

care of Mrs. and Miss Morton, still goes on, and the results are satisfactory. "The number in attendance is kept small, as greedy young men are always wanting wives, and none are considered so safe and good an investment as 'Madam's girls.'"

HONAN.

Encouragement in the Work.

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

Chu Wang, N. Honan, May 27, 1893.

I am thankful to say we have all had very good health all winter. For the past two or three weeks Paul has been quite poorly with fever, and no appetite. The doctors think it is malaria. Last year the rains were so heavy that the land for miles around us was flooded and the crops destroyed, so that this spring and summer the malaria will no doubt be unusually bad. When I think of the three or rather four months of excessively hot weather before us, I dare not dwell upon it, but just live and trust for one day at a time. Both of our dear children were taken from us in the heat of the summer, and any serious illness I have had since coming to China, has been during the hot summer months; so you see it is little wonder that I should dread this season of the year. I need only look back, though, to gain courage for the future, for our God has never forsaken us, and He has shown us again and again that by casting all into His care and keeping, all will and must be well. I think that there are many precious promises, which cannot be understood nor fulfilled to us, except we sometimes pass through the deep waters of sorrow, sickness or bereavement.

You will no doubt be both surprised and sorry to learn of Mr. and Mrs. McVicar's return home. Mrs. McVicar's health for a long time past had been so poor we were somewhat