

past. The responsibility of the work here among the women does not rest only upon Mrs. McClure and me, but also upon every Christian sister in our Church. We must work as we have opportunity. You must pray. We do earnestly ask you to pray for us and the work here, that soon our hearts may be cheered by seeing women willing to learn the way of life, and willing also that their children should learn of the Jesus who loved little children.

P.S. I might just add that we are all in good health, and that my husband has begun his touring in real earnest at last. He seems so happy and hopeful now that he is free to devote his time to touring among the people.

Trials of our Missionaries in Hsin Chen, Honan,

From letters placed in the hands of the Board of the W. F. M. S. by the convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, we learn that Rev. J. H. MacVicar and Rev. D. MacGillivray have been subjected to very rough treatment in a disturbance caused by a band of professional Chinese beggars, who had forced an entrance to the missionaries' compound in Hsin Chen.

Later intelligence has been received, and from all sources we gather the following facts :—That a mob of between one and two hundred gathered in front of the compound and demanded a sum of money, equal to about \$80. This large sum was refused, and a few cash were handed out, whereupon the gates were broken open, and all the available space in the compound was filled with the infuriated mob. Several of the beggars had cut their faces with bricks, and smeared the blood over their hands and faces. Mr. MacGillivray and Mr. MacVicar were seized and dragged out of the gate and were otherwise roughly handled. However, in the goodness of God, they were at length released and returned to the compound ; the mob meanwhile shouting and hooting as only a Chinese mob can.

Just at this juncture Rev. J. MacDougall and Rev. Dr Smith arrived, and after a conference with some native "peace talkers," and the payment of about the one-third of the sum first demanded, the crowd withdrew. This money was subsequently returned. Mr. MacVicar proceeded at once to Tientsin to interview the British Consul, and we understood that the Viceroy, Li Hung

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