

pound, put there by its parents to die of cold and hunger, just because it had the misfortune to be born a girl. They do such things in China, you know, and when they do die the dogs eat them. We hesitated about bringing her in at first, because of the awful stories they tell about our eating babies and digging out their eyes for medicine, etc.; but we quickly concluded the course the Master would take, and had her brought in. Such a bundle of dirty, vermin-infested rags you never saw, and from under a dirty cap two great black eyes staring wide open. No heart beat could be felt, and the little mite was too near gone to cry. We quickly gave her warm milk and stimulants, and, getting her out of the dirty rags, put her in a hot bath. We greatly feared she would not survive; so we wrapped her in a blanket, and kept her in a basket by the open oven door all day. At night the little eyes partly closed, but it was three days before she slept naturally. There was every evidence of her having been given opiates. But in a week of feeding on good milk we had a bright baby, not yet two months old, weighing now seven and a half pounds. We called the officials in and told them of the child, and that we would care for it. Proper papers were made out, so there can be no trouble, and her parents cannot claim her when she grows big enough to earn a little money.

Of course we have no authority from home to do orphanage work; but this one I have adopted, and will bring her up, trusting that some day she may perhaps take my place, when I am obliged to quit work; and she may more than fill it because of being native born.

There is a young Chinese woman now in the field who was adopted by Miss Howe, of the M. E. Mission, years ago, and after a medical education at home, has come to work among her own people. This wee one may never do that, but I shall try to train her so she will be a help to the Church in some line.

If other like cases should come to us, would we have the authority of the Home Board to take and care for them?