

CHINA.

From Miss Foster.CHENTU, *July 15th, 1898.*

Since sending our reports death has taken one of the little ones from the orphanage; the baby who came to us in the latter part of March. She had not been ill for a single day from the time she was brought in until about three weeks ago when she was taken sick with measles. She afterwards developed pneumonia and pleurisy, from which she died July 9th. She was a sweet baby, and had gained a warm place in our affections. Although we grieve to part with her, we know that the Lord has taken her to be with Him, which is far better than anything we could do for her. We hope that her death and burial will be an object-lesson to the people, for they despise these little ones. If a child dies before it is five years old, they buy an ugly pine box for a few cents and bury it. When asked why they do this the answer is, that children of this age were too young to love their parents, so they spend as little as possible for their burial. When some of our neighbors saw the coffin brought in, they were heard to say: "It is said that these foreigners eat our babies, but see what a nice coffin they have bought for a few months old baby; this is proof that they treat them better than we do."

Rev. G. E. Hartwell held a short service for the school children, after which we accompanied the body to the cemetery and gave it a Christian burial. The doctrine of the resurrection is "but as an idle tale to this people," but we hope that after awhile many will come to "know Christ and the power of his resurrection."

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