

command or a promise in connection with any line of conduct. In trying to help the girls, my own soul has been richly blessed. I am very often led to cry for more wisdom, that I may know the very best way of discharging my duties in connection with the girls.

Measles has been in the village for two months, very few children escaping. Eight children have died, and several are left in a very weak condition. We have no sign of the disease yet, and are beginning to hope we may escape altogether. Of course, we have not been able to go in among the people as we would like during their sickness, for we feared bringing trouble to our own children, and two or three have such poor constitutions that we feared their life might be at stake. We feel that we have very much to be thankful for in every way. True, we meet with some difficulties, but we also meet with many blessings.

CHINESE WORK.

From Dr. Gifford.

CHENTU, *March 27th, 1894.*

I have now been in Chentu over a month, and have had a little time to look about and see something of the work that is being done. Saturday evening I had a talk with Dr. Hart over the prospects of getting land in the vicinity of the hospital belonging to the General Board. Dr. Hart agrees with us in thinking that it would be better to have our hospital entirely separate from theirs, but he thinks it would be an advantage to have them as near to each other as possible. There are several lots for sale in the vicinity at present; two of them are very suitable; one is a little dearer than the other. The buildings on them are very good, especially those on the larger of the two. Dr. Hart thinks the buildings could, by some changes, be made to answer the purpose of a dispensary and residence, until the funds were forthcoming for proper hospital buildings. The cost of the lot would be somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,200, and additional expenses connected with the purchase, amounting to about \$100 to \$130. Dr. Hart thinks it wiser to purchase early, as the rent soon amounts to the cost of the land.