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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Paotingfu Bugle has sounded its own taps. There are too many bugles in China, and too many are "tooting their own horns". We have decided it doesn't pay. Hence the new paper and a new policy. Instead of more "Bugling" the staff has adopted the purpose of promoting harmony. Confucius said, "When music and courtesy are better understood and appreciated, there will be no war". We do not pose as musicians but we are convinced that there is great need of more harmony in China, and we believe that Chimes are more needed than Bugles. We also believe that when there is better understanding and more appreciation between the Occident and the Orient there will be less likelihood of another world war. We were glad to learn that some of you liked the Bugle, we hope you all will enjoy the Chimes.

NO CROSS WORDS.

Desiring our paper to be quite up to date we considered the feasibility of a Cross-Word-Puzzle Department, but came to the conclusion that there have been more than a plenty of "Cross Words" in China recently. The uncomplimentary remarks that have been handed around here during the last few months convince one that Confucius was right in classifying courtesy as one of the great peace-makers. Christians and Anti-Christians, Students and Capitalists, Missionaries and Businessmen are some of the combinations that have been trying to outdo each other in "calling names". Fortunately, "word wars", which are very common in China, are less fatal than are wars in some other countries so most of the com-

batants are still alive. But how long young China will be content to limit her wars to this kind of a weapon we do not assume to know. We vote for fewer "Cross Words" and refrain from a Puzzle Department.

WEATHERING THE STORM.

The good ship "Missionary Enterprise in China" had just passed through a storm that tested her timbers to the limit. There were such creaks and groans and knocks and bumps that to some on board it seemed as if the end were near. While the "ship" seems to have been badly injured in some places, so that schools and hospitals are not opening this fall, we have not suffered in that respect. Of course the fact that we are Americans instead of British has made much difference in our work but we believe that our having Chinese in places of leadership more than some other missions has helped in keeping our part of the ship in control and free from grave danger. The ship may not be run just as we would prefer, but we are convinced it's course must be largely in the hands of Chinese if it is to weather the storms of the future.

BATH TUBS OR MACHINE GUNS?

When some good friends in the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn gave us a Christmas present last year they probably never thought that by so doing they would cause the militarists of China to get after us but such was the case. We invested the Christmas present in a real American bath tub, and some other bath room equipment. It so happened that the articles arrived in Paotingfu just when anti-foreign feeling was at its height last June. Rumor was rife and any report was almost certain to be believed by some one. When a cart loaded down with heavy boxes and iron pipe was seen coming into our compound, Dame Rumor reported that we were bringing in machine guns. Immediately an army officer was sent to investigate, but all he could find was our bathroom furniture. We are not sure that he ever saw an American bath tub before for so far as we know this is the first one to be installed in the South Suburb of Paotingfu, but at any rate he was convinced that it wasn't a machine gun.

We are inclined to think that this country would be much better off if a good share of the money that now goes for machine guns and such collateral could be spent for bath tubs and the like. Our bath tub has certainly been a great addition to our home and altho we may be branded as capitalists for possessing such a "luxury" we wouldn't exchange it for the best machine gun that can be found in China.

THE STUDENT SITUATION IN PAOTINGFU.

One of the things that surprised us when we returned to our

station last March was the way schools had progressed while we were away. In spite of war, flood and chaos during our absence two new middle schools had been opened and the number of students in the old schools had greatly increased. Altho the University was without a president for several months last year the teachers organized an Executive Committee among themselves and carried on without salaries till a new president was appointed and financial aid was secured. This year another new middle school has been established in the city.

All the schools were disturbed last spring by the Patriotic Movement but the speech making and demonstrations were conducted in an orderly manner and most of the schools were able to complete the year's work. The Student Union has had its representatives in the city all summer holding meetings, raising money for the Shanghai strikers and pushing a boycott on British goods but unless something unforeseen takes place we expect the present year to be a profitable and peaceful one.

A SUMMER IN A CEMETERY.

While a cemetery may not sound like a desirable place to spend a summer, we have just had a very pleasant vacation in the Western Tombs Reserve where are interred some of Chinese most famous Emperors. To be sure it is a large tract so we were several miles from the Tombs and while they are down on the plains, we were about 2000 feet above sea level.

