



*The weaving room of the girls' school in the Roman Catholic convent at Si-an-fu.*

resident in China for 20 years, is in charge of the diocese for the time being. Under his guidance I was shown all the details of the establishment, drank coffee with the nuns and had a large dinner with the monks, two of whom were Chinese. During my fortnight's stay at Si-an-fu I had the pleasure of seeing Father Gabriel and Father Hugh several times, and I will always remember with gratitude the long talks I had with those devoted servants of their church.

The Swedish colony in Si-an-fu consists of no less than three families (Andersson, Bentsson, Nordlund) and a missionary. The first, a worthy specimen of an excellent and frank Swede, is the secretary, if I am not mistaken, of three amalgamated Protestant missions with their headquarters in the United States. Bentsson is the principal of a school, in which a few dozen Chinese are trained for the Church or for missionary work after completing their studies at one of the mission stations. It is too early to say whether the results will justify the hopes that the school inspires. The establishment is comfortable and practical.

There is a small English colony of 3 or 4 families in the E part of the town and in the E suburb. My short stay and some arrears of work prevented my making their acquaintance. The Italian nun told me that there were one or two qualified doctors among them with a large practice among the local population.

The newest member of the European colony is Mr Manners, the manager of the comfortable and fine local post-office. I met him on several occasions and we did some sight-