

**EXCERPTS FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
1872-1895**

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2632
DATE :: May 09, 1872
LOCATION :: Raleigh, North Carolina
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MISSIONARIES AT SEA

Brethren Graves, Hartwell and Williams, with their wives, and Sisters Whilden and **Moon** expect to sail from San Francisco, on the 1st of May, for their several fields in China. Sister **Moon** has been appointed to the Mission at Tung Chau. Brother and Sister Williams and Miss Whilden will join the Canton Mission. While in this country, Brother Graves, with the consent of our Board, labored among the Chinese in California, under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society. Brother Hartwell did good service to Missions by pleading their cause in the chief cities of the South. That these Messengers of the Churches, whom Paul calls "the glory of Christ," may have a safe voyage and a successful entrance into their Christlike work, should not be forgotten in our supplications.

SHANTUNG

Missionaries: T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, J. B. Hartwell, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, **Miss Moon**; ordained native pastor, Oo Tswun Chau; four unordained native assistants; two churches; five outstations; baptisms, nineteen -- total membership, one hundred and eleven.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2633
DATE :: May 08, 1873
LOCATION :: Mobile, Alabama
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

SHANTUNG

Missionaries -- T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, J. B. Hartwell, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, **Miss Moon**, ordained native Pastor, Woo Tswun Chau; two native assistants, two churches, six out stations; baptisms, seven; total membership, one hundred and ten.

PART OF NATIVE LETTER FROM MONUMENT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH -- TUNG CHAU FOO.

At the beginning of the year we had forty-five members; five have been added by baptism, so that we now number fifty persons. We have contributed twenty dollars by monthly collections. Ten miles southwest from the city, at a village called Mung Kya, we have rented a house for a chapel, and eight of the brethren voluntarily go to this place,

two-and-two by turn, every Sabbath, to preach the gospel to the people. Also south of the city, fifty li (18 miles), near Wong Ching, there is a temple where the brethren of that neighborhood meet to worship and to disseminate the gospel as in former years. During the year pastor Crawford has erected a large chapel, called Shing Whe Tong -- Holy Assembly Hall -- where the church now meets. The school of boys under Mrs. Crawford's care numbers eighteen; Mrs. Holmes' day school of little boys contains ten; and her girl's school has fifteen pupils. This year **Miss Moon** has come from America to join with us. She is now learning the Chinese language very rapidly, and expects ere long to open a school for girls, and to aid in spreading the religion of our Lord. Every Sabbath afternoon we have a church-school (Sunday school) at Shing Whe Tong.

SISTERS HOLMES AND **MOON**

Brother Crawford writes:

"**Miss Moon** is making rapid progress in the language. She promises to be a real missionary. Only send out another of the same character to live and labor with her. The women of China must be converted to Christ. Mrs. Holmes is well, and driving on with all her might; at times she seems to overtax her strength."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2634

DATE :: May 07, 1874

LOCATION :: Jefferson, Texas

TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

The **Misses Moon**

Miss Lottie enters on her new life with firm and sober delight. She will prove a true missionary. The two sisters are of one purpose and one heart, and if God grants them health and strength, we may reasonably expect them to make a deep impression on the hearts of these heathen women. I do trust the sisterhood will prayerfully, conscientiously and constantly take a lively interest in their mission."

Miss Lottie Moon is making rapid progress in the language. **Miss Eddie Moon's** health is not robust, but she is able to do much work among the women and children. Mrs. Holmes works beyond her strength.

Brother and Sister T. P. Crawford in Shanghai

We came here partly for recreation, partly for supplies, and partly to take charge of **Miss Moon**, who arrived October 7th. Our Dear friends, Doctor and Mrs. Yates, received us with generous hospitality, and we feel much refreshed and benefited. The native church

is growing, both in grace and numbers, under the care of the venerable Wong Ping San, who, by the way, was my first convert in China.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2637
DATE :: May 06, 1875
LOCATION :: Charleston, South Carolina
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Health of Missionaries

We anxiously look for reinforcements, and trust the right man and wife will soon present themselves. Brother T. P. Crawford proposes to take two or three months recreation in Japan. Mrs. Holmes' lungs are weak, and she may have to go South. Mrs. Crawford and **Miss Lottie Moon** are in excellent health. **Miss Eddie Moon** suffers from sore throat, for which she is now under medical treatment.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2644
DATE :: May 11, 1876
LOCATION :: Richmond, Virginia
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

WOMAN'S WORK

Our Christian women of Georgia and Virginia have contributed \$2,491.60 for the **Moon** house in Tung Chow; and the ladies of South Carolina \$1,343.41 for the Missionary House at Canton. Our sisters of other States have aided these objects, and done nobly for the general work. Let the Convention give an emphatic "God speed" to these praise-worthy workers for Jesus, and commend to their consideration the multiplication of missionary societies, and their more thorough organization, with the view of prosecuting the grand work of woman's salvation among the heathen."

It is stated that "the Woman's Foreign Mission Societies of this country contributed last year \$860,000 to foreign missions."

Of the Monument Street Church Rev. T. P. Crawford is pastor. Mrs. Holmes and the **Misses Moon** are connected with this station. The house fund, \$2,518.46, raised for the **Misses Moon**, is to establish a boarding school. The following is Brother Crawford's report for 1875:

"General view. The health of all our missionaries, except **Miss Eddie Moon**, has been more than ordinarily good. Means sufficient for all our wants have been furnished by the Board, and we have every reason for gratitude and praise. Every department of our work has been kept in full vigor throughout the year, and all appointments, both in the city and country, sustained without special interruption. Much seed, on old and new, good and bad ground, has been sown. God's word never returns unto Him void. The results cannot be reduced to figures.

Country Work. The ladies, besides their daily work in their schools, and in the city, have visited about 200 villages, varying from one to twenty-five miles from this place, thus: Mrs. Crawford, 131; Mrs. Holmes, 128; **Miss Lottie Moon**, 88; **Miss Eddie Moon**, 30.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2645
DATE :: May 10, 1877
LOCATION :: New Orleans, Louisiana
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

RETURN OF MISSIONARIES

With the approval of their respective missions, and in accordance with the printed regulations of the Board, Mrs. Williams, of the Canton mission, and **Miss Edmonia Moon**, of the Tung Chow mission, returned to America because of broken health, in the winter of 1876. As was necessary, the one was accompanied by her husband, Rev. N. B. Williams, and the other, by her sister, **Miss Lottie Moon**. The invalids are convalescing. Brother Williams is our Agent in Alabama and Tennessee.

