

nearly two days' chair journey from Chen-tu, and one is obliged to carry their bedding, chairs, toilet articles, etc., along with them. Accommodation can be secured nowhere except in temples, but with a little trouble the rooms can be made very comfortable for a short stay, and the pleasantest spots on the mountains are generally chosen when building these temples. But the best of all is, that it is cool enough to study all day long, and another pleasant feature is, that we are free to go out for exercise, which is something we miss sadly in the city. Personally, the change has done me a great deal of good, as the continued heat and lack of necessary exercise, though not really telling on my health, was depriving me of some of my usual energy. However, as it has been raining, and was much cooler yesterday and to-day, some of us will probably be starting back to the city this week.

Each morning a service in Chinese for the teachers and servants is held, and on Sundays, a Sabbath-school. As several of the teachers and servants of the M. E. Mission party are Christians, we are in hopes our stay here may be beneficial to those natives who came up with us.

The news contained in your last letter of Miss Ford's appointment was very welcome. I trust she may have a pleasant and prosperous voyage and arrive here safely. It seems a great pity that more could not have been sent at the same time, because of the trouble and expense of getting so far inland; and long before they can arrive here and acquire the language, workers will be needed—yes, are needed right at once.

Concerning day schools. It is only possible to keep girls in the day schools here in the East for a very short time, as at a very early age they are not allowed on the street, and thus all influence over them is lost unless we have a school to place them in. Day schools certainly are needed, and would do an excellent work, particularly if one could secure Christian teachers; but they should, I think, be used as feeders for boarding-schools where Christian workers are being trained.

You ask if property can be held by foreigners. It is really leased for a long term of years, but is practically the same as purchased, and is considered so by both parties.