

needles and prick the patient, and some patients are quite indignant with me because I do not 'prick' them, and I often hear the remark, "He is not able to prick with the needle." One day a mason who was working for us complained of a severe headache and I was asked for some medicine. He took the medicine all right, but in about half an hour afterwards I went out and found another mason with a large needle vigorously pricking the poor man's tongue. He evidently seemed to enjoy it very much and said that it was much better plan than to take medicine. A large number of the patients who come to the dispensary can be divided into two classes, (1) those with unimportant ailments, and (2) those who have waited too long and for whom nothing can be done. It is very sad at times to be forced to send away patients with the words "too late." Sometimes I would like to do something, but as we are situated we have to be very careful, for if the patient died under our treatment we would get all the blame.

On June 26th I had the pleasure of baptizing the two Chous, father and son. They remained here ten days, and each day one of us spent about an hour and a half instructing them, and we were all surprised at the progress they had made and the knowledge they displayed. It will be three years in March since they first heard the truth, and the young man at that time was not able to read very much, and now both men give evidence that they have read the four gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and various christian tracts to good purpose. We have a nephew of the old man on probation at present and hope to baptize him before New Year. A little over two years ago this man did not recognize a single character, and when he was here in July he could read the gospel of Matthew fairly well. When he first expressed a desire to know the doctrine I urged upon him the necessity of being able to read the books for himself, but he said he would never be able to learn to read as he was poor and had no time. I suggested that he should learn one character each day, and said if he would do so that in four months' time he would be able to read a little tract which I gave him. This was a new idea and he acted upon it, and hence the result.

In August I went to Hsui Hsien, which is

about a mile from their place. I was on a house boat and had the family along. We went to spend Sunday with the Chous. On Sunday morning it was raining and we could not go to their village so I sent my boy to tell them and in a couple of hours, notwithstanding the rain and mud, the whole family turned out and came to the boat. They had to pass through the city, and it was delightful to see them coming through the city with their testaments and hymn books in their hands. I had a congregation of twelve crowded into the boat and we had a delightful service. About 100 people stood on the bank and were very orderly as I promised to speak to them after service, but a heavy shower of rain drove them all away. After the service four gave in their names as enquirers, all of whom were interested in the gospel through the efforts of the two Mr. Chous.

Yours sincerely,
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BYSTANDER.

"Bystander" was pretty sure that he had all the students to back him when he expressed the hope that the Senate would act upon the unanimous request of the Alma Mater Society, and arrange for placing an open bookcase in the library vestibule. The holidays was a first-class time to make the change. All may now know something about what books of reference there are in the library, and have access to them without going through the tiresome formality of making out a blank, etc., and awaiting our turn for the librarian's services. Since the Senate has acceded to our request, we may thank the valedictorian of '92 for his allusion to library facilities in his address last spring, and also the librarian and P.M.G. for pushing the matter of improvement.

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The Senate has not taken "Bystander's" advice as yet with regard to placing a stray bench or two in the halls and corridors, for the use of students who would like to be comfortable and sociable while waiting for lectures and classes.

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We have been wondering for some time back why such a careful A. M. S. executive as