

influence of this new Christian home will, undoubtedly, be the means of reaching many with the Gospel message who perhaps have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

CHANGTE-HO

The Girls' Boarding School—Miss Pyke.—At the opening of the spring term, our girls from the eastern field were delayed entering the school owing to the disturbed conditions of that district. Two girls belonging to influential families were held up by a robber band, but the entreaty of their Christian escort was not in vain, as they were allowed to remount their cart and proceed to the nearest town. The school boys of the same party were marched off to be held for ransom.

Late in the summer, in a village to the south of the city, a boy while standing in his own doorway, was deliberately shot and killed, and the home destroyed by fire. The father and sister came afterwards to the mission compound, where Wei Ling, aged eleven, remained for some weeks to await the opening of school.

School attendance being large, dormitory accommodation inadequate, and bath-room facilities limited, it was difficult to cope with contagious diseases. At one stage of the influenza epidemic, ninety of the girls were patients in the hospital; although some were very ill, all were restored to health, and we are deeply grateful to Dr. Isabel McTavish for her untiring efforts on their behalf.

The Chinese name for our school, chosen by the Chinese, and stamped on each diploma, is San Yii, meaning a three-fold education, the body, the mind and the spirit. In seeking an English name the members of Changte station decided to design *The Louise Henderson Boarding School*. This suggestion was heartily and unanimously approved by Honan Presbytery.

Women's Hospital.—Being absent on furlough, Presbytery placed Dr. Isabella McTavish in charge.

The hospital staff consisted of three medical assistants, trained by Dr. Dow, the matron and a new apprentice, a young widow who was taken on in the spring. These all proved faithful in their work, both as medical assistants and as teachers of the Gospel. Mrs. Sung, a voluntary helper, spent most of her time in the wards, and for a time two or three other Christian women came in, almost daily, and spent an hour or two teaching the patients and guiding them in the Way of Life. During the busy season the hospital was taxed to its utmost capacity. Patients overflowed from the kang (native beds) to the floor, and then to mats in the yard. It certainly is a novel experience to anyone whose idea of a hospital is a fine building two or more stories high, with fine big glass windows and hardwood floors, to see long rows of low, one-storied buildings, every room opening out into the yard: no nice white beds, just brick kang; no white sheets, just straw mats and the patients' quilted covers, which they bring with them, and which usually are far from clean; paper windows instead of glass; brick floor instead of wooden. It makes one realize that there are hospitals and hospitals! But, poor as these buildings are, many diseased bodies have found relief in them, and sin-sick souls have found the Way of Life.

An encouraging feature about the hospital work is the absolute trustfulness of the poor, ignorant women in the foreign doctor. When warned of the seriousness of an operation they will often say, "I know you will try to help me, do what you think is best." One of the hardest things a doctor has to do is to turn away cases that it is impossible to treat because of lack of skilled help, proper equipment and facilities for helping them.

It is encouraging to know that many of the patients try to make progress on the Heavenly way after they leave the hospital. Many, of course, only profess belief in order to curry favor, but many really believe, and, on their return home, continue to pray and to teach others the prayers and hymns they learned in the hospital. Many, perhaps, may have learned only a little about Jesus and have little light to guide them, but there is no doubt whatever but that their feeble gropings after Him and efforts to serve Him, as they understand service, must be very precious in His sight.