

Miss Graham, trained nurses, went out in 1889, but the health of Miss Graham giving way she returned to Canada in 1891. Her place was taken by her sister, Dr. Lucinda Graham, in 1892, who died suddenly at Chefoo in 1894 after two years of devoted service. It was not long till a volunteer for the vacant place offered, in the person of Dr. Jean Dow,* who was appointed and sent forth in 1895. In 1896 the staff was still further strengthened by the addition of the Misses Pyke and Robb. The latter shortly after became the wife of Dr. Menzies. In response to an urgent request for another medical lady Dr. Margaret Wallace was appointed and joined the staff in 1898.

A permanent entrance into Honan was not effected till September, 1891, three years and six months after the arrival of the first Canadian missionaries, when premises were at length secured at Chu Wang and Hsin Cheng. Work among the women gained a foothold slowly but surely. An interruption took place in 1894-5 through the war with Japan and other circumstances. In the following year an important station was opened at Chang te Fu, and mission work among women and children began to open up in a wonderful way. Station classes, Sabbath Bible classes, training classes for workers, and visiting among the villages have been the chief means employed. The Report for 1898-9 states that eight women had been baptized and eleven were under probation. Two of the Bible women, Mrs. Wang and Mrs. Wu, women of strong Christian character and helpfulness, were a great comfort and assistance in the work.

A most promising beginning had been made when the Boxer movement broke out in June, 1900, and our missionaries were obliged to flee for their lives. The terrible hardship and peril of their journey of two weeks through a hostile country with their wonderful and almost miraculous escape cannot be set down in detail here. It is a thrilling story, and to have heard it from the lips of those who passed through the awful experiences of that time has been a means of strengthening our faith in God and deepening our desire and prayers for the salvation of the people of China. The unswerving faith of the converts on whom cruel persecutions fell has been a cause of devout thankfulness and hope for the future of the Church in Honan.

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