

lief to many beyond our reach. Over 10,000 patients were treated through these dispensaries this year."

Miss Jennie M. Dean writes: "To tell the truth the Redpath School girls cannot be intimidated by big brothers, High School students in the home, and those in high places. Like the man born blind they have the courage of their convictions in the face of reputed wise men and are willing to suffer for His sake, hence their spiritual sight has been strengthened. Five pupils actually registered for baptism when the persecution was at its height. We marvel at the loyalty in the light of all these events and give praise to God that the seed sowing has not been in vain."

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

This from Rev. E. C. Mitchell: "We come to the close of this year with a profound feeling of gratitude to God for His care during the year. He has given us protection in times of danger and has guided us when we knew not what to do. There is a great deal of uncertainty as to what the future has for mission work in China but we know from experiences in the past

that He is caring for all and that everything will work out to the glory of His kingdom."

In a general way perhaps the most remarkable evidence of God's protecting care is seen in the fact that the large companies of girls in our mission schools were shielded and protected from evil doers and evil-minded soldiers and bandits. With but very few, if any, exceptions, they have been kept in perfect safety and large numbers of them have learned in these circumstances to trust the Heavenly Father and the Almighty Saviour.

For this cause, as one report has it, "In spite of apparent discouragements, faith beckons on to a blessed harvest time ahead, even among our persecutors, and by His grace we welcome a continuation of persecution and trials as a healthy stimulus to this end."

"He Careth For You"

Testimonies to the Protection of God given to

Covenanter Missionaries

During the Anti-Christian movement in China
1925-26

HELD BY PIRATES

Here is a paragraph from the report of the Rev. Julius A. Kempf:

"During the five months of absence from the station I made one two-weeks' trip to Tak Hing in order to see how things were going. The steamer on which I went up the river was attacked and captured by pirates, who mortally wounded three of the ship's officers, and then for over six hours held a reign of terror over passengers and crew while they searched for and removed everything of value. 'But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me.' The experiences of that night enable me to believe that, 'The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me unto His heavenly kingdom; to Whom be the glory forever and forever.'"

IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE

From Dr. Dickson's report we take these sentences:

"Three battles were fought in or near this city during the year and our hospital has been called upon each time to assist in caring for the wounded. Sick soldiers and army stragglers have come to us constantly for help and we have done our best to meet the situation, furnishing food, clothing and often traveling expenses to assist them to their homes. More than once this year the soldiers in this city have outnumbered the civilians, so the food question at these times was quite a serious matter. Bandits have terrorized the whole district and wrought havoc in many homes and villages. One market town was completely wiped out by these desperadoes. The town was looted, young men and girls were led off to the mountains, while over 100 of the male inhabitants were murdered in cold blood." Yet at no time did our workers suffer any injury.

SAFE CONVOY AND REFUGE

Again we quote from Miss Dean. Speaking of the return from Cheung Chow to Lo Ting, she says:

"At length the way opened for Mrs. Dickson and me to return to Lo Ting, and again we must testify to the gracious leading of the Spirit, as the Angel of His presence convoyed in safety, overcoming all difficulties of transport, etc., in Canton. Dr. Dickson met us in Tak Hing and we reached Lo Ting November 27, just five months from the time we left. It is a significant fact that for weeks before and after our trip the Lo Ting River was never so free from danger."

Rev. W. M. Robb describes the experience of the missionaries when at the outbreak of trouble last summer they were called from their stations to the coast: "The crew of the river steamer upon which we embarked deserted the ship at Saamshi, but later enough men were found to take the steamer to Hong Kong." There, strangers in a far-away land, they "found refuge in the hostel of the Hong Kong University which was generously opened to refugee missionaries."

UNDER GUNFIRE

Let us quote but once again from the report of Rev. E. C. Mitchell:

"The first of February Chung On

Tai went to open work in Hoi Kin, a town about 70 miles northwest of Tak Hing. The first of May I went to Hoi Kin to visit Mr. Chung Tai and see the place. On the way up the river the motor trip on which I was traveling was attacked by robbers. We lay on the floor of the boat and for an hour listened to the din of battle, the scream of flying bullets and the groans of the wounded, not knowing what moment a bullet might strike us. After the fight was over and the pirates beaten off it was found that four men were wounded, two of whom soon died." Yet once again God spared our missionary.

FRUITS OF TRIAL

Dr. E. J. M. Dickson, writing from Lo Ting: "One of the interesting and encouraging features of the medical work in Lo Ting has been the growing numbers of dispensaries in the market towns of this district who look to our hospital for help and supplies. There are eight of these outstation dispensaries in charge of Christians. Most of the men in charge have received their training in our hospital and are now able to give physical re-