

present, are married men. When appointed to attend college, most of them bring their wives with them. This is what we want them to do and expect them to do. Many of the wives are ignorant women, quite illiterate, although they are necessarily Christians and church members; I say "necessarily," for when the wife is not a Christian her husband cannot, according to our rules, be advanced to the grade of "Evangelist." It is thought to be of the highest importance that these evangelists' wives should be taught, first of all, how to read and write, that they should be taught the Scriptures, the catechism, hymns, etc. The change that comes over these women on receiving a year's instruction in Chengtu is often very little short of marvellous. In more than one case we have noticed how they brighten up mentally and spiritually, and start out with their husbands, prepared to do very much more and better work than they ever did before. It is very probable that next year's budget will include an item for house accommodation for the evangelists and their wives during the time of residence in Chengtu for attendance at college. It may also include an item for school building for the evangelists' wives.

Additional Sum for Safes, \$50.00.

We have now a fine, large safe at Chengtu for the use of the Treasurer of the Mission. It is both fire-proof and burglar-proof, and will hold 30,000 silver dollars, besides the Treasurer's account books, deeds of property, insurance policies and other important documents. We have also three small safes, one in each of the three places, Kiating, Tzeliutsing and Junghsien. They are for the use of the local Treasurers, and are for the proper care of the Society's funds in their possession. Each safe is furnished with a first-class combination lock. They are, therefore, burglar-proof, and this is the most important consideration. The sum mentioned here will purchase one more safe; but two more are needed at once, in order that each central station may have a fire-proof safe.

Rent in Canada for Missionaries on Furlough, \$1,200.

This appropriation was intended to cover rent for four families at \$300.00 a year each. As a matter of fact, considerably less than this amount will be used. The missionary in China is provided with a house by the Missionary Society, just as the minister is provided with a parsonage in Canada. But the missionary on furlough must rent a house for himself, and furnish it, too; and then sell out at the end of his furlough. At the last Board meeting in Ottawa, October, 1909, it was agreed that a Home for Returned Missionaries should be established "when funds are provided outside the regular income." The principle is, therefore, established of providing the returned missionary with a dwelling while in Canada. While the permanent "Home" is still in the future, the Board