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Multiplying Our Agencies, and Entering New Territory

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(The keynote of the Quadrennial Council of the China Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held recently at Shanghai, was sounded by Dr. H. W. Miller, the China Division president, at the opening conference hour; and extracts from his address as recorded on pages four and five of the "Proceedings" in this issue of the Reporter, are here repeated by way of emphasis of this keynote.—*Editor.*)

WE NEED wise nurserymen, who will transplant trees to different localities, and give them advantages that will enable them to grow. It is the positive duty of God's people to go into the regions beyond. Let forces be set at work to clear new ground, to establish new centers of influence wherever an opening can be found. Rally workers who possess true missionary zeal, and let them go forth to diffuse light and knowledge far and near."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, pages 147, 148.*

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We must get into unoccupied territories in the China field; and it seems as if we must do this by transplanting men, enlarging the sphere of our labor, and stretching forth our habitations; lengthening our stakes at the bases of supply and of training. The attainment of that goal, brethren and sisters, is the great business of this Quadrennial Council. We shall have many plans and policies under advisement — and that is well; but our main object in coming together is so to plan to use our men and our means, as quickly to finish God's work in China. Some of this will be done through the printed page; some through the living messengers; some by institutional and other agencies; but whatever the instrumentality, we shall need to plan to get into many, many new places, and multiply our influence manyfold.

The Ministerial Association

GREATER SOUL-WINNING ENDEAVOR

FREDERICK LEE

THE Lord has greatly blessed our work in China during the past year. In spite of internal strife, flood, famine, and international difficulty, we have had the best year in soul-winning in the history of our work. We praise the Lord for this manifestation of greater earnestness and faithfulness on the part of our workers.

We must not be satisfied, however, with the results of the past. The Lord calls to greater and still greater endeavors for Him. The times in which we live demand that we hasten on with the message of salvation. The day of mercy will soon close. We, like Noah, should earnestly call sinners into the ark of safety, as the day of destruction rapidly approaches.

Workers who have the responsibility of giving the last message of salvation to the world should not say in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming." They should not feel that there is still a long time in which to work. Christ commanded, Work "while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." Surely the night of earth is rapidly coming upon us,—that night of trouble when the angel of mercy will be recalled to heaven, when the seven last plagues will be poured out upon the earth.

If we only realized the imperative of quickly accomplishing our task of warning the world, how much more earnestness in soul-winning would be manifested on the part of every worker and member of the remnant church! We cannot lay out a ten-year plan nor a five-year plan in which to accomplish a certain portion of our work. The only plan God gives us is to warn the world with as much speed as possible. The possibilities are only limited by the faith of the church.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

These words of Christ should remind us that the time for preaching the gospel to the world is hastening on apace, and that we have not much time left. This generation will soon run out. The message of the third angel has been

given to the world for eighty-eight years. It has now spread to one hundred forty-one countries, and the message is now being preached in four hundred seventeen languages. Under the guiding hand of God, the church has done a wonderful work in this short time. But there is still much to be done before "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" have had an opportunity to hear the gospel of salvation.

Almost every province in China has been entered. Plans are now being laid to quickly begin work in those provinces in which we now have no work. But there still is a great task to be done. There are great gaps between our churches and companies. There are large cities in which we have never conducted an evangelistic effort. The colporteur has gone before us and scattered the seed far and wide. The evangelist must now press into these new places. The truth is not only to be given through the printed word, but it is also to be carried by the evangelist.

The evangelist must go from place to place as the colporteur does. He is not to remain in one city for many years. Plans should be laid for holding evangelistic efforts in many new centers every year. The older churches should be organized so they can take care of themselves with the occasional visit of the preachers.

Brethren, we must press out into new places this year. Many well organized evangelistic efforts should be conducted. Every worker should have a part in these efforts. All should remember that unless we are working definitely and systematically for the winning of souls to this truth, we cannot be truly considered workers for God.

We have been glad to learn of the many evangelistic efforts that were conducted throughout China during the past year. Following the South China evangelistic institute a large number of evangelistic efforts were conducted in all parts of this union. It is the aim of this union to put more emphasis on the conducting of extended evangelistic efforts than ever before. We are sure that this will be the plan and endeavor of every union throughout China.

"Evangelism" should be the keynote of the time in which we live. Every worker and every church member should have a part in this greater evangelistic endeavor during the coming year. If every person in the church could only win just one person to Christ during the coming year, what wonderful results there would be! Do we not all have faith enough to help us win one person in one year? Dear fellow believer, ask yourself that question.

If we would see greater accomplishments in soul-winning in China, there are a number of things we should first consider.

1. *Wider Vision.* "Get thee out . . . into a land that I will shew thee," said God to Abraham. God is speaking these same words to every worker in this cause. We are not to settle down in comfort and ease in one place. We are not only to think of building up the work in one institution or one church. We are to be continually pressing out into new places. If we would only let God lead us as He did Abraham, we too would be blessed as was faithful Abraham. New towns and cities await the earnest preachers. How much longer will the unwarned have to wait? We need a wider vision in this rapidly closing work.

2. *Greater Faith.* It takes faith to press out into new places. We know not how we shall be received. There are few friends about us. A new home must be set up. There are peculiar difficulties in the way. The church where we are needs our help. There is still a great work to be done. We say within ourselves, "Why should we have to move on?" Brother, the work can only be finished as we are all constantly moving on. But we should not move on until an altar has been set up. Wherever Abraham went he built an altar. Churches should be organized. The responsibilities of the church should be laid on the members. The preacher should be released for new places. This is a work of faith. Let us pray God that He will give us greater faith.

3. *Sustained Effort.* Our work must not be spasmodic and intermittent. We must not work "here a little, and there a little." There must be a definite plan laid out. We must not relinquish our task in any place until a group of people have accepted the truth and a company or a church has been organized. Evangelistic efforts of a week or two are of little use. There must be extended evangelistic effort of six weeks and more. These should be conducted in a systematic and orderly way. The evangelistic effort should be followed by Bible classes in the homes of the interested ones or in the meeting-place. This work should not stop until a definite number are ready for baptism. In all that we do in our soul-winning work, there should be sustained effort. We should continue our work until the task we have set ourselves to do has been accomplished.

Let us determine that there will be *wider vision, greater faith,* and *sustained effort* in our soul-winning efforts during the coming year. We can then be sure that God will bless us with a large harvest of souls.

Summary of Proceedings - - China Division - - Jan. 22 to Feb. 6, 1932 - - Quadrennial Council

THE opening meeting of the second annual Council of the China Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was held in the Kiangsu Middle School Chapel, 456 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, on Friday evening, January 22, 1932, at 7 P. M. Representatives of our organized work had been invited to come to Shanghai to meet with the China Division Executive Committee in a Quadrennial Council appointed a year ago; and when we met in the upper room set apart for our use, it was found that twenty-two different provinces were represented by workers who had come from these places,—Kiangsu, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Chekiang, Anhwei, Honan, Hupeh, Kiangsi, Shantung, Hopei, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Sikang (Eastern Tibet), Chahar, Mongolia, Shansi, Fengtien, Kirin, Heilungkiang. The directors of the work in all these provinces, and other workers, were present; also the union superintendents and union treasurers and many of the departmental secretaries.

Pastor W. A. Spicer, general field secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and Brother H. H. Cobban, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, were with us from Washington, D. C., U. S. A., as special representatives from the Home Board.

