

to admit visitors, to keep out interlopers and to pass messages back and forth between the guests, when calling, and the missionary in his house. The sum of \$25.00 is ample, at present at least, for salary of the gateman. From this amount he provides his own board and clothing and any other expenses he has. In some cases there are two dwellings in one compound; in other cases there are one or two dwellings and an institution, as hospital, press, or school. These may be all served by the one gateman, or two may be required.

The Salaries of the Gatemen.

For this year, a total of \$300 is appropriated for gatemen throughout our stations, which is chargeable to church work. These appropriations are as follows:—

For Mr. Hartwell, for the Chengtu Church dwelling gateman	\$25
For Mr. Quirnbach, for the Kiating Church dwelling gateman	25
For Mr. Bowles, for his dwelling gateman	25
(Mr. Bowles has both chapel and school work this year.)	
For Dr. Smith, for the Junghsien Church dwelling gateman..	25
For Mr. McAmmond, for his dwelling gateman	25
(Mr. McAmmond's work is that of out-station chapels.)	
For Mr. Hoffman, for church dwelling, Jenshow	25
And for church compound, Chinese buildings	25
For Mr. R. O. Jolliffe, for the Tzeliutsing Church dwelling compound	25
For Mr. C. J. P. Jolliffe, for the Luchow Church dwelling compound	25
For Mr. Sibley, for the Penghsien Church dwelling compound	25
And one extra, for the same, because the buildings are far back from the street, and numerous	25
Also for same reason, a watchman	25
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	\$300

In several cases the church, or the building which is being used as a church, is in the same compound with the dwelling, and the one gateman serves both. In Jenshow, on the contrary, the church compound is situated five minutes' walk away from the dwelling, so a separate gateman is required there for the church.

Taxes Chargeable to Church Work.

This item is intended to cover, first of all, a *street tax*. This we have been required to pay, in common with our fellow Chinese residents on the street, once a year. The sum is small from each household, but the total is considerable. It is supposed to be used for street repairs. Latterly our taxes are increased in Chengtu, and in some other cities, by the addition of a *police tax*. This is required to support a newly established police system in these