

Our West China Mission

The Departments of Work and their
Cost

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COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE WORK.

Language Study.

Personal Teacher Costs \$60.00 a Year.

The amount granted for a personal teacher for each missionary is sixty dollars a year.

All missionaries in China use the personal teacher indefinitely. After the first four or five years the personal teacher becomes much more of a writer and copyist. The missionary never ceases to use every opportunity to study the language, but as he becomes more and more involved in the work these opportunities grow fewer. He is constantly requiring and making use of the service of his personal teacher in great varieties of ways. He uses him to write letters and to copy papers and documents in Chinese, or he sends him to convey a message to an official, a work for which he is peculiarly fitted. The personal teacher not infrequently is a Christian, and very often develops into a helper and evangelist.

In the case of a medical missionary a personal teacher is used very much more in the hospital work than actually as a teacher. He is sometimes required to write letters, sometimes he helps with the registration of patients. Again, he is often very useful in helping to entertain the numerous callers, whether patients or otherwise, upon the doctor. But one thing is certain, the personal teacher's time is well occupied. He is always kept busy.