

all reached us a short time after the arrival of your letter. Pressure of work has greatly delayed my reply to you as to many other correspondents. There are many changes indeed in Queen's since I left, and even since 1899 when we were there on furlough. One can scarcely realize the progress made, by the addition of several large buildings, many more professors, and the great increase in the number of students. Has the building for Biology and Sanitary Science yet materialized? And the up-to-date gymnasium? I hope so. I shall always rejoice in the progress of Queen's.

China is moving with ever-increasing momentum. Students are migrating to Japan by hundreds and thousands. There are now close on to ten thousand Chinese students in Japan, including many of the very choicest of the young men of the eighteen provinces. They are also going, though as yet in very small numbers, to Europe and America for study. Schools and colleges are being opened with feverish rapidity in every province and every county, throughout the whole empire. Japanese instructors are being imported in extraordinary numbers, into even the most remote corners, while here and there are isolated European or American teachers, employed chiefly in the large Provincial Universities. In this city, situated 2,000 miles from the coast, straight away in the interior of this great country, we have twenty five or thirty Japanese teachers in University, Colleges, and industrial Schools. Also one English Professor of Science, in the University. Needless to say, these many schools and colleges are far from perfect in organization, curriculum, or teaching staff.

The most appalling lack everywhere is that of qualified teachers. But every year will minimize more and more this lack, and according to present prospects, every year will see greater and greater progress along all educational lines. One of the cast-iron rules laid down by the newly organized school system of the Empire, is the absolute prohibition of opium in every school, college and university, whether used by professor, teacher, student, or even the meanest employee. Detection means instant dismissal. As might be expected, order and decorum are rigidly maintained. While further, as might not have been expected, the worship of Confucius though insisted upon in every school, seems to be more and more approximating in form to a ceremony of respect or reverence for some ancient hero, rather than that of worship of a god.

Newspapers are increasing, I mean those established, edited and managed entirely by the Chinese themselves. We have a daily newspaper in this city, published continuously and successfully now for more than a year and a half. It is only right to say that it is under official auspices, and is certainly very carefully edited, so as to give no offence to those in authority.

Railroads are more and more talked of, and planned for, in almost every province. The people are gradually getting used to the idea, and so are being prepared for the actual construction. In a very few years time, we shall see the Chinese Empire opened up by railroads extending into every province and every corner. The first great trunk line is now open and running regular trains from Peking in the north, to Hankow on the Yangtse,