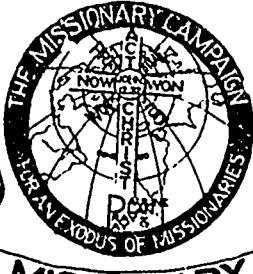


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I have not yet mentioned the medical work under the charge of Dr. Kilborn. During this month of May the hospital work has reached its highest point. Some days one hundred and fifty patients are treated, besides the in-patients. Every bed, I believe, was full in the hospital. Although Dr. Kilborn has been rushed in this manner, yet

realized its compactness, its wealth, its population, a great yearning possessed me to take possession in the name of God and the Methodist Church. Notwithstanding my many duties in Chentu, by the assistance of Dr. Kilborn and a horse I was able to make rapid trips to these places, sell books and preach. The result is, in this Conference year I have visited six out of nine of these cities, and twenty large market towns. Many of these were visited often. In this manner Scriptures and tracts have been widely sold. I am known by name in that part travelled by a



REV. G. HARTWELL'S CHINESE CLASS STUDYING ENGLISH, CHENTU, CHINA.

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he has loyally assisted in the church services, both during preaching and at the prayer meetings. This timely aid gave me an opportunity to prosecute another work, which must bear much fruit in the near future, and which my heart yearned very much to do. Chentu is in the centre of a vast plain. This plain is surpassingly rich and densely populated. Within a day's journey of this city there are nine walled cities without a single Christian worker. These nine cities can geographically be divided up into three splendid circuits. As I looked over this field, and

great number, and where formerly the people reviled and mocked and laughed at me, they now receive me with a good show of friendliness. Over one thousand miles have thus been travelled. As these itinerating trips will be interesting I will reserve for another letter the details. Alas! so many doors are opening and our numbers so few. That you may use your influence to press upon the Church the need of workers I will tabulate my appointments for 1898-9. Charge of two day-schools, charge of a boarding-school, charge of the church work, including