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Attention is called to paragraph 191 on page 52 of the Rules and Regulations of the Society (Part II, 1912 edition), which enacts that Annual Letters (dealing with the year ending SEPTEMBER 30) should be posted not later than NOVEMBER 30. You are asked to conform to this Rule, and not to wait until your statistics (to DECEMBER 31) are made up.

The purpose of an Annual Letter is to give the Parent Committee a general view of the work accomplished by the missionary during the year. But matters of detail which are interesting or important should be included, as well as references to outside events which have any considerable influence upon the missionary enterprise. It will be helpful if you will begin your letter by indicating as briefly as possible (a) the sphere in which you work; (b) the department of work in which you have taken part during the year. Also (1) when any of the work referred to in the course of your letter is new please indicate the fact plainly, and in the case of a new station or out-station state where it is situated; (2) kindly make it clear whether the work to which you are referring is done in connexion with a church council or other church organization.

Missionaries engaged in Literary Work are asked to give in tabular form a clear list of the translation and revision work, etc., (A) in which they have been occupied, (B) which they have completed during the year. Those who edit papers or magazines should state the facts.

All native names should be written in English capital letters, and nothing beyond paragraph headings should appear in the margin. Please state if any part of your letter is not for publication.

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1st Year's work

Arrived in "HONG KONG" on August 15th 1920 to be with Miss Barber at the "Potterium Foundling Home" (late German Institution), where most of my time was devoted to the "language". During the first few months I assisted in the work by giving the children English & Drillin' & conducting the "House work". Gradually the numbers decreased, owing to Xhian people adopting the younger ones, and Xhian husbands were found for the older ones.

Much earnest prayer is needed for each one, that they may not forget all the Christian training they have enjoyed for many years, & be found faithful in passing on the "Good News" to others.

On September 13th 1921 I passed my first year's "Examination" & felt humbly thankful to God for His faithfulness in undertaking all the way, & it is with renewed courage on faces the Second year's Study.

On September 16th 1921 C.M.S. Conference transferred me to "KOWLOON CITY" to assist Miss Storr during Miss Hollio's absence on furlough.

I was very much impressed with the many bright and intelligent looking girls among the 140 odd inmates of the "Home", one could not help thinking, what untold possibilities there are here, as one by one they come forward & take a Christian stand, imbued with an earnest desire to win their own people for Christ Jesus.

Education: One is immediately struck with the magnificent "Educational" work throughout "Hong Kong", its splendid "University" in times past for boys only, but now opened to "girls" with neighbouring "Hostel" controlled by C.M.S. whose

influence must ever inspire the promising youth
of this wonderful land of China, to aim for the
highest ideals, which alone are found in Christ-
"Bible" & "Gospel" Colleges controlled by C.M.S. & other Societies;
+ the Bi-lingual Schools scattered throughout Hong Kong, +
Newtown & many other centres;
It is deeply inspired with this branch of the work, C.M.S.
is responsible for, for in almost every instance, these
"Schools" are in the Centre of a large heathen population,
& the influence for good must be of a far-reaching
character.

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Impression
After a quick survey of the Chinese area here, "HONG KONG",
one concludes that the "Home-life" of the majority of these
hardy, interesting people, is spent in the streets.
It is in the "Streets" where "meals" are eaten, in family
after family, in happy groups, with "Chopsticks" + various
sitting on "footpaths", gutters, in wood-side, quite unconcerned
of the "bade share" of the "poor-by".
Here the "mother's" "teatime" with "porridge" & "eggs" publicly
discarded, & no attempt made to "hide" "deals" as they feel
free.
It is the "playground" & "turnover", the "nurses" very often no
bigger than their little "Charge" - up + their back.
Then we again see the "laundry", each balcony
displaying by long "bamboo poles" unceasing with "Cats", "Pansies"
etc., representing the family washing, & ornamenting the streets.

The "women" + "children" call for much pity, especially the
former, for not only are they the "Child-bearers", but the
"burden-bearers", "walking" equally as hard on the "neer", &
in many instances "hand".
Very frequently are women to be seen carrying loads of "earth"
"stones" etc., & "breasting" stones, with babies on their backs,
their smaller children playing by their side, + others both
boys + girls, of tender years, taking their part in the "stone-breaking"
line. It makes one's heart ache to see this vast number of
human - "Cats" - under "hammer", young + old, man, woman,
+ child, straining + toiling under heavy loads, only fit
for beasts of burden.

This alone, apart from Christianity, is a tremendous appeal
to all who have realized + experienced the meaning of
"brotherhood", but especially in the responsibility of
those who have sworn allegiance to Him who said
"Bear ye one another's burdens, & so fulfil the law of Christ"

During my short term here I have been to three (3)
Schools & visited many "heathen homes" in
"Newtown City", in company with the "Bible Women".
The latter is most judicious, after the usual
invitation to be seated + "talked" to, the "Bible-
woman" starts with the "Gospel message", the
women gather around, each one busy with
some "household" duty, for time is too precious to sit
with idle hands.
One always watching, the faces brighten & the hands
shackling in their work, as the message becomes more
clear, + then follow the quietest of questions and
answers, of those who have grasped the meaning.
How are you for these heathen women, that they
may experience the fulfilment of the promise, "The entrance
of Thy word giveth light".
The very interesting group, which left a deep impression
on my mind that, a woman plucking a pigeon for
the evening meal another chopping up the pig's food,
one mending clothes, (already so wonderfully patched
that one wondered which was the "patch" & which the
original coat!) here a woman enjoying her pipe, & on
the earth for babies' ducks, & flogs mixed up
together.