Chengchow, Honan, Chin

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My dear Homefolks;

Just think one month of 1939 is almost gone! Since returning from the country my time has been so full that it has fled it seems to me. The first thing was writing the annual report for the Interior Mission. It was encouraging to read the reports from the stations and see how God has been working.

The Chengchow Association met last week brought encouraging news from the churches. Pastor Chang was rejoicing because the new church formed from the Kunghsien members had supported their evangelist and that the older church though composed of less people had given more than ever. A number of the women gave their ear-rings and other jewelry to the Lord whom they loved. Preaching bands composed of four women and two men were formed and wet to villages for a weeks' meeting. Women who could read were chosen, but as the others felt they must also have a part in giving the Gospel they contributed money for the travel of the bands. That is the way the Gospel will spread. Pray that in all of the ten churches this may be done. The most enthusiastic session of the Association was when the Bible School was reported. This is the first child of the Association so they are very happy over it, and voted to increase their gifts, giving a tenth of their gifts to the School. Plans were also made to start a home for Christians over sixty years, who have no relatives to care for them.

This week Winter Bible Class for workers is being held. Pastors Chhng, Wei, and Fielder, and I are taking classes. We are so glad

that Mr. Fielder, who left in August expecting to be back in two

weeks with Mrs. Fielder and the children reached here last Friday. Due to conditions he came alone. Pastor Tung in his welcome words to Mr Fielder Sunday told the Christians to keep on praying for stillhe was only half here as Mrs. Fielder has not come.

In the meetings t West Gate Chapelcontact has been made with Mr. Wang, an Ah Hung, the leader, priest, or teacher of Mohammedans.Mr. Wang was an ardent Buddhist and when teaching school had his pupils worship, Confucius, and several other gods. Some Mohammedan boys came to school, but refused to worship. When he enquired why they replied, "We do not worship idols, we worship the one god." This statement interested him. When boarding in the home of his pupil, whose father was leader in the local mosque he stole peeps at the Koran, the Mohammedan Bible. He became a believer in their faith and now preaches every night the Moh mmedan doctrines! In the mosques are rooms where the worshippers must go to bathe before they are permitted to worship a holy God, but they know nothing of the cleansing blood of Jesus. This priest is I believe longing for something, but the doctrine of the Trinity is a puzzle to him. Pray for Him that prejudices may be broken down and he may see himself a sinner and Jesus a Saviour.

Annie letter
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