

He has been going around through the villages in the holidays, and had good audiences everywhere. At Y— a little blind girl is holding on to her Christianity. She received some teaching in a hospital in Tokyo. At another hotel the people who occupied the room adjoining discussed Christianity all the evening."

CHINA.

From Dr. Clifford.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 25th, 1893.

It would be impossible for us to submit to you a plan of work for the October meeting, as we can make no definite plans until we reach our field. The work in the interior is vastly different from work in the open ports. Of course for several months after our arrival it will be necessary to devote our time entirely to acquiring the Chen-tu dialect. My first medical work will probably be to open a dispensary for women and children, and thus prepare the way for an hospital. It will be necessary to arrange for the purchase of land on which to build a school and hospital.

I am so thankful you have consented to my taking with me the Chinese girl of whom I wrote. I shall try, with God's help, to train her and make her worthy of the support you have promised. One consecrated Chinese worker is able to do much more than a foreigner in reaching the people. It is her own wish to come to Chen-tu, and the American Board has no woman's medical work there.

I pray that not only the school and evangelistic work, but the medical work, may be laid on a firm foundation. I shall do all I can, and look to God for wisdom and guidance in all. An old missionary said to me to-day, "You medical women missionaries hold so much in your hands, you are able to open homes that it would take years to enter in any other way." I trust another medical worker may be raised up to join me as soon as the work is ready for her.

You say you wish the money was in hand to erect and furnish a building. I wish so, too, but these things will