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4 What was going on at Old Creek to make it worth while for us to go so far to get there. Well, something most unusual for South China - an old-fashioned revival. Why should that be unusual? Well, you have to go into history a little to answer that. ~~So the first~~

5 In the first place, while the Chinese do have a system of ethics, the gospel, and the ideas connected with it are new, yes, absolutely new to them, and so are the words used to express these ideas, and the Chinese language is most admirably devised to prevent new ideas from being understood. The Chinese, while not stupid, are essentially hard-headed; they take in new ideas very slowly, and part with the old ones still more slowly. ~~And~~

6 And in the second place, a great many Chinese have wanted to join the church from unworthy motives, whether to get foreign protection or help in their lawsuits, or other reasons. The churches realized this, and used to scrutinize candidates very carefully and put them thro a long course of probation in order to test them out and make sure that they wanted to join the church from proper motives.

7 So when one preached to the Chinese, he had to remember the slowness with which they take in new ideas, and not appeal to them to decide at once to become Christians, but rather to commence attending the chapel and listening to the preaching, with the expectation that the men would gradually understand the doctrine, and the hope that when he did understand it he would accept it.

8 And when a man wanted to become a Christian at once, it was considered prima facie evidence that he had some affair that he wanted the missionary to take up, and therefore was unworthy to enter. ~~And the~~ Candidates were usually accepted only after a long probation, in which church attendance demonstrated the candidate's faithfulness, and a changed life demonstrated his understanding of the ethical demands of Christianity. The genuine Christians came in in this way, and some of them are the very salt of the earth; the ones of whom we are ashamed (and there are such, even as there in the home church) were often men who were admitted too hastily, before they had understood the gospel and made it a part of their life; such men are apt to say "Now that I have joined the church I needn't do anything more", a sentiment the echoes of which I have also heard in America.

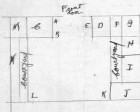
9 In view of these things, the evangelistic preaching in South China has appealed to men to attend church, rather than to become Christians. But recently some members of our mission have felt more and more strongly that the time has come for something more radical. The old policy has produced in some villages a lot of people who attend church regularly and faithfully, but think that is sufficient, and cannot be induced to take a definite stand as Christians. These men understand the doctrine, perhaps better than some church members do, and have put it into practice in their lives, often far better than some church members do; and they stop at that. When you come to think about it, this means that the conditions in such villages approximate those in some American communities. Why not use some of the revival methods which have proved useful in meeting these conditions in America?

10 ~~So the~~ ~~discuss~~ One discussion it was decided that we would have an "Evangelistic Band" as to some church and Old Creek was the one selected. The band consisted of Dr. Greenstock (the missionary in charge of the field in which Old Creek is located) Mr. Lewis of Ungtung, Miss Traver of "Kachieh, who gives her time at present to visiting and helping the country churches, Dr. Lecher of Chaoyang, Mrs. Aldreth and myself.

O. L. G. T. G. could be put into one & made simpler.

1) When we got to Old Creek that evening we found Messrs Groesbeck and Lewis ~~already~~ and Miss Traver already there. So was the small-pox. So after supper we all got vaccinated. Oh yes, we had all been vaccinated not so very long ago, and we weren't directly exposed. But vaccination is cheap, and one ought to be ashamed to have the small-pox in this age, even in China.

2) Here is the daily schedule. Breakfast at about 7.30 or 8. At 9 morning worship, conducted by Dr. Groesbeck, who made good use of the opportunity to talk to the students in the Boys' School and the Girls' School; with a liberal amount of singing, this filled the time till nearly ten. I fear it broke into the schedule of studies to a certain extent, but we didn't have any scruples about that, for the good that we were hoping to do the pupils would be worth far more to them than a few minutes more of study. At ten, Miss Traver and Mrs. Hildreth went out visiting. I haven't had time to inquire much about their visits, but I'll tell about ours presently. From ten to eleven or 11.30 there was a Bible Class for men, conducted by Dr. Groesbeck, at which Mr. Lewis and I were students. It was good, I can tell you; I learned a lot from it. Then we talked to various men till dinner-time, and after dinner Miss Traver had a class for women, while we men went out visiting till about dark. The big meetings were in the evening. In the meantime Dr. Lesner was holding a dispensary at the front door of the chapel most of the day and part of the evening. We certainly used that building for all it was worth. Here is a diagram of it. A is the



