingtu evangelists is also located at Tsingtau. Two have been baptized this year and they have a membership of seventeen.

Educational -- (1) North China Institute. We are glad to report that another year's work has been brought successfully to a close. The enrollment for the year is 148; average attendance, 122. Of these, 17 are taking the Normal Course as formally arranged--nearly all the others are taking the full course. Fourteen have decided to enter the Theological Seminary as soon as they have finished the course here. As the average age of the students is only twenty, we hope that a number of the others will feel called to this work. Fifteen of the students have been baptized, leaving only twenty-six who are not church members. Nearly all of these have asked for baptism this year, but either for further instruction, or to first "bring forth fruits meet for repentance." have been kept waiting till some time in the future. The Christian students have continued their evangelistic work on Sundays in the chapels and school rooms in the villages near enough to be accessible, from the city, and on the city and village streets. Every student in the Institute is a member of one of the classes for daily devotional Bible study under the care of our flourishing Y.M.C.A.

Eight of our pupils have finished the course this year, and have all been engaged for service in the mission for next year. Many calls for such young men, from our own and other stations, could not be answered for lack of men. This is mentioned to emphasize the fact that the cause of Christ demands just the kind of work this school is doing. Our seven native teachers, in addition to their work in the school, have written many articles for the papers and done some other valuable literary work. But our school has already outgrown its quarters. In six years it has increased nearly fourfold in numbers, and the prospects are that for the time to come the increase will be even more rapid. Our dining room must be enlarged, more dormitories, recitation rooms, a library and reading room, and a few small out-buildings must soon be built.

(2) Girls' Boarding School. This has gone on with increasing success. The past year stands out unique in that it was the first year in the history of the school in which diplomas were granted. The first graduating class numbered six; and the manner of delivery, and the subject matter of their logically developed orations on commencement day was a revelation to many present of the splendid natural ability of the Chinese woman's mind. We might well be proud of them. They will all teach in our schools next year. We are greatly favoured in having four excellent Chinese teachers, three men and one lady, who give all their time and work heartily for the highest good of the school. The teacher of

higher mathematics and science in the Boys' School has also daily given instruction in algebra, astronomy, and physics to the senior class. The principal has taken five classes and conducted evening prayers.

There was an enrollment of 87, average attendance 82 and average age 16. Starting from a small beginning, the school has steadily advanced in numbers, character, and scholarship. Altogether there have been enrolled 179 students, and of this number no less than 102 have been baptized. This year 17 girls were received into the church, and we rejoice greatly that every pupil in the school over twelve years old is a church member.

The spiritual life of the school is strong and vigorous. The Sunday afternoon meetings, conducted by the students in turn, have grown in power and interest, the result-capable leaders able to winningly and intelligently tell the story of God's love. Good work has been done in the class room this year. In the closing examinations no fewer than 17 subjects were taken in writing, including some of the Chinese classics. That the girls of China appreciate the benefits of education is shown by the fact that some five or six girls, who live some 25 English miles away, walk the whole distance to school, including a little girl of 12 years. Some of these very girls are at the head of their classes. What privileges are ours to help these in their struggle for knowledge. The health of the pupils has been excellent. With the daily classes in calisthenics they have improved physically, and thus do their mental work better and with greater zeal. All have unbound feet. Our library now contains 165 volumes; books which are eagerly read, and are a great help to the pupils in preparing their essays, addresses, etc. Looking back over the past year one has much cause for thankfulness; the days have been full and happy, and crowned with the loving kindness of our God.

(3) Boys' Village Schools. This year was closed with 41 teachers, and an enrollment of 591 pupils—a gain of 12 teachers and 170 pupils over last year. We are glad to say that these schools continue to be run at a very small expense to the Board—averaging less than \$15.00 per teacher and \$1.02 Mex. per pupil, per year. Our village schools are a strong evangelizing agency, and form no small part in the growth of the churches. The union of Christian and heathen students in the same school is of course a difficulty, but experience shows that many of the heathen pupils become Christians. This year 35 pupils have been baptized, a large number of whom were from non-Christian families. These heathen boys with Christian teachers, daily worship the true God and study his word—breathing an entirely new atmosphere. We can not but expect their lives to be altered. We are thankful to say that our village schools are no longer an experiment.

