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Dear Brethren:

As all offices of Division executives begin and close at the General Conference session, and since at the General Conference just closing held at San Francisco, Professor Frederick Griggs was chosen as president of the China Division for the succeeding four years, hereafter Brother Griggs will care for the interests of our China work as president; our treasurer, Brother Morris, who was reelected, will look after the work of the treasury department; and Pastor S. L. Frost will carry the secretarial work.

These are all true and tried leaders in our work, with wide experience in leadership, and are well known by the China church. Professor Griggs served for many years as College president and as a member of the General Conference Committee in America. He came to China and the Far East eleven years ago, and served as a general secretary for five years in the territory of both the China and the Far Eastern Divisions. Six years ago, he was elected to the presidency of the Far Eastern Division. He is, therefore, familiar with the people and the problems of the Orient, and will be welcomed back to the work in China.

Pastor C. C. Morris's able administration of finances during the trying years of economic instability in the world and in China in particular, together with his background of twenty years as a missionary to China, speaks for his return to the office of the treasury.

Pastor S. L. Frost's long experience in our mission work in China, where he has spent many years in college administration and more than twelve years as secretary of our educational work, gives him a strong background for the secretary's work of our division. He is well acquainted with our workers and work in all parts of the China field.

With such experienced leadership, every worker can enter into wholehearted support of the furtherance of the gospel until our work is triumphantly finished.

The remaining members of the committee are the same as before, except that Brother Howard Shull, the newly elected press manager, succeeds Edwin Thiele, who has accepted a position as head of the Bible and History departments of the Southern Junior College.

May I request for these brethren, called to such weighty responsibility, the prayers and full support of the working force and church members of the China Division.

HARRY W. MILLER, M.D.

General Articles

HOME

MAY COLE KUHN.

When I at last reach home some happy day,
I ask no gold or crystal mansion fair,
But just a bower of overhanging trees,
And apple blossoms scenting God's pure
air.

I seek no ivory throne, but just a place
Down near the precious Saviour's
wounded feet.

Where I may wait and listen as He speaks
In accents kind, and meaningful, and
sweet.

I do not long for widespread acres rich
With oriental blooms, and spacious lawns,
But only one small garden hedged with
flowers,
Where I may pray as rosy morning
dawns.

I do not ask authority nor power
Nor prestige in the happy days to come;
I only long to see His tender face,
And know that I at last am safe at home.

Home! Home where bitter sorrows never
enter,
Nor jealousy, nor petty hate and care;
Where sickness and distress have passed
forever,
Home in my little garden over there!

WORKERS TOGETHER

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THE organization and work of God's church is often compared in Scripture to that of an army, "going forth conquering and to conquer." His church is one because the gospel is a good story which never changes in any particular. It is the message of an unchangeable God of love. Because of this it should not matter in what part of the world Christ's followers live and work. Their only concern is to be just where He wants them to be and to do just what He wants them to do.

Our General Conference just closed was in every respect a very remarkable meeting. Among its distinguishing features was the spirit of unity and progress. It was to be expected that changes affecting workers and plans for their work would be made. Even though some of the changes made were not those which the workers would most naturally have chosen, nevertheless we must believe that the hand of God is guiding in His work, and in the placing of His workers.

Mrs. Griggs and I have greatly enjoyed our work in the Far Eastern Division during the past six years. While I am not unacquainted with the work of the China field, yet its problems are so many and so heavy that I well know that only by God's special help can I in any wise accomplish the work to which I am being called.

Our work in China has developed in a most remarkable way during

the past six years. God has greatly blessed in its administration. This is witnessed by the increase of 87% in church membership; and after all, the measure of all our undertakings of whatever nature in the advance of our cause is that of the increase in church membership. Now we, as workers together in the great gospel harvest field of China, must determine to accomplish even more in the winning of souls and the finishing of the gospel work than has been accomplished in the past. This will require deep consecration. The gospel must be given with a loud cry over the great plains and mountains of the China Division. God has never given to any organization a greater work than He gives to us. We are to go forth as workers together, perfectly united as an army with banners, conquering and to conquer.

GREETINGS FROM THE ADVANCED BIBLE SCHOOL

S. H. LINDT.

FOUR members from the China Division make up a part of the 86 students enrolled in the Advanced Bible School this summer. The student body has representatives from eight of the over-sea divisions, and seven North American union conferences. As to their callings, there are college and academy teachers, nurses, preachers, editors, secretaries, and college students. Our teachers are God-fearing, consecrated men of high spiritual and intellectual attainments, who, instead of trying to teach as such are endeavoring to lead our classes in the search for deeper and more complete truth, that in the attainment of the same, both teachers and students may be mutually perfected.