TUNG CHOW MISSION

From Rev. T. P. Crawford's Report: The sudden departure of the **Misses Moon** for America, the general feebleness of Mrs. Holmes' health, the absence of myself and wife during three months in Japan, the famine, and other causes, have tended to increase our expenses, and to diminish our labors. Still we are thankful to our heavenly Father for his sustaining grace, and the amount of success with which he has crowned our efforts to make known his name among the heathen.

Religious Exercises: Public services four times a week, including the Sabbath, have been regularly held in the large chapel. Deacon Chang was in charge during my absence last fall. Besides these exercises, prayers, accompanied with singing, reading and expounding the Scriptures, have been continued in the study every evening (except Thursdays and Sundays) for the benefit of the servants, pupils, and others who choose to attend. Here the most gifted brethren are encouraged to exercise their powers. Several of them have acquired considerable ease in prayer and speaking.

Bearing Witness: The native members resolved to devote an hour every Sabbath morning to speaking with the people about the Savior, or as they call it, "bearing witness for the Lord." They make a regular report of their labors, and seem to engage in them with commendable zeal. To keep the Sabbath holy we should work for the Lord as well as worship him.

Preaching to All: It is my custom to sit in the study with the door open on the street, and preach to all who appear from interest, curiosity, or other reasons.

Country Excursions: I made several preaching excursions; but since my return from Japan, I have not been able to repeat them. **Miss Lottie Moon** visited 167 villages; Mrs. Holmes, 150; Mrs. Crawford, 76. **Miss Eddie Moon's** throat did not permit her to do

much beyond teaching the pupils of her boarding school and Sabbath class. How we miss the presence and help of the young ladies! We feel almost broken up.

The School. Mrs. Crawford's boys' boarding school, of 19 pupils, is doing well. Mrs. Holmes' efforts to build up a girl school have at length succeeded. She has twenty-five pupils. This shows that prejudice against us is being overcome. **Miss Eddie Moon's** girl school was opened in the Spring and disbanded the last of October -- pupils, 12. The boys' day school has only 10 pupils, and will be discontinued at the end of the present session. It is not our policy to push schools beyond the personal superintendence and teaching of the missionary ladies themselves; or to employ Chinamen to preach at the expense of the Board.

The ladies, besides teaching in their schools, have taught the women at their own homes, and from house to house; and thus they have established an extensive acquaintance throughout the city and its suburbs.

Much precious seed has been sown, notwithstanding our drawbacks, both by the missionaries and the native Christians. May the Lord of the harvest water it, and bring forth an abundant yield to his glory.

Statistics -- Monument Street Church: Baptized, 5; died, 1; total, 63.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2648
DATE :: May 09, 1878
LOCATION :: Nashville, Tennessee
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

CHINA MISSIONS

TUNG CHOW MISSION

MISSIONARIES: T. P. Crawford, Mrs. M. F. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Holmes, and **Miss L. Moon**.

NATIVE PASTORS: Woo Tswun Chow and three native assistants.

Miss Lottie Moon

HER SCHOOL HOUSE -- This missionary, who returned to America with her extremely ill sister, **Miss Edmonia Moon**, sailed from San Francisco on November 3d, 1877, and arrived at Tung Chow on December 24th of that year. **Miss Moon** expects to establish a school for children of the higher class of the people. She will occupy the valuable premises connected with the North Street church of that city, in which premises she has been authorized by the ladies of Virginia and Georgia to invest the funds raised by them to build for her a house.

LONGED FOR -- Of **Miss Moon**, Mrs. Crawford wrote:

"**Miss Lottie** we long to have with us, cheering us socially and aiding us in the work she so loves, and to which she applies herself so efficiently. She will be lonely without her sister, to whom she was devotedly attached."

FORTY CONVERTS -- Under date of August the 3d, 1877, Mrs. Holmes writes: "We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the arrival of **Miss Moon**. We hope she will join us in time for our fall work among the villages. Over forty converts have been reported from interior stations of the Presbyterian and English Baptists. We long for the time when there shall be such an awakening here. Our schools are full. Our congregations are tolerably good."

THEIR HOME -- **Miss Moon** wrote from Shanghai: "I am enjoying the very kind and cordial hospitality of my dear friends, Dr. and Mrs. Yates. They make me feel perfectly at home, and are just as good to me as friends could be. I have been distressed to see that Dr. Yates' health has very seriously failed. He has determined to run over to San Francisco for a change. I am very glad, indeed, he has so decided, for heretofore he has always been restored by a sea voyage. I sincerely hope the Board will give him an urgent invitation to visit Richmond. I am sure that his presence and conversation would arouse a new interest in the cause of missions. This veteran of thirty years' service -- how nobly he has toiled -- how generously he has given to that work to which he consecrated his life! It seems to me that the coldest heart would be stirred by his presence. There is not a man in China who could give you more valuable information as to the past history and present status of missions in this land."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2664
DATE :: May 08, 1879
LOCATION :: Atlanta, Georgia
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

The Schools

Miss Moon's School: **Miss Lottie Moon** re-opened in the spring of 1878, the school formerly under her sister's care. That she has thirteen girls is regarded by the mission as quite a success. The effort to purchase the North street property with funds furnished by the ladies of Georgia and Virginia having failed, the money is now deposited in a Shanghai bank, at five percent interest. This interest nearly covers the annual rent of the property. It may be best to invest these funds in United States securities.

Mrs. Holmes' School: This school progresses favorably, although the anti-foot-binding influence has taken away several promising girls. There are fifteen in attendance. Though Mrs. Holmes and **Miss Moon** do not make the unbinding of the feet indispensable to enjoying the advantages of their schools, yet they use all legitimate influence in this direction. About one-third in each school have natural feet. Many of the native Christians have not relinquished this painful and degrading custom. Some of Mrs. Holmes' former pupils are married, and are exerting a good Christian influence on their families and neighborhoods.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2658

DATE :: May 06, 1880
LOCATION :: Lexington, Kentucky
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MISS MOON'S HOUSE

Miss Moon having, by her own choice and with the approval of the Board, fixed her residence in the Mission House formerly occupied by Rev. J. B. Hartwell, and in which the Board, who have been renting it for some twenty years, have certain acknowledged rights acquired by the varied improvements to the property, has turned over to the Board the amount raised for her house by the ladies of Georgia and Virginia, viz.: \$1,414.61 Taels; which at the time of the transfer was equivalent to some \$1,951.17; and this amount has been invested by the Board, according to their suggestion last year to the Convention, in United States securities.

CHINA MISSIONS

TUNG CHOW MISSION

Missionaries -- T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, **Miss L. Moon**, with native Christians as voluntary assistants.

At the last meeting of the Convention, our missionary, Dr. Crawford, was present. His safe return to Tung Chow has been noticed. The annual report of the mission is as follows:

"In reviewing the year now closing, we would render thanks to God for his preserving care over the lives and health of all the members of the mission.