Dr. H. W. Miller addressed the Council, bidding all a welcome, and expressing the hope of the brethren of the China Division Executive Committee that this Quadrennial Council shall mark the beginning of a new era in our China advance. He referred to many providences attending the labors of workers, both Chinese and those from abroad, during the thirty years of our history as a mission in this land. With small beginnings in Kwangtung and Honan, the work has spread out into province after province, until to-day but few unentered sections remain without at least some workers therein. Our numbers have increased to a total of 10,917 baptized church members; the net gain the past year having been 1,441, with 1,791 baptisms. All this has been wrought during times of unprecedented hindrance and disaster, and with lessening budgets. The people of China, while suffering in many ways, are nevertheless awakening to the claims of God upon them, and are more will-

ing to hear gospel truths than ever before. Many doors have been opened for the entrance of teachers of truth. In this time when the prophetic signs are being fulfilled, we are to labor with all earnestness to warn the millions who have not yet heard the warning message of mercy and then the end will come, and the church will triumph gloriously.

Second Day

On Sabbath, January 23, the forenoon and afternoon services were held in the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 35 Range Road. The Sabbath School, opening at 9:30 A. M., was in charge of Miss Mount, with many assisting. The fifteen-minute Home Missionary service was in charge of Y. H. Chu. The morning sermon was given by Pastor W. A. Spicer, whose theme was the signs of the times, the judgment-hour message, and the importance of being prepared day by day and hour by hour and moment by moment for the coming of Jesus.

At two P. M. Pastor Oss led out in a Home Missionary Rally program, participated in by Pastor O. A. Hall, who spoke on The Place of the Home Missionary Department in the Program of Greater Evangelism; and by Pastors A. A. Esteb, David Hwang, T. A. Shaw, and Meng Djung Ih, who spoke on The Four Home Missionary Objectives; namely, (1) Every Church-Member a Victorious Christian; (2) Every Member of Every Church a Witness for Christ; (3) Every Church Organized for Service, with a Definite Program for Evangelism; (4) Every Church a Training-school for Christian Workers.

The Saturday night Division Council was convened in the Ningkuo Road chapel, in order that the report of the Division Secretary for the preceding year might be received. The extent of the present occupation of China's provinces and hsien by our mission workers, was illustrated by means of maps and charts, emphasis being placed upon the importance of going forward by faith into new territory, until all who dwell within the boundaries of the China Division, shall have been given the warning message of saving truth, in preparation for the return of Christ.

Third Day

At the devotional hour at half past six o'clock Sunday morning, January 24, Pastor Frederick Lee gave a Bible study on advancing in faith. This was followed by another study at the 8:45 hour by Pastor W. A. Spicer, on the fast-fulfilling signs of the near approach of the end of time and the coming of Christ, and the importance of recognizing, as faithful watchmen on the walls of Zion, the heavy tread of events, and giving the warning to the people while there is yet opportunity to labor for the safeguarding of the church and for the salvation of the lost.

Organization of Quadrennial Council

With the singing of Hymn No. 79, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and prayers offered by Pastor J. P. Anderson of the Hakka Mission and Pastor Meng Chung Ih of the Shansi Mission, the first business meeting of the Quadrennial Council of the China Division was opened, Dr. H. W. Miller serving as Chairman, and with Professor B. A. Liu serving as the appointed associate of the Division Secretary for the keeping of a duplicate in Chinese of the official record of the proceedings.

Seating of the Delegates

A list of all members of the China Division Executive Committee, together with members of the General Conference Committee from abroad, the nine Chinese representatives of unions and of Division institutions that had been chosen to serve with the China Division Executive Committee during the Quadrennial Council; and also the directors of all provincial missions, union departmental secretaries, physicians, evangelists, and others who had been invited to meet with the Committee during this Council, was submitted; and those named were seated, as follows:

General Conference Representatives from the Home Board: W. A. Spicer, Mrs. W. A. Spicer, H. H. Cobban.

China Division—General: Dr. H. W. Miller, C. C. Morris, S. L. Frost, Frederick Lee, John Oss,

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W. A. Scharffenberg, Miss Bessie Mount, H. H. Morse, Dr. J. N. Andrews, D. E. Rebok, H. L. Shull, B. A. Liu, Giang Tsung Gwang, E. R. Thiele, C. C. Crisler, Dr. Constance Wen, Dr. R. W. Paul, Dr. R. N. Calvert, Dr. J. V. Scott, W. E. Eberhardt, H. A. Anderson, Y. H. Chu, Y. C. Hsu, Miss T. E. Barr, Chas. Larson.

Central China Union: N. F. Brewer, C. H. Davis, W. E. Strickland, C. A. Carter, Dr. R. J. Brines, H. L. Graham, Wu Dzeh Shan, Liu Djen Gwang, Wang Ging Bo, Dzou Pei Hsin, T. A. Shaw, E. H. James, Mrs. C. H. Davis, E. L. Longway.

East China Union: K. H. Wood, Liu Meng Ru, L. E. Reed, O. B. Kuhn, C. S. Sissons, W. Schroeter, Wu Tsung Shan, F. M. Larsen. Mrs. B. Miller, Swen Tsung Gwang, G. L. Wilkinson, Chen Yu Shih, H. C. Shen, Pan Shui Ru, Mrs K. H. Wood, B. F. Gregory.

Manchurian Union: B. L. Petersen, H. N. Brodersen, Dr. M. Vinkel, Nils Dahlsten, C. L. Blandford, C. D. Smith, Max Popow, H. M. Kim (Ging), Wang Fu Yuen, Wang Ging Yang, Mrs. H. N. Brodersen.

North China Union: Geo. J. Appel, C. B. Green, L. H. Davies, Dr. E. F. Coulston, W. J. Harris, Chiaou Wen Li, H. Y. Tsou, Meng Chung Ih, Goh Djao Liang, A. A. Esteb, Otto Christensen.

South China Union: O. A. Hall, P. L. Williams, R. M. Milne, L. C. Wilcox, Mrs. O. A. Hall, Dr. Day D. Coffin, A. L. Ham, J. P. Anderson, P. V. Thomas, David Hwang, B. L. Anderson, H. N. Quade, Dr. B. T. Lo, Dr. H. C. James, Mrs. David Hwang, Dr. Ethel James, Dr. F. E. Bates, Tshi Tsok Phien, H. S. Leung, S. T. Hwang. (One representative, Wu Yun Yung, of Foochow, on the list, did not attend.)

West China Union: M. C. Warren, J. Effenberg, A. Buzzell, Ho Ai Deng, Wang An Hsi, C. B. Miller, Dallas R. White, Mrs. H. K. Smith, Mrs. M. C. Warren.

Of those listed, several of the general and institutional representatives had not yet come in, and did not answer to the roll call; practically all others were present from the opening hour excepting Brother Wu Yun Yung, of Foochow, who was unable to come.

Four of those listed; namely, Pan Shui Ru, Mrs. K. H. Wood, B. F.

Gregory, Chas. Larson, were nominated from the floor to serve as representatives during the Council.

Remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman, Dr H. W. Miller, in welcoming the representatives from all parts of the field who had come in to unite in the Quadrennial Council, referred to the unusual times of trial and difficulty upon which we have entered, and emphasized the fact that God's children may learn many lessons from experiences such as those through which we are passing in these closing scenes of earth's history, with lessening incomes from the Home Board, and with calamitous circumstances bringing great perplexity in nearly every field. It is in times such as these, that our great Leader speaks to us through His prophet of old: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, *lengthen thy cords*, and *strengthen thy stakes*; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." Isa. 54:2,3.

In China there are many cities we have not yet warned; when we pass through these on our way to stations beyond, we must acknowledge with shame that we have no representatives of present truth in these centers of population. We are to plan in a way that will "make the desolate cities to be inhabited" with faithful Seventh-day Adventist believers, all through China. In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, pages 147, 148, we read:

"How many towns and cities there are that are utterly neglected. Our people are injuring themselves by crowding into one place. When trees in a nursery are crowded thickly together they cannot grow healthfully and sturdily. Transplant trees from your thickly-planted nursery. God is not glorified in the scattering of so many advantages in one place. Give room; put your plants in many places, where one will not lean for support upon another. Give them room to grow. This the Lord demands of you.

"The means expended in enlarging your advantages, . . . should

be used in establishing missionary stations elsewhere. You should broaden your plans and widen the field of your operations. You should send wise men into the cities and towns that have not yet heard the gospel message. Pick out the best men you can possibly spare, and give them opportunity to become caretakers and burden-bearers. . . . Place them where they can use their God-given abilities in calling sinners to repentance. . . .

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Plans and Resolutions Adopted by the 1932 Quadrennial Council - - China Division

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Remarks by Pastor W. A. Spicer

The chairman called upon Pastor W. A. Spicer to speak to the Conference; and Brother Spicer responded with words of courage, hope, and inspiration.

Remarks by H. H. Cobban

Brother H. H. Cobban also, in response to an invitation to speak, added his testimony of encouragement, and expressed strong faith in God's plan to finish His work with power. "With courage in our hearts," Brother Cobban declared in closing, "and with faith in God, all things will be made possible for us to bring to pass; for God has all power; and as we do our part in His name, He will see to it that the holding of this meeting and our reconsecration at this time for the seeing through to completion of His work in China, will mark a great forward step in our advance in this land."

Testimonies of Leaders and of Pioneers

Many of those who are leaders in God's work in the China field, including some who pioneered the way in the earlier history of our mission in these parts, testified of their courage in God, and of their joy over progress already made and over the lights already shining in many a place in China hitherto in spiritual darkness and without knowledge of the special truths for this time. God is causing many lights to appear amid the darkness; His light-bearers are breaking forth on the right hand and on the left; soon the whole land will be warned, and the end will come.

Among those who thus spoke, blending voice and heart in praise and in reconsecration, were Brethren O. A. Hall, M. C. Warren, Wu Dzeh Shan, B. Petersen, John Oss, N. F. Brewer, Ho Ai Deng, Geo. J. Appel, A. A. Esteb, G. L. Wilkinson, L. H. Davies, Dr. R. J. Brines, O. B. Kuhn, W. J. Harris, K. H. Wood, B. L. Anderson, C. S. Sissons, W. E. Strickland, F. M. Larsen, Wang An Hsi, C. C. Morris, H. L. Graham, L. C. Wilcox, T. A. Shaw, E. L. Longway, C. A. Carter, Dzou Pei Hsin, S. L. Frost.

The general sentiment of all the speakers, was that the time has come when we must press on as never before in the China Division, uniting with one another in prayer, exercising constantly an unwavering faith in Him who bids us advance, and keeping steadily before us a clear vision of His purpose to bring a message of hope and deliverance to the peoples within the boundaries of this Division. Again and again the brethren expressed their conviction that we are now in an especial sense to lengthen our cords, getting into regions hitherto unentered, and actually occupying our territory. This will come in proportion as we reconsecrate ourselves to the task, and labor in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Announcements of Changes in Administrative Staffs

The Chairman announced that the Division Executive Committee, in harmony with counsels from the General Conference officers and in

line with the actions taken at the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee in Omaha on tenure of office, have made certain appointments that involve changes of administration. These come not as the result of any complaints lodged with the Committee, but rather out of a recognition of the value of the principles enunciated anew of late by the General Conference regarding the making of changes in order to bring to growing constituencies and to large fields the talents of workers who have been laboring with success elsewhere. Announcement was made by the Chairman of the following changes made in the China Division in the personnel of the superintendency of union fields:

West China Union: E. L. Longway, superintendent.

Central China Union: M. C. Warren, superintendent.

Manchurian Union: N. F. Brewer, superintendent.

Formation of a New Mission Field

The chairman further announced the changing of boundary lines of Central China Union, by assigning to this union the provinces of Honan, Hupeh, Hunan, and Kiangsi; and further that the Division Executive Committee had formed a new mission field, to be known as the Northwest China Mission; and Pastor J. Effenberg, formerly of the West China Union, has been assigned to this newly formed Mission as superintendent, with headquarters probably at Lanchow. Included in the Northwest China Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, are the provinces of Shensi, Kansu, Chinghai, Ninghsia, and Sinkiang.

Sessions Standing Committees

Voted. That the chair appoint the usual sessions standing committees.

Appointed:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

C. C. Morris (chairman), H. H. Cobban, H. L. Shull, W. E. Eberhardt, Y. C. Hsu, Wang Ging Bo, Mrs. C. H. Davis, C. S. Sissons, Swen Tsung Gwang, G. L. Wilkinson, H. N. Brodersen, Wang Fu Yuen, Geo. J. Appel, Chiao Wen Li, P. L. Williams, Ho Ai Deng, Mrs. H. K. Smith.

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COMMITTEE ON PLANS

E. L. Longway (chairman), S. L. Frost, John Oss, W. A. Scharffenberg, Miss Mount, H. H. Morse, Dr. J. N. Andrews, D. E. Rebok, L. E. Reed, O. Schroeter, Wu Tsung Shan, F. M. Larsen, Mrs. B. Miller, Wu Dzi Chiao, B. Petersen, N. F. Brewer, Mrs. O. A. Hall, Dr. D. Day Coffin, J. P. Anderson, P. V. Thomas, David Hwang, B. L. Anderson, H. N. Quade, Dr. P. T. Lo, Giang Tsung Gwang, E. R. Thiele, Dr. Constance Wen, Dr. J. V. Scott, Y. H. Chu, Miss T. E. Barr, M. C. Warren, C. H. Davis, C. A. Carter, H. L. Graham, Liu Djen Gwang, Dzou Pei Hsin, T. A. Shaw, E. H. James, Liu Meng Ru, K. H. Wood, Dr. M. Vinkel, C. L. Blandford, C. D. Smith, H. M. Kim (Ging) Wang Ging Yang, C. B. Green, L. H. Davies, Dr. E. F. Coulston, H. Y. Tsou, Goh Djao Liang, A. A. Esteb, Otto Christensen, O. A. Hall, R. M. Milne, L. C. Wilcox, Dr. H. C. James, Dr. Ethel James, Dr. F. E. Bates, H. S. Leung, Wu Yun Yung, S. T. Hwang, A. Buzzell, Dallas R. White, Mrs. M. C. Warren, Mrs. K. H. Wood, Chas. Larsen, B. F. Gregory, Pan Shui Ru.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

C. C. Crisler (chairman), W. A. Spicer, B. A. Liu, Dr. R. N. Calvert, W. E. Strickland, Dr. R. J. Brines, Wu Dzeh Shan, O. B. Kuhn, H. C. Shen, Nils Dahlsten, Max Popow, W. J. Harris, Meng Chung Ih, Tshi Tsok Phien, Wang An Hsi, C. B. Miller, A. L. Ham.

