

the river to go home) and his two children, with Miss Kissack, a nurse, who volunteered to take care of the children on their trip to Chung-King, his station.

On the other boat were Mrs. Lewis, of Chung-King—who had come down to take care of Mrs. McCartney as far as Shanghai. After the death of the latter their boat had been wrecked and all clothing lost, so they came on to Shanghai—Miss Collier, Miss Galloway and Miss Meyer, with myself. The four young ladies had just arrived to open deaconess work in Chung-King. The two boats were tied together every night, so we spent very pleasant evenings. All are American Methodists. Their mission meeting, held in Chung-King, accounted for the delay there for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Canright, with Mr. and Mrs. Peat, from Chen-tu, had come down to attend the same meeting, so from there on the company was changed. Dr. and Mrs. Canright and Mr. Peat returned by chair, while Mrs. Peat and two children, with the Cadys and myself travelled by boat. The chair journey of fourteen days, with nights at Chinese inns, is not very enjoyable, especially in hot weather. Owing to the low water the rest of us had three days of it. I had a fine opportunity of making the acquaintance of the Methodist community of the Province.

Chung-King has been an open port for several years, with a British Consul stationed there. The first report of the new treaty was that Chen-tu had been made an open port, but that is a mistake. The right to place steamers on the river as far up as Chung-King has been granted, and we hope it will be done; but it will be no easy matter. Owing to the rapids during low water and the swift current in rainy seasons, the river as it flows by Chung-King sometimes rises ninety feet. The city is high up on the bluffs.

The heat became intense in Shanghai, and after Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson had gone I found myself too tired to study in such heat, so took the advice of those older to the climate and came across to the hills of Arima (Japan), whither Miss Brackbill had gone two weeks before, to remain until the heat and cholera are over for the season in Shanghai.

There have been several deaths among the foreigners and *hundreds* among the natives from that disease. Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn came over also at the time I did. She was pretty