

rooms in an old Chinese building fronting on the street. The partitions were cut out; light is admitted through the open shop fronts, and through glass tiles placed in the roof; the floor is good old mother earth; long benches are in place, and a little platform with chairs and table for the preacher. The place is not very light, and not very attractive, but it is well filled every Sunday with worshippers.

The Churches at Luchow and Tzeliutsing.

The churches at Luchow and Tzeliutsing are after a fashion similar to that at Jenshow: they are the largest rooms in the rented Chinese compound, occupied as a dwelling by two or three families of missionaries.

The items under this heading total \$230 for the year—for Church Current Expenses and Caretaker.

Literature and Reading Rooms.

All our missionaries appointed to church and chapel work distribute literature. For this purpose they use their Evangelists and Helpers, and some of them employ men exclusively as colporteurs. In several of our central stations, in connection with the church, a reading room has been opened; and this is kept supplied with newspapers and magazines and attractive books. The members and adherents are encouraged to visit the reading room, and they do so—to their profit.

How the Literature is Obtained.

The literature distributed broadcast over the country is pre-eminently the Scriptures. These are for the most part printed and bound by our own Canadian Methodist Press at Chengtu, but published, and therefore financed, by the Bible Societies. There is also our West China Christian Tract Society, an organization supported largely by the West China missionaries of all denominations. This supplies tracts, catechisms, hymn books and Christian calendars, and also publishes a monthly, "The West China Christian Magazine," in Chinese. All these publications circulate freely among Methodists, Baptists, Quakers, Congregationalists, Disciples, members of the Church of England and others.

Mr. Hoffman is Sowing his District with Literature.

The largest estimate for "Literature and Reading Rooms" for the current year was that for \$200 for Mr. Hoffman, of Jenshow. This sum was granted.

Mr. Hoffman has, I think, circulated more literature per year, at least in recent years, than any other one of our missionaries. His demands upon the Bible Society for Scripture portions, and upon the Press and Tract Society for tracts and hymn books, are