

The four deaconesses who are to live in Chung King, not having any house ready, are using two large rooms that are finished off over the chapel for sleeping and taking meals here. A custom at the breakfast table is for each to repeat a verse from Scripture. One of these ladies gave, "They that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God," and it seemed so fitting to the circumstances that we all smiled.

War news is a minus quantity. All is peace and quietness here. You get more news of it than we can here. I am very glad that I have come now instead of letting war rumors keep me at home.

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From Miss Brackbill.

CHEN-TU, CHINA, *April 2nd, 1895.*

I have received nothing from the Bank yet (in Hankow), since sending down the bills of exchange, as it requires about two months, at the least, to receive an answer from them; however, I expect it will be here very soon, so prepared a room and opened a school for girls yesterday, as I was anxious to get into definite work as soon as possible. Have a very fair attendance to-day, and like the appearance of the woman whom I have secured as teacher. I hope that she may prove to be all we desire, and that through this means the Gospel story may be carried into many heathen homes.

I have been getting out on the streets more than usual lately, and have found the people very friendly and respectful. I am known and recognized by the majority between here and the other Mission Home, and on many of the streets near here. Work is going on very satisfactorily at the new place—no trouble at present, and Mr. Hartwell expects to move over very soon.