

kingdom is three times as big as yours;" and then I began to tell them why I came to their country.

"What are these books you have? ask my examiner.

"These books tell you of the true God."

"Do you want to sell them?"

"Yes."

"How much do you want?"

I named the price.

"Will you take eggs?" said he.

"Yes, I exchange books for eggs," but I found that although Chinese cash is difficult to carry, eggs are more so.

A NEW CENTRE.

Oct. 15.

We reached *Hsiui fu* early this morning and began work about 9 o'clock. This city of Hsiui is likely to be first occupied instead of Hsiui Hsien because it is more central and governs nine Hsien cities with their districts, altogether, *eleven cities, twenty-five thousand towns and villages, or about two million souls.*

The most distant of these eleven cities is Hsiui Hsien 35 miles away, the nearest is about 12 miles distant. Hsiui Hsien ought to be taken up, but we have not enough men to man three stations at present. If we had another medical man we would occupy Chang te fu, Hsiui Hsien, and Wei Hui fu.

Oct. 16.

Many intelligent young men have come yesterday and to-day. They treated us with respect. And being attracted by what the Old Testament says about idolatry, some feel a concern to know what the truth is, and will spend much time in going from passage to passage of the Word. It is surprising to see how much respect these Confucian scholars have for the Scriptures.

A SAD STORY.

On the way to the boat this evening, a man came and knelt down before us, begging that we would go and see his brother who was ill. We followed him to a temple in the river bank. In one corner the man lay dying. He was beyond hope.

It was a strange place to die. The dusk of evening had come on. In the dim light of a Chinese lamp the grim idols looked hideous. Before each the incense was burning, gods that cannot save! Thus a soul is soon to pass into eternity. A deceived soul! But he is only one of *twelve millions* who each year pass from China through the portals of death.

Oct. 17.

Great numbers came to-day. Sometimes it was very difficult to do anything for the press. The silk clad gentry have put in an appearance and were quite pleasant. One of the officials has asked for the Doctor to go and see his wife.

THE DIRTY CHILD.

Yesterday a man brought a child for treatment, with a sore but filthy head. The Doctor told him to go and wash the child's head. He waited a while and then again presented the unwashed head and was again told to go and wash it. This enraged him and he went away reviling the Doctor. We did not know but that he might spread bad reports of us, but we heard to-day that four men who heard him abusing the Doctor went to his home and gave him a beating.

YOUNG MEN INQUIRING.

The Lord is honoring His word to convince the people that they are sinning against a holy God. Several young men followed me through the Scripture and confessed that they were all wrong, then they said "How could we know for no man ever came to tell us. Then I turned them to Matt. vii : 24, and pleaded with them to learn Christ's way that they might also give the truth to their countrymen. One of them at once bought a New Testament and a copy of all our other books.

Oct. 18.

SICK PEOPLE THRONING.

Great numbers came to-day. The sick from the country are coming in. One woman was brought in *thirty-five miles*. A young woman was brought *eleven miles* on a bed by her father and brother. Many