"Nothing has occurred to interrupt our work or discourage our hearts. The Board has supplied us with all needed funds, even leaving a small balance in the treasury on which to begin the new year.

"Our work may be included under the following general heads:

1. "Regular Services -- Regular services, Sabbath school and weekly prayer meetings, have been kept up in the chapel as in former years -- the first half of the year by the native brethren, and the Rev. Mr. Mateer who preached for them every fortnight; the second half by the pastor, T. P. Crawford, who returned to his post on the 9th of August and resumed his labors with renewed vigor of mind and body.

"In addition to these services in the chapel Mrs. Crawford has held a weekly prayer meeting in the study, for the benefit of the sisters of the church, and the pastor every evening of the week (except two), where inquirers are instructed, and the brethren trained to sing, pray and conduct religious meetings.

2. "Itinerating -- This work has been pushed with more than usual vigor. Public sentiment being more favorable to us than formerly most of the spring and fall was devoted to the villages. Mrs. Crawford visited 220 villages, Mrs. Holmes 414, **Miss Moon** 310. The native church sent out one of the brethren last spring on a tour of a month. Mr. Crawford has taken a few trips since his return. All told, more than 1,000 visits have been made for the purpose of preaching the Gospel and distributing books in the villages around the city of Tung Chow. May God bless the seen thus sown under many difficulties.
3. "In the Study -- Mr. Crawford and his Christian teacher sit in the study opening on the street, speak to all the women who come to their rooms, and occasionally visit them in their own homes in the city. They do not go from house to house so frequently as in former years. The heathen can not endure much visiting.
4. "In Schools -- Each of the ladies has the superintendence of a boarding school, in which the Scriptures, music, and other branches of Christian learning are taught systematically. Mrs. Crawford's boy school has 18 pupils, Mrs. Holmes' girl school has 18 pupils and **Miss Moon's** girl school has 15 pupils. Besides these Mrs. Holmes has a small day school for little children, taught by one of her former Christian pupils.
5. "The Churches -- The church connected with us appears to be slowly but steadily growing in Christian character. It is, however, far from what we wish to see it, and many years must yet pass away before it will be able to go forward of its own accord. To make converts is one thing, to make churches quite another.

"Its statistics are as follows: Baptized, 7; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 5; dead, 1; total, 66. The North Street Church has ceased to meet. The pastor left his flock and went to merchandising on Sabbath, as on other days. Others follow his example, and altogether the outlook for the church is very discouraging. Several of the members now worship with us, and in various ways show a disposition to continue their Christian profession, but many of them seem to have given it up. This is to us a cause of deep grief. As the church is independent of us we are unable to prevent its downfall. Still we hope to save a remnant of the members to the cause of Christ.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2665
 DATE :: May 05, 1881
 LOCATION :: Columbus, Mississippi
 TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MOON BUILDING FUND

In our last report, the reasons were given for the investment of this fund (\$1,951.57) in United States securities. On application of **Miss Moon**, who does not need the money for a house, the donors allowed its appropriation to a debt of many years standing (1,791.95 Taels) on the chapel at Tung Chow, and \$2,091.38 was sent to T. P. Crawford, who held the obligation of the Board.

MISSION AT TUNG CHOW

The annual report of the mission is as follows:

Our statistics are as follows:

Baptized 8; excluded, 2; died, 1. Total membership, 83.

Mrs. Crawford's boys' boarding school has averaged 19 pupils; Mrs. Holmes' girls' school, 17; **Miss Moon's** girls' school, 17, Mrs. Holmes' day school, 7; our Sunday school, 100.

Mrs. Crawford visited 315 villages; Mrs. Holmes, 433; **Miss Moon**, 330.

SOWING IN HOPE

In addition to the labors which the above statistics indicate, every member of the mission has in various other ways sought to carry the knowledge of salvation to the ears of the people. Our constant prayer is that God will revive his work in our midst. The hearts of the people are still hard, but public sentiment is turning more and more in our favor. By patiently waiting on God we feel assured the reaping will come at the set time.

REINFORCEMENT, AND NORTH STREET CHURCH

We long for reinforcements, and some fresh elements in our field. The North Street Church have no meetings of any kind, and many of them have gone back to the world. A few of them worship with us, and we do all we can for their salvation.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2652
DATE :: May 10, 1882
LOCATION :: Greenville, South Carolina
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

TUNG CHOW

REV. N. W. HALCOMB

"In company with Mr. and Mrs. Mateer, of the Presbyterian Mission," Rev. N. W. Halcomb writes, "I reached here last Wednesday evening. I found Dr. Crawford in good health, though lonely on account of the departure of his wife, and the marriage of his adopted daughter. **Miss Moon** also is well. Things seem to be moving along as nicely as could be expected under the circumstances. Return thanks, with me, to our Heavenly Father for the providence that gave protection, a pleasant passage, and safe arrival to my field of labor. I am truly glad to be on the field, though unable, as yet, to do effective work." Dr. Crawford says: "Brother Halcomb makes a good impression. He seems to be a man of steady purpose and modest feelings. A few days after his arrival he began the study of

the language. He is making fair progress, and we hope he will soon be able to preach the gospel to this heathen people. We wish, after receiving further reinforcements, to open a mission in the interior of this province, where the people show great readiness to become Christians. For this purpose we want two married men besides the one on the way to this place. We want them as soon as possible. The Presbyterians here have just been reinforced by six new workers."

SCHOOLS AND STATISTICS

After the departure of Mrs. Crawford, **Miss Moon** moved to the residence of Mrs. Holmes, and united the two schools for girls. This is heavy work, which our sister bears cheerfully and performs efficiently. Dr. Crawford took charge of

Mrs. Crawford's school for boys. The number of pupils, male and female, is forty-nine. "On account of these changes," writes Dr. Crawford, "we did no preaching last fall in the villages, being able only to continue our regular services in the city. The members of the mission are in usual health. The winter has been mild and the country quiet. Five have been baptized. One was excluded from the church and one died. Our membership is ninety-one."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2638
DATE :: May 09, 1883
LOCATION :: Waco, Texas
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

TUNG CHOW MISSION

THE MISSIONARIES

The annual report of this mission says: "On the one hand we have been weakened and saddened by the absence of Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Holmes, still in the United States recruiting their health, while on the other hand, we are encouraged and strengthened by the presence of the new recruits, brethren Halcomb and Pruitt. They have made good progress in the language, and have begun their life work of preaching the gospel. They teach English in the boys' school. Mrs. Pruitt has taken a class in the Sunday school. She is a real missionary, with heart thoroughly enlisted in the work of the Lord. The mission has enjoyed uninterrupted health, and every department of labor has been sustained to the best of our ability. Besides his usual services in the chapel, Dr. Crawford preaches regularly in the streets to attentive crowds. **Miss Moon** superintends her school of twenty-five girls, and, in addition to much other work, has visited 227 villages. The school for boys is smaller than usual, in consequence of our effort to make their parents provide food for them. This their parents should do.

