

horizon. The Roman Catholics seen determined to crush us and to that end their folds are steadily contracting around us here. They are attempting to pervert our converts everywhere by extravagant promises of money and schools. The Roman Church is to a certain extent an *imperium in imperio* in China already, and bids fair to make the civil power a mockery in many places ere long. France is the only European nation that threatens China with swift retribution in cases of outrage, and China has a wholesome fear of her. When the French Minister at Peking is determined to use his influence for the furtherance of the Roman Church the result is deplorable. A Chinaman who has wit enough to profess himself a Roman Catholic can now defy the authorities.

Let us hope that by the good hand of God upon us this danger, like others in the past, may be averted, and that the Church of Christ may continue to grow in Honan from year to year. There was a large fair here a few weeks ago, and the number of people in the chapel was very large. In fact, we were out talking to them the whole day. We are to have station classes for converts and inquirers in a few weeks. These classes will last for ten days. We endeavor to give some systematic instruction in Christian truth from catechisms and the New Testament. There are a number awaiting baptism in connection with this station, whom we hope to receive in a few weeks. I have to conclude this with the mournful news that our own little girl, Marion, died just as the old year closed, and, as we believe, spent her first New Year's Day "around the throne of God in Heaven." Bending over her wee body and imprinting a farewell upon lips cold in death, I too could heartily wish to be with her "where the faithful part no more," but our times are in God's hands, and so we wait "until the day dawns and the shadows flee away." Convey my best wishes to the students, and, with my heartiest good wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

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