

turning home in the evening each pupil was presented with a pretty lighted candle, which she carried with noticeable joy and pride.

The missionaries were invited to tables where champagne and light refreshments were served. Needless to say they were not tempted to partake of the former, although appreciating the spirit in which it was offered. Possibly some of these Chinese gentlemen had read in the papers of how champagne flowed freely at the celebrations in Peking and coast cities, where there live many gay foreigners, and probably they had thought the missionaries would expect it, but they know differently now.

Christmas Festivities

The Christmas season is a very happy time with us. Our country friends come in a few days before to study and also prepare for the happy day. They were most interested in watching our merry girls decorating with evergreens and red berries. Suitable texts in Chinese gold letters on red scrolls completed these decorations. Over and over again the women would exclaim, "This is Heaven!"

On Christmas eve the teachers and girls of the Sabbath school gave a very interesting entertainment, including a dialogue entitled, "The Light of the World," and some ladies attended who do not usually come under the influence of the Gospel in our regular work.

As is the usual custom, the Christian women and girls were invited to a simple Christmas dinner which was all managed and paid for by themselves. This was followed by a joyful meeting in the afternoon, when a number of women and girls took part and gave bright testimony to the power of Christ in their lives. It was a meeting which called forth genuine thanksgiving from the hearts of all those who look for the coming of His Kingdom in this great dark land.

The arrival of the fine "Esty" organ a few days before Christmas, which had been granted by the W.M.S. Board early in the year, was most timely, and its use in the chapel added very much to the interest and pleasure of the Christmas festivities.

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Girls' Boarding School.—Miss Lethbridge.—During October influenza visited our school, when all but three, including both teachers, were ill. For two weeks our dormitories were turned into hospital wards. Every possible care was given, but in spite of all our efforts, our little deformed Kwoa Lou Hsien, after five days' illness, left us to be with Jesus, whom she had learned to love during the five months she had been with us. Her body was carried to her home, and after being married to the spirit of a dead youth in the village, as is quite the common practice in this locality, it was possible to bury her in the family grave-yard. At such times we realize the superstition and hopelessness of the religions of the Chinese.

In December we had the joy of seeing seven of the senior girls baptized, and four others recorded as regular catechumens. We have good reason to believe they are learning to know and follow our Saviour better as time goes on.

Miss Yang, a graduate of Wei Hwei Boarding School, whose earnestness and Christian character were a great blessing in the school, leaves at the Chinese New Year to become the wife of one of the leading Christians at Chiao Tsoa.

Girls' Day School.—Miss Brown, Principal.—A very encouraging feature of the work is the influence of the girls in their own homes, one little girl of ten persuading her family not to follow their usual custom of burning incense to their gods, nor in many instances are the children required to worship these gods now.

A surprising number of t'ai t'ais have learned "The Lord's Prayer" and "Jesus Loves Me." The change to the new hymn book, with its quite different translations has, for the present, somewhat dampened their desire to learn hymns. Perhaps no class is harder to win fully than the upper leisured class, who spend the greater part of their time in feasting and gambling. The