Partial Report from Plans Committee

Gratitude to God

As we meet in the first quadrennial council of the China Division, it is with fervent gratitude to God that we look back over the years and recall His favors and mercies showered upon us, and note His prospering hand that has led us all the way. He hath not dealt with us according to our merits, but has let the light of His countenance shine upon us for His Name's sake. He has honored

the preaching and teaching of His word by workers and people. He has brought multitudes to rejoice in the light of the truth, who knew not of it a few years ago.

We have seen the people coming by the hundreds from east and west and north and south, as the living seed of the word of God has been sown, watered by the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For the measure of success in spite of difficulties resulting from war, flood, and famine, we thank God, recognizing that it is at His command that the winds of strife are held.

With a sense of mercies and blessings more than we can number, received from our Heavenly Father's hand, we as delegates, representing the work in all the provinces of China and its territories, unite in expressing thankful praise and adoration to our God, and join in reconsecrating our lives to yet more faithful and earnest service in order quickly to finish the work in the China Division.

Week of Sacrifice

Voted, that the date for the annual Week of Sacrifice for the China Division be October 9 to 15, 1932.

Tribute to Fallen Comrades

As we meet in this the first quadrennial council of the China Division, and repeat the roll call of the workers and believers, we are called upon to pay tribute of love and respect for many a faithful brother and burden-bearing sister fallen at the post of duty. We thank God for the influence of their lives.

As special representatives of this roll call, we mention the names of Mrs. Claude Miller and Mrs. Dallas White of Yunnan, West China; Brethren Ch'eng Mei Sheng and Wu Fu Chen of Central China; Brother Yu Ching-ho of Manchuria; Brethren Chen Chun Hwa and Ting Ung-sing of South China; and Brethren Wu Hsing-shan, Cheng Chien-kung, and Chen Lu-ming of East China.

For all our departed associates we grieve, but we sorrow as those who have the brightest hopes. We thank God that the hour of our reunion is close at hand, and by each new grave we pledge ourselves to

renewed efforts to hasten that glad day of immortality which will dawn when the gospel of the kingdom has been preached as a witness to all nations.

1932 Goals for Chinese "Signs of the Times" (Annual Subs.)

We recommend, That the goal for the circulation of the Chinese *Signs of the Times* for 1932, be 100,000 for the China Division; and that the unions set the following goals:

Central China	22,000
East China	22,000
Manchuria	10,000
North China	15,000
Northwest China	4,000
South China	15,000
West China	12,000

Tithes and Offerings

Whereas, Our appropriations from the General Conference are being reduced year by year, and

Whereas, There are increasing demands coming to us for funds with which to carry forward a rapidly growing work in the China Division,—

We recommend, (1) That a new tract on Tithing recently off the press, by Pastor C. H. Watson, be translated into Chinese and placed in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist believer in China.

(2) Realizing that our receipts in tithes are low in practically every part of the China Division, we encourage anew all of our workers to especially emphasize the matter of faithful tithe-paying among all our believers, and that the principles of tithe-paying be clearly taught in baptismal classes and to any who are preparing to become church members.

(3) That the matter of offerings also be emphasized as a duty that comes to every member of the church in assisting to pass on the truth to those who know it not.

Larger Soul-Winning Endeavors

Whereas, the remnant church was established for the purpose of quickly completing the work of saving the lost; and,—

Whereas, Every department of this church was organized for the carrying out of this great purpose,

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thus making everyone connected with this movement a soul-winning worker; and, —

Whereas, There are now unprecedented opportunities for the preaching of the gospel to the unwarned, which have come about through the remarkable happenings on every hand, thus causing many to enquire as to the meaning of these things; and, —

Whereas, There are hundreds and thousands of villages where a Seventh-day Adventist worker has never won a soul to this truth; and, —

Whereas, We are warned by the servant of the Lord that there is great danger of the church of to-day failing, as did Israel of old, in occupying all the territory for God, as set forth in the following earnest words:

"When the Israelites entered Canaan, they did not fulfil God's purpose by taking possession of the WHOLE land. After making a partial conquest, they settled down to enjoy the fruit of their victories. In their unbelief and love of ease, they congregated in the portions already conquered, instead of pushing forward to occupy new territory. Thus they began to depart from God. By their failure to carry out His purpose, they made it impossible for Him to fulfil to them His promise of blessing.

"Is not the church of to-day doing the same thing? With the whole world before them in need of the gospel, professed Christians congregate where they themselves can enjoy gospel privileges. They do not feel the necessity of occupying new territory, carrying the message of salvation into regions beyond. They refuse to fulfil Christ's commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Are they less guilty than was the Jewish church?' Therefore, —

We recommend, (1) That definite plans be laid by the heads of all union and provincial missions, together with every departmental head, to extend our soul-winning endeavors rapidly to every corner of our field;

(2) That all evangelistic workers so far as possible be released for work in new places;

(3) That efficient groups of evangelistic workers be organized in each field for the conducting of extended evangelistic efforts; and that plans be laid for conducting as many of these efforts in each field as is consistent with available funds and efficient workers;

(4) That our publishing department leaders encourage every colporteur to spend some time each week in soul-winning work among the people to whom he has been selling our literature;

(5) That workers in our medical institutions plan in a definite way to do active soul-winning work with the sick who come to our institutions;

(6) That teachers and students in our middle schools and our central training-school unite in holding an evangelistic effort in some location in the vicinity of the school each year.

(7) That our lay members be trained as rapidly as possible to take over the responsibilities of all local churches, thus releasing evangelistic workers; and that they be trained in the giving of Bible studies and the doing of active soul-winning work.

"The Shepherd's Call"

Whereas, Our Chinese church paper, *The Shepherd's Call*, has, under the blessing of God, been a source of spiritual strength and uplift to our members; and, —

Whereas, The Spirit of prophecy has repeatedly called attention to the part that God intends our church papers should perform in the upbuilding of the church, and has urged that earnest effort and careful thought be given to the placing of these papers in the homes of our believers; therefore, —

We recommend, (1) That a special effort be put forth throughout the China field to put the *Shepherd* into the home of every member and inquirer.

(2) That our pastors and local church leaders be asked to take upon themselves a special responsibility toward seeing that all within their charge be given access to the blessings that the *Shepherd* affords; and that our directors and home missionary leaders lead out in a general promotion of this endeavor within their respective fields.

(3) That we renew our encouragement to all our middle and higher training-schools to place a copy of the *Shepherd* in the room of every student, and that one or more copies be placed in the library and reading-room of each of our chapels or institutions.

(4) That all workers or institutions who have not yet done so, be urged to place their subscriptions for the *Shepherd* upon a perpetual basis.