corner where the boys cooked for us men; B is Dr. Lesner's dispensary; C is the room used as a bed room by Dr. Groesbeck and Mr. Lewis, as a dressing-room by all of us, and as a pantry and storeroom for baggage. It wasn't anywhere big enough, so Dr. Lesner and I spread our beds on benches in the chapel after evening service was over, and packed them away in the baskets in the daytime. D is the room where the preacher lives, and where we held conferences with deacons and others; E is where the colporteur spread his books for sale on a table; at meals times we used said table as a dining room; F, G, H, and I are rooms occupied by the Boys' School; Miss Traver's boy used one end of I as a kitchen, and he certainly had a crowd of boys to watch all that he did. J is the room where Miss Traver and Mrs. Hildreth lived; the women's ~~Bible~~ class met there too.

K is the corner where the men's Bible class met every morning; I also kept my baggage there. L is the corner where the Girls' School met and M and N are the rooms where the Bible women and the school teacher live. I don't need to mention the use the pulpit was put to, and the center of the chapel was a general meeting-place for everyone.

3) What sort of a time did we have visiting? Well we called on one man whose appearance is very attractive, and his reputation for clean living is good. But he can't go to church, and Lewis absorbed him on the matter. We called on a family of pottery makers; their father was a Christian, and so are ~~some of~~ all his sons and most of his daughters and daughters-in-law. When the father was alive, he stopped work on Sunday,

called on about 100 people
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but since he died the boys have worked on Sunday; they have to pay their helpers seven days a week, and it seemed foolish not to get their money's worth out of it. Lewis and I took turns bringing up arguments for Sabbath observance, and they admitted it was so, and that they had better keep the Sabbath. Then we had a prayer meeting with them. This family keeps one room specially for a place of prayer, and they all meet there every night for family worship. Each of the men led in prayer and some of the boys.

11 one of the best prayers was made by the oldest brother, who was excluded from the church some years ago for smoking opium and not attending church; but he didn't abandon his religion or his habit of praying every day. I wish all whose names are erased for cause would be as faithful to their religion as he is. We talked on another man and discussed whether it would be possible to suppress the gambling which is a curse to the village; his own brother is one of the leaders of the gambling. He said that he believed if they went to work they could get public opinion aroused and stop the business, and he seemed inclined to do it. By the way he is the same man who got up in one of the "after-meetings" and said that altho he never had closed his business on Sunday, he was going to do from now on, whatever it cost. So these meetings were not solely individualistic in their effect; they also caused some men to plan what they could do for the good of the community.

14 And such evening meetings! First, we had stereopticon pictures, to draw the crowd; pictures of general interest, and then pictures showing the life of Christ. Dr. Groesbeck explained them, and we used the opportunity to get in some good straight talks. Then Mr. Lewis preached - he always preaches well - and those who wanted to make a decision were asked to stand up. We see three of four standing up, and then others, and then some more, in China, was thought to warn anyone's heart. Then the meeting was dismissed and those who were interested were invited to stay to an after meeting, Alice James Methodist Church.

15 Malican, and at the after meeting others made the great decision.

15 One night at the after meeting, Dr. Groesbeck called for a testimony meeting, in words such as these. "Now, Mr. Lewis and the rest of us have been proclaiming the doctrine, but how do you who are not Christians know whether it is true or not. I am going to call on your neighbors who are Christians, and who have tested the gospel, to get up and tell whether it is true or not". And then one after another of the Chinese Christians go up and testified to the truth of Christianity and what it had meant to him, in almost the very same words that Christians in America use; and they did it so well that it seemed they must be thoroughly accustomed to giving such testimony. I didn't realize the significance of it all till the others told me after the meetings this was the first time such a testimony meeting had ever been held in South China. The fact that their testimony sounded like that of American Christians must be because they were giving witness of the same kind of experience.

