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Annual Report of The Evangelistic Committee of the Interior Mission.

From Chengchow comes the short, but interesting report: "We are rejoicing in the country work for the spirit of revival that is at work in four of the outstations and are praying for the fire to spread and increase and cover the field. Our special prayer this spring is for the churches in the south country that seem to be dead. There is much untouched territory and the laborers are few".

This might very well be said of our four main and all the out stations connected with them. We recall a New Year Greeting from one of the evangelistic workers at Chengchow worded somewhat like this: "We had the happiest Christmas ever in an out station seeing souls saved".

Special spiritual leaders have held meetings in all four of our main stations, and the Spirit worked "beginning in the house of God", showing church members their sins and the need of confessing and making right sins they had harbored in their lives. We feel this is the greatest work in our midst during the past year, and praise God for this. The natural result follows and sinners have been converted.

We were very thankful to have Mr. Wong Ming Dao with us in our united Associational Meeting in Kaifeng last June, and look forward, hoping for great spiritual blessings to come from his meeting with us again next June.

Miss Murry and Pastor Fan did a good work in the autumn Big Meeting in the two churches at Pochow, and the Spirit blessed their faithful giving of God's word at each meeting - and conviction still goes on, for which we thank God. Every hand was kept very busy during the spring months in Family Relief, and we were grateful for the help of Brother Lowe of our own Mission from Tsingtao and Mr. Dickinson of the Lutheran Mission, twenty miles from us, during the last and most trying weeks.

There are some six tents in the Pochow fields, and they were used some in new places, and some in old places last fall, even up till it snowed. Good interest was reported, many giving their names as willing to take down idols and wanting to believe. These tents have been pitched again this spring and the attending evangelists, with Miss Barratt, report great interest. The same condition as in the south country at Chengchow - cold and indifferent church members - need a revival themselves, in many cases really need to be born again, we fear. Pray that His Spirit may breathe into these "dry bones" Life from Him. *79 Baptisms in all.*

Another evangelistic agency in our midst, is The Shih Yu Bible Institute for women and girls, with Miss Josephine Ward as Principal and Miss Sadie Lawton, Assistant, with Mrs. Gillaspie also giving valuable help. They have had some special revival services in their midst since we last met, and many claim re-birth and some special blessing of the Holy Spirit. We often pray that those who are there studying may "hide His word" in their hearts in such a way as to go back to their own communities and be earnest living witnesses of His love and saving grace.

Still another agency in this work is our Bible School for men and boys at Changshih, under Pastor Chao and Miss Minnie Alexander. In a very good report from Pastor Chao we find this: "Each day from Monday to Friday we have our classes from nine to twelve in the mornings, and from half past one to three in the after noons, and then all of us go out in bands and visit the surrounding villages. Miss Alexander goes out to these villages within five Chinese li to preach every day, even though in bad weather". Thus our students have the practicing of what they learn each day. He also writes: "I am happy to say that four or five of the students go out on Sundays to lead worship while the others teach classes in Sunday School. They also lead the morning worship in turns. Let us constantly bear these two Schools up in our prayers."

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Kweichow and Pochow are still without Chinese Pastors. Shall we not make this an object of special prayer every day till He hears and brings out those suitable for such? Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His vine harvest.

*At the T. B. Society
Miss J. Barratt.*

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