

places, and bringing life and immortality to light through the Gospel. There seems at least more earnestness among our people.

HONAN PRESBYTERY.

A regular meeting of the Honan Presbytery took place at Ch'u Wang, July 25-27; the Moderator, Wm. Malcolm, in the chair. Interim reports were presented from our three stations, Ch'u Wang, Hsin Chen, and Chang te fu.

At Ch'u Wang work in all branches has gone on without interruption, the work at the station has been larger than ever before, the number of patients treated was unprecedented in the history of our Mission, and quite phenomenal in a Mission which is so new. Since January 1 there have been 15,528 treatments, the largest number on any one day having been 210.

Preaching, to both men and women, in the hospital and chapel, has been carried on steadily each day, being heard with manifest signs of interest by many. The out-stations have been visited regularly.

At Hsin Chen evangelistic services were carried on each evening in the new hospital compound, which were attended by large numbers of natives, until the busy harvest season kept them away, when the meetings were discontinued.

The medical work grew rapidly for a time, but latterly diminished through the extortion and rascality of the first medical assistant, who has since been dismissed from our employ. The pastors toured for three months continuously.

At Chang te fu the summer heat has lessened the numbers attending the chapel. Mr. Goforth has passed safely through a serious illness. The Roman Catholics have induced some of our probationers to join them. Fourteen new probationers have been enrolled.

Measures were taken for the erection of chapels in out-stations where most needed.

The treasurer reported having had the agency charges at Tientsin reduced by \$50.

A scheme for the establishment of a small school at Chang te fu, for the sons of Christian parents, was discussed and transmitted for approval to the Foreign Mission Committee.

The request for a lady physician for Chang te fu was renewed.

In view of the recent aggressiveness of the Roman Catholics in all parts of our field, it was resolved, (1) To appoint the first Sabbath in September as a day of prayer and fasting for the church, native and foreign. (2) That visitation of out-stations be more frequent. (3) That more frequent station-classes for church-members and inquirers be held.

Considerable routine business was also disposed of.

At 11 a.m., Monday, July 27, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

WM. H. GRANT, Clerk.

TOURING INCIDENTS IN HONAN.

By REV. R. A. MITCHELL.

South Honan, July 3, 1896.

Dear Mr. Scott,—I am at present with Mr. Slimmon on a preaching tour. Some incidents of our journey may be of interest to your readers.

Our passage through the capital of the Province, Kai Feng Fu, may serve to show how the officials feel toward foreigners, and how they would like to make it impossible for missionaries to travel, by denying them the right of accommodation.

We were hoping that we might not have to spend a night at the city and thus avoid trouble. But we were three hours on a ferry boat crossing the shallow Yellow River, and then had an eight mile tramp through the sand hills which that river has sent forth in floods, destroying the productiveness of the country, and we reached K'ai Feng too late to go on to another place. We sat down to drink tea at a tea shop in the west suburb, and soon got into conversation with an innkeeper at whose inn Mr. Slimmon had once stayed for five days, and who agreed to take us in for the night.

At first the people were quite friendly, chatting and asking questions; but the word of our arrival had entered the city, and presently we saw a man from the magistrate's office walk past, and return, taking a careful look at us each time. Another did the same, and then another came to make official enquiries about us.

Shortly after this the attitude of the people changed; although many shopkeepers and others came out of the city to look at us and ask questions of one another, all denied any knowledge of us, though a few minutes before they had been chatting with us. The owner of the tea shop said it was not his fault we drank at his place. We stayed there until dusk in order to prevent crowding in the inn.

The inn-keeper had been drinking wine with his friends, but came to us considerably sobered to say that he had been summoned by the prefecture, district and provincial magistrates, and severely reprimanded for admitting foreign devils to stay even for a night in the inn, and telling him not to let us enter the city. We were very sorry for the inn-keeper, but could not help it.

In the morning we proceeded on our way as usual about four o'clock. As we entered the city the gatekeeper and several others ran out from the guard-house and stopped the barrowman, saying we were not to enter the city. Mr. Slimmon told the barrowman to go on, but the gatekeeper said, "The magistrate forbids your entering the city. If you are going to Chou Chia K'ou you must go outside the city around to the south gate." But Mr. Slimmon said, "That is not the direct road. We are going through the city and out the Sung gate."

The man acknowledged that it was a