Because of the sacredness of the place, at first we could neither purchase nor rent land. It was loaned to us. Later Gen. Feng Yu Hsiang rented a hilltop for us and we have been paying the rent in his name. At present the government desires to sell the land so we do not know how long our lease will hold good.

While the other hills are denuded of trees we have a young forest growing up around us composed of maple, oak, beech, basswood and many other varieties, the names of which we do not know. Beautiful wild flowers bloom throughout the summer, and in their season wild plums, grapes and raspberries are available for delicious jams, jellies and juices.

The broad plain which stretches away to the East and South with the numerous ranges and ridges of mountains to the North and West make our little Hilltop the most beautiful place we have seen in China. (We ought add, however, that we have not traveled very extensively in this great land). The clear mountain streams provide fine bathing pools and in the nearby mountains there are places of interest for those of us who like to hike.

Beautiful butterflies, bugs, beetles, cicadas, crickets, worms, lizards, spiders and moths inhabit the place in great numbers but seldom did we see a snake and so far as we know the few that are there are not poisonous. The Cub_Reporter made quite a collection of moths and butterflies and has some cocoons which he is going to watch for future developments. The nearness to nature with its many interesting lessons, makes this place a very desirable place to get away from ones work and worries. We did miss the fellowship with friends from other places, which we get at the seashore, but we gained an inspiration from the beauty and quietness of the place which will be with us all the months until vacation comes again.

PAOTINGFU Y. M. C. A.

Several years ago Dr. Sherwood Eddy raised in America money for a Y. M. C. A. building in Paotingfu as a memorial to his classmate, Horace Tracy Pitkin, who lost his life here Boxer Year. That building is now nearing completion and altho the work of the Association has suffered badly these last two years, a new foreign secretary, Mark H. Wheeler, has arrived to take charge of the work in the new building and it is hoped the "Y" in Paotingfu may come to have a new lease of life and influence in this city. Among the features that are being planned are moving pictures, a modern barber shop and a sanitary restaurant which will serve both foreign and Chinese food.

DARTMOUTH-IN-CHINA.

When Eleazar Wheelock founded his Charity School for Indians, which developed into Dartmouth College, he bridged the gap between two races. It seems fitting, therefore, that this college, of which Daniel Webster once said, "It is a small college, and yet there are those that love it", should today have a share in bringing the gap between two races which are separated by the Pacific Ocean.

The Dartmouth Christian Association has been raising money for our Paotingfu educational work for three years in which time the yearly contribution has grown from \$300.00 to \$1750.00. Our Boys' Junior Middle School is to-day in a thriving condition, due partly to Dartmouth's help and partly the splendid leadership of the principal, Mr. Yang Chi Tsung. The enrollment this year is 240 and altho a new dormitory was built last year we have had to rent rooms outside the compound and have turned away many that applied for admission. If Dartmouth decides to help develop a Senior Middle School here, she will find the foundation well laid and much promising material waiting to be used and in such a school the spirit of Wheelock would be fittingly exemplified.

THE EDITOR'S NEW JOB.

When we reached China last March the Editor learned that he had been transferred to a new job. He had been assigned to Student Work in connection with the local Y. M. C. A. It so happened that about that time the Government University wanted part or full time of an American to teach English. The Editor consented to teach 10 hours a week, thinking that by doing so he would have a natural contact with the faculty and students of the University and incidentally his position as "Professor of English" in the highest educational institution of the city would somewhat enhance his status in the minds of students in other institutions where he hoped to have Bible classes. The experiment proved a real success. Besides friendships formed with members of the faculty of the University, the Editor had three volunteer Bible classes among the students of that institution and several others in other schools. In one school he had two classes, one of 25 members and one of 40.

