

the Orphanage could be built; but though a good deal of looking for lots has been done by different ones during the last seven years, a suitable one has never been found.

Miss Washington returned to Kofu last week. She is better, and, if careful, there is every reason to hope she will be all right after a few months.

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### Hospital Report, Chentu.

THE following extract from the annual report of the General Society will be of interest to our W. M. S. workers:

“Religious teaching: This year we have given this department more attention than usual. The dispensary patients hear the story of Christ’s love told them every dispensary day before commencing to treat them. Then a gospel tract is given to each to take home and read. In the waiting-room and consulting-room we have hung up Scripture texts. In the wards we have written in large characters and hung up the Lord’s Prayer and the Ten Commandments. The International Sabbath School plates have been mounted on scrolls, and the English explanation replaced by Chinese characters. We have made it a rule of the hospital that each patient shall memorize the Lord’s Prayer and the Ten Commandments if possible, and also Scripture texts such as John iii. 16. Every morning service is held in the large ward, including singing, reading, and explanation of the Scriptures and prayer. Each Sunday afternoon during service in the ward, we take up the catechism. The class-meeting, formerly held in my study on Monday evenings, this year has been held in the ward, that the testimonies of the Christians might be helpful to the patients. As a result over half of these patients expressed their desire to become Christians. On leaving we give them Gospels, and trust the results will be seen in the future.

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