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## GASTONIAN IN CHINA.

MISS ATTIE BOSTICK WRITES OF HER TRAVELS.

Six Hundred Miles by Horse-boat and Wheel-barrow—China News by the Wayside.

Miss Attie T. Bostick, who taught school at the Modena for a year or two and who went to the foreign mission field from the Gastonia Baptist Church, has written to The Baptist Worker an interesting account of her recent travels in China. Believing it will have a general interest for our readers as well as a special interest for those of them who know Miss Bostick, we very cheerfully give it place in our columns. Miss Bostick writes as follows:

DEAR WORKER:—Perhaps some of your readers will be interested in the trip which I had to take to get to this my long-looked-forward-to field of labor, since I traveled so differently to what the people in the "Old North State" do.

My brother hired a house-boat in Shanghai, and we put our baggage on it and slept on it Thursday-night the 18th of September, but next morning it was raining hard and our boatmen said they could not start. We went ashore and spent the day with our friends and slept on our boat again that night. The next morning when I arose we were about three miles out from Shanghai, our boatmen having started before day-break.

These houseboats are not very large, about fifty feet long and ten feet wide, but for the slow traveling we do here in China, we can make ourselves very comfortable. Our boat had four small rooms. The one in the stern or back of the boat was occupied by the owners of the boat, two brothers, a widowed sister and her daughter. They had three others hired to help about the boat, two men and a little "rag-a-muffin" brenn boy. Next to the boatmen's room was one that Miss Marshall and I occupied. Our part of the boat was entirely shut off from theirs. Next was brother's room, in which we cooked and ate, and last came a small room near the deck, occupied by our Chinese teachers, so you see there were eleven of us on that small boat, besides a dog and a canary bird that belonged to our boatman, and some rats and mice that no one cared to own.

When the wind was favorable and they could use their sail we made about thirty miles a day. Some days when the wind was unfavorable we didn't make twenty miles, though we started about four o'clock in the morning and travelled till late at night. Very often, my brother, Miss Marshall, and I got off and walked awhile and then would have to wait for the boat to catch up with us. The men walked along the side of the canal and pulled the boat by a rope where they could not use their sail, because of contrary wind.

At Sochow we stopped and spent Sunday with our friends, the Britton's, two good N. C. missionaries. They live in a great walled city, the city being twelve miles round and the city covering thousands of acres of land. We were in a temple there in which there were many idols, made of stone, which these poor people in their ignorance and superstition bow down to.

We stopped at other places on the way where there are missionaries and found a visit with them quite a pleasant departure from the monotony of the canal trip. We never stopped our boat, however, except two Sundays, so they lost no time by our visits. Of course everything along the way was new and interesting to me. I saw the farmers plowing the great water buffaloes in water up to the animal's neck. They were preparing to sow wheat on the land they had already raised a crop of rice on. When we would sit down to wait for our boat, a crowd would gather around us and ask all kinds of questions. The women were generally very much interested in my feet, since most of them have bound feet. We found the people peaceable most of the time. At one or two places they cursed us and called us "foreign devil," but this came mostly from the women and children. We had a guard of two soldiers the latter part of our canal trip, but they didn't look as if they would do much pro-

tecting, if we had really needed it. Their uniform seemed to be enough to command respect from the people, or rather to cause the people to fear.

At Chining Chow we left our boat without any regrets for both Miss Marshall and I were sick the last week on the canal. After spending a day in getting wheel-barrows, and our things loaded, we spent the night with missionary friends and took an early start next morning, on our wheel barrows. These barrows are made so that two can ride on them very comfortably. Miss Marshall and I had one that has been somewhat improved by the foreigners, and we made ourselves comfortable. I told her it reminded me of the rides I use to take in the two horse wagons, in N. C. The roads were good, and with one man to push and two to pull, we made something over thirty-miles the first day.