16 To be sure, there was the proprietor of a string of gambling houses in a neighboring village, who doesn't seem willing to recognize that becoming a Christian involves a change of heart, which would cause him to shut up those places. He got up with those who wanted to become Christians; in fact, I understood that he once applied for church membership some time ago. But in the absence of any evidence of a change of heart, we don't consider his standing up as very important. Neither did we lay much stress on the man who came to the chapel one day and announced that he wanted to worship God; what did he need to do? Scriptural as the question sounds, it took only a little conversation to ascertain that this particular man was in a spiritual condition far different from that of the man who cried, "What must I do to be saved?"

He had no conviction of sin, and no real understanding of what Christianity was; and he asked the question, such as one might make preliminary inquiry as to how to join the Masons or the Odd Fellows.

17 But in contrast with these was a man whose father had been a Christian and he understood what Christianity meant, but had never shown any interest in religion. On Sunday morning, the invitation to stand up to indicate an intention to commence the Christian life was given in nearly a dozen different forms and he stood up every time. He wanted the people to know that he meant all those different things, and meant them definitely. After the service, when we asked him what he meant he said that from now on he was a Christian. Yes, he meant it, definitely and permanently. No, he didn't care what the consequences were, he was going to be a Christian. Yes, indeed his heart was happy. And you could see that it was; just like some of the new converts that I have seen in America.

18 And there was another man who got up in an after meeting and said that he had been excluded from the church years ago for smoking opium; that the church did exactly right in excluding him; that he had now stopped the opium, wanted the church to pray for him, and hoped that by and bye he might be reinstated. Truly the words of both these men were good to hear.

19 In all, over twenty stood up and announced their intention to be Christians. On Sunday morning thirteen were baptized, eleven women and girls, and two young men. The Old Creek Church is the only one in South China that has more women members than men. But of those who stood up nearly one half were men.

20 This letter is too long already, and there is little time to tell of how we got up at 6 A.M. on Monday and left as early as we could, hoping to catch the second launch at Peace and Harmony, and get there just in time to miss the first; how we hired a native boat instead of waiting for the second launch, and how a head wind spring up, so that the men had to labor with the oars all the way to Chaochow; how the baggage was able to catch the three o'clock launch for Swatow, but because of having to wait for sedan chairs for the trip to the landing three miles away, Miss Traver and Mrs. Hildreth couldn't connect, so waited at the Grosbeck house and took the last launch at 4.30; how further repairs to my trusty bicycle kept me so long that ~~it was evident~~ it was evident that I shouldn't be able to catch the launch; how Dr. Lesher helped me finish the repairs (that's the kind of a friend to have) and went with me half way up the first range to give me a good start on the road over the mountains to Kachieh (where our Swatow mission is located); how I inquired the way of every person that I met; how I reached familiar ground just when it was getting practically too dark to travel, so that I fell off into a sweet potato field a couple of times; how there isn't anything softer in South China than a sweet potato field and I wasn't jarred a particle; how I got to Kachieh at about 7.30 and found that when I didn't appear at the launch Mrs. Hildreth had gone back to the Lesher's, so had to spend the night there; and how we got together Tuesday and came back to Chaochowfu, after doing more things in Kachieh than I could begin to think of mentioning.

21 Doesn't that make you wish that we could do a lot more such work. But now! Dr. Grosbeck and Dr. Lewis have so many churches to look out for that they can't do more than visit each about once a year.

And besides each has to teach school during the week. If the Christians at home will send out more missionaries, there will be more of this work done, and it's worth while. The five years are just fairly beginning. How about our share in the five year program?