Diligence, earnestness, and application mark the efforts of the students in their daily study, and frank open-minded sincerity the discussions in the classroom. This effort must be productive of great good, both to those engaged in this pleasing task, and to those who shall later be ministered unto by those studying here. It is already resulting in correcting some views that were wrong, clarifying many things that were hazy, adding some things that are new, and planting our feet more firmly upon the rock of eternal truth. A group of such men and women gathered in such a beautiful spot, enjoying such ideal weather, must surely receive great and lasting benefit by this summer's work. It anticipates a little of the pleasure that will be experienced by the redeemed when in eternity they make the plan of salvation their science and their song.

OPEN DOORS

S. L. FROST

"I live for those that love me,
For those that know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And waits my coming, too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

"For the cause that lacks assistance,"
"For the good that I can do."

These words may serve to remind us that the Harvest Ingathering campaign is one of the good causes that needs our assistance. Every loyal hearted Seventh-day Adventist follower of the Master is called to sponsor and actively engage in this work.

"For the good that I can do." The good that you and I can do by engaging in this God-inspired plan is immeasurable. The financial return realized is surely not the greatest good that is accomplished. Gospel seed sown will grow into a harvest. The blessed results of such influence, in the day of harvest, when we see no longer through a glass darkly, may be clearly traced.

The "great door and effectual" opened before Paul in the first century of the Christian era has been multiplied manifold in our day. The doors of faith opened by God to the Gentiles then, have truly become innumerable open doors to the hearts and wealth of the Gentiles of our day. God has surely done His part in providing these open doors. May faith and courage to enter in pervade every heart, and may our united petitions ascend to the Lord of the Harvest that He will open for each of us individually another door, even "a door of utterance," that we may be able to "speak the mystery of Christ" and exert a blessed influence to the salvation of many.

SPEAK NO EVIL

If we have a sense of the longsuffering of God toward us, we shall not be found judging and accusing others. When Christ was living on the earth, how surprised His associates would have been if, after becoming acquainted with Him, they had heard Him speak words of accusation, of fault-finding, or of impatience. Let us never forget that those who love Him are to represent Him in character.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." "Not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye might inherit a blessing."
--Ministry of Healing, p. 498.

Reports from the Field

"WHY DON'T YOU PREACH TO US?"

R. M. COSSENTINE

"WHY don't you preach to us?"
"My cart is ahead and I must hasten to catch up with it."

"Why don't you preach to us?"
"I am trying to catch a train at the station still many tens of li away."

"Why don't you preach to us?"
"I shall try to next time I pass this way."

This conversation took place between Pastor Djang Chien Gwang of the South Shantung district of the Shantung Mission and an old lady in a little sand-hill village through which he was passing. It indicates the insistent eagerness of large numbers of the people in the southwest of Shantung to hear the gospel.

With Brother Li I Tsun, the Sabbath School, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Shantung Mission, I recently took a trip into the southwestern-most *hsien* of the mission, where a new interest has been developed by Pastor Djang during the spring months. On account of the floods in this section last autumn the most convenient way to reach the place was by going around through the territory of two other union missions, a thousand *li* each way.

In the large market village of Da Dzai Gi a chapel has been secured with living quarters for the evangelist, all of which can be paid for by the worker within the limits of his regular mission rent. Various chapel equipment has been loaned by neighbors and interested people and a regular work is going on. Evangelist Wei Fu Tang came direct from Chiaotoutseng to follow up the work begun by Pastor Djang whose central station is at Yenchow.

Pastor Djang had been teaching the people of this area to sing "Elementary Bible Doctrines," "The Story of Genesis in Song," "I Was Once Lost in Sin" (Hymns of Praise No. 100), "Heaven Is My Home" and other simple songs. Every evening as darkness came on and the tasks in the fields were over, the chapel yard filled with from forty to fifty children and as many adults who all joined heartily in singing these songs, often led by a six-year-old boy or girl who had learned more quickly than the others. In an area where educational opportunities are practically nil, this singing method seems to be

the most practical plan of teaching the fundamentals of the doctrines of salvation. Not only in the central village, but in many other villages around, the people are today singing the gospel truths into their inner consciousness.

Seven persons were baptized in a river near the village, the first fruits to the third angel's message in the southwest of Shantung, an area involving fifteen counties where the message has not been preached before. The interest here, as in so many places, was first aroused by colporteurs. Since we returned Brother Wei writes of a visit to the *hsien* city, and he says a home Sabbath school can be established there immediately. A young man and his wife, both of whom have had an elementary school education came on a wheel-barrow the seventy *li* from the *hsien* city (Tsao Hsien) to attend our Sabbath services. After studying important doctrines they said, "We are resolved to follow Jesus wholly." They with their children will no doubt form the nucleus of the new home Sabbath school.

