

much as a hair of the head injured. But this makes us feel doubly secure. The more of us there are here the more are we likely to be protected. A country so poor as China can protect us more easily than pay for our lives at the rate of tls. 20,000 per head (\$28,000).

Retreat means defeat. Satan's work is developing. All the time overcautious people are waiting and allowing him time to strengthen his battlements. The people here are very pleasant with us, considering the fact that we are so different.

In this city are missionaries from Scotland, England, Norway, Sweden, the U.S.A., and Canada. As many denominations are represented, but we have been all one in Christ Jesus, and we trust that fellowship and peace may continue to be the order of the day.

Last Sunday the new chapel was opened. The house was jammed, beside many on the street who could not get in. One side was entirely filled with women. It was all I could do to keep back the tears as I realized what a prospect there is here for woman's work. Dr. Hart said he never in all his life in China saw so many women. Down river they are not nearly so accessible. Of course these are from the lower and middle classes. The higher class ladies only come to visit us in our homes. In that way one can do more individual work with them.

Last fall five wives of an official paid me a visit. And as their custom requires them to stay from four to five hours, one has a good chance to talk to them. They insisted on my returning the visit, and treated me with the utmost courtesy, besides listening to the gospel most attentively. There are many such cases except that usually it is so hard to get their minds off dress, marriage, and other worldly matters. Then their heads are so dense. The intellect has never been awakened by education.

The school girls will be much more hopeful cases. But custom again proves a hindrance. At the age of thirteen they are taken out of the school and "shut up," as they call it. Three such have left the little school started here last summer by Dr. Hart. If they are very, very homely, they are allowed to go on the street till nineteen or twenty, yet