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## GENERAL ARTICLES

### The Harvest

I gave a smile to the world one day,  
For lack of something better,  
And bore a thousand sun-kissed hours away—  
Through others' smiles that came my way—  
To guild life's stormy weather.

I gave a frown to the world one day,  
For I was all a-worry,  
And bore a thousand gloomy hours away—  
Through others' frowns that came my way—  
To hide the sun's bright glory.

Thus, in walking down life's little day,  
We should with care remember,  
That the seeds we sow in balmy May—  
Through the deeds we do and the words we say—  
Find harvest ere December.

—EDWARD J. URQUHART.

### China For Christ

THE phrase "China For Christ" is the slogan adopted by an organization that wishes to become a national movement. It seeks the cooperation of all missionary organizations. Its announcement through its late Bulletin Number 3, dated July 30, 1920, sets forth the following program:

#### "Every Christian

- "Praying that China may be brought to Christ;
- "Reading the Bible and Christian literature;
- "Seeking to win relatives and acquaintances to Christ;
- "Giving systematically to the local church, and to benevolences;
- "Working in some form of community service.

#### "Every Christian Home

- "Essentially Christian in all family relationships;
- "A training school in Christian virtues;
- "A center of Christian intercourse and social service.

#### "Every Christian School

- "Bringing students to an open allegiance to Christ;
- "Calling for lives consecrated to Christian service;
- "Emphasizing the need of well-trained Christian leadership;
- "Preparing students and teachers for Christian citizenship.

#### "Every Christian Hospital

- "Relieving impartially the physical distress of all who come;
- "Setting a standard of public health for the whole community;

"Showing the Christian attitude of sympathy toward suffering;

"Witnessing the power of Christ to heal the soul and body.

#### "Every Christian Church

- "Deepening the spiritual life in daily fellowship with God;
- "Training members in Christian service and citizenship;
- "Making special provision for religious education of children;
- "Studying to relieve economic and industrial need of members;
- "Cooperating with other agencies in community service;
- "Showing Christ as the only hope of the individual and the nation."

This splendid program could hardly be improved. It is our very own denominational policy. Its aims are high, and it stands for personal work, earnest prayer, and continued progress. We ought to make such a program ours as individuals and then live to it by every endeavor that we can make.

Truly, Christ is the only hope for China, as He is the only hope for all this restless, warring world. Men have tried legislation, resolutions, clubs, and all forms of social uplift. These things may help some, but the law of sin undoes all and more. For the need of all men is He who can save from sin, Jesus Christ.

To receive Christ always begets responsibility on the part of a people or an individual. He awakens in the heart a consciousness of the value of souls, and of personal responsibility to lead them to Christ. Christ in the heart controls the present life and keeps in abeyance the passions that lead to sin and ruin. Christ is the greatest restraining power revealed to man, and at the same time He is the mightiest inspiration man can receive into his life.

#### First Objectives

I wish all our people would read the "First Objectives" which accompany the program presented above, and see if we cannot make these objectives our very own. With our clear-cut lines of faith, with a world-wide-work to be done in our day, with conditions ripe for an advance move in evangelical lines, surely we ought to be in the forefront of all movements in winning China to Christ.

"First: Promotion of intercession by the formation of local prayer groups and the observance of a day of prayer for the winning of China to Christ, to be held on Sunday, October 10, 1920.

"Second: The effort to secure a literate church by the end of 1921, that is, every Christian able to read the Bible.

"Third: Emphasis on personal work, urging every Christian to seek to win at least one other for Christ before the end of 1921.

"Fourth: Systematic giving.

"Fifth: Emphasis on the duty of expressing the Christian faith through unselfish service, seeking to enlist every Christian in some definite form of service."

To do much more than we are now doing there will have to be more prayer on the part of every worker. It is an impossibility to promote God's work without prayer. There can be no Pentecostal preaching nor Pentecostal reaping without that previous upper-chamber concord and prayer.

Surely the day has come when there must be an advance in soul winning by us as workers, or others will outstrip us in this great soul ingathering campaign. Shall we rest at ease? Shall our churches wear themselves out with internal friction? Or shall we as leaders organize every church into a working band for reaching others, and thus help to save ourselves while we try to lead others to Christ?

