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WORK IN CHINA

Rescue of Abandoned Children.

Miss Nellie Smith, of the Church Missionary Society, who is stationed at Limchow Fu an ancient walled city, 18 miles from the seaport of Pakhoi, was a passenger on board the Arafura, which arrived in Brisbane from Eastern ports yesterday. Miss Smith spent five years in China, her duties being educational and evangelical. She referred to many stirring incidents where mothers were forced by poverty to abandon their baby girls. The main danger was that their fate would ultimately be to be devoured by dogs or pigs, or picked up by women of questionable repute who trained them for evil lives, or else brought them up as slaves. The workers of the Church Mission Society, when they found these children, took them in, gave them a Christian education, and, when old enough, made them workers amongst their own people with an incentive to make life worth living. Miss Smith intends spending her furlough in Sydney with relatives, prior to returning to the mission field next year.