NEED OF GOSPEL PREACHERS

"The people are becoming daily more favorable, and the whole land is open to us. Our need is men to take possession, in the name of the Lord. As soon as possible will not the Board send a man and his wife, who, with one of the brethren here, may establish a new station in the promising field west of our city? We ought to advance our lines and have

fuller share in the conversion of this province. The gospel is what the people are dying for. Send us men to preach the gospel -- the gospel of life and salvation to the perishing people of this land."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2641
DATE :: May 07, 1884
LOCATION :: Baltimore, Maryland
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES

Miss Moon reports: "I have given my time chiefly to the teaching and general oversight of the girls' school. There are thirty-seven pupils. Besides, I have visited some in the city, and also one hundred villages."

Mr. Pruitt reports: "The year has been spent in the study of the language. Mrs. Pruitt and myself have made together two tours into the country around the city of Whang Hien -- the first, of five weeks in the spring, the second of three weeks in the fall. We have, besides, both done some teaching in the boys' school."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2642
DATE :: May 06, 1885
LOCATION :: Augusta, Georgia
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

ABBREVIATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TUNG CHOW MISSION BY DR. CRAWFORD

The year has been distinguished for hard trials, hard work and little apparent success.

1. The prospect of war has kept the minds of the people in a state of continued excitement. Persecution has fallen heavily on native Christians in many places, though ours have thus far escaped.
2. At the beginning of this year the boarding schools were given up, and all "pecuniary expectations" on the part of the natives cut off. As a consequence, "enquirers" have ceased to come about us, and several of our former converts have thrown down their "profession of Christianity."

The statistics of the church are as follows: 2 have been baptized, 1 died, 5 excluded. Total, 103. Many of whom are cold or give little evidence of spiritual life.

3. I have devoted my time to preaching on the streets of the city, in the chapel on Thursdays and Sundays, with various labors in the study and elsewhere.
4. Mrs. Crawford and **Miss Moon** have labored earnestly in the country and among the women of the city. Messrs. Halcomb and Pruitt have taken several excursions for preaching in the villages in addition to the study of the language; in all of which Mrs. Pruitt zealously joined up to the time of her last illness. All have taken part the

in Sunday school. Much seed has been sown during the year, but without special results. The harvest time has not yet come in this field, and it cannot be forced into existence.

5. With our trials, we have received many blessings, during the year now closed. We have abundant cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his abounding mercies.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2636
DATE :: May 07, 1886
LOCATION :: Montgomery, Alabama
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Miss Moon

Three cities, Lai Chowfo, Chang E and Gow Mi, are respectively about 35, 30 and 40 miles distant. The last two are in the midst of very fine and populous regions. The religiousness of the people, **Miss Moon** writes, is a marked characteristic of that region, and of other regions in the central and western portions of the province.

Miss Moon is so pleased with Pingtu that she has returned to spend the winter there, where she finds the outlook as favorable as when she first went there. What a grand worker **Miss Moon** is!

No Discrimination in Salaries

It is thought by some that ladies should receive less salaries than men. I fail to see the justice of such discrimination, especially in regard to ladies who prefer to live alone. Various reasons render it desirable that the wishes of such ladies for a home of their own should be granted. Such establishments for single ladies are as expensive as houses for single gentlemen. Hence the undesirability of such discriminations.

REPORT OF MRS. M. F CRAWFORD

In the City

A Sunday School class of women has been taught regularly. A weekly prayer meeting for women has been held, except during absence among the villages, until October. A daily Bible class of women and girls was also kept up until recently. Since the panic in regard to the French war subsided, visiting has been done among the women of the city. They have received me courteously, and generally listened respectfully, but only a few have manifested any desire to search whether these things are so. With the rule to "sow beside all waters" ever before the mind, many opportunities occur in daily life to speak a word of doctrine here and a sentence there. But Tung Chow city has hardened its heart and stiffened its neck against the gospel, and our most encouraging work is among

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2640
DATE :: May 06, 1887
LOCATION :: Louisville, Kentucky
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MISS MOON

In the beginning of the year **Miss Moon** was in a city some one hundred and fifteen miles from Tung Chow, called Pingtu, where, at the Chinese new year, there were crowds of visitors. Our missionary received numerous invitations to make visits, which occasions were eagerly seized to make known to the women and girls the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A good many girls were frequent visitors, and learned hymns, prayers and the ten Commandments.

Miss Moon accepted many invitations to visit neighboring villages, where, among the crowds that were congregated, she met often very thoughtful and earnest women, with whom it was a pleasure to herself and a profit to them to converse about the things that make for their peace. These invitations becoming too numerous for acceptance during the hot season, **Miss Moon** limited her work to the city. After the isolation, discomforts and hardship of life in Pingtu, which made rest and recuperation necessary, **Miss Moon** returned to Tung Chow, whence she made occasional trips into the country. Our missionary remarks, "I was pleased to find a friendly feeling among the people, and more interest in the gospel than had been before manifested." In December **Miss Moon** visited Pingtu again, where she received many visitors and made many visits in the interest of the gospel. She went also to Shangtswang, a city some fifty miles from Pingtu. Of the latter place she writes: "I left Pingtu with regret, and wished that circumstances had permitted my remaining there this winter. It seems to me a very desirable location for a new station, and I trust the Board will see its way to send missionaries to occupy it."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2643
DATE :: May 11, 1888
LOCATION :: Richmond, Virginia
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

TUNG CHOW MISSION

Miss Moon

This lady has led the van this year in pioneer work. She is at present in Pingtu. In a letter to me anticipatory of this report, she writes: "Please say simply that I was in Hwanghien in the early part of the year, that I worked in the spring in the neighborhood of Tung Chow, and afterwards in Pingtu, that in summer, my voice having failed, I rested two months, after which I resumed work in the villages around Tung Chow, and in September returned to Pingtu where I propose to spend the winter." Her work at Pingtu is very encouraging, as she herself has written from time to time, and she richly deserves the co-laborers for whom she pleads.

Dr. and Mrs. Crawford

With Dr. Crawford the year has been one of almost daily preaching on the streets of Tung Chow city -- as he styles it, "simply sowing the seed." Crawford also made two brief visits to Hwanghien for preaching.