As we traveled through the country to reach this new center, the landscape was a sea of living green; while we were there the green turned to gold, and as we returned the reapers and gleaners were busy everywhere. As we watched the daily change from green to gold the words of Jesus, "Say ye not there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are ripe already to harvest," were frequently on our lips. And as we observed the friendly and even eager attitude of the people toward the gospel, we were strongly impressed that the words of Jesus were true of this section of our field. The insistence of the old lady in the sand-hill village demands that we hasten to satisfy the need expressed.

MUKDEN

JOHN OSS

In a letter from Pastor F. M. Larsen dated June 11th he reports encouraging progress in the literature work. Quoting from his letter: "We now have sixty-one colporteurs at work, and have added six new groups on the Signs; so you may expect a good report next month. Last month due to the heavy rains we did not reach our goal of two thousand (2,000) subscriptions, but secured 1,961. Our sales last month were somewhat over \$4,000.00. This month we hope to reach \$5,000.00 in sales and 2,500 subscriptions for the Signs."

Brother Liang Jui Ho, field missionary of the Fengtien Mission is hopeful of reaching 10,000 subscriptions for the Signs before the end of the present year and 10,000 for the Union.

The colporteurs' tithe for the Fengtien Mission for the month of May amounted to over \$100.00. We rejoice that our colporteurs in the territory beyond the Great Wall are doing so well in their work.

FIELD ITEMS

O. A. HALL

FROM letters received from the various fields, we glean the following interesting items of progress and providential leading in our work:

Northwest; Pastor Dahlsten: "We are glad to tell you that the Lord is blessing the work up in this field. Here in Kiuchuan about forty people are attending Sabbath school every Sabbath. They also take great interest in all our goals for the Sabbath school, as well as for the Investment Fund. Last quarter more than eight dollars for the Investment Fund came from this group alone. The Sabbath school offering is usually about \$7.80 a Sabbath, which I think is very good. People here are very poor. Many thousands are begging from door to door, so it is a marvel that those coming can afford to give as they do.

"We shall have our first baptism next week. Just how many there will be I do not know yet, probably not more than eight or ten; but we hope for several more later.

"In Kanchow, the third large city from Lanchow, we were trying sometime ago to find a place for a chapel; but it looked as if nothing could be had. Later we were able with the help of friends to find a house with a fine location and at very moderate cost to the mission. Repairs are now going on, and we expect to start an effort there sometime this month. Meanwhile Pastor Chao has been very active doing house-to-house work, with the result that a number of people are interested and are asking for Bible studies. We hope to see a strong work built up in that large city."

Brother Dahlsten reports that Mrs. Dahlsten, who has been sick with typhoid fever, "is much better, and we hope that in a day or two she will be able to sit up a little."

Manchuria: Brother Brewer writes of a very successful six weeks effort in Gien Dao, conducted in Chinese, and translated into Korean. Of the close of this effort he writes:

"The meeting at Gien Dao closed with a full house; in fact, the last few meetings were among the best we had. One night I asked those who wanted to stay for special prayer to remain after the meeting. About seventy stayed. There are over one hundred names to follow up. . . . The last two weeks we held a workers' meeting each morning. The workers are going back to their station determined to start efforts in all the chapels. . . . There is a new day for the work in that mission."

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Field Items

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South China: Pastor Ham reports some changes in the officers of the missions. Pastor Lai, who has been serving as director of the Cantonese Mission, has been invited to connect with the union as associate secretary for several of the departments. Pastor J. P. Anderson, who has been the director of the Kwangsei Mission, takes the directorship of the Cantonese Mission. Pastor E. G. Annofsky, connected during the past four years with the Canton Training Institute, will take the directorship of the Kwangsei Mission. We understand there may be a little delay in some of these transfers on account of the present uncertainty of travel conditions in Kwangsei. Mrs. Doctor Coffin and family have been asked to come from Nanning to Hongkong because of this uncertainty in the Southwest.

East China: Pastor K. H. Wood finds many responsibilities to look after at this time on account of three of his mission directors being absent on furlough. Brother Wood is endeavoring to give all the help he can to the Anhwei, the North Chekiang Mission, and the South Chekiang Missions during this furlough period.

West China: Pastor G. L. Wilkinson has been making an extended visit to many of the outstations in various sections of the West China Union. Some of his directors are absent, and he is keeping in direct touch with many of the churches and companies. This personal touch helps much to encourage our members and inquirers in being faithful.

