

and realizing this we cannot but feel very grateful that the danger of being obliged to close them is for the present removed. We trust, too, that the bright new building whose slow growth we have watched through so many mishaps this past year may, on its completion, gather in an increased number of the growing women of this land, and that from it may go out influences for good that shall reach on through all the coming years.

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From Miss Foster, Chien 'u, January 6th, 1900.

AS we have come to the close of another quarter, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His love and care. The work in all its departments has been much the same as it was during the first quarter, excepting that our Sunday School has been better attended. We have had a total attendance for the quarter of 306—an average of about twenty-five per Sunday, outside of our own servants and children. This quarter Miss Brooks and I have visited some of our neighbors, to give them the Gospel in their homes. Many of the women were very friendly, and invited us to come again. We greatly desire to extend this work, but are unable to do so through lack of time and helpers.

In December, three of the children in the Orphanage were very seriously ill, but by the blessing of God they are now quite well. No admissions to either the school or orphanage have been made until yesterday; we took in a poor bruised child, of about five years, who came to us for shelter, so there are now seven children in the Jennie Ford Home, and we are expecting two from Kia Ting, whom a friend there asked us to take. Dr. Killam will give you an account of the hospital work for the quarter. We continue to solicit your prayers in behalf of our work in Chentu.

We were very glad to receive your letter dated September 29th, and were quite relieved to hear that our Annual Reports had been received. We heard that Dr. Henry and Miss Brimstin were leaving Chung King on the 21st of December. If this is true, we shall expect to welcome them home in about two weeks.* We were very sorry to hear that Miss Brimstin's father died about the time she landed in Shanghai.

We had a nice long letter from Miss Brackbill a few days ago, saying she hoped to bring three new workers with her, whom we shall be very glad to welcome.

* They arrived on January 30th.