

they have, we are rejoiced to say, in a large measure failed.

The methods of work of these "sheep-clothed wolves" are suited to the demands of each individual case.

In North Honan their plan has been, first to establish a school, offering a liberal money bonus together with food to all children who would attend; when this is fairly established, they open a sort of soup-kitchen, providing food for as many of the fathers and elder brothers as may wish to come to learn the doctrine.

As many as are not caught by these baits are tempted by special inducements, in the way of offices and salaries in the Roman Catholic Church.

All these are powerful inducements to the poverty-stricken and mercenary Chinese; and by such means they have succeeded in drawing several away. It is only a matter of surprise that all do not succumb to such temptations; but, praise God, the faith of most of our converts in the Gospel has been strong enough to keep them true. Thus the Romanists have not, up to the present time, done us much real injury.

Moreover, their doctrines and their methods of disseminating them do not recommend themselves to the better class of Chinese. They require so little change in their converts, that those they win from heathenism still practically remain heathen under a new name, their moral character being a matter of slight importance within the pale of a church, whose Supreme Pontiff can admit to or exclude from Heaven at will. They still continue to worship idols, but with names changed.

The Roman Catholics furthermore undertake to support and defend their converts in any law suits in which they may be involved. This brings into their fold many litigants; and thus some of the worst elements in Chinese society are absorbed into the Roman Catholic church, which does not add to the church's good name among the better-disposed class.

What means lie within our reach for combating these false teachers? Knowing the methods adopted by the Roman Catholics to be absolutely sinful, we cannot adopt them. The means we have adopted may be briefly stated:—

(a.) Waiting more constantly upon God regarding the matter, observing, also, a special day of prayer and fasting among both natives and foreigners.

(b.) Visiting our church-members and adherents more frequently and regularly, and not seeking so much to extend our church into new districts for the present.

(c.) More persistent instruction of our church-members in the doctrines of the Bible, and the errors of the Roman Catholic Church regarding them.

By these means we hope to successfully combat the efforts of the Roman Catholics to destroy our Church in North Honan. We realize that it is a serious crisis for our

Church here, but "the battle is the Lord's."

Neither time nor space allows me to tell of the work which the Lord is giving us to do at Ch'u Wang station. The numbers of sick who come from all directions, several of them distances of sixty or seventy miles, to be treated here, may justly be termed "phenomenal" in so young a country station in China.

Indeed, at present we know of no country station in North China, under the charge of a single physician, that can show so large a number of treatments per day for so long a period, as we can report at Ch'u Wang, this year. During three months the average number of treatments per diem was 104; one day, 210 patients were treated, and in one week, 1,267. All these people, both men and women, have heard the Gospel. Many Chinese tracts and Scriptures have been sold.

As tangible results we have the names of five recorded since May, as probationers for baptism; while many others have gone home deeply interested, and having a good intellectual grasp of the leading truths of the Gospel of Salvation. Many of these, will, we feel sure, be heard of later. "The Lord giveth the increase."

Yours sincerely,

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EXTRACTS FROM HSIN P'AO.

THE WEEKLY MS. PAPER OF THE HONAN MISSION.

Conducted by one of the Medical Missionaries.

Quaint, simple, but exquisite, is the following bit of humor in the issue of August 28th, at Chang te Fu.

"Miss Mackintosh and Dr. Dow left for Chu Wang this morning. All being well, they will leave again to-morrow morning."

The explanation, given elsewhere in Hsin P'ao, is that the ox cart, with the two ladies, was upset over a bank into a wet mud hole, shortly after starting, necessitating a return for drying, cleaning, and repairs.

From issue September 4th.

"Chu Wang:—Farmers are busy sowing their fall wheat.

"Medical: week Aug. 15-22, total treatments, 391; week Aug. 22-29, total treatments, 468.

"We hear that Mr. Mitchell was terribly reviled by a drunken man, lately, for causing the drought. We have known Mr. Mitchell for some years, and have no hesitation in saying we don't believe he had anything to do with it.

"Chang te:—Many come every day to the chapel. Mr. Wang has been a great help these days in dealing with the scholars, who have come up to the great Chinese examinations for B.A., Mrs. Wang is also doing excellent work among the women who come, and also out in the villages near by. Her health is never very good, and as