

roads they cover great distances. The carters also are a stout set of men: nothing daunts them and they are always cheerful. The carter uses no reins: he either walks alongside directing by word of mouth or with his whip, or he sits on the left-hand side of the cart and directs from there. Much traffic was passed: it included many carts, wheelbarrows drawn by donkeys, coolies carrying loads, donkeys with packs, and one string of camels.

At Fenchow Fu, which has from 60,000 to 70,000 inhabitants, he found the American Board Mission established in a fine compound with two-storied schools, a church and a very fine two-storied hospital in process of construction.

At Ping-yang Fu on March 14, Pereira stayed with Doctor and Mrs. Carr of the China Inland Mission. Dr. Carr runs an excellent hospital, assisted by a properly qualified Chinese assistant. These hospitals are kept up for the benefit of the poor, and too much praise, Pereira thought, could not be given to the noble band of men who devote their lives and labour ungrudgingly to alleviate the ills of suffering humanity.

The sad case of a Scotch girl who married a fairly well-to-do Chinese in a neighbouring village was related by Dr. Carr. She had several children, and the family treated her well according to their lights. But she outlived the glamour of the East. She was very lonely and always longing for home. And she used to come to the Mission, till she was attacked by typhus and died.

At Yungcheng, which Pereira reached on March 20, he found the Tao-yin to be a Mohammedan