The Editor has been asked to continue his English work at the University and if the Mission and Board grant the permission, he will teach 6 hours a week there. The University has over 600 students now and on the faculty are 36 men who have studies abroad, mostly in America. The dean is a Christian with a Doctor's degree from Columbia and it is largely thru his influence that some very fine men have been added to the faculty this year. Who wouldn't enjoy working with such a group at a time when young China is inclined to superficial thinking along radical lines? The discussions we had last spring in our Bible class were about Socialism, Imperialism, Bolshivism, Militarism, Race Contacts and other kindred subjects. It was a real joy to have the opportunity of presenting the Christian solution of the world's problems and I believe the students were deeply interested. Some of them have come already asking the Editor to start their Bible classes again. In spite of the last few months there is much to lead one to believe that Student Work in Paotingfu is by no means a thing of the past.

LITTLE BIT.

The only member of our staff not connected with the "Bugle" is our Treasure - Elizabeth A. When that name was bestowed upon her by her parents they were quite aware that some day she would probably be dubbed "Lizzie", "Betty", or some other nickname commonly used for Elizabeth. So far she has escaped the names that were expected and the only one that is at all used is an original one that she had bestowed on her last spring in Peking. On our way back from America we stopped at the Crosses and their son "Chucky" found "Elizabeth" rather difficult to pronounce. The nearest he could come to it was "Little Bit", and it seemed so appropriate that the family has accepted it as one of its possessions, tho it is used only on special occasions.

Those of you who saw our Treasure as a babe in arms would hardly recognize her now as she runs about out doors and in, talking both Chinese and English. Already she has assumed her duties of establishing friendly relations between the white and yellow races for her "smile that won't come off" is bestowed on all alike. She is also doing her share of promoting harmony and has quite a repertoire which she has picked up here and there. "Seep, baby, seep, Mother shake tree" is one of her favorites.

Of course she thinks she can do anything her brothers do and altho they treat her rather roughly at times she takes it well. They brought back from America some rather choice slang phrases and the Treasure has already learned how and when to use some of them, the most common of which is "Oh Boy!"

CLASSIFIED ADS ETC.

Wanted Ideas!! The busy manager has resumed supervision of some industrial work for Chinese girls and women and is searching diligently for ideas in handwork. The markets cry "Give us something new and up-to-date". What? If any of our readers have marketable ideas they would be most gratefully received. In the meantime donations of embroidery patterns for napkins, pillow slips, centerpieces etc. would be acceptable.

For Sale. Tatting, men's and women's handkerchieves-linen or pongee, plain hemstitched or embroidered. Men's size 75 cents, women's 50 and 55 cents. Somewhat cheaper in quantities. Tatting samples and price lists sent on requests.

Wanted. Some suitable toys for a poor 3 year old Chinese boy who faces the prospect of some months, perhaps years, in a plaster cast. He is to live at home, outdoors as much as possible, and to be kept clean and happy. Who wants to help him? Note: I have yet to see a Chinese who is not fascinated by a "Mama Doll".

Card of Thanks. The Staff of this paper wishes to extend thanks to all the friends in America who were so kind during the furlough year. For the Fords in which we drove, For the Home where we abode,
For the Friendly Gifts of Love, We Thank You.

We daily rejoice in the possession of a piano made possible by gifts from many different friends. As it was shipped to China some months before we sailed and we heard nothing of it from the time it left the dock in San Pedro our Friends may know how delighted we were to find it as a welcome to Paotingfu when we arrived in March. The case is not too handsome but our musical friends say that the tone is unusually fine and that all the works are in splendid condition.

Probably the coolie is the only member of the household who does not delight in the new bath tub. For whereas in the old days of a

tin tub on the floor the Cub-Reporter and Sport Editor had to be urged and encouraged to daily ablutions they now ask, "Can't I have my bath early today?" and the youngest member of the staff wants a bath in the big tub almost every time she sees it. Hence tho the coolie does not have to take the water away, as he did formerly, he does have to carry more upstairs and may be more inclined to grumble a little that the house is too clean.

Wanted to Hire. Energetic members of Women's Societies to sell articles made by Chinese girls and women in our "Kung Ch'ang (Industrial School). Payment - a share in providing a bit of education, religious instruction and livelihood to 30 to 40 people. Profits of the industry are used to pay the salary of our most efficient Bible Woman and employ a Chinese nurse who not only looks after the health of these women and girls but also of some 400 pupils in our Mission schools.