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in a gov't school, formerly one of the teachers in the Middle school was chairman. At end of meeting, Chu gave out tracts which were very eagerly received. He taught them a short prayer to pray.

As I stood outside and listened and watched and thought about what I had seen during the time there that there was need for more aggressive action in our religious lives. More of what might be called S.A. tactics, of going out into the highways and byways, not only to bring people in, but to give more vitality and reality to one's own faith. Thought formed in mind for another talk, the story of the Lost Sheep and the seeking God, one's hunger ~~in~~ for God came from God.

Sunday, May 15. Still having dia. so started sulpha again, and took aspirin with it to curb violent headache. G.M. started which probably complicates dia. a little.

Sunday service was preceded by a period of singing lead by a Mr. Sha, the son of a pastor in the Christian Missionary Alliance in Wuhu who works in a bank here. He has been asked by Pastor Shen to give them a little training in the hymns to be used at the service. Although he had no organ or other instrument, he was able to achieve a considerable improvement. He repeatedly asked them to follow his time and tune. Choir of about 12 young people whom pastor Shen said were children of church members sang quite well.

Pastor Chu preached. Sat outside in court so didn't listen too carefully. His formal sermons are often not so good as his informal ones. After dinner, rested a little, then went at 2 to a meeting with primary school teachers. They told us of their financial needs. Present were Principal Tang, 9 teachers and Pastor Tsu, with the three guests and Pastor Shen. Pastor Tsu spoke very aggressively, demanding at least some help on equipment for school. No religious work being done in school. I explained to them mission policy as to schools that of fewer and better schools. Pastor Chu spoke of the type of school a church school should be.

About 3:30 returned to Woman's building, to find a neighborhood S.S. in progress to which I told a story. This was followed almost at once by a reception given by the local women. The guests were seated at a table with some sweets and other things on it. It made me think of the verse, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies!" However after a short meeting, the others were given something to eat too. Mrs. Sha was chairman, wife of the man who led the singing in the morning, herself quite a good singer. Mr. Yang was chairman and told of financial needs of the church. Pastor Chu replied with scripture, "Seek you first God's Kingdom & his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." I told the story of the lamps, not too appropriate as they really have no church. After meeting, Mr. Tang and Mr. Yang took me to see a building belonging to local church rented to a government organization, for which they felt they were not getting adequate rent.

In evening service, Pastor Tsu spoke on Polytheism, monotheism, atheism. Pastor Chu more appropriately on nature of our personal relationship to God. Does your belief in one God make you different? Meeting not so good as previous nights. L

Letter from Miss Li Chen-ying said she would arrive on Monday. Pastor Chu plans to go to Ho-li-shi, tomorrow after morning meeting, to see how many there will be to come from that end of the district for district conference. If not many, then he would hold district conference in Hsuan-ch'eng where there would be a considerable number attend. At least 11 had indicated their intention to go to Ho-li-shi.

A beautiful moonlight night. Sat in the courtyard and looked up through Heaven's well at stars.