



A GLANCE AT OUR WORK IN WEST CHINA.

Our Woman's Missionary Society sent out its first Missionary to China in 1892. This was Miss Brown, who changed her mind on the way out and became Mrs. Dr. Stevenson; she was there through the riots, but is now at home in Ontario. In '93 Dr. Retta Gifford and Miss Brackbill went out and became very efficient workers. Dr. Gifford soon afterwards married Dr. Kilborn, of the General Missionary Society. In '95 Miss Jennie M. Ford, a trained nurse, went out, and now, after two years of faithful service, sleeps peacefully under God's stars which look down on China. Miss Foster, also a nurse, of the N. S. Branch, went in '96, and last year Miss Brookes, a teacher of Ontario, and Maud Killam, M. D., of Nova Scotia, set sail and arrived in June. Dr. Killam, whose picture our young readers will be pleased to see, is a native of Yarmouth, N. S., and a daughter of Frank Killam, Esq. Having received a thorough medical education she determined to forego the advantages which her home affords and devote her young life, with all the skill that God might give her, to work for Him and suffering humanity in the far distant land of China. We judge what manner of spirit she is of by her reply to the General Secretary



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who met her on the way. To the kindly expressions of sympathy because of leaving home and friends, words no doubt greatly appreciated, she simply said, "My face is towards China."

Her first letters are charming with their description of the country, and their expressions of faith in God.

She says: "This quieter beauty is somehow more to me than the grandeur; its softer voice tells of His power and love." Again, "Away in far-off West China we find God the same in His care for all, the same wondrous beauties of nature, and I believe we shall find our brother men the same." We hope she will long be spared to do grand work for God in the dark world to which she has gone.

On the return of the Missionaries to Chentu, after the riot, they purchased a property of which they did not get possession till Sept, '96. The first thing they did was to build a wall twelve feet high for the purposes of protection. The next thing was to build a school house.

We quote from Dr. Kilborn.*

"It was decided that the native buildings on the place be refitted and converted into a Hospital. By refitting, I mean putting in floors and ceilings, glass windows instead of paper ones, and foreign doors to replace huge native things on wooden hinges, and paint and white

*Last year's report.