(4) Girls' Village Schools. Several years ago Miss Dutton made an effort here to establish village schools for girls, but the Christians were either slow to see the importance of educating girls who were to be married into heathen families, or not willing to have them grow up with unbound feet and no prospect of husbands. This year, however, sees the glad consummation of our hopes along that line, and we are able to report 39 pupils in our five little village schools. It is a peculiar fact that these schools are all in our newer Christian centers—thus emphasizing the advance in thought. This is only a beginning, our day of small things, and we have had to employ teachers in some instances who were not all that could be desired; but we will have some girl graduates available as teachers next year, and we hope to improve our schools in every way. We

furnish teachers for these schools, and in addition help each pupil who attends from her own home about \$1.30 a year, and those from distant villages twice that amount. A Chinese committee assisted in fixing this rate. It is supposed to be in compensation for time lost in plaiting straw braid and gathering fuel to help with home expenses, or in the case of those of distant villages, to help pay their board. The schools have been visited and examined during the year and we are glad to report one baptism. The brightest of the girls, a little orphan of seven, memorized both the native and Christian three-character classics in 24 days. All the eight pupils in that village learned so well that the Christians were highly delighted and they say they must make arrangements for a larger house next year to accommodate the number of pupils.

Woman's Work -- Forty women have been baptized during the year into the fellowship of our seven Pingtu churches. This means a fairly good increase over last year, and still as we look back over the past months there seems much left undone that might have been accomplished. Doors are open on every side, and some pleasant and profitable trips have been made into the country. Something also has been accomplished in the way of house-to-house visiting in nearby villages, and Sunday school and Sunday afternoon meetings continue as formerly. Nine Bible women have been employed throughout the year, one remaining in the new class room to receive all visitors, and the others working alone or in pairs in the country. One of our most faithful workers was stricken with cholera during the autumn and passed to her reward. Fortunately one of our seven students in the Training School at Laichowfu finishes the course this term and can take up work as Bible woman at once. We acknowledge with grateful thanks the class room and sleeping quarters completed during the year, and rejoice to report our first class, full and hopeful as to results. Many more came than we planned for, and straw pallets had to be made for more than half the crowd. One hundred and twenty-six were enrolled, the average attendance for the three weeks was above 80. Forty-one inquirers were in attendance, and we hope that many of these will be baptized as soon as the weather permits. The class was carried through the book of Matthew, and we were pleased with the progress made by the majority of the women. When the class was over, we found that a large per cent of the women had learned to recite 42 Bible texts, the Lord's Prayer, and a few hymns. We close with a word of joyful thanks for the new addition to our station.

Medical -- This continues to be a very encouraging department of our Pingtu work. During the year the Oxner Memorial Hospital was completed, which is not only handsome in appearance, but convenient and substantial in construction. The light and ventilation are excellent, and room enough for more than forty patients. The building is planned to accommodate, separately treat and keep, both men and women. There is a waiting and preaching room for men where a native evangelist spends four hours each day telling the story, and at the other end of the building a room of the same kind for women where a Bible woman tells the same sweet story.

The work was moved into its new home during the year, and the outlook for this department was never brighter. We are glad to report the following for the year: Patients treated, new 4,688, returned 3,670; operations, 278; in-patients, 160; total, 8,796. This shows an increase of 25 per cent over 1908. Save for the salary of helpers, the work has been carried on without expense to the Board. The Chinese are coming to know that medical mission work is in no sense a commercial enterprise, but a forceful adjunct in the

great work of evangelization. Our aim is to cure the ills of the body, and bring saving health to the soul. Pray for us.

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TENGCHOW STATION

The following from the pen of our beloved Miss **■Moon■** is jubilant and suggestive.

In the history of Tengchow work, 1910 deserves to be set down as a happy year. One's heart has been made to "sing for joy" in going about one's daily duties, on account of the friendliness of the people. The work has grown in various ways. Congregations have been large in the church. The Sunday school has grown until, on the woman's side, even with extra benches, the accommodation has been inadequate.

The working of the city day schools has been satisfactory. The teachers have been faithful. As a general rule the attendance has been good and the conduct irreproachable. The devotion to study has been commendable. The girls' day schools have been a source of deep joy. One recalls the classic story of Cornelia, who said of her sons, "These are my jewels." So, of these gentle, lovable Chinese girls one says with warm affection, "These are my jewels." May they be the Master's, too, when he cometh to make up his jewels.

The Memorial School on North Street has had the most satisfactory year of its existence. Beginning in a kitchen a good many years ago, some of the pupils were scarcely above beggary. For years only the poor cared to send their children. Now young men from well-to-do families seek the advantages of the school. In the early years the subjects taught were suitable to a school of primary grade. Now some of the boys have reached academic rank in a few branches of study. The two Chinese teachers are Christians and the atmosphere is a Christian atmosphere. While among the pupils there are but three professing Christians, yet several others come from Christian families. Among the non-Christian boys are some fine young fellows. They are diligent and successful students and are faithful in attendance. How one covets them for the Master's service! Three teachers have been admitted to the school for the study of special subjects.

