

Oct. 1st. 1889.

Yesterday and to-day the women have come out in large numbers. All classes were represented. It is not usual for the better class of Chinese women to come out in such crowds as come these days, but in their desire for healing they break loose from custom. Some came in the family and official cart, others came in company with the elder ladies, while one came borne by a husband and son. Here we meet our suffering sisters of China, many of them truly noble looking women, but alas they are in darkness.

But the sight which moves us most of all is

## THE LITTLE SUFFERERS.

One can scarcely keep back tears while looking at their suffering. As I see these little ones I think what a contrast there is between the tenderly cared for little ones in the Toronto "Sick Children's Hospital", and the awful filth and neglect which these little ones of China suffer.

The Doctor treated 120 patients to-day. We hear that splendid reports of us are abroad everywhere. Coming to this Mohammedan inn was of God's leading

A military official from a neighboring city was staying at the inn. He at once called on us and has been very friendly. He says he will be pleased to have us go to his city 30 miles away. He did much in making us known to the upper class. The five days spent at *Chung te fu* have been full of blessing to us. Pray that here a large opening for Christ's Kingdom may be made.

Oct. 2.

We left *Chung te fu* early this morning, and walked to our boat, a distance of eight miles. I spoke for a time in each of four villages by the way. In one the storekeeper had bought two books from us a few days before. He told us that he had read them and now wanted others. He bought Mark, Luke, and John's gospels, and the Acts.

Oct. 3.

Again in the main stream. While walking along the bank with a Chinaman of the district we came to an exposed place where a

## TEMPLE TO THE RIVER GOD

had been built. The water is gradually eating up under the foundations. The man said that they were afraid the bank would break away so they had set up the river god to stop it.

We showed him how foolish it was to think of a mud god protecting the river banks, and told him of the only true God.

Oct. 4.

We came to another exposed part of the bank. The Mandarin had built a strong stone facing several hundred feet long and has added to it a temple to the river gods. We asked to see inside the temple. Then to the priests and people who were there we told that God forbids them to have false gods and now calls upon them to forsake them and trust in the true God for salvation. The priests had no word of defence for their gods. I then sold some books and departed.

We reached *Hsui Hsien* in the evening and secured an inn where we will dispense medicines and preach to the people.

## GREAT CROWDS CAME TO SEE US.

Oct. 5.

All forenoon the Doctor is kept busy. We have no lack of hearers. About three o'clock a company of silk robed gentry came to see us. Three of them were the Mandarin's sons. One was the second official of the place. They said the Mandarin wanted us to call on him and see his little daughter. We consented. His official cart came for us and we were soon in the Yamen Court where passing through lines of servants and officials of greater or less note, we passed through a great many rooms until we reached the reception hall. After sitting here for a time we are led through other rooms until we come to the Mandarin's private parlor.

The Mandarin, a fat good-natured looking man, politely received us and talked