

we were quite conscious that they (the villagers) were questioning our object in coming so often, and no wonder, for the story that we were buying up children had preceded us. Visits have also been made to two other villages, one at a distance, the other much nearer Hsin-chen.

*Medical Work.*—Dr. Graham though devoting almost all her time to the study of the language, has treated a few special cases. One of these a Mrs. Wang from beyond the Yellow River, remained at an inn for a month, and came daily for treatment and instruction. When she came, she could not recognize a single character, but before leaving could repeat the Ten Commandment's, Lord's Prayer, "Jesus loves me," and a Grace before meat. Another woman upon whom the doctor's operated for facial tumor, stayed three weeks, and several others, from a week to ten days. All of these were from the Yellow River district, which is about a three days journey from here. Judging from the interest manifested by some, and the report of the helper who has since visited them in their homes, this would be a good opening for work amongst the women, and if nothing unforeseen occurs to prevent it, we hope to tour in that direction in the spring.

*Fairs.*—Two large fairs are held here annually, when woman from far and near come in crowds, but further than receiving them kindly and satisfying their curiosity, nothing is gained.

*Personal Work.*—On two different occasions Mrs. Chou senior spent several weeks here studying. Day after day she toiled patiently at the catechism, and now has we believe a fair knowledge of the plan of salvation. After her return home her daughter-in-law came for the same purpose. These two women will probably be admitted into the Church by baptism, at no very distant date.