

the Ruler of the nations and "maketh the wrath of man to praise Him," and "restraineth the remainder," hath this matter in His care. "All things work together for good to them that love Him."

The command to leave their stations and their much-loved native brethren was a crushing blow to very, very many of the missionaries. It was especially so to those who were superintendents of work and had a large number of Christians on their hearts. I am sure it seemed easier to stay and suffer with their native brethren than to leave them, only they would the more endanger them by their presence.

We have not heard what is going on in Chentu, but we have heard of cruel edicts elsewhere and more cruel persecution. Even in Hankow they are ordered to recant or suffer the consequences. May your prayers go up unceasingly for those thus endangered. We heard that the names of the followers of the foreigners and of their religion were being taken before we left Chentu, taken for purposes of persecution. The Governor-General of Sz-Chuen Province offered to protect the foreigners if they would congregate in three centres—Chentu, Chung King and Sui Fu. We were afterwards informed that this was a plot the more readily to assassinate us. God has been good to us. Pray for our school girls and our nine little orphans, for their health and their preservation in peace. We look with great interest as to the next step now that Peking has been taken.

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*Letter from Miss Brooks—Shanghai, Aug. 30th, 1900.*

So many things have happened in the last few weeks, that to me it seems more like months since I left Chentu. You have probably heard of my going to Mount Omei the last week in June. I had not been feeling very strong; Dr. Killam seemed to think I was rather "run down" and persuaded me to go away for a few weeks. Mr. Ewan's family were going to Mount Omei, and we thought it a good opportunity. We reached the temple the last day of June, and had spent just two very pleasant weeks in this quiet mountainous district when Dr. Hare forwarded to us the orders they had received from our West China Consul, asking all British subjects to leave at once for the coast, or other place of safety. Dr. Hare further said that they of Kia-ting were going to act on the orders at once, so we concluded that they must think it quite serious. Dr. Parry and party (C. I. M.) were also up in the mountain, and after a little discussion we all decided to go down to Kia-ting—that far at least—as soon as possible.

At Kia-ting Dr. Hart still seemed a little uncertain, and was