

CHINESE GIRLS' HOME.

Report of Three Months, Jan., Feb., March, 1898.

Though I have nothing very marked to report for this quarter, I can say that the duties devolving upon me have been faithfully performed. Elsie has greatly improved in some things, and in her general bearing, but requires "line upon line" and "precept upon precept." Doubtless, if she remains in the Home for two or three years, she will likely develop into a valuable and sensible woman.

On the 16th of March a missionary concert was held in the Chinese Mission Church, under the auspices of the "Chinese Girls' Home Mission Band," the object being to educate on missionary lines and increase the mite-box contents. The church was nicely filled with attentive listeners, largely Chinese and Japanese. The addresses and music were excellent. The voluntary offering amounted to \$13.00, which, being added to the mite-box, gave \$19.00 as the girls' first offering towards the "Jennie Ford Home," Chen-tu, China.

The Friday meetings have averaged an adult attendance of nearly nine, and that of children, three. Very few, if any, English people come.

Visits paid in the quarter, 102; home and missionary letters written, nine. The Advisory Board has met monthly.

Elsie's case is not yet settled, but appealed to the Supreme Court of the Dominion, which meets in Ottawa. We are trusting and hoping in the Divine supremacy, that she may be allowed to remain in the Home, where she wishes to stay.

S. BOWES,
Home Mother.