Mrs. Crawford has been doing her usual church work in the city and itinerating in the adjacent villages. Her chief interest has lain the neighborhood of Buh-go, west of the city, where, as she says, she is "cultivating her patch." The work there grows in interest with a few hopeful seekers after the truth. May God grant unto them his spirit. This autumn Mrs. Crawford made a visit of a month's duration to Pingtu to aid **Miss Moon**, and to get acquainted with the people that she might visit them in **Miss Moon's** absence to the home land next year.

Our Shan Tung mission was begun at Chefoo in 1860 by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holmes, and at Tung Chow in 1861 by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartwell, the two places being on the coast, fifty miles apart. After the murder of Mr. Holmes by a band of robbers, Mrs. Holmes joined the Tung Chow station in 1862, ourselves from Shanghai in 1863, and others later. This region then has had the faithful labors of Dr. and Mrs. Hartwell for about twelve years, of Mrs. Holmes for twenty, of ourselves for twenty-five, of **Miss Eddie Moon** for four, of **Miss Lottie Moon** for fifteen, of Mr. Halcomb for five, of Mr. Pruitt for six, besides shorter terms for Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Pruitt, Mrs. Halcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Davault, and Mr. and Mrs. Joiner, making an aggregate of more than one hundred and thirty years.

The property of our S. B. Board here and at Hwanghien (twenty miles distant) consist of five good mission dwellings and two chapels, one of which cost about \$3,000. Ours was the first mission established in this city, but the Northern Presbyterians soon followed. While the Baptists have never had a strong force of workers at one time, the Presbyterians have from an early day been fully manned both here and at Chefoo, and have now besides two large missions in the interior of the Province. Their imposing male and female schools, their host of native assistants, their hospitals with other pecuniary attractions, have quite overshadowed our simple evangelistic labors. It is our aim to evangelize the masses and encourage the growing up in a natural way of a native form of Christian education and civilization.

After **Miss Moon's** departure next summer for a visit to her native land, there will remain in this province but four American Baptist missionaries, Mr. Pruitt, Mrs. Davault and ourselves. What is to be done? What is the verdict of Southern Baptists? Shall the twenty-nine millions of simple minded, robust, comparatively honest and tractable people of this large, rich Province, for whom Southern Baptists have expended more than \$100,000, several precious lives and one hundred and thirty years of labor be given over to death, or shall they not rather have immediately at least thirty new men and women, fresh from the bosom of the home churches, to push the work of evangelization over the head of every obstacle, and reap for Christ a glorious harvest in due season? If what has been done and spent here is to be saved to Christ and to the denomination, reinforcements must be sent speedily, a band of earnest men and women, sufficiently strong in numbers, zeal and piety to command attention and resist opposing influences, ready to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ; ready to return to the heroic days of the Apostles; ready to come down into close contact with the people for whom we

labor. This is a high, dry and healthy country. Some missionaries have succumbed, but not to the climate. The most successful evangelization in this Province has been done without a single foreign-built dwelling, chapel or school, while avoiding a display of those parts of our civilization which offend the native taste. The Chinese have a civilization of their own, and need not, cannot take our type of it. The "China Inland Mission" (English) has now a force of two hundred and sixty-odd workers, scattered over sixteen of the eighteen Provinces of the Empire. Their plan is to dwell in native houses, dress in Chinese costume, and live in as simple a manner as is consistent with health. In 1886, seventy new laborers were sent out to join them -- last year one hundred -- all in answer to direct united prayer! Think of the power of so many consecrated "seed-sowers" in this land of darkness! And yet what are they to the spiritual needs of more than 300,000,000 people? We are appealing for thirty new missionaries, fifteen men and as many women, for Shan Tung Province. Whether Seminary men, it matters not; the essentials are sound, practical sense (not uneducated) --consecration, readiness to accept self-denial in all its phases, and to follow Christ and Paul in sowing the seed of the Kingdom, watering it with tears, prayers and patience, until God shall give the harvest. They should also lay down their Anglo-Saxon fancies, study the genius of Christianity, and the approaches to the native heart, leaving civilizing methods as such alone. Preaching to congregations after the American manner is an impossibility in this part of China at its present stage; indeed, some of the most successful missionaries discard altogether the preaching to crowds of heathen. Wayside conversation, house-to-house teaching, and receiving at one's own house those who are willing to listen to the gospel, are found to be the best methods. In these women can engage as freely as men, with the advantage of easier access to native homes.

May I ask your sympathy and earnest co-operation in this matter? The men and women I feel sure are among you, and many of them are probably longing to be sent forth. I am in earnest to engage the prayers, the sympathies, and the activities of all. Will you kindly show this letter to any brethren and sisters, earnest mission workers, you know, who will with you devise such plans as will help forward this object? Especially, will you try to enlist their specific prayers for thirty men and women for Shan Tung. The God who has heard the prayers of others in similar cases is our God, and will hear the prayer of faith. But for this trust our hearts had long ago fainted. Some of us here have covenanted to pray for this end, and I feel that I cannot give it up. Let us then have your prayers, and your men and women to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Before casting aside as an impracticable scheme this appeal from the depths of a longing heart, will you lay it seriously before God, seeking His guidance and help?

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2646
DATE :: May 10, 1889
LOCATION :: Memphis, Tennessee
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

House-to-House Visiting

Mrs. Crawford reports: Being anxious to gain such access to the city women as I had in many country towns and villages, I rented a room last January, in the "Water City," about a mile from home. This surprised the people, and many called to learn my reasons for

this unusual movement. The experiment proved sufficiently encouraging to induce me to repeat it in the southeastern part of the main city, with even more satisfactory results. In both neighborhoods old acquaintances whom I had not seen for years visited me and cordially invited me to their houses. Through these and other influences I have been able to prosecute my house-to-house visiting under better conditions than during several years past. My principal and most encouraging work, however, has been, as heretofore, in the towns and villages. The "Stations" in Tung Chow district, which I am working regularly, are Budigo, Buh-wang-shu, Nan-wang-shu, Lan-Kya-Ko, Buh-le-yuen, Wang-Kya-tswang, Jang-li, Mung-Kya, some of them in connection with my husband. Quite as many more, formerly cultivated jointly with Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Crawford, I have given up for want of time and from other causes. Fifty days in the spring and half as many in the autumn were spent in assisting **Miss Moon** in and around Pingtu.

No School

For the last six years I have not had a school, firmly believing that my present mode of teaching is far more wide-reaching, evangelistic, and healthful in its results than the collecting of children in boarding schools. The women and girls are taught by me to read Christian books -- slowly, it must be admitted, and with many drawbacks, but under conditions which cultivate the idea that reading is within the reach of all who will give little snatches of time to it, instead of fostering the parasitic feeling that only those can learn who are taken and supported by foreigners. Dr. Ashmore says truly, as quoted in the November number of the Journal, "Too often these (Mission) schools become settled camps; the army goes into barracks, and is in danger of perpetually becoming occupied with camp work, while the field work has to be put off." I consider it of vital importance to the growth of a healthy Christianity that the people should from the beginning learn that it is possible to become intelligent Christians in their own homes, surrounded by the concomitants of their ordinary Chinese life. The hot-house system may make more converts at first, but it rears an impassable barrier against the masses.

