

CHINA.

FROM DR. GIFFORD.

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Since coming here we have been quite well, and like Shanghai very much. We have a comfortable boarding-house, but we have to pay at the rate of \$1 in gold per day, and think it too much; but so far we have heard of no place where we can board for less. The house is called the Missionary Home; none but missionaries are taken. Of course this does not include washing and fire in our room. It has been quite cold and we have found it necessary to have a fire several times. We have met here missionaries from many parts of China. This has been of great benefit to us as we have gained much information. Our stay in Shanghai is also going to be very helpful, as we have visited several of the mission schools and hospitals. We find that work in China differs greatly from work in Japan. The work among the girls is almost entirely charitable. The Chinese are not anxious to have their daughters educated, and so to get them into the schools you have to take them free and in many cases clothe them as well. Tuesday we visited the South Gate Mission. It is under the American Presbyterian Board. The women there have both a boarding and a day school. This school has been established over twenty years. The boarding school costs the society \$1,000 per year, exclusive of the Principal's salary. We did not learn the cost of the day school. At St. John's the boys' school pays for itself, but the girls' is entirely at the expense of the society. We are to visit a boarding school under the American Southern Methodists. This is a girls' school and is self supporting, but I understand it is the only girls' school in the city which is so. This school has been opened for a little over a year. However we will be able to give you fuller information in regard to this school after we have visited it. The work done in the schools here has, I am told, been very satisfactory as regards conversions, as the majority give up their heathen worship and become earnest Christians before they leave.

We visited the West Gate Hospital under the Woman's Missionary Union of the States. This hospital is large and