But take for granted here that people know that you don't do this kind of work all the time - explain now why more money will change the situation

At this time there was a man whose father had been a Christian. This Christian's meaning, but had never shown any. On Sunday morning, the invitation to stand up to join to commence this Christian life was given in a very simple and not very long, but it was the people and all those different things, and I mean I was delighted and we were his way. He said that from now on, Yes, no more. I, definitely, and permanently. No, I like to know more, he was going to be a Christian. I was very happy. And you could see that it was just like that. But I have seen it in a life.

And there was another man who got up in an after meeting and said that he had been kneeling from the church years ago for kneeling when the church did exactly right in excluding him. And he had not stopped the signs, walked the church to stay for him, and moved and by and by he might be reinstated. Truly the words of both these men were not to be despised.

In all, over twenty stood up and announced their intention to be Christians. On Sunday morning thirteen were baptized, eleven women and girls, and two young men. The Old Greek Church has the only one of its kind in South China that has white women members (even men). But of those who stood up publicly and said yes.

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wait for them either for the trip to the landing three days away,
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time to make the trip; I was advised a half hour instead of waiting for
to catch the second launch at Gallow and Harwood, and for some time in
now we got up at 5.15 on Monday and left our camp at 6.00 and
the letter I had from Mrs. Hilditch and Dr. Langer, and the time to go to

Plane about 10
Best first
Feb. 29th.

Dear Lottie;

I thought I was going to write to you the very night after the children left us, or the next day, at least. But when that first day passed and I did not get it done, it grew impossible to do it. The very afternoon after the children left, the first big bunch of N.Y. callers came, and 2 days later they occupied the whole time from 2.00 until 5. There had been calls from individuals all thro the N.Y. month.

Then I began to realize that I must have Beattie's clothes ready to spend a week in Kakehioh while Dr. F. is here, with possible warm weather. Neither she nor I have had a single new thing since summer, beyond what I bought for myself in S. Hai, haven't needed anything here at home. But she has grown so, and old lighter weight things are all too small, so we are hurrying to get one new, if possible two, dresses ready, with old cotton ones lengthened. I am making over my brown serge, too, to bring it up to date. This work took every spare minute last week, so as to prepare the work for A. So. Now it is going forward nicely, and I can write a few letters.

By this time you are all together, and having a happy enough time, I know. Presume they reached you on Wed, & didn't they? I was thinking of you all during that day. Really, I was just sick with loneliness on Fri. after they left us! I had a sinking sensation as of a great loss, everywhere I turned, and that night I missed them so, from the sleeping porch. I surely know better what it meant to Ben last Sept to come up here all alone, for days and nights, knowing Howard would not return! And I can guess how you have missed the children, only going away always takes the sting out of a separation, for the change fills ones mind.

Bob may be leaving even before you receive this letter. I don't think I even mentioned to him the possibility of Howard's coming down with him from Shanghai, there were so many things to talk of. I shall write to him in Shanghai. Howard was not well all thro Jan, and Dec, too, as a result of Flu, mostly. And tho he is much happier now, and in much better health, we told him then, in Jan, that if he wanted to, he might come home for the spring term. He has been moved into the new private residence which was being prepared for the overflow of grade boys, and his own teacher is house-mother, now. She is a mother, you know, with three children in the school, and seems to be taking a personal interest in the boys in the house.

not to Howard's school

He is very much happier now, his letters show it, Mrs. Lavers and his teacher write it, too. Mr. Lavers, who has just come down from Shanghai, says so, and he is in good physical condition.

But if he is ever to spend part of a year at home, again, it should be now, when the teaching would be easier for me. I couldn't think of attempting to teach 8th & Grade work, I fear, ~~next year~~. So we are leaving the decision entirely with him, cautioning him that the quiet life here will be much more monotonous than it was before he went away. The third term will not end until 6th of April. But we know of no one coming down at that time who could bring him. So, if he decides to come, he would be ready to come with Bob. I am sure Bob will be glad to bring him along. My heart goes pit-a-pat at the thought, but I dare not even talk about it with Bessie! She has missed him all these days, but especially at bedtime at night.

