

DINNERS AND TEAS IN CHINA.
Mrs. North Writes of the Social Obligations in the Land of Sunshine.

Chengtou, China, April 27.
Dearest Home Forks:
Again I am a week late getting my letter off home. These last two weeks have been busy ones. On April 16th Bill started out on the road with Mr. Brewer for a four days' trip. Mr. Brewer is in educational work and has to go out in a while to visit the schools of the district. He wanted company, so since Bill is to be in similar work down at Chungking, he took him along. They had a most interesting trip, but Bill is writing it up and I'll send you a copy of his letter.

While Bill was gone I spent two nights with Mrs. Brewer, and would have spent more but we had vacation from Language school on Good Friday, so I couldn't see any sense in staying out in the country that day just to keep Mrs. Brewer company at night, when I had so many things I wanted to do at home.

On Wednesday, the 16th, Harriet and I gave a luncheon to some of our lady friends; that is, Harriet gave it and I assisted. It was really quite an affair. There were twenty guests invited, but only seventeen sat down to lunch. We had four tables, one large one which seated five persons, and three small ones, with four persons each. We used purple iris to decorate with. They have not yet begun to bloom at home, I suppose. They are just lovely here, and so many of them. But I must not forget to tell you what we had to eat at the luncheon. First course: Cream of pea soup; second course: brain fritters with tomato sauce (delicious); third course, cold meats, (beef, chicken and ham), mashed potatoes and dressing, creamed peas and spinach; fourth course, French salad; fifth course, floating island pudding and sponge cakes; and last of all, coffee. The whole affair went off beautifully, and the food was deliciously cooked and the table boys served very well. How I wish you could have the help that our servants give us out here. Some people have a great deal of trouble with servants, and we have some with ours, but on the whole we think we have a pretty decent lot. Our own coolie is a peach. He can do almost anything. I take him with me when I go anywhere that Bill can't go with me, and I make such a fuss over him that Bill calls him my second husband.

On Monday and Tuesday there were athletic events for all the school children of the city, held under the auspices of the new military Governor, Yang Sen. I went out to see the races Tuesday afternoon. It certainly was a sight. They said there were at least ten thousand students there, though of course, only a few entered the races and other events. The athletes were dressed very much as our track athletes at home dress, and the boy scouts looked exactly like our boy scouts. The foreigners had seats of honor up on the platform with the officials and the Governors Taitais, as the wives of the Governor are called. They say he has ten wives, three of them living here in Chengtu with him. I met and talked with two of them. The one is just a girl, I should say about eighteen, perhaps not so old, and she has bobbed hair. She is very cute looking. These two were there and had the little girl of the third one with them. They treated her just as if she belonged to them, and were very pleasant to each other. I thought they would be pulling hair. We were served with little cakes and coffee or tea.

On Thursday we had another holiday. It was the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of the university, and also the occasion of the dedication of the new biology building. We language school students were called on to decorate the auditorium where the luncheon was served. It was quite a job, but we had just loads of flowers to use and the result was quite satisfactory. We had iris, marguerites, American beauty roses, the deep red roses, nasturtiums, and sweet peas. How I wish you could see the lovely flowers we have out here. The roses are just about done

blooming now, but they certainly have been beautiful. The luncheon was served cafeteria fashion and about two hundred Chinese and foreigners sat down at once. It was a delicious meal. Baking powder biscuits with creamed chicken, creamed potatoes (I mean scalloped potatoes), vegetable salad, pickles, cake and coffee or tea. The Chinese are a tea drinking nation, and yet when they had their choice of coffee or tea the other day, every one of them in our group took coffee.

Yesterday was another busy day. In the morning, Mr. Moncrieff, of the Baptist Mission (the new head of the Language school) took us language school students on a sight-seeing trip. We visited what is known as the International Inn, an inn under Mohammedan management and to which Mohammedans from all over the world come. Business is dull at this season of the year, so the proprietor informed us, and we saw only one man who looked like a Turk. From the inn we went to visit several Mohammedan Mosques and schools. One was particularly beautiful. We saw the little bath rooms in which the worshippers bathe before entering the service. Sometime Bill and I hope to attend a Mohammedan service. There is a Mosque right back of our house.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting of the Anglo-Saxon Union at which Doctor Taylor read a paper on the life of Ambassador Paige. After the meeting, tea was served and I had to help pour. They never have a meeting of any kind out here without serving "eats." It's worse than it is at home.

I like China more and more every day. I am just as happy as can be and the people are certainly fine. If only we weren't so far away from all you home folks. How I wish you could all come over here. I'm afraid Rachael and Berenice wouldn't like some of the filth, but may be they'd get used to it as I have done. I can't get used to some of the sights we see, though. Almost every day we pass some horrible looking beggar with awful sores. The children are the most pitiable. One day when we were on our way to school we passed a little boy with an infected foot and skin disease. He was lying along the street in dreadful agony and his foot just about to rot off, it was so badly infected. We walked by, but couldn't get him out of our minds, so Bill turned back and called a chair and had him taken to our hospital. He is there now and getting along fine. He has a sweet little face. The question will be what to do with him when he is well. His parents are dead and if we just turn him loose, he'll have to go begging again. There is an orphanage here in the city, a splendid institution where boys are taught all kinds of trades. But it can accommodate only a certain number. We're hoping to get this kiddie in there. Harriet brought a little beggar boy into the hospital some time ago who had a badly infected arm. He is just about well now, and getting fatter every day. We are going to buy him some clothes and let him help the gateman. This sort of thing seems worth while to me. But it certainly is an endless task; we could pick up somebody from the street and send them to the hospital almost every day.

SARAH.

Bellefonte to Have New Skating Rink and Dance Hall.

Sydney Barlett has leased from S. D. Ray his old shirt factory building, on south Water street, and the same is now being repaired and put in shape for a skating rink and dance hall. The room is quite large and ought to be well adapted for that purpose. The floor will be planed, scraped and waxed and the interior of the building painted throughout. The small building in front will be used as a skate room and office, and a general refreshment room.

Mr. Barlett hopes to have it in shape to open by November first, if possible. It has been several years now since the skating rink flourished on the Island and the fad is about due for another run.


Marriage Licenses.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Stover and Mr. and Mrs. William Witmyer packed their belongings this week and left by motor car to join the Centre county contingent in Florida. Four families left Bellefonte several weeks ago for that State and several other parties have gone from other sections of the county, so that if the exodus continues Old Centre will soon be well represented in the land of sunshine.

Real Estate Transfers.

Caroline Furst, et al, Exp., to Joseph Shoemaker, tract in Spring township and Bellefonte; \$1500.
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