

The Chinese are afraid to let us have their children come and learn. They say, among many absurd things, that we want to take out their eyes to make medicine. Will the dear friends at home pray that God may make these poor ignorant people willing to listen and have their children taught.

I would like very much if some of the children of our Church would make some scrap picture books with pictures illustrating the life of our Saviour. They would be a help to me in teaching, if I go with my husband next fall to Honan.

The hot weather will soon be here. I trust that our sisters will not forget to pray for us, that all our band may be kept safely through the coming summer.

We were all greatly rejoiced at the safe arrival of our friends in December. The winter was mild so they found no difficulty in getting in by boat.

The following interesting extracts are from Mrs. Corbett (formerly Miss Sutherland) of Chefoo, North China, and the larger part of the \$29 was contributed anonymously in the collection taken at the designation of Miss Sutherland in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The \$29, I had long before this hoped to tell you, had been used to start a little school at a place called Chao Kici Chwang, two or three days' journey from here. There is a school for boys there taught by a man aged sixty, and a member of the church for many years. He taught his daughter to read, and also to know the truth, but unfortunately she was married very young to a heathen, and refusing to believe as her husband did, she has suffered more or less persecution from him ever since. During our short stay in Chao Kici Chwang, she was present at all the meetings, but on Sabbath morning, just before the communion was dispensed, she had to leave to prepare her husband's food; for had he come in from the fields and found her absent, he would probably have beaten her. Several young girls were also present at the meeting, attracted principally by curiosity to see a foreign woman, but on the whole they were quiet and orderly during the service, and listened attentively to all that was said. When Dr. Corbett saw them he at once thought that if the teacher's daughter could induce these girls to come together daily and be taught the Catechism and to read the Bible it might be the beginning, at least, of work among the women and girls in that place. When spoken to she said at once. "That her husband would not allow her to engage in any such work." Later, when