

well enough to leave and begin preparations for the journey inland.

We left Tientsin by house-boats on Oct. 19th, ten in all, as there were three members of other societies accompanied us part of the way. The weather was beautiful, so we took advantage of it by walking a little almost every day; thus the time passed quickly and pleasantly. After spending a few days at Chu-Wang, we again boarded our boats and set sail for Hsin-chên.

In passing Hsün-Hsien we for the first time saw the hills, and it was a refreshing sight after the level plains of Shantung. Hsün-Hsien is an imposing-looking city, surrounded by a high wall, on which are set watch-towers. It is said to be the religious centre for North Honan, which one might readily conclude from the numerous temples which can be seen from all directions, occupying, as they do, the most prominent places.

We arrived at Hsin-chên on November 17th. There was work awaiting me here, for almost immediately after our arrival I was called to sit up all night with a young girl upon whom the doctors had operated in the afternoon. The operation was of rather a serious nature, and a good deal depended on the care she received, especially at first. The mother of the girl watched with me, and showed such intelligence and care in following the doctor's instructions, that after that first night I felt free to leave her in sole charge of the patient.

Early in December a large fair was held here, to which the people came in crowds from the surrounding villages, and remained for several days. Women came in large numbers to see us, and one day we had as many as fifty-five, and nearly as many children. Out of all this crowd one woman only seemed to care to hear the Gospel message. She was a nice, bright woman of over sixty years of age. She said she had been wanting to come and see the foreigners for over a year, and asked if we