

received into the Church at Chang Teh Fu last month. Many of the patients take more interest than formerly, and we have many things to encourage us. The troubles centred round the throne of China do not effect the people here. They know little or nothing about the tyranny of the Empress Dowager, and are far less concerned about the division of China than Europeans are. I hope your good people are not disappointed that we have not yet built the hospital and dispensary. We are far more disappointed than anyone else can be. The agent through whom we buy brick disappointed us, and would not allow others to sell in time to build this fall. Now the bricks are coming in, and we hope to begin early in the spring to put up a chapel and dispensary and a dwelling house for the missionaries still living in native built houses."

The Rev. R. P. Mackay, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee writes :

Dr. McClure is not a voluminous correspondent, which is not to be wondered at when we remember that according to the report of last year, 16,293 treatments were recorded, 242 of these in one day. Copious correspondence comes usually from younger missionaries, who have not yet fully entered upon the work. In a few years the pressure becomes too great. We are grateful that Dr. McClure's health has been sustained in his arduous service, and grateful to know that he is esteemed as one of the ablest and most consecrated missionaries in China. The Honan Mission as a whole is much encouraged. In the circle of towns around Chang Teh Fu, only occupied about three years ago, there are now thirty-eight, in which there are witnesses for Christ, and many are enquiring the way. The missionaries are everywhere hopeful. Let us stand by them.

