

Q. How long was it before they could rent buildings to make their home in Honan?

A. About two years after the first arrival in China, and they had even then great difficulty in getting premises.

Q. How were these two years spent?

A. In tours through Honan, preaching, selling books, and healing their sick, thus trying to win the friendship of the people.

Q. Where were the women of the mission during this time?

A. First at Chefoo, then at Pang Chuang, 250 miles nearer to Honan, then for a time at Lin Ching, another 50 miles nearer.

Q. What were they doing?

A. Learning the language and helping in mission work where they were.

Q. What was the first station opened in Honan?

A. Chu Wang, a market town just within the border of Honan. See map.

Q. When was it obtained?

A. In September, 1890.

Q. What was the result of their renting these premises?

A. The first result was that a mob made an attack on the place but a few days after it was rented and carried away everything they could lay their hands on.

Q. What did the missionaries do?

A. They held their ground. They would not be driven away, and they appealed to the authorities and were paid for the damage.

Q. What was the next station?

A. Hsin Chen, 'New Market,' about 60 miles farther inland, in the spring of 1891.

Q. What was the result of opening this centre?

A. Not many months after it was opened, a band of rough fellows called "beggars" attacked it, broke down the doors, seized some of the missionaries, dragged them to the gate, brandished knives over them as if they would kill them, and made them give up the money they had.

Q. What effect did this have upon the missionaries?

A. They stood faithfully at their post. The frightened robbers sent the money back, and

the Government told the people that they were not to molest the missionaries.

Q. What other helpers had come to China in this period?

A. Rev. M. McKenzie and his wife, supported by Mr. David Yuile of Montreal; Rev. J. H. MacVicar and wife, supported by Crescent Street Church, Montreal; and Rev. John McDougall and wife, supported by Erskine Church, Montreal; and Misses Graham and Mackintosh, trained nurses, all arrived in Lin Ching 5th Dec., 1889.

Q. When was the Presbytery of Honan formed?

A. On the night of the arrival of these missionaries, 5th Dec., 1889.

II.—THE SECOND FOUR YEARS, 1891-1895.

Q. What was a chief incident in the beginning of this period?

A. The riot at Hsin Chen, 29th Oct., 1891, which is mentioned above.

Q. For what is the year 1891 distinguished in China?

A. For the spirit of hatred against Christianity.

Q. What stirred it up?

A. Placards, with the most false, foul and abusive statements about Christianity were posted up in great quantities all over the country, and many of the people, believing that the christians were very bad, hated and abused them.

Q. What effect did this have upon our own missions?

A. It led to the riot at Hsin Chen, above mentioned.

Q. How was the mission carried on after the stations were secured?

A. The medical men give medicine and instruction to those who come for healing, while the ministers travel much of the time through the villages, towns, and cities, near and far, sometimes taking six or eight weeks to a trip; and the women teach the women whom they can gather at the stations.

Q. How many missionaries came in this second period?

A. Rev. Wm. Hervey Grant and Mrs. Grant,