

Early in 1894, Rev. Dr. Smith was taken down with typhoid, followed by pneumonia, and for weeks, the strong man, who had successfully battled sickness and death in others, lay more helpless than a child. Then when slightly improved, he was carried in a bed to a boat, taken down the river to the coast, and across to Japan in the hope that his recovery would be aided by the change. There after a short illness, his little daughter was laid in the grave. His own health was partially restored, but left its dregs in the form of stoppage of a vein in the leg, which, while not affecting his general health, rendered him almost unable to walk, and was moreover in danger of ending fatally, if the obstruction should move and be carried on to the heart. He came home and has had the best medical advice, but the trouble has not quite passed away, and he is obliged in the meantime to "stand and wait."

But there were other still darker shadows. Mrs. Dr. Malcolm and Dr. Lucinda Graham were called away by death; the latter suddenly, by cholera, on the 13th of October, and the former eight days later after a longer illness. They had gone to China together, for two short years they were spared, and almost together were called to their Heavenly Home, one of them leaving a sore hearted toiler to carry on his work alone.

There have been six children laid to rest in the short history of the Mission, two of the Goforths', two of the Smiths', one of the McKenzies', and one of the McLennans', leaving parents with stronger ties to the better land.

The war too has been an element of anxiety during the past year, though its influence was but little felt in Honan. There are no newspapers, and most of those who knew any thing of it imagined that it was merely a trouble between the imperial government and some foreign power, a trouble with which they had little to do. Communication however between Honan and the coast was not safe. Bands of lawless soldiers were to be met with, and this, as in the case of Mr. Wylie, the Scotch missionary, might mean death.

On this account Messrs Goforth and Malcolm with Mr. Slimmons, a newly appointed missionary, were detained by the F. M. Committee until a few weeks since. They have now safely reached China and are, it is expected, by this time safely in Honan.

An interesting event of the past year is the establishment of a new station, at Chang-Te-Fu, one of the chief cities. The story of its getting is vividly told in a letter on another page.

The present state of the Mission is most hopeful. Fourteen adults have already been baptized, and there are many more on probation. All candidates for baptism, after a careful examination before two members of the Mission are put on probation, for at least one year before being baptized. Those on probation are from

many different villages. Dr. Smith tells of one village where there are twelve on probation, and fifty more greatly interested, anxious to be taken on probation. In that same place, a number, and they are very poor, have subscribed a nice little sum towards building a chapel for themselves, though the missionary had not asked them to do so. They did it of their own motion. Mention is made of a prayer meeting at which a dozen readily took part.

Looking over North Honan today, with its stations, its converts, its inquirers; and then looking back over the short period of eight years, at the hostile stronghold of heathenism which our missionaries sought to win for Christ; at the millions indifferent and prejudiced, and the powers bitterly opposed, on the one hand; and the feeble few on the other; one cannot but wonder that so much has been accomplished, and cannot but see a new illustration of the mighty, subduing power of the Gospel of Christ.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES.

	APPOINTED.	REMOVED.	DIED
Rev. J. Goforth.....	1888		....
Mrs. Goforth.....	"	....	....
Rev. J. F. Smith, M. D. ....	"	....	....
Mrs. Smith.....	"	....	....
Wm. McClure, M. D. ....	"	....	....
Miss H. Sutherland.....	"	1889	....
Rev. D. McGillivray.....	"	....	....
Mrs. Wm. McClure.....	1889	....	....
Rev. M. McKenzie.....	"	....	....
Mrs. McKenzie.....	"	....	....
Rev. J. H. McVicar.....	"	....	....
Mrs. McVicar.....	"	....	....
Rev. J. McDougall.....	"	1892	....
Mrs. McDougall.....	"	"	....
Miss Graham (trained nurse) ..	"	1890	....
Miss McIntosh.....	"	....	....
Rev. W. H. Grant.....	1892	....	....
Mrs. Grant.....	"	....	....
Wm. Malcolm, M. D. ....	"	....	....
Mrs. Malcolm.....	"	....	1894
Lucinda Graham, M. D. ....	"	....	"
Rev. Kenneth McLennan.....	1893
Mrs. McLennan.....	"
Rev. J. A. Slimmon.....	1895

HOW WE WON THE FU.

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A FU city is the chief city in a prefectural district, next to the Provincial Capital in importance, and as such, is necessarily the chief seat of Government for the district, and generally the leading centre of trade. Hence it presents many advantages for occupation by the missionary, and general mission policy throughout China has been largely based upon the principle of occupying the chief centres where possible. Before we had a foothold in Honan at all, the eyes of our pioneer missionaries were