

Medical Work.

At all three central stations the medical work is one of the important features of the mission. Its extent may be inferred when it is stated that at Ch'u Wang station alone the number of treatments during the past year at the hospital was 16,431. Of these 12,036 were old patients and 4,395 new. At Hsin Chen the total treatments were 8,108, including 130 surgical operations, while at Chang te fu were 8,457 treatments and 54 operations. The measure in which these will open a door for the Gospel cannot be estimated.

Women's Work.

In medical work, hospital visitation, women's classes, outside district visiting, speaking to the women who sometimes come in large numbers to see the foreign ladies at the mission compounds, in these and any other ways that may open, sowing beside all waters, the women of the Honan mission, as in all missions, have nobly done their part, and in whatever general progress there may be the women have a goodly share in the agency that has brought it about.

Society for Diffusion of Christian Literature.

There is a Society in China for the diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge, which has promise of great usefulness. Its headquarters is in Shanghai. Its object is to translate the world's best books into Chinese for distribution in China. Last year forty-one books were translated and published to the number of 185,460 volumes. There are about thirty depots throughout the Empire, where their books are sold, and the influence of the Society is being widely felt. One of our missionaries, Rev. D. MacGillivray, who had already given to China her best Anglo-Chinese dictionary, was asked to join in the work of the Society. Our F. M. Committee gave consent. Mr. MacGillivray removed to Shanghai, still supported by our F. M. committee and for more than a year has been engaged in the work of the Society there. So that our field is now wider than Honan. It embraces the whole Empire. On the 3rd of August ult., Mr. MacGillivray was married in Shanghai to Miss L. A. Bovey.

The Roman Catholic "Invasion."

In the early part of this period the Roman Catholics entered the field, established missions near some of our stations, and proved a serious hindrance to our work. They used money freely to induce inquirers, catechumens and church members from our mission to join them. Employment was given as teachers, debts were paid, security against persecution was promised, etc., and quite a number who had given promise of usefulness in the near future were led away. This, as well as the other hindrances in the mission, has to be met with patience, prayer and continuous teaching of the Word of God.

The Missionaries Driven Out.

A stream sometimes, though rarely, disappears in mountain or plain, to appear again at some other point farther on. Rare too is such an experience in the history of missions, but it has come in Honan. The missionaries have had to leave. The work so far as it is ours is closed. Intercourse is cut off. The true Christians will remain faithful. The stream is there, though hidden, and it will come to the surface again.

The story of the exodus is given in the following pages. Let this point be well noted. They were not driven out because they were missionaries or Christians, but because they were foreigners. The present hostility is anti-foreign rather than anti-Christian, and all foreigners shared the same hate and fate. And this farther point should be noted, that while there can be no excuse for the brutality shown by the Chinese, it is no worse than stories that have come of the conduct of the Russians toward Chinese who were in no way combatants. And further, had Britain been subjected to the impositions and injustice which China has suffered at the hands of other nations, she would have resisted and fought against it long ago.

Our attitude to China should be one of compassion, and while they are punished for their excesses, their condition should lead to more earnest prayer on their behalf, and as soon as the door is open, to renewed work and effort for their uplifting, that out of the strife and unrest may gradually come a great nation, strong and true, taking their proper place among the nations of the earth.

List of Honan Missionaries.

| Station. | Name. | Arrived |
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| Chang Te, | Rev. J. Goforth, | 2 March, 1888. |
| " | Rev. D. McGillivray, | 1 Dec., 1888. |
| " | Rev. J. Menzies, M.D., | 9 Nov., 1895. |
| " | Mina A Pyke, | 10 Oct., 1896. |
| " | Rev. John Griffiths, | 1 Nov., 1897. |
| " | Dr. Margaret Wallace, | 18 Sep., 1898. |
| " | Rev. T. C. Hood, | Oct., 1899. |
| Chu Wang, | Wm. McClure, M.D., | 4 Oct., 1888. |
| " | Rev. M. McKenzie, | 8 Nov., 1889. |
| " | Margaret J. McIntosh, | 19 Nov., 1889. |
| " | Jennie I. Dow, M.B., | 9 Nov., 1889. |
| " | Percy C. Leslie, M.D., | 7 Nov., 1897. |
| Hsin Chen, | Wm. Malcolm, M.D., | 15 Oct., 1892. |
| " | Rev. W. H. Grant, | 19 Oct., 1892. |
| " | Rev. J. A. Slimmon, | March, 1895. |
| " | Rev. R. A. Mitchell, | 20 Sep., 1895. |

Honan Missionaries retired or dead.

| | Appointed. | Retired. | Died |
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| Harriet R. Sutherland... | 1888 | 1889 | |
| Rev. J. McDougall... | 1889 | 1893 | |
| Rev. J. H. MacVicar... | 1889 | 1895 | |
| Jennie Graham... | 1889 | 1890 | |
| Lucinda Graham, M.D. . . | 1892 | | 1894 |
| Rev. Kenneth McLennan | 1894 | 1897 | |