

they were compelled to take refuge on the house-tops. As soon as they were seen, four men with iron rods sprang after them. They ran along the roofs, followed by the men, and pelted with stones until they could go no farther; there was but one thing left to do, to jump into the street; this they did. The mob sprang on them, and in a few moments they had passed to receive the martyr's crown. It was several days before the bodies could be obtained, as the officials would permit no one to go for them, although several attempts were made. Finally they were brought to Hankow and buried. They were almost unrecognizable when they came. The Swedish Consul went to Hankow to investigate the matter, but his action while there was a disgrace, and there is a general feeling of indignation against him.

An indignation meeting was held here at which a resolution was drawn up and forwarded to Peking, asking that steps be taken to bring those who were responsible for the crime to justice. The Chinese officials at Sungpu are said to have been the instigators, and are responsible for the deed.

The missionary body do not feel that as missionaries they should appeal to justice; yet, for the sake of humanity, the consuls should take definite steps to prevent the occurrence of such crimes in the future. If a crime like this is allowed to pass unnoticed, it not only places missionaries in greater danger, but every foreigner in the interior. China needs the prayers of the home people.

We have had very pleasant weather so far; a few days have been oppressively hot. Our health has been good, and we have been able to keep up our studies since the heat began. Many of the missionaries have gone to Japan and other places for the hot weather. At present there are no cases of cholera in this city that I am aware of.

I saw by the last *Guardian* we received that you were making an appeal for money to build a hospital. I wish the ladies of the Society could visit the women's hospitals here in Shanghai, and see the noble work they are doing. I spent one day this week at the Hospital of the American Woman's Missionary Union. During dispensary hours two hundred patients were seen. While the patients are waiting a Bible woman preaches to them from the Word of God. They also have a large number of intern patients who are directly under