

We intend to invite all the little girls from the day-school and their mothers for Christmas dinner here and have a tree in the evening, hoping it may add to our numbers when the mothers see their home and how they live.

We hope the Christmas tree will become an institution among our girls at least, and if any of the people at home wish to assist by mailing any little thing for the girls, such as picture books, handkerchiefs, etc., it will be very acceptable.

In regard to an orphanage there is plenty of room on the place. Of course it will mean additional work, as it may be difficult at times to get suitable women to take care of the children; but we think it is quite a necessity, and one of us will have to take charge as a part of our work.

We could fill it up at once with children that the parents would give us, but we will have to guard against imposition, and take only those who are thrown out to die, and who, it is known, have no parents able to support them.

As to the names of the streets, etc., the city is divided into two parts, Chentu-hsien and Wha-yang-hsien. We are in the latter. The hospital premises are on the corner of two streets, and the gate opens on Fuh-deh-gi (gi or kiai is the Chinese for street). Our gate opens on the other street, Fang-jeng-gi.

A Sunday School was opened over at the chapel a week ago last Sunday, with an attendance of over forty. The services continue well attended.

After Christmas, when the workmen are all off the place, we hope to do some guest-room work and talk to all the women who will come in. It seems to me we can do better work with individuals than with a crowd.

FRENCH WORK.

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Miss Anderson, of the West End Mission, reports 104 visits made in November, and 97 in December. Sickness amongst the children has prevented regular attendance at school. Some French pupils who commenced to attend last