

Church Caretaker and Current Expenses.

Chengtü Church.

Under this heading are included such items as white-washing, extraordinary cleaning, and small repairs. It also includes the purchase of lamps, lamp chimneys, wicks, and coal oil. For the Chengtū church, \$30 is the sum appropriated for this purpose. \$15 is appropriated for the caretaker of the same church. This particular caretaker is a man with one leg; the other was amputated in the Chengtū hospital, and the operation, by Dr. Ewan, was entirely successful in saving the patient's life. He is a fine Christian character, bright and cheerful as the day is long. The magnificent sum of \$15.00, Canadian money, suffices to keep him in food and ordinary clothing. His name is Fung. He keeps the keys, locks and unlocks the church doors, sees that the church is ventilated, sweeps and dusts, cares for the rooms and the lighting, and makes himself generally useful.

Kiating Church.

For Church Current Expenses at Kiating, the same sum, \$30, was appropriated; and for caretaker "part time," \$15. Probably this man has two legs, and is therefore capable of doing full work. The portion of his time devoted to the care of the church building is paid for by \$15 for the year. Mr. Quirnbach has also a grant for \$25 for minor repairs on the Kiating Church building and compound.

Junghsien Church.

At Junghsien, Dr. Smith has \$25 for church current expenses and \$15 for caretaker. These three places just mentioned are the only ones in our Mission thus far favored with a proper church building. These three buildings are of brick, solidly but plainly built, light and airy. The Kiating church has a good board floor; those at Chengtū and Junghsien have floors of concrete. They seat from 300 to 400 people.

Jenshow Church.

For Jenshow, there was granted for current year \$25 for current expenses, \$5 for caretaker, and \$25 for church compound repairs.

The church in Jenshow is the largest room in the old Chinese compound belonging to our mission. It is large enough for ordinary purposes, though by no means satisfactory as a place of meeting. The Chinese roof, the flagstone floor, the platform, often need attention and minor repairs.

Penghsien Church.

For church current expenses at Penghsien, \$20 was appropriated. The church (so-called) in Penghsien consists of two or three