

"During the afternoon the mandarin's two sons, clothed in the imperial silks, came to look round. They were what would be called at home "quite swell." One of them said he had a sick child whom he would bring to-morrow. They bought a few books, listened a while and went away. An official who accompanied them said he had read the whole New Testament but did not seem to have a very clear idea of its contents. We find many very ready to listen even for an hour at a time.

Sep. 29.

Early this morning three officials came to see us. Two of them asked for medical treatment. As soon as these had gone two more came in from the yamen. Both wished to receive medical treatment. The native place of one of them was 150 miles to the East. The other, named Nin, a young man of fine appearance, comes 300 miles from the South. He said he constantly read in a New Testament which he had bought some time ago and expressed himself as pleased that we had come. It seems that the officials are moved favourably towards us. Those who were here yesterday have given good reports of us; hence the large number of the upper class that have come to-day. The Dr. treated eighty-four patients during the day. At least of these were officials from the various *yamens* in the city. Two of them, *Lin* and *Li*, were curious to see our foreign things. The doctor's medical instruments create much wonder. If we have leisure we don't mind showing some of the dignitaries, some of the inventions of the West. To give them an idea of my "manifold letter book" I had then write their Chinese sir-names. They thought that it was wonderful to print second sheets at the same time.

Both *Lin* and *Li* came to see the Doctor. *Lin* has a tumor on his face which the Doctor would not attempt to cut off this time because there was not time, as we were going to other places. We promised to come back in April and then the Doctor would undertake to cure him. He

wanted to know why we could not stay here. We replied that we were strangers and had no place here. He then he would use his influence to secure a large compound for a hospital.

This promise may amount to something or it may not, but it proves that the class most opposed to missions in China, is inclined in this place at least to regard us with favor.

The mandarin's son brought to-day the child which he said was sick. The young gent had a man go round with him to carry his pipe. The great breach between the upper and lower classes is made by the voluptuousness on the one hand and the pinching poverty on the other.

We are greatly cheered by the numbers who have come and the good spirit shewn. I have talked a great deal to-day for new men are coming in all the time. I set before them what God has said of the vanity of heathen hopes, and of the only way of life. To be able to bring such a wondrous message to such a needy people people fills us with gladness, and though my speech is far from perfect Chinese, yet it seems to impress them and they feel that we have an intense conviction of the truth of God's word.

I will tell you something more next month.

Your Friend

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#### LETTER FROM MISS BLACKADDER.

TACARIGWA, TRINIDAD, Dec. 27, '89.

*For the Children's Record.*

Some dear little children in Sydney Mines, C. B., sent me a letter and a nice sum of money. I thank them so much. I do not just know what I will do with it, but we will decide and let you all know.

Our children here do not have much money, yet they give as they can. We have an evening meeting, and the children read, sing or recite. One evening a small boy got up and said he had a hymn