

We have been having a good deal of rainy weather, but on fine afternoons Miss Foster and I try to get out visiting among the people in this district. They seem very friendly and frequently invite us to come in and sit down. These poorer people have queer little homes, mostly one room, sometimes two, with mud floors. Where we find any one who can recognize characters we give them some Christian literature. It is pretty hard getting some of them to understand. That we came here on purpose to bring them the Gospel is almost inconceivable to them.

The day school continues small, at the most only about ten a day. One is apt to become impatient and wonder why the people do not care to take advantage of their opportunities, if only from a secular standpoint. Still we believe that in the Lord's own good time the people will understand us better.

LOTTIE BROOKS.

Miss Brimstin in China.

Extracts from private letters from MISS BRIMSTIN, dated Shanghai, October 3rd.

IT seems so wonderful that I am really in China. The dream of the most intelligent years of my life is realized.

We arrived here on Sunday, October 1st, after a most delightful voyage; but in China it was not like Sunday. These poor people were all working and everything going on just as it is to-day. Mr. Evans* met us at the station and brought us to his boarding-house, where we are quite comfortable. There were about six of us who became friends on the journey (there were forty missionaries on the steamer), and we are all here together; but to-night we scatter. Some go north, others south, and the remainder east and west. Dr. Henry and I only will be left.

Mrs. Davis, a member of the American Methodist Board, has invited us to visit her at Nanking. We will probably do so, as this will be on our way up the river.

I was much surprised about Shanghai in two ways: First, the beauty of the place far exceeded my expectations; the buildings are large and beautiful, most of them are made of

* Mr. Evans keeps a large boarding-house, consisting of three houses, solely for the accommodation of missionaries who may need to remain in Shanghai for any length of time. His aid in many ways is invaluable to new missionaries.