

several of the temples, and had a donkey ride on the city wall. The walls are thirty-two miles around and enclose a number of hills. The hills are covered with graves and crowned with temples. Nanking is also one of the oldest centres of mission work in China.

The hospital of the American Methodists does an immense amount of work. The Quakers are going to erect a hospital next year. Their superintendent went home a few months ago for a change, and at one meeting \$600 was given for its erection. I wish such a meeting could be held at home. The schools are very fine, and educationally do good work but the spiritual results are low. It seems to me the lines of work most suited to China are evangelistic, medical and day-school work. After the people are interested, then is the time to educate them for workers.

The medical work opens the way for other lines, and is also an evangelistic work, as, while we minister to their bodies, we minister to their souls. Of course, many hold different opinions, but I think our one object is to evangelize, and the question is, What is the best way? I have heard the question discussed from almost every point in Shanghai. Of course, we cannot speak regarding Chen-tu until we reach there.

We were in Hankow from Sunday morning until Tuesday afternoon. Our delay was caused by steamers failing to connect. We have been in Ichang for three weeks. Fortunately there was an empty house in the compound belonging to the Scotch Presbyterians. They very kindly placed it at our disposal. There we lived in picnic style three weeks. It was not bad, as we were all happy. We could not get a house-boat until the end of last week. We are now in the boat on the point of starting, and will give you a description of it later. I must close, as the captain of one of the steamers has just come to call on us, and I want to send this ashore with him.

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We, thus far, have had a slow trip, but a very pleasant one. The weather has been all that could be desired, bright and