This great work must not be hindered by a lack of personal piety on the part of its leaders. God is shaking the powers of earth to hasten the finishing of His work. Soon He will shake the powers of heaven, and then the end will be here. We must plan for big things, pray for them, and work for them.

I. H. EVANS.



### From Hakka-Land

A TRIP among the outstations during the month of August is not something to take for pleasure, especially if it rains nearly every day, and the roads are so bad that they are almost impassable. It seemed necessary that I take such a trip over the south Hakka (South China) stations; for the first of September I plan to take the family, and leave for north Hakka, to be gone three months. We plan to spend eight days at each of the stations up there.

In spite of all the steamboats being used to carry soldiers to the Fukien border,—in spite of rains, bad roads, and robbers, by God's help I was able to make every appointment just as I had sent word. I do not think I ever enjoyed a trip over this south Hakka field so much as this one. I visit-

ed eight churches, going over the church-roll at each place, and trying to see every member. In these eight places we had about two hundred members; and during this trip I had the privilege of baptizing seventy-five others who have waited for baptism a long time. This makes one hundred sixty-eight baptisms to thank God for in Hakka-land thus far this year.

I have prepared a church covenant for these Hakka believers, and all receiving baptism sign and keep this to help them remember their pledge to God. Translated into English, the covenant reads like this:



Baptismal scene in South Hakka, Pastor Nagel officiating.

1. Trusting in the Lord Jesus for salvation, I covenant with God to keep the commandments, follow the example of the Lord Jesus, and be a genuine, earnest Christian.

2. I will gladly do all in my power to publish the message and so hasten the coming of our waiting Lord.

3. I promise to read the Bible every day, take time for morning and evening worship, and return thanks at meals.

4. I covenant to be careful to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment, stopping all unnecessary work from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

5. I covenant to pay a faithful tithe of all God gives me, whether fruit of the land, flock, or increase in money.

6. I promise to abstain from all foods the Bible says are unclean, and eat that which is best for health.

7. I will put aside all things which defile the body, such as opium, tobacco, and wine.

8. I will dress in harmony with Scripture, not using rings, bracelets, earrings, or costly apparel.

9. I will not gamble, attend the theater, or read books which corrupt the morals.

10. When there is no real hindrance, I promise to attend Sabbath service and the other services of the church, and do my share in giving of offerings.

This might be added to, but I believe it will be a real help to us here. All the old members were required to sign this pledge also

The soldiers of Fukien and Kwangtung are now fighting over a large part of the Hakka field. Pray that God will forbid that this hinder us in our work. We are of good courage, and look forward to that glad time when the work shall be finished.

Waichow, South China.

S. A. NAGEL.

### The First-Fruits of Our Work in the Island of Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

A FEW years ago our colporteurs visited the Island of Mindoro and sold several copies of our books. One man living about seven miles from Naujan became very much interested. He ordered our native paper, the "Tanglaw," and also other books, and soon became thoroughly familiar with our points of belief. Last year he came to Manila, desiring to be baptized. After spending several days in study here, he was baptized, and soon returned to his home. He has been faithful in his neighborhood in living out the truth, and a number became interested. Also one of our brethren from San Pablo moved to Naujan and opened a tailor shop. He began to teach the truth, and soon several were interested. A worker was sent there the first of the year, and last month we had the privilege of baptizing nine dear souls in this new place. A large number are keeping the Sabbath, but it was thought best to wait a little longer before they are baptized. We rejoice that a new island has been opened, and that this truth has reached another part of the earth that must hear the message before the Lord returns.

L. V. FINSTER.

### From Tatsienlu

DR. J. N. ANDREWS writes from Tatsienlu, Szechwan: "Yesterday a big Tibetan came in to look around, whom we recognized at once. He had been away in the interior since we took out an injured eye for him some months ago.

"We shall be glad to get literature of our own for these people. Szechwan mail service has stopped, practically, for book-post and parcels, and the commandment charts have not reached us yet. I have seen only two.

"I have been looking over some tracts prepared by a member of another society; and one, entitled, 'A Short Form of Christian Worship,' contains hymns, the ten commandments, etc. The fourth commandment reads: 'Thou shalt not forget to keep holy Sabbath, i. e., the day of the sun.' Tibetans have names for the days of the week corresponding to the foreign,—day of sun, day of moon, etc. The calendar is variable, and seems seldom to correspond with the foreign week; but the other missions have adopted 'Sunday' as the name of their rest-day. We have met in other places old native pastors who did not know but what Sunday was the day of the fourth commandment. It seems almost unbelievable that people would dare to 'add to the words' of the Bible in such a way as this.

