

Yocum, Hunan,

Feb. 13, 1911.

Dr. A. R. Bartholomew

Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions,
Phila., Pa.

Dear Dr. Bartholomew:-

At a meeting of the Executive Com.
held the latter part of December to
consider the Shenchow Girls' School
problem upon the resignation of Miss
Spangler I was asked to write you a
few lines.

The Shenchow station requested some
action. No solution or suggestion was im-
posed in the request. A personal letter
however from Miss Spangler expressed
the hope that Miss Nanne would be
sent to take her place.

You have no doubt received the de-
cision of the Executive Committee with
regard to the matter and I am sorry that
illness caused the delay of this letter.

The matter was thoughtfully and prayer-
fully considered and the Com. could not
see the wisdom of decreasing the force

of the Yechon Girls' School at this time.
Both schools have had obstacles to over-
come. The chief obstacle in Stenchon
seems to have been in finding teachers to
remain in the work. In Yechon lack
of a proper building. Our need has been
supplied and we were in the midst
of making preparations to open school
such as we have longed for years ago.

Work on a ^{school} Catalogue, school furnishings
details and problems too numerous to
mention demanded our attention. It
seemed to us that the necessity for two
workers at this time was in Yechon.
The teaching alone requires the
services of two foreign teachers.

Please too we realize that Miss
Messimer should give her first year
or two principally to language study.

Unfortunately, on account of Hunan
riots her first year's study was
interrupted by journeys back and
forth.

According to Miss Messimer's own
statements, she never made special

preparation for teaching and thought
of Evangelistic work when she applied.
The fact may not have been made
clear to the Board and I am not
discussing her ability as a teacher.
She may do splendid work along that
line. I mention this as another fact
which influenced our decision to close
the school until a teacher be sent to
take Miss Spangler's place.

We do sympathize with them and long
to help out but we too must be patient
have faith and continue in prayer
for needs to be supplied.

Our Yechon force has not been on
the increase and we sadly feel
the loss and lack of influence of
former workers. If Mr. Cumst for
instance could only see as we do
the result and future need of his
influence upon some lives which
he touched he would not have the
heart to think of changing his line
of work. He has been a power in the

evangelistic department. Every worker on
that field realizes it, more that he is
born on furlough even more if possible,
than before.

The opening of the Girls' School will
take place next week. I will write and
tell you all about it also enclose in-
vitation and catalogue immediately
after the event. The finishing of the
building was slower than we expected.
The Chapel at the Port is about finished
too.

I enjoyed the arrival of Dr. and Mrs.
Wells and Miss Kahn. I can trust I
miss Kahn. Notwithstanding the fact
that I was not yet allowed out of bed. I
heard from her from Changteh. She was
still happy notwithstanding the fact
that she had to shift her bed crosswise on
the house boat on account of a leaking
roof.

Please give Mrs. Bartholomew the en-
closed I misplaced your new address.

Most Sincerely,
S. Emma Ziemer.

Yochow, March 20, 1911.
Dr. A. P. Bartholomew:-

I am sending herewith an account of the opening of our new building.

Under separate cover a few invitations and catalogues.

I am preparing the list of assignment of pupils. It will be ready in a day or two.

At present nothing Mrs. Best is growing stronger. I am well again Miss Kanne and I are so very happy in our new building.

I will write a longer letter when I send the list of pupils.

Most Sincerely,

S. Emma Giesner

Yochow, Sept. 25 1911.
To the Board of Foreign Missions in the United States of
America,

Dear Friends:-

Aside from actual teaching in school many other duties devolve upon the teacher in China. There are household duties and the cares of a large family. There are helpers - the cook, the woman who scrubs the floors, the gardener, ^{the water cooler}, who need general oversight. There are daily accounts to be kept in the boarding department as well as department accounts of monies received and expended.

The children never learn cleanliness in their own homes. The best of them usually need close attention in order to make them clean and comfortable.

In the great aim of all our work we strive to teach them of a loving Savior and urge the practice of gospel lessons in daily life.

The study of Chinese Language can never be laid aside. As the study of Chinese Language can never be laid aside. As time permits a part of each day is devoted to it.

I have taken my share of the above mentioned work. With my faithful Co-workers we share many of the responsibilities and thank God for the privilege of being here and for the joy of service. In addition to school work I have had a share in Sunday School work and in the Evangelistic work among women.

During Chinese New Year an enforced season of rest was thrust upon me because of illness. I want to express to Dr. Adams and Miss Traub my sincere thanks for their kind and efficient services during that time.

Thanking you for your prayers and interests in behalf of the Yochow City Girls' School

I am Most Sincerely
S. Emma Guernsey

Yichow, Hunan, Sept. 25, 1911.

To the Board of Foreign Missions in the United States of America,
Dear Friends:—

In looking back over another year we must acknowledge with grateful hearts his manifold blessings upon us.

Among many others we note especially the erection of the Recitation Hall of our school buildings which amply supplies our present needs.

We wish to express to Rev. J. J. Reimert our sincere thanks for his faithful services in purchasing land and building materials. To Rev. Paul Keller for his willing and puncturing labors in the erection of the building and to Dr. Adams for his assistance.

The building was completed for occupancy after Chinese New Year, February 1911. Sixteen new pupils were added during the year, making a total of thirty-four on roll. Through change of residence marriage and other causes a number of pupils were dropped.

The number on roll in June, 1911 was twenty-two. If pupils were admitted to day on same conditions of a few years ago, the building would be full to overflowing, thus showing a change of attitude toward the education of girls in China.

Since opening school in our new building we have endeavored to raise the standard and feel much encouraged. We have received pupils from several families of officials rank who willingly pay the required fee. We have every reason to believe that with our new quarters the number of pupils will gradually increase.

At the close of school in June there were four applicants for baptism. The Christian Endeavor organization in our school is a great aid to the spiritual life of our girls.

We have joined the union of the Central China Christian Educational Union, because we believe there are many benefits to be derived from such a union.

Thanking the Board for their hearty co-operation and all the friends in the homeland who have had a share in making possible the erection of our new building I am most sincerely,

S. Emma Gikner.