

## CHINA—Continued.

From Dr. Gifford.

SHANGHAI.

I do not think there is any reason to fear any serious uprising among the Chinese. You cannot put much dependence on the reports you see in the home papers regarding trouble here, for, as a rule, reports are very much magnified by the time they reach America. Smallpox has been very prevalent here among the natives; also a number of foreigners have had it. We have been vaccinated since our arrival. We do the best we can, and leave the rest in a loving Father's hands.

We have had such kindly letters of welcome from each of our party in the interior, I feel already that we will be friends. I feel more and more every day the responsibility resting upon us as missionaries, and I pray that guidance and wisdom may be given me from above.

In regard to our life in Shanghai, it is very similar to life at home; of course our surroundings are different. Shanghai is a walled city. All the missionaries live outside the walls, and the larger number of them in the foreign settlement. Every Monday afternoon there is a union missionary prayer-meeting. This meeting is very helpful. A missionary's life in Shanghai is so different from life in the interior, as here everything in use is foreign. Their surroundings are also very different from those of our workers in Japan. I know how anxious the ladies will be to have some account of the work in China, but as we are eighteen hundred miles from our field it is impossible to give you an idea of the work there. I am more thankful every day that our field lies far from the treaty ports, as the work is retarded here by the example of the dissolute foreigners.

Yesterday we paid a visit to the native city. We entered at the south gate, visited a temple and a garden, and left the city by the north gate. The garden is only opened three times a year. Dr. Haslip's assistant is a friend of one of the officials, so we were admitted. It was one of the most interesting sights I have ever seen. Stone work was built in almost