

to take it in by the study method. I am working at the Gospel of St. John and Dr. Griffith John's Catechism, and am still attending a class of Dr. Kilborn's three days a week.

The Jenlie 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!

I am enjoying so much the reading of the Gospel in Chinese. It seems to add a fresher touch of interest to the narrative to figure it out in these difficult characters. If only this Bible language were the same as that spoken by the women, it would make it so much easier for us. As it is, we will have to study it in the literary dialect in which it is written, and afterwards arrange it, putting it into the ordinary everyday phraseology of the uneducated people. Some of these expressions are delightfully brief and expressive.

Spring is here at last, with its fresh-sprouting trees and flowering shrubs and bird song. We have been planting some trees and plants in our garden, and the walks being finished, the place looks much more homelike. A magnolia tree, with its large pinkish-white, highly-perfumed flowers, looks especially pretty. A great many of these trees have pure white flowers, and it looks rather queer to see them growing from bare branches, for the leaves do not come out until the flowers are gone. The camelias—red, pink and white—are also in bloom.

The Market Fair, which is held every spring outside the West City gate, was quite interesting to me, who am comparatively new to "things Chinese." As our