(5) That we set for 1932 a goal of 3,050 subscriptions to the *Shepherd*, divided as follows;

Central China	650
East China	900
Manchuria	250
North China	250
South China	700
West China	250
Northwest China	50

Ministerial Reading Courses

Whereas, Our ministerial workers the world over have received much spiritual as well as educational profit through following the Ministerial Reading Courses as outlined each year; therefore, —

We recommend, (1) That every evangelistic worker, whether foreign or Chinese, throughout the China Division, be encouraged to faithfully pursue this course of reading each year; and, —

(2) That beginning with 1932 each worker enroll and report the completion of courses through the local mission director and through the union superintendent to the Division Ministerial Association Secretary; and, —

(3) That beginning with 1932 the credit cards for the completion of any reading course, whether foreign or Chinese, be issued by the Association Secretary, and that these cards be sent to the worker through the union superintendent and the local mission director so that a record may be made in each office.

The 1932 Ministerial Reading Course contains the following:

"The Wondrous Joy of Soul-Winning"

Dr. R. A. Torrey

"Children of the Second Birth"

S. M. Shoemaker, Jr.

"The Life of William Carey"

George Smith

"Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9"

Mrs. E. G. White

"The China Division Gazette"

Harvest Ingathering

Whereas, Great blessings, both spiritual and financial, have come to us from the Harvest Ingathering work, in following the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy, that we should go to those not of our faith for the prosecution of our work, —

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We recommend, (1) That all missions in the China Division conduct these campaigns yearly.

(2) That all our fields be thoroughly organized to take a vigorous part in the annual Harvest Ingathering campaign.

(3) That each mission and institution so plan its work that its mission employees may engage in the Harvest Ingathering campaign at least fifty (50) hours during the Harvest Ingathering campaign period.

(4) That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least ten (10) hours to the solicitation of funds during the Harvest Ingathering campaign period.

(5) That each field be carefully districted by the local mission committees for this campaign, each group of churches or companies being definitely assigned to a mission worker who shall be responsible for the success of the campaign in that particular district.

(6) That all our schools, hospitals and other institutions be encouraged to have one or more field days in which teachers and students and workers, as may be selected, shall be organized to go out and solicit funds.

(7) That the churches report each week to the mission office their progress toward their goals.

(8) That the Harvest Ingathering campaign date for 1933 be from September 16 to October 28. (Note: For the year 1932 it is September 5 to October 15, 1932.)

(9) That for 1933 the regular First Sabbath Home Missionary Program on the Ingathering work to be held in all our churches be changed from September 2 to September 16.

Whereas, Much confusion would be avoided by the establishment of an individual Harvest Ingathering goal; and,—

Whereas, The General Conference recommends that the principle of an individual goal be adopted by the divisions.—

We recommend, That the Harvest Ingathering goal for the China Division be \$5.00 Mex. per member, based on the membership January 1, of the current year.

Home Commission

Whereas, The Spirit of prophecy has pointed out: "The work of parents underlies every other. The heart of the community, of the church and of the nation, is the household. The well-being of society, and success of the church, the prosperity of the nations, depend upon home influences;" and,—

Whereas, There is in China a great need of this work of home training, that our homes may be brought into closer line with the ideals that heaven has devised, and thus fulfil for them to a larger extent the lofty purposes of God; therefore,—

We recommend, (1) That our workers be urged to give particular and constant attention to the home-life of our believers, that they may there realize and maintain the standards for which this denomination stands.

(2) That a special effort be put forth by all our workers toward the establishment of the family altar within the homes of all those within their charge, encouraging them to secure the family altar certificate.

(3) That October 22 be set apart as Christian Home Day, and that we request the Secretary of the Home Commission to prepare a program to be given in all our churches upon that day, this program to appear in *The Shepherd's Call*.

(4) That we urge our church paper to continue to keep constantly to the front within its pages the importance of this subject of the Christian home.

Five-year Course for Evangelists

Whereas, The Five Year Course for Evangelists was established for the purpose of promoting systematic study on the part of every evangelistic worker who has not had the privilege of completing a course of study in one of our training-schools; and,—

Whereas, There is urgent need of increasing the efficiency of large numbers of our evangelistic workers throughout the field; and,—

Whereas, We believe that workers who are constantly seeking mental as well as spiritual improvement will be more awake to opportunities for soul-winning,—

We therefore recommend, (1) That definite endeavors be put forth during the coming year by superintendents of unions and directors of missions to enroll every evangelistic worker in the Five Year Course for Evangelists, and that these workers be encouraged to actively and systematically pursue this course of study as rapidly as is consistent with circumstances until the course has been completed; it being understood that workers choosing to take this course, seek counsel with their respective controlling committees with regard to the amount of work that they may properly spend, on the average, year by year, in pursuing this course.

(2) That this course of study be promoted at provincial and union meetings where a group of evangelistic workers are gathered together.

(3) That the promotion of this course continue to be recognized as part of the work of the Ministerial Association in China, and that leaders of this Association take definite steps to promote this phase of our work in a large way.

(4) That union superintendents and mission directors keep a record of the work that each evangelistic worker has completed in this course of study.

(5) That we continue to co-operate with the Home Study Institute, which will act as the accrediting agency in this course of study.

(6) The procedure for entering this course of study and for issuing certificates and diplomas will be as follows:

(a) Workers will apply direct to the Home Study Institute, signifying their desire to enroll in this course, and specifying the study which they desire to take up;

(b) Workers may ask the Home Study Institute to check up on credits that may be obtained from any of our schools which the workers may have attended for a time or which may have been received during summer school work;

(c) On the completion of any subject in the Five Year Course the Home Study Institute will issue a certificate of credit to the Ministerial Association, which will keep this certificate on file;

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(d) The Ministerial Association on receiving a credit card from the Home Study Institute will issue a certificate to the worker, signed by the Ministerial Association Secretary of the Division;

(e) Certificates issued by the Ministerial Association will be forwarded to union superintendents, who will make a record of the same, and pass the certificates on to the mission directors, who will make a record of the same and pass them on to the worker or workers, with a word of encouragement.

"Our Missionary Volunteers and Their Work"

In order to enable our Chinese workers and young people to become familiar with the organization and plans of our Young People's Missionary Volunteer work, and to be more effective in soul-winning endeavor among the youth,—

We recommend, (1) That the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department select, translate, and publish "Our Missionary Volunteers and Their Work" in a booklet of about 75 to 100 pages.

(2) In order that our workers may become better prepared to work with and for our young people,

We recommend, (a) That a class in Junior Methods be given each year in our Summer School, and that all teachers who have not had such a course be required to take same.

(b) That the Home Study Institute at an early date prepare a regular course in Junior Methods.

(c) That the Junior work be constantly emphasized in our church papers.

(d) That we include a course in Junior Methods in our Junior Middle School course of study.

(e) That we encourage all workers to secure a copy of the Junior Manual.

(f) And, further, that where possible, Young People's Missionary Volunteer Institutes be held annually in local provinces.

Union Mission Nurse

Whereas, We believe the instruction given us that the medical work is the right arm of the third angel's message; and,—

Whereas, We feel that it is very essential that we carry forward medical missionary work in connection with the preaching of the gospel; therefore,—

We recommend, That provision be made for the employment of a union mission nurse whose duty shall be to assist in large public efforts held in the union; and that he also be required to inspect all students in our schools where our doctors cannot carry on this work; and that this missionary nurse be a member of the staff of our union or local mission hospitals and foster our field work among the churches, assisting wherever possible to bring before the public the programs of our institutions, and if possible conducting courses in home nursing. This nurse shall be under the direction of the union committee.

