When I first spoke to Dr. Mateer about it in 1898, he told me rather sternly that it was useless to bring up the matter, since only three or four years before the question of the college removal to Wei Hsien had been considered and had been voted down. Nevertheless I came forth from this interview convinced still that "the sun do move, and so would the college."

Of course there was not in all the horizon any sign as to <u>how</u> the removal might be accomplished. There was no money in sight and, so far as we could see, no tangible evidence that there might be in the future. But I learned then a principle which has ever since seemed to me a very valid one, viz: that the way to tackle a problem is first to decide whether, in the interest of the Kingdom of God, it ought to be done, and then make plans and estimates in some detail, regardless of whether or not the money was in sight. Perhaps the consequent results are due to the fact that, in the process of planning, conviction grows as to the soundness and wisdom of the enterprise which in due time is caught by others able to make the dream a reality.

The event which led to the removal of the college was the Boxer Revolution. At that time most of us gathered eventually for a winter in Chefoo where we had more ample time than ever before (or since) to consider the development of our Shantung work.