Northwest; P. H. Shigley: "Our dispensary has a continued patronage, even though Mrs. Shigley has not been able to supervise or diagnose any of the cases for a month, thus showing that Mrs. Wu (Ruby Chang) is pleasing the people. We are constantly caring for cases that savor of major surgery rather than clinic treatment, and it is marvelous the results obtained when we follow Sister White's instructions regarding hydrotherapy."

Harvest Ingathering Work: From several sections word comes that our mission workers are already beginning to do something in the Harvest Ingathering work for this year. By beginning thus early our missions may look forward to completing their ingathering campaign at an early date, and so be able to devote the last months of the year to aggressive evangelistic work.

AN EARNEST YOUNG
EVANGELIST

JOHN OSS

LEAVING Peiping, the old capital of China, on the midnight train I traveled till early the following morning, in company with Pastor Djao Wen Li, the director of the Shansi Mission, to Taiyuanfu, the capital of the province of Shansi. We made our way to the headquarters of our work, located on one of the large streets of the old city. As we were going through the narrow hall that led to the mission compound, I noticed through a small window a young man on the rostrum preaching to a well-filled chapel of earnest listeners.

"That is Brother Liu Sheng Yao," said Pastor Djao, "who has done such outstanding work in the southeastern part of this province." As Pastor Djao mentioned his name, I recalled that I had met this man while he was a student, and had heard much about the excellent work he had done since in evangelistic work in this frontier province.

At the close of the service Sheng Yao came to the compound, and we had a short but interesting conversation. I was impressed with his enthusiasm and earnestness and wished for opportunity to talk with him more in detail regarding his work. I was pleasantly surprised therefore when I learned that his room adjoined the one where I was to stay. These were small rooms with brick floors and paper windows; but although the weather was cold, the little stove in the corner made us very comfortable.

The night of the second day Brother Liu and I found ourselves alone. I asked him for his story, but found him rather reluctant to talk about himself.

It was in the autumn of 1933 that Sheng Yao came to the province of Shansi, which means west of the mountains, and to the city of Taiyuanfu, the capital, and later to the southeastern part of the province. "I felt rather timid," he said, "as I left the city behind and made my way alone into my new territory. I felt much like the spies must have felt when they went to look over the land of Caanan." Among the first things that he did was to distribute tracts systematically and to do some Harvest Ingathering work. As he visited people he would invite them to come for Bible studies to the hotel where he was staying. "The first Sabbath, there were twelve or thirteen that came," he said. "I told them of the soon coming of Jesus and of the preparation necessary on the part of those looking for His return. On the second Sabbath there were seventeen present, I decided to con-

duct Sabbath school and start the work on a proper basis. I took up the Sabbath school offering and this first offering amounted to sixty cents."

As he continued the meetings, his little room in the hotel became so crowded that he had to ask for additional space. For two months he carried out this work; and while a number became interested in the truth, there was also opposition on the part of some. Brother Liu apparently did not like to dwell upon the difficulties he had encountered. "The thing that encourages me is the fact that the Lord has been with us and a great work is developing in the southeastern part of Shansi," he said. There are now 140 baptized believers, five chapels and two organized churches in the area that he entered a little over two years ago, when we had no believers in that part of Shansi.

"During the last six weeks of 1935," continued Sheng Yao, "I visited nineteen *hsiens* or counties adjacent to the place where I am making my home." He rode his bicycle and when the roads were poor, would walk carrying his bedding over the mountainous roads. As a result of this itinerary inquirers were asking for further instruction, and Macedonian calls were coming from many quarters.

During the spring of 1935 three church members, farmers from one of the churches in the district where Sheng Yao was working, moved to a place located on the east bank of the Yellow River to till the soil during the summer months. While there they conducted a Sabbath school, and soon over thirty became interested in the truth and prepared for baptism. Sheng Yao kept in contact with these farmers during the time of their absence, giving them Sabbath school quarterlies and other material to help them in their work. They were poor people, and could not give largely in Sabbath school offerings; but when they returned at the end of the year, they brought with them about twenty Chinese pounds of medicinal herbs, which they asked might be sold and the proceeds given as their Sabbath school offering.

There had been many difficulties in the way, but Sheng Yao had prayed his way through them and gone forward. Before this earnest young evangelist left my room that night we knelt together on the brick floor in a blessed season of prayer together; and as he left I thought, Here is a man of God, a man of vision and prayer. My contacts with him have greatly strengthened my faith to believe that God will raise up many workers in these mission lands for the finishing of the task committed to His church.

Sabbath School Dept.

OUR FIRST QUARTER'S REPORT

FLORENCE E. WOOD.