"Yes; I am making progress with the language, and hope soon to be able to converse fairly readily. I have a good teacher now, and feel that the work is moving on.

"The 'summer' is over now. To-day (August 13) is cloudy and chilly."

### The Malaysian Union

ANOTHER quarterly report has been made up and we find many reasons for gratitude for the blessing of God which has attended our efforts during this period. The following items gleaned from this report show how we are doing this year as compared with the same quarter last year.

	Members	Foreign	Native	Total	S. S.	Literature
	Ch.	S.S.	Tithe	Tithe	Offerings	Sales
1920	428	532	\$906.42	\$2131.20	\$3037.62	\$869.44 \$4402.67
1919	375	421	848.22	1061.83	1910.05	486.38 2336.96
Gains	53	141	\$58.20	\$1069.37	\$1127.57	\$383.06 \$2065.71
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cent	14.6	33.4	6.8	100.7	59	78.7 88.3

Ten baptisms were reported during the second quarter this year, making seventeen for the first half of this year. Reports from various fields indicate that there will be a large number go forward in this ordinance before the end of the year. The Sabbath-school shows a growing membership. The

increase in native tithe is splendid this quarter,—over one hundred per cent. This indicates growing spirituality. The Sabbath-school donations are coming up to our goal very encouragingly. The first quarter of this year these were \$715.14. This, added to the amount for the second quarter, \$869.44, makes \$1584.58, which is well over half the goal set.

The literature sales have kept up wonderfully well the second quarter, the gain being 88 3 per cent above the sales for the same quarter last year. The sales for the first quarter this year were, \$4836.90, for the second quarter, \$4402.67. This, totaling \$9239.57 for the first half of the year. Nine canvassers have been in the field. Vacation will soon be here, the Malay books will be ready for the market, and the students in the school will be at work. Let us hope for large things the rest of this year.

Last Sunday afternoon we were happy to greet three new families from America for the Malaysian field. How good they look, full of life and vigor! These are Brethren Hendershot, Beecham, and Altman with their wives. Brother Hendershot comes to head our school, Brother Beecham to act as field secretary, and Brother Altman for editor. Brother Hendershot, having a permit to work in Singapore, will settle here, and go to work at once on the language. The other two families, not having permits, will go on to Dutch territory, and there engage in language study while waiting for their permits. May the Lord richly bless these new recruits, and make them strong to do the Master's work. We thank God for this help.

Two Hakka workers are soon to arrive from China, and will go on to their fields, one to West and the other to East Java. From the same place in the Hakka district another worker is coming at his own charges to engage in colporteur work. We thank the brethren in South China, and we thank the Lord also, for these good workers. May we soon learn of others coming to Malaysia from that field. These new workers will need close supervision and deep sympathy in their work. Instead of making the work lighter for the directors, this will for a time add to their burdens, until these men are helped into the secrets of successful evangelistic effort.

Brother Pattison writes that a new opening has come to the South Sumatra Mission. One of his members began work in a little place up in the hills. As a result a petition with more than a hundred signers was sent to Brother Pattison, asking for a worker to be sent up there. The Dutch officials have given permission for this work, and the brethren

have sent one of their workers to that place. Brother Pattison intends himself to go up later to give a course of lectures there. Brother Pattison reports that he has already baptized some Mohammedans, and that others are interested.

Brother Thompson writes of a new interest that has come to his attention above Kuala Lumpur, and he is sending one of the Chinese workers to follow it up. Some are already keeping the Sabbath, and others are interested, and are studying the truth.

Let us earnestly pray for the blessing of God on our work the last half of this year. I feel confident that we are getting all lines of the work under good way, and that with the added force of workers, and the better facilities we are securing, we shall see increasing results. In due time, we shall reap if we faint not.

F. A. DETAMORE.

### The Honan General Meeting

THE Honan General meeting opened on the 3rd of September and continued to the 11th, taxing our housing and seating capacity to the limit. Altogether it was a very encouraging and helpful occa-



Workers and believers in atten

sion. For two years no such general meeting had been held and so its approach was hailed with glad anticipation. Nor were the people disappointed. It was a time of spiritual enjoyment and refreshing.

