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### Correspondence - Attie Bostick - Feb. 15, 1932

Attie T. Bostick

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Copy to keep in making  
our programme for next  
year  
Kweitch, Honan, China,  
Feb. 15, 1952.

Regular work among the women in this and the surrounding country began about twenty four years ago when Mrs. Townshend moved here and as Mr Napier so aptly put it at a Mission Meeting several years ago, went "fifty fifty" with her husband in the work of winning souls to Christ. Mrs. League had visited here with her husband from Taitan Shantung. Mrs. Tedder came with her husband and a small baby and lived a short while, and Mrs. Blacklock came up for a visit from Pechow, but the first woman to come and stay was Mrs. Townshend.

She was very ill with a stroke the second year after coming and was a shut-in for nigh nine months. Four years later he came down with a bad case of small-pox, no physician near and no English speaking friend near to comfort or advise with her, but she cried unto The Great Physician and was heard in both instances. Both these "sufferings", coupled with their own example and belief in prayer have had a wonderful influence in the lives of the women and men who have come to know Jesus through their preaching and example.

For years the women have met each Wed. at eleven for prayer and study of God's word, and more than one missionary attending these meetings, has come away feeling her strength has been renewed by listening to these unlettered women pour out their hearts to God.

We had a very thriving Sunbeam Band as well as Royal Ambassadors while our schools were running, and these young people hid many verses of scripture away in their hearts that will yet bring forth fruit when brought again to their minds by the Holy Spirit's power.

Our one missionary society is not yet a year old. It was organized last July. We had an average of \$4.21 and contributed seven dollars in those six months. But our women had been working, without any organization. Many of the country women would put a little bread in their baskets and with hymn book and Bible, go to the neighboring villages and witness to the women of Christ's love. We have never had a regular Bible School for our women but many of them have persevered and learned to read. For several years we have met each Friday to help any who desired to study and then to witness to the outsiders who would stop in our street chapel.

We had the Big Fair which is held at a nearby temple the first week of Chinese Year, last week and quite a number of our women went the three days and helped in giving out tracts and witnessing to the large numbers who attended. Many young girls and boys are attending our Sunday School now and by the eye of faith we see in them the leaders in our work in the years to come. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest ~~so~~ that He will send forth laborers into the harvest". There is a Bible woman helping now, but most of the years there has been no specially paid woman for the work. We do yearn for more leaders for the work among the women and children and ask that our friends join us in this prayer.

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P.S. We have ten out stations where you will usually find as many women,

if not more than the men in attendance at the services. Some of these walk thirty miles to come here when we have a central meeting for all.

A. T. B.