



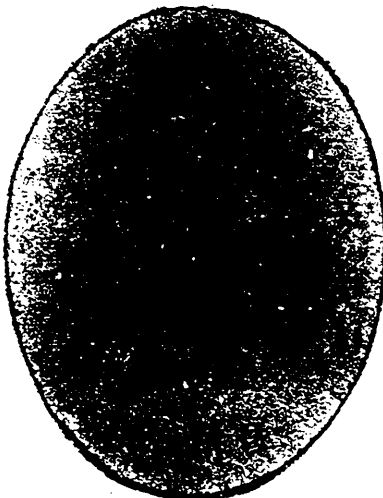
ALL of you who by your Easter offerings helped to build the Orphanage this year in China will be glad to see the face of the dear Missionary who was so interested in Annie, Ida and all the other little cutcast girls of China that she longed to give them a happy and comfortable home where they might learn of Jesus and grow up to be Christian women and give this blessed news to their own people.

You will remember that in April, 1897, she wrote—"How very much I would like it if our Woman's Missionary Society could see its way clear to open up an Orphanage here. We have plenty of ground room, and a small native building will accommodate a number of little ones with the help necessary to care for them. If some of our home friends, to whom the Lord has trusted his money, could only realize the good that could be done with a few hundred dollars in saving the little girls here, I am sure it would be willingly and gladly given."

Before that Missionary year ended her work in China was done, but the wish of her heart was not forgotten, and even more than she had hoped for was realized. To this Home has been given her own name—it is "The Jennie Ford Home," and we doubt not that in Heaven today she rejoices over the success of this good work,

Miss Brooks wrote in April of this year :

"The Jennie Ford Home is almost finished. It is a very pretty two-story building; and the large tree right under whose shadow it is built, almost seems to be spreading out its leaves in blessing on it. May the dear Lord abundantly prosper this department of our work! When one thinks of how much good even one of these little ones might bring about, were she to grow up a Christian and go out among her people to propagate the Gospel that saved her to the world, one feels like thanking God anew for the privilege of doing His work on this line, along with that of the other departments. May He give us wisdom to train them in such a way that they will best do His work! How much we need of His power and grace and enthusiasm!"



MISS JENNIE FORD.

Miss Foster also wrote in April :

"Just a few lines to let you know how the Jennie Ford Home is progressing. We began building the 1st of March, and in five weeks' time it was nearly finished. It cannot be completed until the hardware arrives from Shanghai, which will probably be in about a month. The Orphanage is not a large building, as it is only 28 x 15 feet. There is a kitchen, a dining and a bed-room down stairs, and just one room up-stairs the full length of the building. We should not have been able to put up as large a building as this had it not been for the contributions of three or four friends on the field. We think that the building will accommodate about fifteen children."

Miss Foster also says, on March 22d, one of the boarding-school girls, returning from prayer-meeting, picked up a baby on the street, only two months old. She is a nice, healthy, good-natured child, but because she was a girl the dogs were welcome to her!

You will be sorry to hear that baby Annie was very ill with phenumonia, in May, and they all thought she would die, but the little life has been spared, no doubt for some good purpose,