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MR. GOFORTH'S JOURNAL.

For the Children's Record:

Oct. 16, 1889.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:

This city, *Tai Kou*, with its fifty thousand people, has a large trade. *Hsui Hsui* is distant six miles to the North. *Hua Hsui* lies two miles to the East. If this place were chosen for a centre the three cities could be reached by a circuit of fifteen miles. Many ministers in Canada travel fifteen miles on Sabbath to preach at two or three different places, but here in these three cities one hundred and thirty thousand people could be reached, and besides this, *Hsui Hsui* controls one thousand villages, *Hua Hsui* four thousand villages. We arrived here in the night, and began work before nine o'clock this morning. We were crowded from the start. The sick people flock to the foreign healer.

A POOR WOMAN MUST DIE.

The Mandarin of *Hsui Hsui* sent his cart for the Doctor to go and see his wife

who is very ill. The Dr. was led into her apartment and saw her lying on her bed, and the Mandarin tried to describe the disease but would not allow him to examine what it was, nor where it was, so the Dr. said he could not give medicine. It may be pleurisy or rapid consumption. The woman is dangerously ill, but such is the ignorance of the ruler of several hundred thousand people that he lets his wife die rather than have her undergo a medical examination.

OCT. 11.

NEW TEMPLES.

We visited the new temple this morning. The head priest was not out of bed, so we could not go inside. We could only look through holes in the windows. It is very beautiful and costly. I had read in missionary papers that no new temples are building in China, but this one as well as many others disproves the statement. Idolatry is far from dead all through this region.

GREAT CROWDS COMING.

The crowd to-day was so great that we could with difficulty carry on medical work. Several important surgical operations were performed, the Chinese helper and I by turns speaking all day. An old teacher 77 years of age came and read through one of our small books, and told the people that what we said was good for all to hear. The respect which the Chinese have for these old teachers is most praiseworthy.

OCT. 12.

STILL GREATER CROWDS

To-day surpasses everything we have seen on this tour. We began work shortly after eight o'clock. From the first there was a crowd which grew to such an extent that we feared some of the women and children would get hurt in the crush.

Before twelve o'clock the Dr. gave up in despair. Every one wanted to be treated first and pressed forward. Then those who came merely from curiosity jammed up the yard in front so that there