

## MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES.

### Dentist's House and Office, Chengtu.

Site for dentist's house .....	\$1,000.00
Compound wall for dentist's house.....	300.00
Dwelling for dentist .....	2,000.00
Dental office .....	500.00

Dr. Lindsay arrived in Chengtu about February, 1908. He and Mrs. Lindsay occupied a small Chinese house for the first year of their life there. It was rented and fixed up after a fashion, but for several reasons it was vacated at the end of the twelve months. It was quite impossible for a foreigner to occupy it any longer. He is now living (1909) in a foreign house—what we call No. 3; that is, the third missionary dwelling to be erected in Chengtu. A small sum of money was appropriated this year to fix up a room by taking in the corner of the verandah of the house in which he is living. This room he is using as a dental operating room. Dr. Lindsay is expected to get the Chinese language as well as any other missionary, but from the very beginning he has been so besieged with applications for his services by his fellow-missionaries that he has been obliged to set apart three afternoons a week. On these afternoons he treats the teeth of his fellow-missionaries. If this were all, he would be prepared to get the language study very easily, but many calls come without notice. Missionaries come from long distances to have dental work done. They come as far as fourteen days' journey away, and when these patients come he cannot very well decline to attend to them promptly. Calls have also come from Chinese patients, and there is no doubt that if Dr. Lindsay had chosen to treat Chinese patients from the beginning his whole time would have been occupied in dental work six days a week. He is managing, however, to reserve about three days a week for the study of the language. Presently, when he finishes his language study, he will require suitable accommodation for all sorts of dental work, and so \$500 are appropriated to erect a small building, providing three or four rooms specially arranged for dental purposes.

The matter of the house is simply that one more dwelling is to be added to the number already in use in Chengtu. The only reason that it is called a dentist's house is that the dental office will very likely be erected close to it. The house, however, may be allotted in any year to any missionary.

### Additional Sum for Digging Drain Outside Press Compound Wall, \$50.00.

This item comes under the head of necessary taxes, with this proviso, that while we pay the taxes we also expend the amount