I enclose a statement of your account. I hope the children's clothes were in condition that you could take it leisurely in getting them what they needed. A's velvet shoes were made so large, but I thought it wasn't wise to get another pair. Feet grow so fast.

I hope you have found a proper place to live, where the care of the children will not be difficult for you. Weather here has turned so much warmer, since the rainy weather cleared up. We have had real spring sunshine several days, and this morning those brown and white birds were calling all around the hilltop, the ones that Tracy Groesbeck says belong to the lark family. I presume you still have it cold. H. wrote that "at last, we have had snow!"

Guests have just gone down on the noon train, the Misses Pratt, who were in Peking at Christmas time. They are Calif. ladies, and one of them had entertained Mr. Hobart in her home, so they were Hobart's guests. Clara L. brought them up.

Miss Senn goes home this spring, and Board wants her there in time for Convention, and for summer Conferences. Think she will probably not leave so early, as Miss Dulin doesn't finish her exams until end of the summer.

Hobart baby is thriving, and she is a little dear. William and Beth will come over for the day tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles have word from home that Mrs. Cowles is seriously ill, and they are hurrying off in about ten days we hear. Mrs. Speicher is due very soon, too, arrive in Santow.

I must play ball with Bessie. Love,

He is very much worried now, his letters show it, Mrs. Lavers and his teacher vice it, too. The Lavers, who has just come down from England, says so, and he is in good physical condition.

Bob, I am sure Bob will be glad to bring his story.
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But it is never to spend part of a year at home.

Guests have just gone down on the noon train, the Misses "Marie," who were in Peking at Christmas time. They are Calif. ladies, and one of them had entertained Mr. Robert in her home, so they were Robert's guests. Clara

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Dear Friends and Members of the
South China Family:

How I have been "perishing" for word from Louise and Lillian! Imagine my delight when a letter, 84 months on its way, came in from Lillian day before yesterday, and one from Louise written Aug. 24th came in yesterday. I am sure the rest of you would like to hear something of what has been going on out there, though I can't write it all in Louise's own style.

We have known all along how Louise has just loved being there during this time and in this letter she again says, "I never thought I would live to see the day when I would play the role of 'House-mother' as I have this summer, but it has been lots of fun. Ruth and Lillian have done their full share in making it homelike for these U. S. officers." She speaks of a Mr. Jones, then Hank Lang's crew-- Don Letendre (Eng. Prof. in Clark U.), a Miss Long (formerly court stenographer in H.K.), Prof. Gordon Mah (Eng. Prof. at Chung San U.), a Mr. Fisher and Rand of the OWL, and then she heard that a lot of American army men were going to come thru from Fukien on their way to guard Swatow. The fact that Hank has been there means that fellows from other camps have made visits there and so Louise has been right in it; while Lillian takes them around town and helps them make bargains for the lovely silks and jewelry the fellows have brought to send to their girl friends and wives.

It seems the night peace was declared Louise and Hank were making some music of their own, since the radio was on the bum. Hank had bought a horn and enjoyed playing it. A neighbor called over and asked what the celebration in the city was all about. Hank got on his motorcycle and went to town and came back with the good news. They had to celebrate so raided the food cabinets. They found some canned home peaches, milk, some of Louise's ginger-bread (some she had made) and some candy one of the fellow's got from his girl friend and of course talked until 12 midnight! Before they went to bed they stood and sang the Doxology. A few days later the Kwet King Tong came a dinner for the Allied friends. She said Father Hylbert, Messers. Rand and Fisher Lieut. Price and about 15 of his navy boys were the Allied friends! Oh, yes, Louise was in on that, too, as was Lillian. The two of them were the only women. Altogether there were about 60 present and they were the only two women! A few nights later Dr. Lee of Lingnan gave a goodbye party and again Lillian and L.C. were the only two women among a large number of guests. Well, they do things up in a fine fashion, too, and it has been nice for Louise that she has had some of these nice things such as ice cream etc. which the fellows seem to be quite willing to pay for. She said living cost about \$700 a day there tho at the Catholic Mission the navy boys pay about \$1000. per. There have been plenty of onions, tomatoes, potatoes, fruits of all kinds, on the market so they have been able to have quite good meals. I just hand it to Louise to get along so famously on the kitchen help she has. I guess Lillian and Ruth and L.C. all turn in there and help too.

