

Even with the building (walls, school, etc.) going on, I have spent between two and three hours every day teaching, and I hope to spend more time now, as I am going to use one of the rooms in the school for a study, and will be there most of the time during the day.

The native teacher instructs the children in the Chinese classics and writing the Chinese characters, while it falls to us to teach all else, viz., geography, arithmetic, singing and religious truth.

Of the latter they are now studying the San-tsi-ching (an epitome of the Scriptures), Peep-of-Day, which is really a life of Christ, and the Sunday-school Lessons, which are printed in Chinese, and are one year behind you at home. Of these they memorize all the verses contained in the lesson and take the Daily Reading; so you see even if we cannot keep these scholars for a number of years, they get considerable knowledge of the Scriptures while here.

Some of last year's scholars are getting rather large, and I am afraid will be stopping away; but several new ones have come in, and more are coming. It is these larger scholars we would like to get as boarding pupils, and they would gladly all come in were it not for the bound-foot question, but being the children of heathens it is a serious question with them.

The school building, with the exception of the dormitories, is finished, and the school was opened in that after the Chinese New Year.

Miss Foster reached us nearly a month ago, and you may be sure we were very glad to welcome her. She is deep in the mysteries of the language and, the teacher says, is getting along very well. It was good news to hear that Miss Brooks was coming. I hope Miss Killam, M.D., has decided for China, and is with the party who are doubtless on the ocean about this time.

The workmen began at the house last week. I wish you could see the way work is carried on in this country. All the timber comes in in logs, and has to be sawed and cut up on the place. Of course, everything being done in the rough like this, it requires a large force of men, and to-day