

howling mob. We tried to force our way over a wall into a neighbor's place, but the people shouted at us to go back.

For a few minutes we thought all was over. We knew if we fell into the hands of the mob we would certainly be killed. Soon a Chinaman came to us saying that the mob had left the hospital gates and that we could get out into the street. This Chinaman had previously been a patient in the hospital breaking off opium. We did not know whether he was deceiving us or not, but it was our only hope of escape. We quickly followed him and found that he had spoken the truth. At the beginning of the riot the gateman had locked and barred the hospital gate, but the rioters had broken a hole, through which we crawled one by one. The small crowd still in the street shouted: "Beat them; beat them to death!" But no one struck us. We ran into the house opposite the hospital gate, but were quickly turned out. We asked several people to take us in, but were refused in every case.

The parade-ground and soldiers' camp lay a short distance before us. We hastened towards this and into the camp, but were turned out with curses. One of the soldiers kicked Mrs. Stevenson as we went out. We thought if we could reach the top of the city wall we might escape under cover of the darkness and fog. We ran across the parade-ground toward the wall, led by the man who had befriended us. I carried our baby boy and my husband one of Dr. Stevenson's children. We reached the foot of the steep ascent to the top of the wall unobserved. Hastily we scrambled to the top tired out with the long run and carrying the helpless children. On reaching the top we found we had but two of Dr. Stevenson's children, the other being we knew not where. We took a minute or two to breathe, and then hurried on, not knowing what moment we might be followed. All the time we could hear in the distance the shouts of the rioters, busy destroying our homes and carrying off our goods. The moon had risen, and we had a good view of the city.

I may say here the city wall is about forty feet thick at the base and between twenty and thirty feet high. It is built of earth, faced on the outside with solid brick masonry several feet thick, and surmounted at the top with a parapet about