One sister walked over four days to attend the meeting. An old brother walked in about 45 li the first Sabbath of the meeting (he walks that distance every Sabbath to attend meeting) and was so weak from the exertion that he was taken from the long Sabbath service in a swooning condition. One brother had escaped from the famine district north of the Yellow River and spent three days on a crowded freight car (full of other refugees) with no sleep to speak of. He became violently insane just before the meeting but so far recovered that he was able to attend some of the meetings later.

Pastor Evans and Brother Crisler were present from Shanghai and their timely instruction was much appreciated. Brother Lacey's Bible studies also met with a ready response. The Chinese brethren all averred that his Bible was "shu deh li hai." (He was terribly familiar with his Bible.) Brother Lee came down from Peking to meet with his old flock, who were delighted to see and hear him again. Brother E. H. James represented the Home Missionary Department of the Union.

From a financial standpoint the last year has not been one of progress. This is largely due to the condition of the province, stricken as it has been with famine and infested with robbers. But we have every reason to be of good courage. There is a fair interest now at most of the outstations, and we hope for substantial additions to our church-membership during the next year.

Resolutions were passed stressing the importance of greater faithfulness in tithes and offerings, Bible reading, personal work, Sabbath observance, study of the Sabbath-school lesson, etc. All will make an effort to live up to the resolutions passed and to pass them on to the churches where they are located.

This has been a year of financial distress for the brethren, but a liberal spirit was manifested. A freewill offering of Three Hundred dollars was received. It will be expended to aid brethren and sisters in distress, to assist in the erection of a guest room, and to help the school to start some small industries this fall.

All are of good courage as they go forward in the work of the Lord during the coming year.

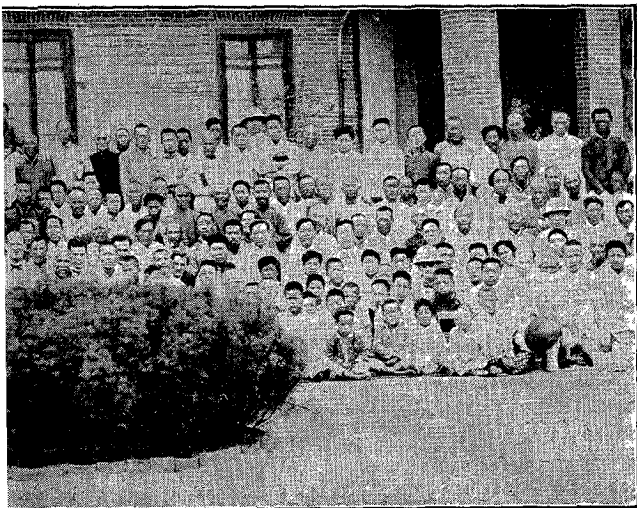
C. P. LILLIE.

### Institute Work in South Fukien

As we always enjoy reading about what is going on in the other parts of this great field, I thought that perhaps our brethren might be interested in reading about our summer's work in South Fukien.

During the last of May and first of June we held a general meeting for the southern part of our field in the city of Haiteng, a place about two hours by launch from Amoy. Pastor F. H. DeVinney and Brother D. E. Rebok rendered valuable assistance during the meeting, and Pastor N. P. Keh came down from Foochow and preached to the heathen in the evenings. All the meetings were well attended, and at night the chapel would not hold more than half the crowd that came to hear. The interest has continued since the meeting and the evangelist there is doing all he can to make the work a permanent one. As we have our strongest evangelist there at present we hope for some fruit from this effort in God's good time.

After the Haiteng meeting, Pastor F. H. DeVinney, Brother D. E. Rebok, Brother G. S. Luther and the writer went across to the island of Formosa with our Chinese colporteur. Brethren DeVinney and Rebok had only a few days to spend before the Swatow meeting, so took a hurried trip through the island and caught the next boat back to China; but Brother Luther and myself stayed for about three



t the Honan general meeting

weeks to show the canvasser how to sell the book "Health and Longevity."