Worker's Health Pamphlet

Whereas, There is great need of aiding our workers to conserve their health in the China field, and to provide facts for prospective recruits,

We recommend, (1) That a pamphlet be prepared by the medical department placing special emphasis upon certain desirable health practices below listed, together with others that the medical department may feel should be included.

(2) That a copy of this pamphlet be presented to each worker in the China Division employ. (Note: The list of principles to appear later.)

Building of Chapels

Whereas, Mission-owned church properties greatly strengthen and stabilize our work through providing appropriate places of worship,—

We recommend, (1) That wherever we have organized churches, the church members be encouraged to provide themselves places of worship.

(2) That in interior places, if necessary, the local mission endeavor to assist up to fifty per cent of the cost.

(3) That in larger centers and port cities where the membership may be small and the cost of providing church buildings excessive, additional help be arranged for from Church Extension or other funds by the union and division committees.

Medical Resolution

Whereas, It is a well recognized and widely accepted principle among medical workers that a thorough physical examination should be performed at least once a year whenever practicable on all individuals in order to discover any early pathological conditions which may be developing, and also to advise individuals how better to keep in good health; therefore be it—

Resolved, That we recommend that our Division Medical Department prepare the necessary history and physical examination blanks, which when properly filled in by the examining physician shall be returned to the Division medical office to be kept on file; and, further,—

We request each of our workers have whenever practicable a yearly physical examination by our own physicians wherever possible, and that said examination be without cost to the worker.

Annual Provincial Meetings, Institutions, etc.

WEST CHINA UNION:

Sundry provincial meetings, institutes, etc.— March 23 to early summer.

EAST CHINA UNION:

South Chekiang	Wenchow	Feb. 12-16
North Chekiang	Hangchow	Feb. 19-24
Kiangsu	Shanghai	Feb. 25-March 1
Anhwei	Nanking	March 7-12

CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE:

Spring Week of Prayer— March 2-7

CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE:

Summer School,— June 20-August 5

CENTRAL CHINA UNION:

Honan	Yencheng	March 15-21
Hupeh	Hankow	March 22-28
Hunan	Changsha	Mar. 30-April 5, noon
Kiangsi	Nanchang	April 8-12, noon

NORTH CHINA UNION:

Shantung	Tsinan	April 15-20
Hopei	Peiping	April 21-25
Shansi	Taiyuanfu	April 27-May 1
Mongolia		May 2-6
Union Institute and Evangelistic Effort —		
March 26 to April 9		
Tsinan	Week of Prayer	March 12-19

MANCHURIA UNION:

Liaoning	Mukden	May 9-14
Kirin	Chang hun	May 16-21
Sungari	Harbin	May 23-28
Russian School Institute (about)		August 15
Workers' Institute and Evangelistic Effort		— April 1

SOUTH CHINA UNION:

June 10 - July 30

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Committee on Nominations — Partial Report

The Committee on Nominations, through its secretary, Pastor W. E. Strickland, submitted a partial report, including the few Executive Committee appointments to effect transfers in unions as already announced in the opening session by the Chair. The report of the Nominating Committee having been read, with motion to adopt, the report was re-read, and question called upon each item separately; whereupon question was called on the report as a whole, and it was adopted, as follows:

We recommend, That the following serve as officers of unions and missions in the China Division:

Central China Union: M. C. Warren, superintendent; A. Mountain, secretary-treasurer and auditor (it being understood that Mrs. C. H. Davis, the present acting secretary-treasurer, shall continue serving until such time as Brother Mountain can be released for this appointment).

East China Union: K. H. Wood, superintendent; C. S. Sissons, secretary-treasurer and auditor.

South China Union: O. A. Hall, superintendent; P. L. Williams, secretary-treasurer and auditor.

West China Union: E. L. Longway, superintendent; H. R. Dixon, secretary-treasurer and auditor (with the understanding that Mrs. H. K. Smith, the present secretary-treasurer, shall continue serving until such time as arrangements can be perfected for proper transfer to the incoming appointee.)

North China Union: Geo. J. Appel, superintendent; H. W. Christian, secretary-treasurer and auditor (it being understood that Geo. J. Appel shall continue serving as secretary-treasurer and auditor until such time as H. W. Christian, now in language school, can be advised by the North China Union Executive Committee to assume these responsibilities).

Manchurian Union: N. F. Brewer, superintendent; W. I. Hilliard, secretary-treasurer and auditor (it

being understood that H. N. Brodersen, the present incumbent, shall continue his service in this capacity until such time as W. I. Hilliard can be returned from furlough and duly installed in union responsibility in Manchuria).

Northwest China Mission: J. Effenberg, superintendent.

General Appointments — for a two-year period:

China Division Auditor: C. C. Morris.

China Division Transportation Agents: C. C. Morris, chairman; the treasurers of the South and Central China Union Missions.

China Division Building Committee: C. C. Morris, chairman; H. W. Miller, E. C. Wood, D. E. Rebok, Geo. J. Appel, K. H. Wood, C. C. Crisler, A. Mountain.

China Division appointive members of the China Division Executive Committee: D. E. Rebok, Frederick Lee, R. W. Paul, W. A. Scharffenberg, J. Effenberg.

China Division Ministerial Association: Frederick Lee, secretary; Advisory Council: Frederick Lee, division officers, superintendents of union missions, union evangelists, division departmental secretaries, principals of advanced schools in China Division.

China Division Home Commission: E. R. Thiele, chairman; H. W. Miller, S. L. Frost, Mrs. B. Miller, Mrs. T. F. Mi, H. C. Shen, B. A. Liu, Mrs. O. A. Hall, Mrs. E. L. Longway, Miss Elsie Liu, Mrs. M. C. Warren, Miss J. Holmes, Mrs. Chen Gien Wen, Mrs. N. F. Brewer, Dr. Constance Wen, Mrs. Effenberg, Miss Anna Loo, Mrs. C. B. Green, Miss Lucy Andrus, Djao Wen Li.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

Educational and Y. P. M. V. Dept.: Secretary, S. L. Frost. Members: S. L. Frost, John Oss, Miss Bessie Mount, S. H. Lindt, Educational and Y. P. M. V. secretaries of union missions; the heads of training-schools in the division; the heads of senior and junior middle schools; the superintendents of union missions.

Home Missionary Dept.: Secretary, John Oss. Members: The divi-

sion publishing and home missionary secretary; the union and local home missionary secretaries as appointed; the union field missionary secretaries; the executive heads of union and local fields.

Medical Dept.: Secretary, H. W. Miller, M. D. Members: The division, medical secretary; with the physicians connected with all recognized sanitariums, treatment-rooms, and hospital-dispensaries in the China Division; and superintendents of nurses in institutions conducting nurses' training-schools.

Publishing Dept.: Secretary, John Oss. Members: The division publishing department secretary; all union field home missionary secretaries within our territory; all local field missionary secretaries; the head of the publishing house in China; together with the chief editors as appointed by the Division Committee; the superintendents of all union missions.

Sabbath School Dept.: Secretary, Miss Bessie Mount. Advisory Committee: The division Sabbath school secretary; all union Sabbath school secretaries; assistant editor of the (Chinese) *Sabbath School Helper*; Frederick Lee, E. R. Thiele, K. H. Wood, H. C. Shen, Joseph May, C. C. Morris, Yeh Kwen Gan.

