

read. This unfortunately is the case with the women all over, and is one of the great drawbacks to the work among them. To attain any satisfactory results, we feel that they must first be taught to read, and that as you know is a long process, and takes considerable time which few of them can spare, and fewer still have any inclination to try. Still we are not discouraged, but look for results even from the feeble efforts we have already made, knowing that "with God all things are possible."

You will be glad to hear that Dr. Graham is quite well. After waiting so long for a companion, it was a great pleasure to me to welcome her to China. We are enjoying our home life very much, and hope that we may be able to help and encourage one another in the work.

We have been having a spell of real Canadian weather for the past few days, and are quite enjoying it.

A Father and Son Baptized.

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

Chu-Wang, Honan, China, Feb. 10, 1893.

I have not much in the way of news to tell you, but I know you are always glad to hear from us; and as it is now more than six months since I wrote you, I feel I must send you at least a few lines.

This winter has been an exceptionally trying one for the poor Chinese. Last summer most of their grain was destroyed by the heavy rains; indeed, a great part of the land for miles around us was flooded for a considerable time. The severity of this winter has greatly added to the suffering of the poor, and it is most sad to hear of the numbers around us who are barely able to exist on one meal a day, and that meal consisting of the very poorest kind of food, food such as few at home would care to feed their animals on. For various reasons, which