

home in state in Sedan Chairs. This victory over the Mandarin has made them very bold, and they say quite openly they can now do as they like. They have many times threatened to burn down our houses and either kill us or drive us away, but the Lord has kept us in perfect peace; we realize fully that we are safe in *His keeping* for we have no human power to trust to. The Mandarin can no longer help himself so there is no protection from him, and the officials at Too-Chow are powerless; such consternation prevails owing to the Japanese victories. But we know nothing can hurt us without our Father's will, and we feel quite content. Our little girls aged ten and twelve sometimes feel the strain rather, and when people begin talking of possibilities, they feel rather frightened, but even this the Lord is using for good, for it is teaching them to turn to Him for help and comfort, as they never would in peaceful days. We feel most for our poor Christians, and it is for them I want specially to ask you to pray. Even now many are having a time of severe testing, and much worse may come if the war is prolonged. The heathen think they have now a good chance of injuring them, as the Government is quite unable to take their part at present. Some have had their crops of rice cut down and carried away before their eyes; others have been beaten, and one poor man had his shop attacked and everything he had carried off. We know that those who are grounded and settled in the Faith will not be moved, but we feel so much for the enquirers and those just lately come out of heathen darkness. "God is able to make them stand." Will you join with us in asking that all this trouble may lead to great spiritual blessing, and that the Christians may be given courage to bear whatever may be the Lord's will to send them? Will you also pray that this Secret Society, which is doing so much harm, may be in some way broken up and not allowed to injure the Lord's work in this place. They are going to have a great gathering of some hundreds of these conspirators at this city in about a fortnight, and we are praying much that the Lord will keep them from doing any harm. They threaten all sorts of things, but we know they cannot carry it out unless God permits them. The Consul is anxious we should all leave these inland Stations, and go down to the Treaty Port for safety, for he thinks if Pekin is taken there may be a general rising of the people and then the 'foreigner' would be the first to suffer. But so far we cannot see that it is the Lord's will we should leave our posts, and we fear it would much discourage the Christians if we did so. The Lord will guide day by day, and we want simply to follow His will. Will you pray specially for two dear men, leaders in the Church here in Ku-Cheng; the first is named Ling Sing-mi, he is an ordained clergyman, the Pastor of our Church in the city, and head of the Ku-Cheng district work under my husband? Will you pray that he may be given wisdom and strength at this time of trial, that God may bless him that he may be a blessing to others? The other is