

occasions I have invited them to come to my help, but I've never before had them order their men to come to me. So you see we have still got some in China who appreciate us." In conclusion Miss Cooper asks special prayer for Anhsien. "Next year five out of the six missionaries working there are leaving for furlough. I alone am left. But they will not leave me alone here. It is against all West China rules and regulations. What will happen to Anhsien remains to be seen."

**Miss N. Smith** (N.S.W.), Lim Chau, via Pakhoi.—We left Hong Kong on the 19th for Lim Chau and were met by Mr. Blanchett on a motor launch. As the strike was on we had to help unload our own baggage. We have found much to discourage us, and on the other hand much to encourage. The C.M.S. School is closed owing to the Bolshevist influences; pupils have been asked to repudiate the Christian doctrine. Here in Lim Chau no one is allowed to enter the middle school without doing so. One very bright, keen youth recently baptised applied for admission owing to the closing down of the Pakhoi School. Because he refused to deny Jesus Christ he was not allowed to enter. In St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, there was recently held an ordination service, two priests and one deacon being ordained. **Please pray for them.** Our Pastor says it is exceedingly difficult for we Pastors during these troublous times.

**Miss E. Anderson** (N.S.W.), Berega, Tanganyika.—After a good trip up the coast I reached Dar es Salaam on 21st September and proceeded to Berega, where we arrived on the 30th. I have spent most of my time since my arrival yesterday, shaking hands with the population. As there was a Christian wedding at the station, every one in the district seemed to be there. I now know what the Prince of Wales felt like. I have settled down to learn the language and will start the Boarding School as soon as possible.

**Miss Thelma Claydon** (N.S.W.), India, has been successful in passing her first Urdu examination. She has been temporarily transferred to Tarn Taran till February, 1927. The experience gained in the village work will be most helpful to her in the future. The Rev. E. Claydon, her brother, has been appointed to Dera Ismail Khan, and reached Lahore on the 15th October.

**Miss W. Foy** (N.S.W.), Kaloleni, Kenya.—We are all trying to do more than one person's work, which leaves one with the very disappointing realisation that nothing is being done as well as it ought to be done. Also there is the real heart-break and heart-ache of seeing so much that might be done. Wholly unattempted opportunities are passing that may never occur again—real needs staring one in the face; and one has to close one's heart and mind to them, else the burden would be too great. Do you at home pray for us under such circumstances? It is difficult not to become dispirited and wonder why, when the work is the Lord's, He does not send forth more labourers. Perhaps we are not praying as we ought, or our faith is small.

**Miss M. Armfield** (Vic.), Mienchu, West China:—"As there is much trouble in this distracted country I think I had better write and let you know how we are getting on. We are still in our stations and in these small places are carrying on much as usual. Most of the missionaries in Chunking have had to leave and those in Chengtu are having anxious times. We are beginning to hope that we may be able to stay on, though there is no hope of anyone coming back to the mission this year. Local conditions are quite good. The fighting, which has been very severe, is all down the river far removed from this district. The brigands are quiet, the harvest is good and the people are friendly. To-day, October 10th, is a public holiday in honour of the Chinese Republic. There are decorations and processions and street