

she receives no pay for her work, it is all the more encouraging.

"Do not forget that next Sabbath, 6th, has been set apart for prayer and fasting re Roman Catholic aggression."

*From issue September 25th.*

"Chang te Fu:—Harvesting is now over. Farmers are busy irrigating their land preparatory to ploughing.

"Bread upon the waters:—Several years ago, when our mission in Honan was very young, two of the missionaries spent some days in a large town, some distance from here, preaching and selling books. Since then nothing has been heard of good results till a few days ago, when a man came from a village in that district, and asked to be taught the way of God more fully. He had bought some books from the missionaries, and the reading of these had given him a desire to know the way of life."

*From issue October 3rd.*

"Chang te Fu:—Weather lately has been cool and cloudy, with rain. Chinese now wear blue, a few still retaining the native brown.

"One of the things that lies very near to one's heart is a bowl of hot gruel sent over by a thoughtful neighbor when one is in the grip of malaria.

"An Incident:—One afternoon an old man applied for treatment at the hospital. His neck and shoulders were covered with dirt and sores, but it was the latter he sought treatment for. On being advised to wash himself, and then return, he said:—'Sir, I have no such custom as putting water on the outside of me. I am a poor man, and find difficulty enough in getting the water required for the inside!' He went away unwashed and untreated."

"Chu Wang. Medical:—Dispensary, Sept. 13-19: total treatments, 703.

"The long continued drought is causing several of the wells in town to fail.

"Dates are an abundant crop, and a popular dish here.

"Cold weather is near, and the shivering native redeems his garments from the pawn shops.

"It will rejoice many to know that Mrs. Chang has been taken on probation for baptism. She passed a very creditable examination. She has been very faithful in her attendance at worship and Sabbath service, and would sometimes be found in the hospital, teaching the patients. Her son was baptized last communion.

"Work at Chang te Fu very encouraging. All the missionaries reported well."

*From issue October 8th.*

"Chang te Fu:—Mr. McGillivray returned from the Peking missionary convention on Wednesday evening. Li himself

would not have received a heartier welcome from the Chinese in the compound.

"Mr. Goforth left for Lin Ching on Wednesday morning. He intends to stay a week or ten days.

"Cheering news comes this week from the English Baptist mission at Ching chow Fu. Over 400 converts are added to the Church there this year.

"Hsin Chen:—The boycott among the masons has been at last broken, and the necessary building is proceeding rapidly. Our correspondent writes that the people seem lately more inclined to be friendly. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm are expected in before long.

"Chu Wang:—Dispensary: total treatments, Sept. 20-26, 522. Sept. 27—Oct. 3, total treatments, 417.

"Mr. Grant visited Hsin Ts'un and Tou Kung, last week, and found everything progressing favorably."

*From issue October 15th.*

"Chang te Fu:—Fine sunshiny weather has taken the place of the wet weather of the past weeks. One is reminded these days of Indian summer.

"It pays to wait in China? Not always. The American Board at Peking could have bought a lot several years ago for 400 tls. Mr. Anent says the price is now 4,000 tls., and they will give it, as they need the land.

In this connection, two proclamations are out here, telling of two Foreign surveys of railways, to a point, 60 li (20 miles), north of Chang te; and this week's *Herald* tells of surveys from Hankow to Yellow River crossing.

"Dispensary:—Total treatments, Oct. 4-10, 327 operations. People are very busy at present sowing fall wheat, hence the attendance of patients at the dispensary is small.

"Hsin Chen:—Mr. Mitchell has now attained his majority, having been a full year in Honan. He will now be entitled to form opinions, and to vote in Presbytery meetings. The *Hsin P'ao* congratulates the Presbytery as well as Mr. M.

"Punishment of robbers at the Fu. Four robbers were, on Sabbath last, tried here for robbery, and punished. The leader, 23 years old, was at once beheaded. The other three each received 3000 blows with the bamboo, till the bones of his legs were bared of flesh. Then all were exposed in the cage till they died.

"Mr. Goforth returned on Wednesday, from Lin Ching. He reports the prospects there very encouraging. Crowds came daily to hear the Gospel preached. Mr. Wang remained at Lin Ching.

"Mr. McGillivray left yesterday, on a visit to the Roman Catholic bishop, but finding out on the way that his reverence is at present at Peking, he returned last evening."