

according to our own ideas. A large public drain or ditch runs along two sides of our press compound. According to recently enacted police regulations in Chengtu, we are responsible for the making of a proper drain, with masonry on either side, instead of a mere earth ditch. It is possible that we might shirk the responsibility, if we wanted to do so, for a number of years to come; but we do not want to shirk it. The building of a proper drain in that situation will be adding more to the value of our property than the amount of money expended. This is not the first appropriation of \$50.00 for this same purpose. This is, I think, about the third \$50.00, and further sums will be needed from year to year in order to complete the drain.

**Mission Contribution, Christian Educational Union,
\$10.00.**

This represents our share in the cost of printing the examination papers once a year, to be circulated among all the mission schools in the province. All missions contribute in about the same proportion.

Repairs on Book Room, Dormitories and Press, \$30.00.

These are four buildings. Dormitory and press are large buildings of wood and brick respectively. The book room is a smaller building, but still of two stories, and built of brick. The press kitchen is a small, brick building, where food and rice are stored, and food is cooked for the press employees.

**Treasurer's Incidentals, \$10.00. Treasurer's Postage and
Printing, \$15.00.**

The sum of \$25.00 is intended to cover the postage of the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, his stationery, and the printing of order books, receipt books and voucher forms. There are other small items, as carriage of money across the city, or sometimes from station to station, which may very properly be included under this heading.

Church Registers, \$40.00.

The last Annual Council meeting in February, 1909, ordered that a form should be carefully drawn up for church registers, and that it should be printed in our press at Chengtu and made into books, one for each church or district in our whole work.

School for Evangelists' Wives, \$10.00.

This item is intended to cover a few minor expenses in connection with the teaching this year of the wives of the fourteen evangelists in college. Practically all of our evangelists, up to the