As our time was limited and the expenses very high, we did not try to make a clean sweep of the territory, but visited only the rich men. In ten days' actual work we sold 257 copies of "Health and Longevity," and three copies of an American health book. Our sales included forty copies to one man, twenty copies each to three other men, while a number of others took ten and five copies each. Our sales of single copies were very few. These rich men bought the book to give to their friends as a matter of public benefit. The Lord went with us and gave us success, and to Him belongs all the praise.

Returning from Formosa we had time to catch up with back work, and get ready for the workers' institute which was set for the first of August, but which, on account of typhoon weather that prevented Pastor DeVinney from arriving on time, did not begin till the fourth. We spent the time from that date till Sabbath the 28th in daily studies with all our evangelists and teachers. Pastor DeVinney conducted a regular series of Bible studies giving two, and part of the time three, studies daily. At first we had a review of a previous study by one of the Chinese workers each day, until we were all grasping the studies thoroughly, and then we had an additional study at that period so as to get in as many as possible in the short time we could be together.

Early every morning there was always a half hour prayer service conducted by one of the native workers, and in the evening a praise, prayer and consecration service, generally conducted by Pastor B. L. Anderson or the writer. Brother Anderson also helped in translating Pastor DeVinney's studies into the Chinese.

While it was strenuous work for all concerned to hold this institute in the middle of the hot season, yet we feel that it has abundantly repaid the effort in giving needed instruction to the workers and preparing them to carry on the fall campaign with greater vigor and efficiency. The Lord blessed with good weather, and His Holy Spirit was present to testify to the truths spoken. We thank the Lord that He has given us all health and strength so that we could utilize these summer months to accomplish something for Him.

We were all very much pleased to have Sister DeVinney come up with Pastor DeVinney and stay with us during this institute. She and the sisters of our mission held some meetings in the interests of the Women's Work, of which Sister DeVinney is

the Union Mission Secretary.

While God has blessed our work in this field in past years, yet this great work needs much more of His blessing and guidance. We ask our brethren throughout the fields to pray that we may have the fulness of God's Spirit with us every day, that we may accomplish great things for Him

W. C. HANKINS.

## OBITUARY

MRS AMANDA ANDERSON (nee Van Scoy) fell asleep in Jesus September 20, 1920, in Shanghai, and was buried in Bubbling Well Cemetery. Pastor Meade MacGuire conducted the funeral service, assisted by Pastors George Harlow, L. E. Froom, and C. E. Weeks. She leaves her husband, Pastor J. P. Anderson, two children, Helen and Hazel, an aged mother, and one sister as immediate relatives.

Amanda Van Scoy was born in Ashton, Nebraska, May 5, 1884. She graduated from the Loup City High School, after which she entered the City Mission in Lincoln, Neb., working there for one year. She was with Pastor S. N. Haskell in Brooklyn, N. Y., attending his Bible Training School, and doing Bible work in the city of New York. She also taught the Brooklyn (N. Y.) church school.

In 1905 she accepted the call from the General Conference to go to China as a missionary. She was located in Canton, and diligently applied herself to learning the Cantonese dialect. Few missionaries to China have worked more diligently than she in mastering the Chinese language. She not only had the benefit of the usual language teaching supplied by the mission, but that she might perfect herself in the language and make more rapid progress, she hired her teacher overtime from her own meager salary, to give her additional instruction. Later she opened a day school for Cantonese girls, and for some time and in addition to this day school, she had charge of the Bethel School while Miss Ida Thompson was home on furlough.

In 1910 she was married to Pastor J. P. Anderson, a missionary in charge of the work among the the Hakka people, and joined her husband in the splendid work that he was carrying forward. She learned the Hakka language so that she could translate in it, and also teach. In 1912, on account of her failing health, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson returned to America on furlough.



In 1913, her health being materially restored, they returned to China and again took up work in Wai Chow for the Hakka people. Later, in 1914, she and her husband were requested to take charge of the work in the Swatow language area. Here again she applied herself with her usual diligence in the study of the Swatowese, and though her health was not as vigorous as it had been heretofore, she so mastered the language that she was able to conduct a school for the Swatow girls.

About two years ago she came to Shanghai and had a very severe operation for cancer, but all too soon she returned to Swatow and took up her work. Her health gradually failed. Two years ago, in visiting Swatow, the writer found her conducting a school, though her health was very poor. It seemed that she could not cease from work, regardless of how she felt healthwise. She persevered in this school until February, 1919, when she was taken violently ill, and suffered everything that a poor soul could endure. In June, 1919, she came to the Sanitarium at Shanghai, where she was given every care that our institution could possibly give to her; but there seemed to be no human help. For nearly

fifteen months she was confined her bed, unable to sit up or to turn herself in any way.

