

## China.

Extract from letter of MISS BRACKBILL, CHENTU, *December 26th, 1898.*

AS I am leaving here this week,\* I have handed all books and accounts to Miss Foster.

Some time ago we dismissed one of our school-teachers as we were not satisfied with the work she was doing, and we did not think we were justified in spending the money for the small number who were attending. Some of her pupils have continued to come to the other teacher, but we have not a large number of outside scholars coming at present.

Our little girls are making rapid progress and the woman who is in their school is a *real teacher*.

The hospital work (dispensary) was opened several weeks ago, but the numbers of those who come for treatment are still small.

The orphanage still has the four children and they seem happy as the day is long. Annie, particularly, seems better than she ever has been.

The country is still in a very disturbed state and soldiers are constantly being sent down to Y mantsi's stronghold. The city itself seems quiet though there are soldiers watching the streets, and the work goes on as usual.

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## Indian Work.

MISS CLARKE writes from PORT SIMPSON, B.C.,  
*January 5th, 1899.*

THE annual report had scarcely left my hands when two cases of measles developed, whereupon the Home was strictly quarantined, and remained so for seven weeks. The record of those weeks forms a never-to-be-forgotten chapter in our Home history—a record of days and nights of toil and anxiety, of death, and sickness near unto death; and, on the other hand, I am glad to say, in the majority of cases, of full restoration to health.

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\* On her well-earned furlough.