We traveled till dark and spent the night in a Chinese inn, glad enough to rest from the day's travel. At the inn we got some nice scrambled eggs and sweet potatoes, and "muhmuh," a kind of bread the Chinese make. These with a little butter and jelly which we had in our lunch basket, made us a good, wholesome meal. We traveled another day and a half and reached here Saturday at noon, the nineteenth, thus taking a month to make this trip of between six and seven hundred miles when it only took me a month to cross the continent of America, the great Pacific and land in Shanghai, after having spent five or six days of this time in Asheville or Louisville with friends. So then you see what an advantage you people of America have over China, being able to travel ten thousand miles in less time than we can go six or seven hundred. But China is awakening and it may not be long till we, too, shall enjoy some of the "fast" advantages of steam and railway. I am happy to be here. Owing to the extreme ideas of the Chinese about propriety I am keeping house with Miss Marshall in Dr. Crawford's home and suppose I shall remain here till my sister-in-law comes home from Chefoo, when they will consider it all right for me to go and live with them. We are bound to conform to their idea of propriety, where there is no principle involved or else we can't hope to do much toward teaching them of a higher and better life. This sometimes involves denials to us who live so free and easy in America, but what is it not worth our while to deny, if by so doing we may win a soul to Christ? Think of the denial that was made to redeem us: "Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men."

Sincerely,  
ATTIE T. BOSTICK.  
Tai-An-Fu, Shantung, China,  
Oct. 24, 1901.

Sixty Dollar Overcoats For Soldiers.  
Just at present a buffalo overcoat is a very scarce article, and yet the humblest of Uncle Sam's soldier boys may have one of these highly prized garments for the asking. All he has to do is to include the item in his requisition for supplies, and the coat will be issued to him, although it will still belong to the government, and if he loses or destroys it he must pay \$60 for his carelessness.

The coats in the possession of the war department are relics of the days when no man living in the northwest was thought to be properly equipped without a buffalo coat. All of them have been worn, but they are still in fair condition and are issued annually to those soldiers who may want them.—Minneapolis Journal.

He Walked.  
An insurance officer who claims to be the only man in his business who ever talked business to J. Pierpont Morgan remarked the other day: "I could more easily see the hundred hardest men in San Francisco than do it again. Never mind how I did it. I walked in on Morgan at the office one day and stated my business."

"How did you get in here?" said he.  
"I walked in," said I.  
"Well, walk out," said he.  
"I did."

Leap Years in This Century.  
The twentieth century will have the greatest number of leap years possible for a century—namely, twenty-five. The year 1904 will be the first one, then every fourth year after that up to and including the year 2000. February will three times have five Sundays—in 1980, 1948 and 1976.

## CHRISTMAS

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### Commissioner's Sale of Land.

By virtue of an order of sale made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, in the several proceedings and all lands to make assets to pay debts certified Frank Robinson, administrator of the estate of A. F. Harum, deceased, vs. C. H. Harum, Harry, and others. I will again offer for sale of public auction at the Court House Court in Dallas.

Monday, January 28, 1902.  
Lots "A," "B," "C" and "D" in block 27 and sold down on the west of Lowry St. C. H. Harum is registered in Book 8 at page 111 or 112, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Gaston County.

Terms of sale: one half of the purchase price to be paid in cash on day of sale and the balance on a credit of six months with interest from date of sale till paid, with privilege to purchase in cash at any time, and the title reserved until the entire purchase price is paid.  
PLEASE REGISTER, Commissioner.  
This December 7, 1901.

### Mortgagee's Sale of Land.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 20th day of November, 1897, by John Nicholson to William Bradley, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Gaston County in Book 31 on page 189, I will, on the

Tuesday, January 28, 1902, at 12 o'clock, noon, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land, in the town of Gastonia, Gaston County, N. C.: Bounded on the South by lands of colored Baptist church; on West by Mrs. U. A. C. Latta; on East by J. Miles Rhyan, and on the North by Bill Roberts.

Wm. Bradley, Mortgagee,  
R. B. Wilson, Attorney.  
This 7th day of Dec. 1901.

ONE PER MONTH  
for an hour or two writing each day. Work begins at once. Prompt pay. Send self-addressed envelope for full particulars. Mrs. M. L. RICHARDS,  
Maebly, N. C.



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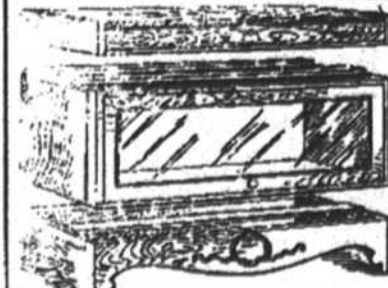


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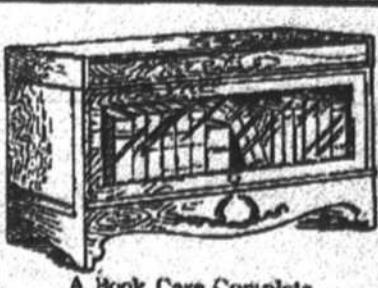
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