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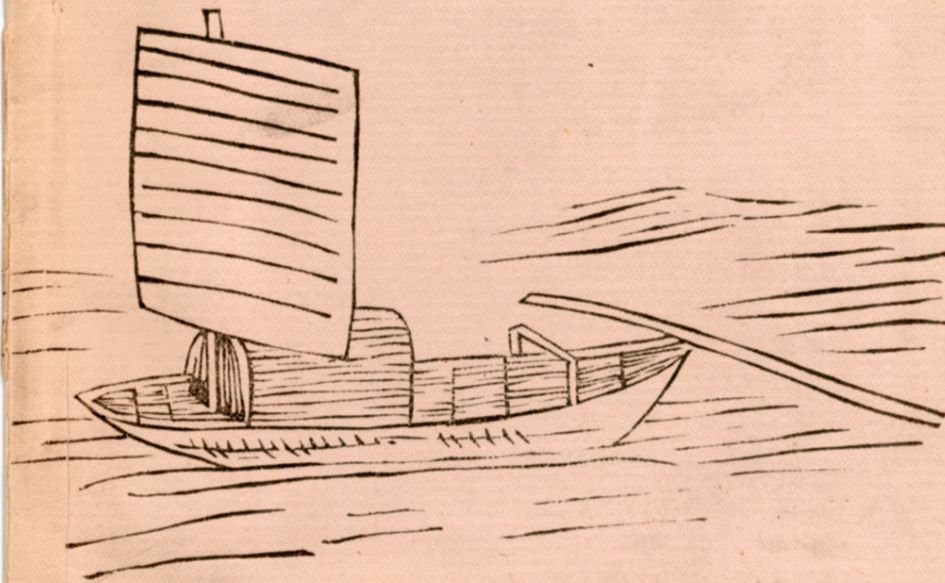
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Lucy Bement, M.D. and Frances K. Bement

Notes from Shaowu

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First (and only) edition. Octavo. [2], 39pp plus 6 plates from photographs, 3 plans (1 folding), and a folding map. Illustrated pale pink wrappers. Small split joined on front wrap and a tiny chip, both on the front wrap, else near fine. Dr. Lucy Bement and her sister Frances, a teacher from Bement, Ohio, were sent to Shaowu in 1898 by the Woman's Board of Mission of the Interior of the Congregational Church, and were the first unmarried American women to live in that city of 20,000. Dr. Bement was a recent graduate of Baltimore Woman's Medical College, and her sister Frances an 1897 graduate of Oberlin College.

One note from Dr. Bement's sums up her medical duties: "Today I have seen 107 patients, besides girls in the school, and made calls on patients in their homes her in Shaowu. Last month I made one trip into the country, being away five days, seeing 250 patients, and I saw 2461 cases in Shaowu." She and her sister superintended the building of their own houses and the schools. The photographic plates show boys, girls, and grown women at the mission schools. Another shows a plan of the Hospital for Women at Shaowu.

An excellent copy of a fragile and rare pamphlet, by a pioneering woman doctor in China. *OCLC* locates but two copies (Oberlin and Harvard). [BTC#397766]