

complete in every department. They have also a beautiful home for the physicians in connection with it. A lady gave the money for the building of the hospital and home, so the society are only at the expense of the workers and the drugs and appliances. This hospital is partly self-supporting, as a small fee is charged in every case where the patient is able to pay. The work done here is immense. They see on an average eighty patients a day during the year. The day I was there Dr. Ryfesnyder saw over a hundred patients. The waiting-room was crowded. To those in the waiting-room a native Bible-woman read and preached. There is here two physicians and one nurse. The doctor has trained the nurse to do the dispensing. There is very little need of sending out nurses, as the in-patients prefer native nurses about them, and they are very quickly trained. The two doctors in charge are very clever women. The hospital under the American Episcopal Board is not so large, but a good work is being done there. Dr. Heaslip is in charge, and she has trained a native woman to help her. Her hospital is largely self-supporting, but her work has largely been among immoral Chinese women. These women are the mistresses of foreigners here, and as a rule they pay well, but otherwise the doctor tells me the work is most discouraging, as it is very seldom she is able to save these women. In a few cases they have married the man they were living with; in many, many others the man would not marry them, and they say that they would rather live as the mistress of a foreigner than marry one of their own countrymen. I am more thankful every day that my work will be in the interior, away from the influence of the large foreign element which abounds in the Treaty Ports. I give you this brief outline of the work here in Shanghai so that you may have some idea of what is being done and the work here. We have not visited any of the men's hospitals. Those I speak of are for women, and in the care of women entirely.

We have a teacher, and are working hard at the language. Of course we are learning Mandarin, as the dialect spoken in Shanghai is not understood by the people of Chen-tu. Not hearing the dialect spoken around us which we are learning makes our progress slower.

The work in China is opening up very rapidly. "The fields are ripe unto harvest." Who will come and help us