

## Training Chinese Boys.

The past year has been one of prosperity in our Tientsin School work, writes the Rev. Frederick Brown, of the Methodist Mission.

We have eighty-nine boys enrolled. In common with other missions we had our Country Day-schools, but felt that when the boys had reached a certain standard more advanced teachers should be sent, or that selected boys should be brought to centers where a proper teaching staff was available. The latter proposition was adopted, and hence our scholars are from places hundreds of miles apart, met here for the express purpose of carrying on their education further than would be possible in their homes.

A course of 'Monday lectures' has been arranged for during the winter months, to which all Mandarin-speaking young men are very welcome. The attendance has ranged from ninety to over two hundred. After each lecture our boys are encouraged to write essays, some of which show a very intelligent idea of the subject under discussion. Thus we have attempted to place within reach of the poorest a mine of knowledge, which is not procurable from books translated into Chinese.

During the winter months a number of boys have gone to the city chapel once a week to assist by singing and to help in the service as they were able. They have attracted many to hear the Gospel who would have passed by on the other side but for the work of the boys. The Christian students are thus given opportunity for practical training in telling interestingly the Gospel message.

The Chinese will have education, and it behooves the church to give the present generation a Christian education. Unless we believe in this thoroughly we would not be willing to give time and energy to the undertaking. Here are three illustrative examples:



BOYS OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT PLAY.

(A Reproduction of Chinese Art.)

Boy No. 1 came to us last May from a non-Christian home, and his father was anxious to have him enter our school as a paying scholar. On Sunday morning I heard an unusual noise in the school-room, and looking in saw the Christian boys praying, and the burden of their prayers was that this boy might become a Christian. He is now a believer and probationer in the Church.

Boy No. 2 came to us from his home three hundred English miles away in Shantung Province. Twenty years ago his grandfather had visited Peking where he entered a mission chapel and heard the Gospel. He became interested and took tracts to his home; after a while he embraced Christianity. His wife wished to know something of this 'Jesus Religion.' On asking her son about it he

volunteered to wheel his mother on his barrow all the way to Peking, three hundred miles away. They went. To-day grandfather is dead, father is a trusted native minister, and grandson is in our school, and at present holds the 'Cousins' Scholarship.

Boy No. 3. Our best and brightest boy left us for Peking University last June; he had held the 'Pethick' Scholarship for four years, and will, in years to come, give a good account of himself.

This school is affiliated with Peking University, and students may proceed thither if they are able to pass the entrance examination.

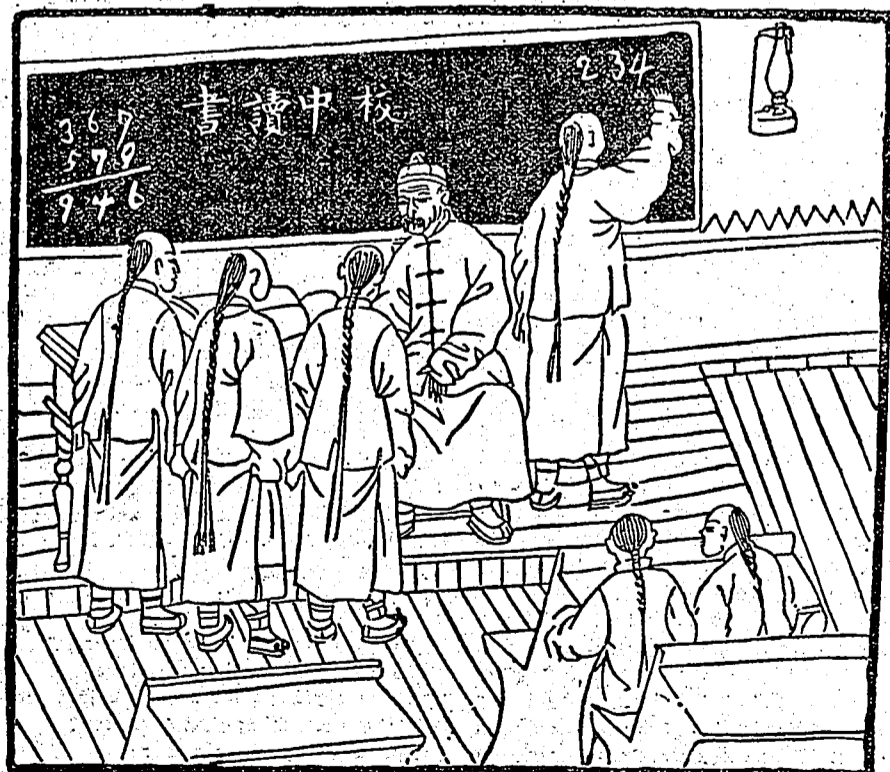
'It is a matter for congratulation that so much of the educational work in China is in the hands of Christian men,' was remarked in our missionary prayer-meeting lately; and again, 'China is ready to move bodily toward the West for education; why not have it a Christian education?' Education is at 'flood-tide' in China just now. It is the avenue through which we are able to reach the Chinese heart. Where they are able we make them pay; but unfortunately many of those who desire the benefits of the school are poor and are unable to bear the cost. Unless we had kind friends to help we could not do the work committed to us by the church.—'Illustrated Christian World.'

## Went to Find Fault.

When Mr. Moody was holding meetings in Carnegie Hall, New York city, the following incident occurred, which shows how those who oftentimes go to a gospel service to find fault are completely changed in their opinions.

At the close of the services the following conversation was over-heard in a street car. A well-dressed man in the car was accosted by a gentleman, who said:

'You do not mean to tell me you are coming from the Moody meetings?' to which the man replied, 'Yes, I am, and I'll tell you what I went there for,' at the same time pulling a note-book from his pocket. 'I went



A CORNER OF ONE OF THE RECITATION ROOMS.