

growth of the seed may be slow, but there is hope that in many hearts it has commenced to take root. One of these ladies has publicly acknowledged that she believes and prays every day. Another lady over sixty, who has taken much interest, comes regularly to the services, but spends much of her time between in card playing (for money), quite freely confessed her fault. She said she knew what was preached was the truth and she knew, too, that it would be better to surrender all to Jesus, but what would she do with her time if she gave up card playing? To her mind there seemed no solution to the problem. A struggle is going on in this woman's heart. Let prayer be made that she will obtain the victory.

A very interesting service took place in the chapel on February 16th. Miss Brown's mother, whose whole life interest had centred in missions, had been called to her heavenly home a year before. In her last letter to Miss Brown she had mentioned that she was praying that the premises, so long desired in the city, might be secured. They were shortly afterwards, and the school opened with very bright promise. Mrs. Brown's family decided that a fitting memorial to their mother would be to place a bell on the chapel to call the women of the city to worship, not their old heathen gods, but Jesus the true God. The bell was sent out from Canada, and a special service was held on the occasion of the first time it was rung. The place was filled to overflowing, though there were theatres on all sides. This was a striking demonstration to the Chinese that the foreigner is filial, a fact on which they have very false ideas.

The Industrial School.—Mrs. Mowatt.—The sale of embroidery has kept up, and orders have actually increased. It was feared during the year than on account of the high prices of materials, expenses might not be covered, but instead the year closed with a small balance.

T'AO K'OU

Station and Field.—Miss Macdonald.—We were able to give relief to a number of women by means of industrial work such as embroidery, garment making and cotton-spinning. This took the time of the entire staff, these women teaching and also preaching for hours daily to the women who assembled in the chapel. Our guest-room was used for cutting out and preparing work; another room was used for getting cotton ready, while the embroidery class occupied our own room in the inner court-yard.

Cloth merchants and pedlars came to this guest-room to dispose of their wares, and there also we gave out work, paid out wages for garments and thread returned, kept accounts and gave out vouchers. Special meetings, with a Chinese lady speaker from Peking, brought in many of our country friends, as well as city folk, and we felt much good was done. A storm came up which kept a large number of our country guests on our hands for an extra week.

One of our new believers, a t'ai t'ai, prepared a room as a chapel and invited me to go and preach to a number of her friends, the chief ladies of T'ao K'ou. About twenty ladies and their women assembled, besides some well bred children, all eager to hear the new story. These ladies were very refined and sweet looking. I expressed my pleasure that so many were out, for the day was stormy, and their answer was, "Three times as many would have been here but for the wind and rain." I had a talk with several of them after the meeting and hope to follow up and see more of them later.

This Chinese lady spent ten dollars in the entertainment of these friends in order that they might have the opportunity of listening to the Gospel message which had meant so much to her. In one of my weekly visits to her home she presented me with two of the paper gods which she formerly worshipped. She is now studying for recording as a catechumen.

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An Old-time Country Journey

Mrs. Arithurs.—When one looks back over a few years' residence in China, some of the earlier impressions stand out even more clearly than later events. My first experience in country work was a trip to Lin Yuan, where Dr. and Mrs. Goforth were working. Two routes were possible, one by cart