Appointments for one year:

CHINESE SIGNS PRESS EDITORS:

Shi Djao Yueh Bao: (*The Signs of the Times*): Frederick Lee, editor; Y. H. Chu, acting editor; Y. H. Chu, E. R. Thiele, associate editors.

Mo Shi Mu Sheng (*The Shepherd's Call*): E. R. Thiele, editor; Joseph May, Y. H. Chu, Frederick Lee, Goh Djao Oh, associate editors; the following to serve as contributing editors: H. W. Miller, C. C. Crisler, S. L. Frost, John Oss, Bessie Mount, O. A. Hall, E. L. Longway, M. C. Warren, K. H. Wood, Geo. J. Appel, N. F. Brewer, J. Effenberg.

Appointed Assistants: The Press Board is hereby empowered to appoint any editorial assistants that may be found essential, for any of the periodicals issued by the House.

Sabbath School Helper: Bessie Mount, editor; ~~any assistants to be~~ appointed by the China Division Committee.

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The China Division Gazette: S. L. Frost, editor; associates, John Oss, Frederick Lee, Yeh Kwen Gan, Besie Mount; the general editorial, translating, and proofreading work being borne largely by the various departments concerned.

The China Division Reporter: C. C. Crisler, editor.

Book Editors: Frederick Lee, general book editor; E. R. Thiele (acting during absence of general editor on furlough); Y. H. Chu and E. R. Thiele, associate book editors.

Reading Committee: Frederick Lee, chairman; E. R. Thiele, vice-chairman; B. A. Liu, Y. H. Chu, Joseph May, S. H. Lindt, M. R. Liu, John Oss, K. H. Wood, O. A. Hall, Dzou Pei Hsin, E. L. Longway, Tan Kia O, Goh Djao Oh, Djao Wen Li, H. C. Shen.

Chinese Harvest Ingathering Special for 1932: Editorial Committee: C. C. Crisler (Chairman), John Oss, Y. H. Chu, E. R. Thiele, Goh Djao Oh, Frederick Lee, Dzou Pei Hsin.

Adjournment of Business

Session

Upon motion, it was voted that the business session be adjourned *sine die*. The Chairman expressed gratitude to God for protecting mercies throughout our Council, while in parts of Shanghai there has been war and confusion such as has perhaps never before been seen in this city. Although the year before us may bring to China greater perplexity and sorrow and unrest than ever before in the history of our thirty years in this land, it should nevertheless be the most fruitful in soul-winning, of any that our cause here has known. With minds solemnized by the fast-fulfilling signs we have been seeing with our eyes and hearing with our ears while attending this meeting, we should surely go forth with a burden to proclaim the last message of mercy and of warning. May the Lord's blessing be with you all.

Brother H. H. Cobban, of the General Conference, pronounced the benediction.

OBITUARY

DOROTHY MARIE LEE, the second daughter of Elder and Mrs. Frederick Lee, of Shanghai, China, was born in Shanghai, July 11, 1919, and passed to her rest February 10, 1932. Dorothy's first school work was taken at the Hankow church school in 1926, under Miss Lola Lindsay. The next year she came with her parents to live in Shanghai, and from this time attended school at the Far Eastern Academy. She was in the eighth grade, and was planning to graduate at the close of this school year.

Dorothy had an earnest Christian experience. During her last days the words, "Dear Jesus," were frequently on her lips. She had a generous and sunny disposition, her thoughts being always of what she might give to others and what she might do for them. Her ambition was to become a nurse that she might have the opportunity she so much desired of doing in behalf of others.

Two weeks before her death Dorothy was taken sick. It soon developed, that she had a severe attack of scarlet fever. All that loving hands and human skill and earnest prayer could do to save her life was done; but in vain. Dorothy fell asleep on the evening of February 10, 1932.

Dorothy leaves to mourn her loss, her father and mother, her sister Anna, who is attending Emman-

uel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, and a brother and sister in Shanghai, Milton and Mary Lou, and many friends.

Dorothy sleeps in peace. We are confident that in the not far distant future she will awaken at the call of the Life-Giver, to receive from Him the gift of immortal life. Interment was made on Thursday afternoon, February 11, at the Hungjao cemetery, Shanghai, the funeral services being conducted by Elders M. C. Warren, C. C. Crisler, Chas Larson, and the writer.

EDWIN R. THIELE.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

(Adopted by the China Division Committee, February 11, 1932)

Whereas, Dorothy Lee, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Lee, and one of the most dearly beloved of all the children of our Ningkuo Road Mission Compound in Shanghai, has been removed from us by death,—

Resolved, That we hereby express to our afflicted associates in labor, Brother and Sister Frederick Lee, and to the other members of their family, including the daughter far away at Emmanuel Missionary College, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this great bereavement that has fallen upon them in the loss of Dorothy; and that we assure them of our prayers that our Heavenly Father will graciously sustain them under this deep affliction.

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sors of the ear-splitting reverberations which made the night an inferno.

Thursday, February 26, following several days of preparation, the Japanese Ninth Division was successful against the Nineteenth Route Army in breaking through the elaborate Chinese defences.

The battle throughout the day was an intense one; and despite the stubborn defense of the Chinese, who literally fought inch by inch, they were pushed back.

In the meantime the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway line was the objective of an aeroplane raid in the vicinity of Lunghua, the returning bombing planes claiming to have damaged eighty metres of the track. Friday saw a resumption of the war in the air, when no fewer than six raids were carried out on Hangchow, Chapei, and Lunghua.

The final breakdown of the situation around Shanghai came late on Tuesday. The landing of the extra Japanese divisions, especially the one which turned the Chinese flank at Liuho, together with the large amount of additional material they brought with them, was sufficient to force the Chinese command to the conclusion that there was little benefit in holding to the lines they had defended so well since January 28.

Consequently at 4 p. m. General Tsai Ting-kai gave the order for a general retreat, which commenced the next morning under cover of darkness. As usual at 5 a. m. on Wednesday, March 2, the Japanese opened up the second of their enormous bombardments while the Chinese were retreating. The retirement was not a disordered one and did not partake of the nature of a rout, the Chinese putting up a series of sharp rearguard actions throughout the day as they made their way across country, first to Chenju and later to Nanzhang. Nor was the withdrawal confined to the sector in which all the fighting had taken place; for it soon became clear that the evacuation of the whole of the Shanghai area was contemplated.

Meanwhile Chapei, in which fires had blazed through Tuesday night, became a positive inferno on Wednesday. Chapei at night was the scene of a conflagration the like of which had never been seen in Shanghai as the Japanese took possession of the district so stoutly held by the Chinese despite constant bombing, shelling, and attacks.

Though the retirement for the moment seems to be an obstacle to successful peace negotiations, there are hopes that these will be brought to fruition in the course of time.

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"COMPOUNDS PEACEFUL"

In cabling during the past few weeks from Shanghai to the Home Board in Washington, D. C., and to places in China where messages on other matters were being sent, we have usually added the words, "Compounds peaceful," in order to assure others of the safety of our brethren and sisters in this disturbed area. Through the mercy of the Lord, His protection has been vouchsafed wondrously in behalf of the Shanghai Sanitarium at Rubicon Road, the City Clinic on Range Road, the Signs Publishing House on Ningkuo Road, our Yu Yuen Road and Ningkuo Road residence compounds, and our brethren and sisters in the city.

