

the expense of sending them 1,800 miles into the interior of a country where there are no railroads, and steamboats only about one-half the distance, is considerable. There is very little comparison between getting supplies to the interior of China and any part of Japan, or even the treaty ports of China. We have been obliged to purchase lamps, dishes (bed-room, dinner and tea sets), chairs, clocks, stoves, springs for bed, etc., as it is impossible to get the least foreign articles, even a pair of shoe strings, up there. We have also been purchasing supplies both for the journey up and something to last for a time after arrival. Sugar, soap, flour, butter, spices, canned fruits (as the bottles are needed for after use), canned meats (for the journey), vinegar, salt, pepper, mustard, etc., etc., all have to be purchased in Shanghai. After sending an order from Chen-tu it would be nearly six months before this order could be filled out and supplies received.

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From a Private Letter from Miss Spence,

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My life here is a very active one. We rise usually about half-past five, and a busy day is often followed by a busy night. Our hospital is much the same as others, only on a smaller scale. We frequently have surgical operations, involving a good deal of responsibility; maternity cases and their little offspring to be cared for, and the dying to be attended day and night until the weary life is ended. We have whites, Indians and Japanese, all requiring and expecting the same attention and treatment as they would receive in a fully equipped hospital. I cannot tell you how much I thank God for the health and strength He has given me; notwithstanding, there are times when I wonder if I shall ever feel rested again. I like the work very much. Although there are a few things to make it disagreeable there is an abundance to be thankful for. I will be glad when I can have an assistant. I have been trying to teach some of the Indian girls the art of nursing and caring for the sick, but I found none whom I could trust without a supervisor.