

Miss Harris and I are very comfortable, and make the heat less a cause for grumbling, by frequently assuring each other that the hot season might be much more trying than it is.

CHINA.

Difficulties of the Language.

LIN CHING, *Jan 20, 1890.*

MISS GRAHAM. — Last year we were able to be present at the annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society; this year we can only send greetings from a far off land, and wish for all concerned a very successful and profitable meeting.

Miss McLintosh has told you in her letter of our safe arrival in China. Truly the good hand of the Lord has been with us ever since we left the dear home land, and the prayers of our many friends for a safe journey have been fully answered.

One thing I noticed, while traveling in China, was the graves. Graves everywhere, giving one a sort of idea of the immensity of the population. They do not bury below the ground, as at home, but above, forming a mound over them, and you will see acres of these mounds. A few were marked by a rude slab, and some we noticed were enclosed with evergreen trees. On inquiry we found these belonged to the wealthier classes. Sad to think so many have gone to Christless graves.

We commenced study a couple of weeks before New Year's, our teacher coming at 9 a. m. and remaining until 4 p. m., with intermission for dinner, so that we spend six hours of the day in hard study. There is no royal road to the study of Chinese. We find we have need to be much in prayer, else we would soon grow discouraged; but when studied with this in view, the telling of our dark sisters of Jesus, we are encouraged to persevere, and as it has been acquired by others, so it can be by us, if we but do our duty faithfully. We feel that we are borne up by the prayers of many at home.

We have three prayer-meetings a week, our Canadian Band meeting on Tuesday night, woman's meeting Wednesday after-