

would fain have stayed, but it seemed useless. Our presence would aid in the detection of those whose identity we would conceal. "He leadeth me O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught." When hearts are perplexed and sore they make the circumstances that would appear all darkness aglow with light. Many of the lower lights have been removed from that land, but the Great Light, the Sun of Righteousness, shines on. Many of the underlings are seen no more in China, but the Great Shepherd keepeth watch above His own.

Medicine was dispensed sixty-four times in July. Perhaps a little about the patients sent out from the hospital at the time of our leaving would be of interest.

One, a slave girl about twenty years of age, had been with us for some months. After we had watched her for a while her disease was pronounced incurable and we wished her mistress to receive her back; she would not, however, and as the girl was unable to work she stayed on. She learned to trust in Christ, and prayed daily. When we were leaving we again asked her old mistress to receive her. She at first said she knew no such person, but finally gave her an uncomfortable welcome back. We commended her to the mercy and protection of God.

The second had come to us on the back of her son, weak and half-starved looking. Her husband was in the general hospital, and her son was learning a trade; thus she had no one to depend upon for support. Her home was a wretched little straw-thatched room. It was windowless, and boasted no chair, no table, no wash basin, no bedding. Uncommon, for a woman, she could read a little, and seemed much interested and pleased when we came to teach her; she also learned to pray. The tears trickled down her cheeks when we sent her away from our bright ward and comfortable bed, and our tears mingled with hers; but before this we believe she is where there is no pain, no hunger, and no want, but joy and gladness. She suffered a good deal, but was ever so uncomplaining, bright and patient, that the sweet memory of her shall long remain.

Another intelligent woman came to have a long standing tumor removed. We soon learned that she had smoked opium for twenty-two years. She had no desire whatever to break it off, and we could not allow her to remain and smoke, so we prayed that God would give her the desire to be rid of this evil habit. The prayer was answered. She took the medicine necessary and after a hard struggle gained the victory. We trembled as we watched, and prayed the more earnestly. Her husband was much delighted with the attempt and came