Hundreds of Women Learning

It is impossible to state accurately the number of women and girls who have learned from me more or less of Christian books, but I think I may safely say they will go into the hundreds; their acquirements ranging from a simple prayer to a dozen books. The great aim never lost sight of in any form of labor is the winning of souls to Christ. Of course the great majority of those to whom the gospel is offered never attempt to read.

MISS MOON

Though the year has been one of constant work, it is not of a sort that admits of being tabulated. My time has been unequally divided between the Pingtu and the Tung Chow region. In Pingtu, I have been engaged daily in teaching at my own house or in visiting the homes of others for the purpose of teaching. In addition to work in the city, I have visited a few villages. In one, Sa-ling, where Mr. Pruitt was the pioneer worker, not a little interest has sprung up. Mrs. Crawford and I have had much satisfaction in working there together.

Doubtless Mr. Pruitt will report the reasons that made it seem wise to defer the constitution of a church in that village. The work there seems hopeful. Two women are urgently needed for work in Pingtu.

In the Tung Chow region I have worked among the villages as I have had time. The work is encouraging, but there are needed immediately two women to push it with vigor. In a cluster of villages where three months might have been profitably spent, I could only spare three weeks. A large region of country in which Mrs. Holmes and I formerly worked is now entirely neglected simply for lack of time and of workers.

I have visited Shangtswang once this year. The little band there has been sorely afflicted, having lost three of their number by death. There have also been dissensions among them which have disturbed the harmony of the church and impaired the usefulness of some of the members. The efforts made to bring about a better state of feeling have resulted in only partial success. A small school is kept up in connection with the church.

In conclusion, I would respectfully urge upon the Board an immediate reinforcement of women workers. The work in Pingtu and in the region east and southeast of Tung Chow is suffering very seriously for lack of workers. Numerous promising openings are left untouched simply for lack of missionary force. I look sadly upon work left undone that ought to be done. I dare not go much beyond my strength, for fear of breaking down. I respectfully urge that, after eleven years of work, much of which has been arduous, unaided, alone, and full of physical hardship, I ought to be relieved. I cannot leave until others are here to take up and carry on work already begun. I urge that four women be sent next year for that purpose.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2647
DATE :: May 09, 1890
LOCATION :: Fort Worth, Texas
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MISSES KNIGHT, BARTON, AND THORNTON

Miss Fannie S. Knight has identified her living with **Miss Moon**, in Pingtu; having had occasion, she says, to realize her own words to the board when she was reminded of the hardships she might have to endure: "A woman with a little strength and skill can make even a pigpen comfortable." She describes the people as "loving and social," and hopes to have soon some twenty or more children under her care.

Miss Laura G. Barton prefers to remain in Tung Chow, at least for the present.

Miss Mary J. Thornton, who will be at the Convention, on her way to San Francisco and China, will probably locate in Pingtu with **Misses Moon** and Knight.

MISS MOON

Miss Lottie Moon, our pioneer worker in the Pingtu country, writes:

"We are greatly encouraged by the prospects of the work. There is bitter persecution at Saling, most nobly borne. These things are tests that do us good, calling attention to the Cross."

She adds her plea to that of the Saling church for a resident pastor. Of her own work in Pingtu, **Miss Moon** writes: "My time is so monopolized by men coming in from the country that all aggressive city work is necessarily broken up. I teach such women and children as come; without doing, as formerly, much house to house visiting."

This is very moderate for one of whom it has been said: "She is the greatest man among our missionaries."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2649
DATE :: May 08, 1891
LOCATION :: Birmingham, Alabama
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Dr. Crawford, whose services are voluntary, has engaged in street preaching, and has made tours among villages to the south of the city, accompanied by Brother Bostick. Mrs. Crawford has visited regularly eight villages to the southwest of the city, spending five days in each village at every visit. In the city she finds access to more homes than formerly. In the country there are unmistakable signs of progress, but very few in Tung Chow. There very little interest in the Gospel is evinced, though "the prejudices and hatred of foreigners are not so apparent as in former years." In the spring of last year **Miss Moon** spent six weeks working in the region southeast of the city. Three have been baptized.

Whang Hien

At this station an effort was made to establish something like a reading room to attract the people, as a preaching hall could not be obtained. The attempt, however, was not a success. In the neighboring villages regular services were held, which were attended, however, by few except professors of religion. The people were friendly, and in some places gave earnest attention to the preached word. The report says: "There have been no visible results" During part of the year the missionaries removed to Tung Chow, "to be near a physician." A medical missionary is greatly needed in this interior station, but as yet the board has not succeeded in securing one.

Pingtu

Misses Moon and Knight have worked hopefully and successfully here and in Saling among the women and children. The gentlemen of the mission, Brethren Pruitt, Bostick, and League, have visited this field, and nine have been baptized. "Many are earnest inquirers, and three are applying for baptism." The report speaks of the work of these ladies as "nobly done."

Shangtswang

This point is visited occasionally by the missionaries, but it is "difficult to work it from the other stations." The place needs a local minister. The services are necessarily irregular, and only some ten or twelve professors attend the meetings. As in the rest of our fields the laborers are inadequate for the work. This community is about midway between Whang Hien and Pingtu, and "about one and a half days' journey from either place."

REMARKS OF MISSION

1. Mrs. Crawford reports many persecutions for Christ's sake patiently endured by women whom she had directed to the Savior.
2. A native "religionist," as he is called, accompanied Brethren Pruitt and Bostick, exhorting the people to give heed to the Gospel.
3. The men in the region of Pingtu, where **Miss Moon** and Miss Knight are stationed, have services every Sunday at Saling, and every other Sunday at Pingtu city, besides holding meetings twice a month in another village, ten miles from the city. The journey from Tung Chow to Pingtu takes some seven days. A male missionary should be resident there.
4. At Saling **Miss Moon** was invited to the house of one of the most prominent families who last year were persecutors of the Christians.
5. Mrs. Crawford had occasion to visit the wife of the Chu Fu, the highest officer of the district of ten counties. The praise of Mrs. Crawford is in the lips of all our missionaries.
6. The report of this mission concludes with the remark: "We are much overshadowed in the eyes of the Chinese because we do not have schools and employ a lot of the natives with foreign money. But we think we are right, and will triumph if faithful in working on the lines of the New Testament."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2650

DATE :: May 06, 1892

LOCATION :: Atlanta, Georgia

TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

The Saling Christians send to the Board a crimson silk, several yards in dimension, Elegantly wrought with an appeal for the return to them of **Miss Lottie Moon**, of whom they say: "We thank God that he gave his servants wisdom to choose and send them so good a missionary as **Miss Moon**, whose heart is filled with love like unto that of the Son of God."