If you are still with me, we come to the part which is most interesting to us. She says she is looking for Carl, Clara, and Sister Margaret and Bea just as soon as roads are repaired and fair-lines re-established. "I wish they were here now for every organization, mission, school, business is sending its representatives into formerly occupied territory to get their property in shape. Ling-nan U., Banks, Office of War Information, etc. have sent some of their staff into Canton, Kukung, Swatow, H. K. and more are leaving every day." Sheffield Cheng writes that Bob Elder, Owen, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Hood (Dr. James' son-in-law) and Dr. Crooks are already in Kunning waiting to come on. Mr. Lockwood is expected here any day now." Doesn't that just make you want to get there.

wrote of some of our missionaries who are working on passports now. The first group are: Hanson, Namith, and Stennard. The second group: Beath, Davies, Gledt, Hobart, Kennard, Phelps, and Drs. Crook and Thomas. All men! It is expected that from six-eight months these folks will all be on their way. The less publicity given this the better they say as they are afraid

Sure makes me wish I had been there!

if you will look back, you will remember that I was promoted out of the Boys' Brigade work, because I couldn't get along with the boys. I was hoping that I had outgrown the difficulty, but I find I haven't.

And the hopeless thing is that, altho I can see where my mistake is, I can't see any way to remedy it. My experience hasn't given me any way out of it. The trouble is that my ideal of discipline is too high, I want perfect order, and the boys won't stand for it. Then I insist on absolute order they rebel, and when I relax, they abuse the privilege. I can't strike the happy medium. And I think it is constitutional ~~inability~~ inability. Altho I have had over half a year's experience, if I should go to another school, I would start out in the same wrong way, because I can't do it in any other way.

Now I don't feel that I am discouraged in saying this. I am simply taking the results of my year's experience, and on the basis of them deciding that it would be a mistake for me to try to teach another year. In the first place, it would be a foolish repetition of the risk of almost certain failure; in the second place, if teaching is not the work I am fitted for, and I have had a chance to find it out, the sooner I get to work along the other line, the better.

If I did not have these plans for the foreign field, I think I would go to preaching, just as Phillips Brooks did, when he failed as a teacher. But on the foreign field, where all work is service, the thing to do is the thing one can do best, and for me I think that is office work.

Mother speaks of the enthusiastic report I gave last fall about teaching. I was purposely optimistic when I gave that report. Some of the difficulties had already begun to be serious, but I thought I could overcome them, so I looked on the bright side. But things haven't developed rightly, and I am convinced that the difficulty is too deep-seated to be outgrown.

I haven't heard from Dr. Haggard yet. When I do, I'll write at once. Please tell me whether this letter changes your idea of my change of plans at all or not. Because I want to know whether you still think the new work would be a lowering of ideals

calling, hand shaking, and petty preaching, and helping him by doing his correspondence running his card index, and helping him in his reading and sermon preparation. In either case, I would be doing work that I could do about as well as he, to make it possible for him to do work that he alone could do.

I do not feel that I was discouraged when I wrote the letter to mother. I am often discouraged about the work that I am doing here, but I wasn't in that mood then. I had simply faced the facts and decided that I was not cut out for a teacher. I guess instead of writing another letter to mother, I'll put it all in here.

