

have shaken his faith in the least. He is a coffin-maker by trade and was doing fairly well, but as soon as it became known that he was interested in the "foreign doctrine," people would not buy his coffins, as they said he bewitched them and whoever bought one would die before the year was out. This had made it very difficult for him to get along this winter. He asked for a small loan and it was feared that the refusal of it might offend him, but it does not seem to have made any difference in him, and we feel that there is every reason to hope that he is earnest and sincere in his profession.

The work is more encouraging here than it has ever been before. Dr. Smith is busy all day attending to patients, and our one tiny room for women patients is constantly occupied. It is very sad that we cannot get more room here, for nothing can be done in the way of teaching the patients when they have to stay outside in inns.

Dr. Graham is frequently called out to attend women and children in the town and surrounding villages and many come to her for treatment.

Miss McIntosh has a little school of twelve children; they have been coming every morning for about two months. Some of them are very bright and learn very quickly. All this is certain proof that dislike and suspicion are being removed from the minds of some at least, and that is encouraging. We all feel sorry that this station has to be closed for the summer, but that seems the wisest course under existing circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLennan have reached Tientsin in safety, and we trust will soon get inland. We fear they may find this summer rather trying, as it bids fair to be much warmer than last year. For a week now we have not required a fire and keep our doors and windows open all day. I thank you for your last kind letter and for the assurance that you remember us continually at a throne of grace.