RETURNED OR RETIRED

Miss Lottie Moon, who has endured the heat and toil of many continuous years in her field, has yielded at last to the invitations of the Board, and is taking needed rest in this

country. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, constrained by the illness of one of their children, returned to his old home in Georgia, where our brother is doing valuable service for the Master. Rev. G. P. Bostick, after the loss of his wife, greatly lamented, married our missionary, Miss M. J. Thornton. They have retired from the service of the Board. Dr. T. P. Crawford's name, also, will no longer appear on our list of missionaries.

TUNG CHOW AND VICINITY

The people show a growing disposition to hear the gospel. Dr. Crawford has preached in the chapel and taught in the Sunday school. Mrs. Crawford has had the oversight of eight or ten villages, where, spending four to ten days at each visit, she tells the story of Christ, which is repeated among the villagers. When unable to go to the country, our sister visits the women of the city. She has also a class of girls in evangelical training. **Miss Moon**, after establishing the work in Pingtu, returned to Tung Chow, in the neighborhood of which she visited regularly some dozen villages, where she was much encouraged. In Tung Chow she organized a Sunday school class of boys, which has grown to fifty members. Miss Barton has so devoted herself to the language that she now uses it "with considerable ease and accuracy," in working among the women and in conducting and improving the Sunday school organized by **Miss Moon**. Brother Bostick, though not strong, has made several preaching trips, visiting some thirty or forty villages, besides preaching in the chapel at home and teaching in the Sunday school. Mrs. Bostick has given herself mainly to the language, but has made several trips into the country, and has several classes in the city. Brother W. D. King is learning the language "very rapidly." He expects to go to Hwanghein when Brother Pruitt returns to China. The natives conduct services in the chapel in the absence of the missionaries, the attendance on Sunday varying from thirty to seventy persons. "Few outsiders attend the regular preaching service."

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2651
DATE :: May 12, 1893
LOCATION :: Nashville, Tennessee
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MISS FANNIE S. KNIGHT

This brave and devoted missionary has spent much time in Pingtu alone, seeming to have perfect confidence in the protective care of her Father in heaven. She is now fortified by able coworkers. The influence of her life has gradually gained power over the minds and hearts of the people, who hold her in the highest respect and admiration. The work she has done cannot be noted in figures, but when the day of rewards comes she will have a bright crown on her brow. She is a worthy successor, in this field, of our worthy **Miss Moon**, now in this country. Miss Knight reports thus:

Work in Villages and City

This year has found me well and happy and willing to do what little I could for the advancement of the Lord's work. I have made one visit to each of the stations Tung Chow, Hwanghein, also Shang Tswang; several visits to the village of Mintsen, and quite a number to Saling and other villages nearer the city. My work in the city has been

regular prayer meetings with the Christian women and others who are more or less interested in the gospel, and visiting the homes of those heathen women who have desired to hear about the doctrine. I have had a great many visits from women living in the villages in this region, and many have invited me to go into their homes and tell them about the good doctrine. We are hoping to make several other visits to the country villages in this section before the coming of the extreme cold weather.

Greatly Encouraged

In spite of some things which appear to be against us we feel greatly encouraged and very hopeful concerning our work. We believe God's holy spirit is at work here and that some strong Christian characters are being developed.

Grateful Praise

The glad and happy days which have come to me during the year have been many, and in thinking of God's manifold mercies and the blessings with which he has blessed me, and the work which he has given me to do, I delight to say, in the fullness of my heart: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2672

DATE :: May 11, 1894

LOCATION :: Dallas, Texas

TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO THEIR FIELDS

During the conventional year the following missionaries have returned to their fields:

To Africa -- C. C. Newton and wife, and Miss Alberta Newton, December, 1893.

To China -- **Miss Lottie Moon**, Mrs. M. T. Yates, November, 1893.

To Brazil -- W. B. Bagby and wife, December, 1893.

Location

In Hwanghien a mission meeting was held in which it was decided that my location should be in the city of Tung Chow, and the house then occupied by Rev. Dr. Crawford should be my home. Reaching Tung Chow with my family September 5th, by the kindness of Miss Barton, who proved herself a very sister to us all, we made our home with her for a month. September 13th I took charge of the church and, with Miss Barton's cooperation, of the Tung Chow mission work. Since that time I have devoted myself to the care of the church here, making trips to Hwanghien, to Be Keu, to Shang Tswang in Chow Yum, to Tsung Kia, T'oo Woo and Tau T'eu, in all which places we have native Christians. I had the pleasure of attending the Tung-Lai Baptist Association, of which the four churches of our mission are the constituents. The meeting was an excellent one in its spirit and in the influence it left upon the hearts of the delegates and visitors. The welcome I have received from the members of our own mission, and especially from the Chinese

Christians, has been most affecting, some of them being moved to tears, some to prayer and thanksgiving, and some even to shouting. I feel that I have reason for abundant thankfulness to God that he sent me back to this land to effect what I have already seen as the result, directly and indirectly, of my coming. I am happy to believe there have been no unhappy results from the change of pastors in Tung Chow, and that the native Christians of the Monument street church have taken most kindly, to say the least, to their new missionary pastor.

We propose some changes and some enterprises for the coming year that we believe will be profitable.

The work in Tung Chow and vicinity has elements of hopefulness. The congregations at the church are not large, but the Sunday school is hopeful. Miss Barton's class of boys in the school today (January 7th) numbered 65 or 70, and in the whole school we had 125 or 130. This, however, is the best I have seen. The work among the women has been well done. Mrs. Crawford and Miss Barton have evidently labored hard and with very manifest visible results. The women seem the best part of our church.

Mrs. Hartwell does not make any separate report, as her inability to speak the language has prevented her from doing independent work. She has, however, visited Be Keu, Hwanghien, and Shang Tswang, where, through an interpreter, she has made the acquaintance of the Christians and of multitudes of heathen as well, and has won for herself a host of friends by her kindly bearing towards them and her evident Christian interest in their welfare.

We thank the Board for sending to us our Brother and Sister Stephens, who give promise of making valuable missionaries, and **Miss Moon**, whose valuable record for twenty-odd years as a missionary is written in the hearts of the Chinese women in all this region and in our Father's book on high. Send us more men and women, dear brethren, send us more missionaries. Let this cry ring in your ears and in your hearts, in your newspaper articles, in your convention speeches, and especially in your prayers to Almighty God.

