

be tabulated and reported, and the worker hesitates to speak of them, lest he should appear to boast. They are, for example, persons hostile to missions converted by a message used of the Spirit; young hearts expressing the desire to be missionaries; confessions of selfishness and desires for more consecration, and the like.

Will you not pray for us that we may bear fruit and that our fruit may remain.

Yours with one service, one Master,

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## Letter from Rev. Geo. E. Hartwell.

(Representative of London District League.)

CHENTU, May 23rd, 1898.

To the Epworth Leagues of the London District:

DEAR FELLOW-LABORERS,—A letter dated February 7th, 1898, arrived a short time ago from London. The contents brought both surprise and joy. I am sorry you have not a better representative, but since you have chosen me to represent your District I shall look forward to greater blessings in the work to which God has called me, in answer to your many earnest and believing prayers. Many and hearty were the farewell greetings of our beloved Church when our faces were China-ward, but none nestle in our remembrance with greater tenacity than the overflowing reception we received in London, and the memory of that occasion has ever been present. Thus it was that your letter brought both surprise and joy. However, the present members of the Epworth Leagues for the most part were perhaps too young to take an active interest in missions at that time, nearly seven years ago, and so it will be necessary for us to get acquainted again with each other so that we can the more heartily enter into each other's work.

Our little band passed through London, September, 1891, reached Shanghai, November 3rd, started for our western home in March, and arrived in May, 1892, at Chentu. Study of the language followed, and slowly schools and chapels were opened. We were rejoicing in the bright prospects that greeted us when, as a bolt from a clear sky, the riots came, and demolished everything in the shape of buildings. Seven months were needed to settle matters with the Chinese Government. At the end of the period Dr. Hart and myself again landed on the scene of the wreck. Nothing daunted, the work of reconstruction began, and with a gang of nearly one hundred men, in seven months more a dwelling, church, school buildings and other necessary houses were constructed. God makes the wrath of man to praise Him. Our position has been vastly different since the riots. Nothing could have broken down the prejudice so effectively as just such an outpouring of indignation. The Chinese are inclined to be a very reasonable people, and once they understand the truth, like Saul of Tarsus, they are drawn towards it. No department of the work but has flourished since the riots, and never were the prospects so assuring as this present month of May, 1898.

For proof of this let me tabulate a little this one month's work. May 2nd, we held the opening services of our annual meeting in the church. A special count was made. At the morning service there were 203 men and boys and 220 women and children present. At Sunday

School about 100. At half-past three a baptismal service and the Lord's Supper. One was baptized, making nine baptisms this year, together with nine last year, a total of eighteen. At night an evangelistic service, over two hundred men, and about fifty women.

On this day twenty-two men, women and young people were received on probation. There are two schools, with as many scholars as two teachers can handle. A boarding-school of six boys, all over twelve, bright and promising lads, and others wanting to come in. We have had in addition, sons of officials and others coming to beg the crumbs from the table of our time to teach them English and mathematics. Mrs. Hartwell is giving them an hour a day.

Then later, just yesterday, Sunday, May 22nd, scarcely were the doors of the church opened when every available seat, both on the men's and women's side (in China men and women are at present divided) was taken. When the time arrived to preach, the standing room was occupied. About five hundred people were crowded into the church, and listened attentively.

The Sunday School, including guests, had 150 persons present. That beautiful lesson, so foreign to the life of the Chinese at the present time, was taught, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least." Then came a few hours for rest and preparation for the evening meeting. I glanced on the street and it put me in mind of the days of Talmage in Brooklyn on a small scale. One man had come from a distant part of the city to be present at this meeting. The doors were opened, and a rush followed to get the front seats. I stood and praised God. Surely the Holy Spirit is working now as never before. This congregation came purposely to hear the Word of God, for this meeting is purely evangelistic. Mrs. Hartwell presides at the organ. We sing tunes easily understood. A short address is given, or perhaps two. Testimonies are invited, and our faithful few are not ashamed to witness for Christ. Last night it was too crowded for testimonies. The seats were full, the aisle crowded, and the altar rail, and some standing inside, and, while speaking, a good part of the time perfect silence reigned. Last night I asked them to compare the present fruits of the religions of China, where every man distrusted his neighbor, with the fruits of Christianity, which commands men to love their fellowmen as themselves. Apart from the church work there are three street chapels, where men may enter, read Christian books, and talk over the doctrine with our earnest evangelists.

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## "Pray, Study, Give," Plan.

ALTHOUGH we have sent the following letter to the pastors of the charges visited by the Student Campaigners, yet we think it wise to print it because a large number of Leagues have started the "Pray, Study, Give" plan without being visited by an organizer. We wish to hear from all who have words of counsel:

DEAR PASTOR,—The London, Hamilton, Toronto, Bay of Quinte and Montreal Annual Conferences and Conference Epworth Leagues strongly recommended the "Students' Missionary Campaign" for a "Young People's Forward Movement for Missions." Great wisdom and caution is needed in pushing this work. In order that we may profit by the experience and thought of all those who are at the head and directing the movement, I am writing