City visiting has been prosecuted steadily as time has permitted. Tengchow is wide open for such work, and two women who could devote their whole time to it would find their hands full. Women who come to our homes are instructed as time and opportunity allow. It is to be regretted that time has been lacking for country work. Only twenty-two villages have been visited. Whether in city or country, the work is boundless. More workers are needed to enter new openings and to keep up the work already begun.

In answer to a remark about the changed spirit of Tengchow people, a bright, observant woman, not a church member, said, "Out of ten, six believe." It is a very serious question

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how to reach and teach the many who have not as yet the courage to declare themselves openly, as also to reach those who still adhere to their old faith in idols. We can only trust that Christ Jesus our Lord, who appointed us to this service, will give us grace to fulfill to his glory.

GIRLS' BOARDING AND OTHER SCHOOLS

Miss Taylor has been in charge of the Girls' Boarding School. In this she has been ably assisted by Miss Lide, who is still engaged in the study of the language. There has been a marked growth in spirituality, and for the first time since Miss Taylor has been in charge both teachers are Christians. These teachers are men of excellent scholarship and the students are doing good work.

A country school for girls has been closed, temporarily we hope, for lack of a teacher, the former teacher having moved away. A day school for boys in the country has a good teacher with five pupils. Three of these pupils were recently baptized, all bearing testimony to their teacher's Christian work. A new day school for girls was opened in the city by Mrs. Turner, and was later handed over to Miss **■Moon**, in whose report some mention will be found.

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Educational Work -- The following report of educational work at Tengchowfu for the past year is given by Miss Lottie **■Moon**:

Early in the year we were in quarantine on account of the plague. As the Chinese do not understand the need of segregating the victims of contagious disease we are compelled when plague rages to close our doors and refuse to receive visitors. We learned long ago to accept with equanimity exposure to small-pox and cholera , but the plague! That is quite another matter. In March, however, restrictions were removed and day schools were promptly re-opened. The Memorial School, which is for young men and boys, has had a prosperous year. The two Chinese teachers have worked faithfully. The attendance has been good and the devotion to study commendable. The five day schools for girls have had a somewhat checkered career. During the spring term the three on my home place did well. Numbers were large, deportment unusually good and love of study most gratifying. The fall term found three teachers absent, two very ill in the Hwanghien hospitals and one had to go to her home in the country to aid in the harvest. She returned in November, however, opened the school and closed it two days later, her family being frightened by rumors of impending trouble she returned home. Of the two teachers who were ill the place of one was acceptably filled and the school continued to be satisfactory. After several months in the hospital the other teacher resumed work, but the school had diminished in numbers in her absence and continued small.

The school for girls on North street opened with twenty-five pupils in the spring, but the attendance did not continue so high. A Sunday School for women and children has been kept up by the teacher of this school. The school in the west suburb opened rather poorly in the spring, but has run up to fifteen pupils during the fall term. During the year I have carried on city visiting to some extent, but the schools have absorbed both time and energy. Work in the country has been out of the question.

Meeting of the Association -- The past year's annual meeting of the Shantung Baptist Association was held at Tengchowfu the first of November, having been postponed from April on account of plague. The meeting was characterized by many encouraging features. The Chinese brethren were glad to get together again with one another and with their missionary co-laborers, eighteen months having elapsed since the last meeting. After letters from the churches had been read it was found that baptisms since the last meeting totaled 1,074. There was great rejoicing on account of this, the Christians having covenanted at their previous meeting to pray for one thousand baptisms before the next meeting of the association. Those at home who are supporting the work would have been made glad could they have seen the glow of joy on the faces of those Chinese Christians, who had prayed and worked and whose labors were not in vain.

The most striking individual report was by Pastor Li, who on behalf of the native Mission Board gave some account of the work being done by this organization two or three hundred miles west of Pingtu. This work is done entirely by the Chinese Christians. Pastor Li visits the field occasionally and baptizes those approved by the churches. The year's work on that field showed 106 baptisms. There are now in the Shantung Association twenty-four churches with a membership of 3,712, sixty-six members having died during the year. There was much sorrow on account of many of the members of the churches in the Pingtu field being without homes and food on account of floods that had completely covered a great section of that field. Rains in this Province during the past year have been unusually heavy, resulting in great loss throughout the country. After a report had been made of the condition of some five hundred Pingtu Christians on the verge of famine Pastor Li began a subscription, which, when taken, amounted to about \$250 (gold) he, himself, contributing nearly one-fourth of his year's salary.