

I have not opened dispensary work yet, although I have seen a few cases. All advise me to spend a few months longer on the language, for as soon as the regular work is begun my time will be so occupied there will not be much opportunity for regular study. In this country the book language and the colloquial differ very much, especially is this the case with the women. The majority of the men are educated to a certain extent, while the majority of the women are entirely without, and if you address the latter in the language of the books they will not understand you. I am talking with the women as much as possible, in the Chinese language it is by constantly using what we get from day to day that we acquire more. I also spend six hours a day with my teacher.

Miss Brackbill and I have each employed a teacher. We find, for the present, at least, it is necessary, as so much of our time is given to study.

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From Miss Brackbill.

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The Sunday before we arrived, Chinese service was held in the new chapel, and I have been told there were fully two hundred and fifty women out. Dr. Hart says that he knows of no part of China where the prospect for work among the women is so good.

The new chapel was dedicated the day after our arrival. The services were continued until the following week, and were interesting, especially to us, who had been deprived of this privilege for so long.

Probably you will wonder how we are situated here. For the present we have been able to rent rooms in the compound where Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell are living. We have decided to take our meals with them this summer; we will have more time for study by so doing. We received a very warm welcome from all the friends, and begin to feel quite at home.

I have been told that all the day school pupils that one can attend to can be secured as soon as the language is acquired. If this be so, the prospect for a boarding school, should you desire it, is very good. In any case, whether for day-school or boarding-school work, and also for evangelistic work, a