

feet. We took her in. She has improved much, but does not walk yet.

On March 22nd, one of the boarding-school girls, returning from prayer-meeting, picked up a baby on the street, which was only about two months old. She is a nice, healthy, good-natured child, but because she was a *girl* the dogs were welcome to her!

We realize that orphanage work in China is a great undertaking, as there is a chance for a great deal of imposition by those who are able to support their children, but do not want a girl in the family, so put them out on the street, hoping that the "foreigner, who likes to do good deeds," will pick them up and care for them. All we can do is to look to the Lord for guidance, and use our best judgment in taking in these poor forsaken little ones. I have no doubt that the people at home are interested in this work, and that there will be no lack of funds.

Dr. and Mrs. Ewan have arrived in Chen-tu. We are glad to welcome them to their new field of labor, and think we shall like them very much.

We are all enjoying good health. We need the prayers of the Church at home that we may be faithful to the work which the Lord has given us.

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From Miss Brooks.

CHEN-TU, April, 1898.

Dr. Kilborn and I are still studying, and doing little else. I think it must seem very strange to your Japanese missionaries, who can go to work almost from the very first, that we Chinese have to study for such a long time before we can do anything. I have been in Chen-tu ten months now, and I should be ashamed to tell you how little I know about the language yet; only that, as far as I can find out, mostly everyone else seems to have been just about as slow as I am, which is a real comfort. Some one was telling us that we need not worry at all about it, that it just had to *soak in* for quite a while before you could see much result, no matter how hard you might try