In Pingtu

and vicinity the work is reported unusually encouraging. Brethren Dan and Li, of whom **Miss Moon** has so often written, are doing untold good. The first-named brother has become a biscuit peddler that he might go about preaching. In this way many hear the truth who, perhaps, might otherwise not hear it.

Shangtswang

the old North street church, is in a state of activity. It was very touching, indeed, to witness the meeting of these people with their old pastor, Dr. Hartwell, after an absence of nearly twenty years.

Return

Just as we were closing the last page of the history of our mission for 1893, our dearly beloved **Miss Moon** returned to brighten our hopes and cheer our hearts. During her

absence we have learned to love and appreciate her more than ever before, and our united prayers of thanksgiving ascend to God for restoring her health and bringing her back to us in safety. Blessed be his holy name.

ACCESSION NUMBER :: 2653
DATE :: May 10, 1895
LOCATION :: Washington, D.C.
TYPE OF MINUTES :: SBC

Misses Moon and Barton have been indefatigable in their labors. **Miss Moon** has done a great deal of house to house work in the city and in the country villages to the east of Tung Chow. Day after day, month in and month out, she has gone to city homes and country villages telling the story of Jesus and the Way of Life. In all these she has met more than usual encouragement, and now feels prepared to devote many more months and years to similar service for Christ. She has visited Pingtu twice during the year, and both visits have been attended with marked blessing from God. Her visits to Pingtu and La Sing are always a benediction. Under God's favor, it is to her labors and those of Brother Pruitt that the church there owes its origin and the members, male and female, look up to her with a filial regard. Miss Barton has labored no less sedulously in her fields in the city; southwest of the city and in the Pe Ken region to the west of Tung Chow, where Mrs. Crawford used to labor so devotedly. Her labors have been blessed of the Lord, and several of the women baptized in Tung Chow are the fruits of her labors, or of hers and Mrs. Crawford's efforts combined. She left us for America, on leave of absence, on account of her health, early in December. It is hoped she will send to the Board from her temporary home in Louisville, Ky., her personal report for the year. We shall long to see her back in China, just as soon as the condition of her health will justify her return.

Rev. C W. Pruitt has been a most faithful, prompt, accommodating and accurate treasurer. His report as treasurer, already forwarded, we regard a model of simplicity, clearness and accuracy, and we hope he may be continued in this office indefinitely.

The mission has held its regular quarterly meeting at which both routine and special business have been transacted. At our first missionary meeting for the year a committee was appointed to make a vigorous appeal to the Board and to the churches for large reinforcements in Shantung. The appeal was sent dated February 1st. To us who see and groan under the appalling demands of the field, the appeal seemed not only vigorous and convincing, but irresistible. Judge of our disappointment, that no more notice has been taken of it, so far as we have heard or seen in the denominational papers.

The perishing heathen cry out to us, and our hearts cry out to the churches, but the response for which we look does not come, in the shape of men and women for work. "Why, oh! why? When, oh! when?" we are constrained often to cry out. Cannot you send us help?

In accordance with the expressed wish of the Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt opened, at the beginning of Chinese year, a school for the sons, and Mrs. Hartwell, in the middle of the Chinese Fourth Moon, a school for the daughters of our Baptist Christians. Both schools have been conducted on principles of strict economy, and with constant regard to the highest interests, physical, intellectual and spiritual, of the pupils.

The principals in both school are highly gratified with the work done by both teachers and pupils and request that the schools may be continued. We are gratified by receiving letters from friends in America who are willing to help support these schools by special contributions through the Board.

We pray that the rich blessings of God may be upon the Board, and upon the Southern Baptist Convention in its approaching session.

REPORT OF MISS LOTTIE MOON

As for many years, my work has been somewhat unequally divided between the Tung Chow and Hwang Hien regions, but with the difference that, whereas formerly the greater part of the year was spent at Pingtu, and only a brief time at Tung Chow, during the year just closed the reverse has been true. With the exception of about two months and a half, my time has been given to work in Tung Chow and the neighboring villages. In the city, where I had not visited for several years, I was delighted to find a marked change in the people. In many homes where Mrs. Crawford had labored so faithfully for years, I have been received most cordially and, in some, the message I bore was heard with earnest attention. My chief work, however, has been in the villages in the Tung Chow region. Within easy reach of my home there are probably as many as one hundred and thirty villages, in most of which the missionary meets a kindly welcome. I set out with the purpose to visit all of these, but time has been lacking. It was necessary to give special attention to village work on the Lung-san-tien region, distance from Tung Chow about fifteen miles. To some of those villages I went twice during the year, spending usually several days at each village, making the village at which I was temporarily staying the centre from which to reach the surrounding country. During the year I have visited, in the Tung Chow and Pingtu regions, over one hundred and forty villages. In the Tung Chow region the friendly spirit of the people has filled me with hope that their hearts will yet open to receive the message of grace. Since the war with Japan there has been a very marked increase of friendliness. As I went, week after week, to stay in villages adjacent to each other, I found that my visits were eagerly looked for as a proof of security to the people. It was a new role, and one altogether very agreeable, to be looked upon as the protector of the people, and it was pleasant to find that my going among them as regarded as a welcome proof that there was no danger.

(A Mandarin actually put out a proclamation in Tung Chow in which he told the people that the Missionaries were still there and that therefore they need not be afraid!)

In Pingtu the work has been a delight, even more than of old, in the fact that all responsibility about it had been transferred to the broad shoulders of missionary brethren living in Pingtu city. I could work with a sense of absolute freedom from anxiety lest something should be done or left undone which would mar the work. The prospect in that region is most hopeful. Inquiries multiply in all directions. I have been filled with wonder and joy in hearing of the dying testimony of saints who have gone home to Heaven, "rejoicing in hope of the glory of God." The Christians are earnest, active and aggressive. The close of the year found me at Jiang Chia-keo, a village about ten miles from Pingtu

city, where the labors of our Brother Sears have been remarkably blessed. The work there reminded me much of that at Saling, in the early days. There were whole families desiring instruction, and it was a joy to go from house to house to teach the women and children. Inquiries came constantly from neighboring villages. On one Sunday as many as seventy were present at the morning service, which was conducted by a young brother recently baptized. The brethren there are full of zeal and enthusiasm. I take the liberty of seconding Brother Sears' earnest plea for two single women for Pingtu. The interest of the work there imperatively demands that they shall be sent out as soon as possible. It makes one's heart ache to see so many open doors with none to enter. All over the vast field which our mission has undertaken are the elect of God waiting to be sought and brought into the fold. We cannot possibly overtake the work with our present force. We ought to have prompt and large reinforcement to meet the present needs of the work.