During the last few months of her life, her sufferings seemed to cease, but she gradually failed in strength, and passed away on September 20.

The life that she lived, the work that she did, her loyalty to the cause in all its phases, made her a most valuable worker. Few women have tried harder to give of their best for the upbuilding of the cause of God than did Sister Anderson. She will be missed, not only by her husband and family, but by all who love this cause and know the value of a consecrated, capable, efficient worker. Her mind remained clear to the very last, and she greatly desired to live that she might still labor in the cause she loved. Her family have the sympathy and esteem of all their fellow-workers in the cause in the Asiatic Division field; and in her death we feel that our work has suffered a severe loss.

May her life of consecration, her energy and diligence in service, be an inspiration to us all to do our best for our Master.

I. H. EVANS



Sister J. P. Anderson standing (at the right) with higher class students in the Swatow Girls' School. This was the last photo of the deceased.

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AMONG those who have arrived of late in Shanghai we note with pleasure Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalbey and Brother and Sister Lew Jones. Dr. Dalbey is practising dentistry in Shanghai, and Brother Jones is doing commercial work in one of the large printing houses in this city.

THE Yencheng Intermediate School opened September 15 with an enrolment of eighty students. The prospects are that we will have about twenty students more than we can accommodate.

A SON, Chester Clarence, was born to Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Schmidt at Weltevreden, Java, August 23, 1920.

## Bi-ennial Sessions and Institutes of Union Missions in the Far Eastern Division

IN harmony with recommendations passed by the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee, bi-ennial sessions and institutes of the various Union Missions in this field are to be held during the coming few months beginning with the Philippine Union, in Manila, October 22 to November 6. The Central-Southern Luzon Conference will hold its annual meeting a few days later, then follow institutes and conference sessions in South China (Canton) beginning November 26, and in the Malaysian Union (Singapore) beginning February 25. Local institutes are to be held in various portions of the Malaysian Union during the interim between the Canton and the Singapore meetings. The East China Union meeting is to be held in March 1921, just prior to the Spring Council of the Division Committee. Dates for the Union meetings in other parts of the field will be given later. Professor H. C. Lacey and Pastor Meade MacGuire will be in attendance at these meetings in addition to brethren of the Division Committee. The prayers of God's children throughout this field are earnestly solicited in behalf of the coming institutes and Union Mission sessions in order that these may be seasons of spiritual refreshing.

## Week of Prayer

DECEMBER 11-18 is the date appointed for the Week of Prayer season for this year. Let us plan early to make this a time of seeking the Lord most earnestly and of winning to Jesus those among us who have not given their hearts to Him. Early planning will go far toward making the Week of Prayer a special blessing to those who have not yet taken their stand fully. This season oftentimes brings special blessing to those who have backslidden. In proportion as we seek the Lord personally and plan for great things from God, will the Week of Prayer be a success throughout our field.

The Home Board have sent out the Readings early and the translators have been busily at work rendering these into the vernaculars. An effort will be made to supply the churches in ample time.

A feature of the Week of Prayer season that should be planned for in advance is the annual offering.

## A Call for Material for the 1921 Harvest Ingathering Campaign

THE Mission Board has sent out early its annual call for material for the coming Harvest Ingathering Campaign Special. Let all respond quickly and liberally to this call. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has assumed large proportions and we must do everything we can to strengthen the hands of those who must lead out in this line of work. Souls are being won as a result of the Campaign, and many friends are being won to the cause of missions.

## Provincial Meetings in Mandarin Territory

THIS issue contains a report of the provincial meeting held in Yencheng, Honan, September 1-10. Meetings have also been held in Hunan, Kiangsi, and Anhwei. Reports of these will appear in our next issue. The presence of the Lord was manifest in all of these provincial meetings. Pastors Evans and Lacey were able to attend the first three; and Pastor Weeks, the fourth. The workers in Mandarin territory are going forth into their fields with renewed consecration and courage and power. The writer who also was privileged to attend was impressed with the spiritual development seen in many of the Chinese laborers. The church of China is rising. God is going before us.

C. C. CRISLER.