

in, otherwise we would not take them. Two agreements are written—one signed by us and given to the parents, the other signed by the parents and given to us. In them is stated the number of years the children are to remain with us; that they are not to be betrothed without our consent; in case of sickness or death no trouble is to be made; in case of disobedience we have the right to send them home, and while here our government is not to be interfered with. Having control of them thus, we hope that, with proper teaching, most of them will become Christian workers.

A little girl who has been in the hospital is very anxious to come in, but her brother says he wants the right to take her away at any time. He has been told that if her feet are unbound—she has had an operation on one foot—and they are willing to pay the cost, thirty taels per year, they may do so. In that case, we could not be expected to be consulted as to her betrothal.

Just now, a woman in our employ has come in to say she would like her little girl, eight years old, to enter the school and will unbind her feet. We have all been so anxious for this child's feet to be unbound; but she is betrothed, and the future mother-in-law would not hear of it. The parents, who are both enquirers, sent out gospels and other literature to these people, and to-day word has come in that they have been reading the doctrine and think it good, and if the parents wish the child's feet unbound they may do so. We can have her until she is sixteen years old; and who knows but she may do more evangelistic work in the neighborhood to which she then goes than she can ever do here.

And so the work goes on. If these two come, and another of whom we have had the promise, it will make eleven, and probably there will be others.

We are building larger dormitories than were thought of at first—large enough to accommodate thirty pupils in single beds upstairs; and below, matron's room, kitchen and wash room, etc.

The ladies are all studying regularly, and making good progress. We are looking forward to the time when the work can be opened in all its departments; a cause for thanksgiving, and an incentive to continue in prayer,