As we go to press, we can report, with thanksgiving to God, "Compounds peaceful." We plan on continuing as the Lord may permit, and on trying to make the year 1932 the very best in soul-winning endeavor that we have ever seen in this land. But the advance will have to be made during troublous times; for the distress reigning in various parts of this land, is pitiful indeed; and we know not the future, only as we turn to our great Leader who bids us advance in faith. It is to help others to know what has been going on while our meetings were conducted and brought to a successful close, with plans all laid for a decided advance movement throughout the land notwithstanding these troubles, that we publish in this issue the following word-picture from a local newspaper.

THE FIGHTING IN SHANGHAI

A REVIEW OF FIVE WEEKS

Extracts From "The North China Daily News," Feb. 21, 28, and March 6, 1932.

Within a mile from where this is being written in a cosy European room the flash of guns precede the roar of high explosives, the sharp vicious crack of the Mauser, so much beloved of your Chinese soldier, is answered by the sturdier report of the Japanese rifle. A whole section of a big city has been laid in ruins; for three or four nights a lowering sky has been encarnadined by the reflections from tongues of flame which have swept through Chapei, a suburb of Shanghai, unknown to the outside world but a brief fortnight ago. What has not been burned has been forsaken, for who, even of 900,000 souls, can remain in their houses when death stalks unashamed in the streets outside or bursts roughly through the roofs?

It is not war, for no formal declaration of hostility has been made. And yet, by whatever fancy name this hideousness may be called, it is war, that thing which we had hoped had gone forever. Bullets seek their marks, shells are sent to their tragic objectives, aeroplanes assist the guns or rain heavy death or fire from the heavens above, while anti-aircraft artillery search the heavens with projectiles which fall alike on the just and the unjust.

The Japanese decided they would enter Chapei on the night of January 28 for the protection of the lives and property of their many nationals living within that area. This is the twentieth day of the struggle and as this is being written, paragraphs are being punctuated by the sound of heavy guns and, sometimes, the long drawn out rush of the projectile through the air.

When January 29 dawned and Shanghai realized that the Japanese had not taken Chapei, it gasped with astonishment. But it was true and that day saw the sequel.

Fighting proceeded fairly consistently throughout the night, but noon was to see the first aeroplane bombardment in China on a big scale. From the high roof of Shanghai's skyline a mile away spectators stood seemingly as intimately close as in the dress circle of a theatre. Aeroplanes circled over the International Settlement and dived their way north-westwards to the Chapei area, and suddenly diving loosed their fatal burden. A fountain of debris a hundred feet high, a sinister black under the bright sunlight of a vivid blue winter's day, was the visible forerunner of the muffled explosion which was next to be heard. The rapid cackling of machine-guns made themselves heard in the streets below in a vain answer against the horrors which were being rained down upon the defenders. Soon huge plumes of smoke spoke of the damage which was being done. That day and the next twenty-five fires were counted in Chapei some joining others until with a north-east wind it looked as though the conflagration might be swept towards the foreign settlement, Shanghai North Station, which had been hit directly by a bomb, was completely gutted; and the Commercial Press, the largest printing establishment in China, was also completely destroyed, the day's activities resulting in millions of taels worth of damage. . . . On February 3 . . . the Japanese again launched an attack into Chapei, dropping over a hundred shells into the district, which they claimed to have cleared, but into which they did not advance.

The next day saw the Japanese direct their attention northwards, for while the Chinese and Japanese were engaged in the neighbourhood of the fire-blackened Shanghai North Station, the Japanese launched a severe bombardment against the Woosung Forts at the junction of the Whangpoo River with the Yangtze, though the Forts were not captured and at the time of writing are still in the hands of their defenders.

And so it went on from day to day, the Japanese directing themselves against the Chapei and Woosung positions. . . . Nightly bombardments became the order of the day until both Woosung and Chapei were reported by observers to have been reduced to wildernesses of ruin. Night after night the sleep of Shanghai has been disturbed by the sound of gunfire from rifles up to field guns and latterly howitzers.

Throughout all this horror there were Chinese who still clung desperately to their few goods in the dangerous houses of Chapei, afraid to venture out, and fear-stricken within, starving and in a generally pitiable plight. Major Hayley-Bell and Father Jaquet, of the S. V. C. who bravely undertook a similar mission in 1927 when he procured the rescue of the inmates of the institution of the Holy Family, arranged a four-hour truce and in that time were successful in persuading some hundreds of those still in the war-torn area to come into comparative safety.

By this time it became clear that the forces locally at the disposal of the Japanese naval authorities were not sufficient

for the purpose they had in mind; and eventually Tokyo decided to send a division of the Army to Shanghai, and on February 14, the defences at Woosung having been reduced to harmlessness, nine transports arrived in the Whangpoo and commenced disembarking the first Japanese military to be sent to China proper in this present dispute. The enormous amount of equipment, heavy guns, tanks, cavalry, etc., was landed in the course of the next few days and some time spent in consolidating the Japanese positions from Chapei right out to Woosung. On the night of February 16 the heaviest bombardment of the whole crisis was opened about 11 p. m. and continued intermittently throughout the night. In the course of this and the Chinese reply a large number of shells fell into different sections of the International Settlement.

Frantic endeavors were being made by officials and nonofficials for the purpose of arranging for some form of settlement. . . . Those attempts failed, and the long anticipated major operations commenced.

It can hardly be said that there was a lull in the fighting while these endeavors to arrange a *modus vivendi* were being made, but there was a reduction in its intensity, and on Wednesday, February 17, there were hopes, no matter how faint, that intermediaries of peace would attain some success. . . . Tokyo had in the meantime authorized the issuance of an ultimatum, . . . and on Thursday night one was presented. . . . Unless the Chinese troops were out of their front-line positions by 7 a. m. as the first move towards complete withdrawal twenty kilometers from the north bank of Soochow Creek by 5 o'clock, the Japanese offensive would be commenced to enforce the terms of the ultimatum.

The night of February 19-20 was quiet in the city, as quiet almost as the graves which so many have found in the past week. The streets were as deserted under the curfew law as if the teeming multitudes of the day had never been there. No flames crimsoned the northern sky, nor did a flash shown up against the clouds herald the coming report to be heard a few seconds afterwards. Shanghai was probably quieter than it has ever been in its varied history. The leaden-footed hours passed in expectant darkness. Dawn came. . . . Chinese troops refused defiantly to evacuate their front-line position by 7 a. m., and the Japanese forces, chiefly military, launched their attack. . . . Japanese met with strong resistance, and Kiangwan village was held by Chinese despite heavy attacks. . . . Sunday morning broke with a resumption of the Japanese attack. . . .

But the war was brought nearer to Shanghai. The anxious expectations of Friday night, lulled by the occurrences of the two days between, were revived when action broke out in Chapei. . . . In the early hours of Monday the Chinese launched an attack against the Japanese lines along North Szechwan Road out towards Kiangwan Race Course which the Japanese managed to repel with considerable loss to the attackers; but shortly after sunset the Chinese commenced an intensive bombardment of that area which grew in volume and tempo to such an extent that at 10 p. m. Shanghai was rocked with the explosions which both sides were producing. The war was being brought near to Shanghai with a vengeance. Dixwell and Urga Roads and the Japanese district in Hongkew was subjected to a bombardment of a ferocity unparalleled in these hostilities. Many fires were started and the low-lying clouds were lit up by flashes of the big guns used, precur-

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