Mr. Philips tells me that I am not cut out for a private school teacher, anyway, tho I might succeed in public school work. I have the very greatest respect for Mr. Philips's judgment. I have had an opportunity to test it over and over, and have been looking for him to make a mistake some time. Once or twice I thought he had done so, but in every case it turned out that he was right. In everything connected with schools, discipline, teaching, etc., his judgment is almost unerring. And when he told me that I was not adapted to private school work, and told me so again several times at intervals, I made up my mind never to take a private school position again, if succeeded in holding this one the rest of the year.

Then Mr. Philips told me that he thought I was just cut out for a private secretary, that he had made the remark to Mrs. Philips just a little while ago. And when he had to fire his secretary, he believed it enough to put me in her place, although I did not know the first thing about double entry bookkeeping, and Jim Breislin, graduate of the best business college in the country had been unsuccessful in keeping the books of the school. And I think I have succeeded in managing the job, too.

Mr. Finlay, one of the other teachers, voluntarily made the same suggestion a little while ago. When I told Lottie, she said she thought their judgment was right. As she expressed it, I have had much better success in managing things, schedules, letters, programs, reports, etc., than I have had in managing people, especially boys.

which he is elected. There seemed a splendid spirit of brotherly love and a deep realization of the greatness of the task. There was a great forward look in their planning for the Five Years Program, and the Memorial Church for which much has been subscribed. It seems a pity we have not more leaders some of them are under tremendous loads such as the two Principals of the Ling Tong Schools. They need our constant prayers that they may be kept where God can use them and that all their actions may at all times display the Christian spirit so there will be no opportunity for criticism. The women have no small part in the work and it was a real joy to see how nicely Lee Shi-Tsu from Kin-Ching shouldered her responsibilities in the Council meetings. It was a real real sorry not see Lo Ek-Chai in either the Retreat or the Convention but poor man he is scarcely able to do anything. He can't attend the meetings he should attend at the Institute. Pastor Bag was fairly well but did not take such an active part as he too has been ill so much the past year.

I spoke of Mr. Leland Wang and his meetings at the Institute I have never heard a more consecrated speaker. God certainly sent him to the Institute for just the time. He said, "I said to my wife one morning I must go to Boston, something tell me I must go" and he left his vacation and came. The church was really and truly revived both old and young. He is a man of great power because of his constant Bible study and deep prayer life. He was a beautiful singer in both Chinese and English. The crowds sat almost breathless to hear him. His sermons were the most simple but so spiritual and again manifested the attractive beauty of that sweetest of all stories "Jesus and His love for a Lost World".

When I look back over these past few years months my heart is more than full of thanksgiving for all the many blessings that have come to me. My home with the Coles is very pleasant and since being nearer to the Institute makes it much easier for the night work. God gave me one precious month with the English night school out of several other students which came a splendid Christian Worker for our vacation school and several other students who have taken an active part in our Institute and Kie-Lak B.Y.P.U.'s. I am Oh! so much better than a year ago even while I was enjoying Peking with all its beauty.

I understand the problems of the Convention more since I have gained in my knowledge both of the organization ~~more~~ by being more intimately associated with the Chinese. I visited Kay Bohn twice during the early summer and found her bravely going forward with the hospital work under most trying conditions. I understand the young doctor has since seen it wise to resign and the hospital is again without a doctor. Church and school work there seems to be going forward nicely. The Gladiators are at Baginoo for the summer Miss Bohn in Kaying.

We went one day with Mr. Leland Wang and others to Chao-Chow Pa, and found a splendid vacation school conducted by the young missionary student who within the past two years had been brought to Christ through the B.Y.P.U. Pastor Wang spoke at Ten O'clock to a fair crowd. Mr. Baker was on the compound and Miss Miller was with Miss Henderson at Begrieo. I understand Mr. Baker has been asked to the Evangelist for the Convention. We did not go across the river to the house since Mr. Wang wished to see some historical places of interest. Mr. Wang asked especially for the school children to be in his service and it was remarkable to see how well they listened con-