

but I do miss my dear villages very much. Every day people come to inspect the school, before sending their daughters, a party of 15 have just left, they had to be taken all over the house, and their surprise is always great at the cleanliness of everything. The principal part of my time is devoted to study in preparation for my next examination at the end of June. About 4 p.m. I go into the school to practice, talking Chinese to encourage the girls to speak English. On Sunday mornings these little ladies go to church in closed sedan chairs, a distance of 15 yards; one of us sees them off, and the other receives them at the church door and leads them to their seats in the front of the building, as far as possible from the gaze of the opposite sex. It was very amusing as we were leaving the church by a shorter way, through the pastor's house, for ten or twelve men, who were enquirers, were waiting for instruction in the room we had to pass through, and they had to be told to turn their backs so that they should not see us. It did look so ridiculous to see them all with their faces towards the ceiling. We do so need your prayers for this very difficult work among the upper classes. The women are very gentle and refined, but take very little interest in anything serious; their attention soon wanders away to something else. Then families belonging to the nobility speak the court dialect, and do not understand the common speech of the people, and to reach them one lady missionary, at least, should speak Mandarin, devoting all her time to them. Is there no lady in Canada whose home ties are not binding, who could come and take up this work among the neglected nobility of Foo Chow? Come over and help us. Pray for us, we do not cease to pray for you."

"P.S.—The native pastor, who has just been moved from Foo Chow from a country charge, has come with four friends to call upon us, so we must polish up our memories and entertain them."

To Mrs. McLellan, St. James' Branch, Stratford, Miss Kirkby writes,

"By this mail I am sending you a photo of the Bible-woman and her school, the 'Watching Circle,' is supporting. You ask about the language. I can talk a fair amount on every day and religious subjects, but long to do much more. I went the day before yesterday, March 14th, all by myself, to a place to preach for the first time, as on