

the net result of all is true enjoyment. The shadows have only served to show up the light, and bring out more clearly the attractions of a free, roaming life.

On the following day we entered hilly country again, and at the end of the march came upon country cultivated by Chinamen, who here, as elsewhere along the borders of Mongolia, are encroaching on the Mongols, and gradually driving them out of the best country back into the desert. The slack, easy-going Mongol cannot stand before the pushing, industrious Chinaman; so back and back he goes. It is the old story which is seen all through nature—the weak and lazy succumbing to the strong and vigorous. The observer's sympathies are all with the Mongol, though, and he feels regret at seeing the cold, hard-natured Chinaman taking the place of the easy-going, open-hearted Mongol.

On arrival at Kwei-hwa-cheng on April 17, I called on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clarke of the China Inland Mission, to whom I had a letter of introduction. I met with that warm reception which is characteristic of missionaries; a room was prepared for me, and the most real