A GLANCE at our first quarter's report reveals several interesting facts. We have thirty-six more Sabbath schools and 2,092 more members than during the first quarter of 1935. The average attendance figure is even more encouraging—a gain of 2,717. With an addition of 2,092 members, it seems that we should have reached the fifteen per cent. increase in offerings; but what are the facts? There are gains in Birthday, Investment and Thirteenth Sabbath offerings, but a loss in the regular offerings. This leaves a net gain of only \$134.81 over the figure for the first quarter of last year. Perhaps we should rejoice that it is not a loss, for in several large areas of this Division conditions prevail which always have an adverse effect on the offerings. Among these might be mentioned famine, war and banditry. Let us who live under more favorable conditions show our appreciation by lifting harder and thus compensate, in a measure, for unavoidable losses in other sections.

The record of the second quarter is also in the past, although complete figures have not yet reached the Division office. We hope that this report may reveal an increasing interest in the various activities which make for success in this department of the Lord's work.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS

FLORENCE E. WOOD

It was my privilege on a recent Sabbath to attend a branch Sabbath school held in Chapei, about two li from our Central Shanghai Church. One of the Bible women has conducted this branch for the past six months.

When we arrived, we found thirteen boys and girls in their seats. This branch is held in a small private school adjoining the living quarters of one of the Central Church members. On the opposite wall as we entered the school we noticed Key Thought Posters and a picture of the house built upon the rock from one of the Picture Rolls. On the front wall behind the teacher's desk was a large written copy of the ten commandments. The setting was unmistakably Seventh-day Adventist.

The young lady who teaches the school is much interested in the message for this time, and Sabbath morning is spent in teaching the children the Sabbath school lesson, drilling them on the memory verse, and singing. In the afternoon, the branch Sabbath school is held, and she acts as its secretary. It was inspirational to hear these boys and girls repeat the memory verse in unison, and as perfectly as do the children in the main Sabbath school.

Besides the children, six or eight women were present, most of whom

are members of this branch Sabbath school and have had perfect records in attendance throughout the quarter.

About the first of April a branch was opened by the West Shanghai Sabbath school in a village not far from the Shanghai Sanitarium. At present, two of the cooks from that institution lead out in the work of this branch, which is held out-of-doors in a large enclosure bounded on three sides by low houses and on the fourth by a canal. Shelter from the sun is provided by several large shade trees; and although a few stools and benches are brought from the neighboring homes, most of these who attend the service stand. Accommodations of this kind may be found in the vicinity of almost any Sabbath school in the China Division. If it is difficult at first to secure an opening in some home, school or shop, try holding a branch out-of-doors.

The North China Union reports two branch Sabbath schools. We have heard unofficially that the workers of the Kirin Mission, Manchurian Union, hope to open a branch Sabbath school in every place where they have a regular school. Pastor C. H. Davis writes of several of these schools being conducted in the Central China Union.

The conducting of branch Sabbath schools is becoming an important phase of the Sabbath school work throughout the world. It affords an avenue for soul-winning until recently overlooked, although instruction given through the pen of Inspiration years ago indicates that just such work as this should be undertaken. The two quotations which follow are to the point:

"We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are. . . . There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 229.

"The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 74.

The end of all things is at hand. Multitudes are unwarned. Surely at such a time as this there should be the greatest soul-winning activity in every company of believers, and "the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." Unbelieving relatives, neighbors and friends should be earnestly invited to attend the Sabbath school, but we must not forget the "multitudes who will never be reached unless the gospel is carried to them." Let us take the Sabbath school to these people.

SABBATH SCHOOLS IN SINKIANG MISSION

P. H. SHIGLEY

WHEN it was found impossible to enter Sinkiang Province in 1935 to do evangelistic work, the ten most northwesterly hiens in Kansu were borrowed and attached for the time being to the Sinkiang Mission. First, the Suchow Sabbath school was opened in July, 1935. This year, early in May, Pastor Chao Hsi Liang came to Kanchow and immediately started a Sabbath school there.

The Sinkiang Mission church had twelve members at the close of the second quarter of 1936 and thirty-six Sabbath school members, with an average attendance during the quarter of fifty-four. The mid-year report showed that seven perfect record cards and four perfect attendance cards were issued—a steady increase for each quarter.

The officers and teachers met regularly one-half hour before the school opened to discuss the spiritual lessons to be taught, as well as the best methods of presentation. In July, we added work in teachers' training, with a total attendance of twelve.

Although the millet crop was frozen last fall just before it ripened, our members have shown themselves willing to sacrifice, even to the extent of doing without some essentials. Millet costs \$3.65 a *do*; (a bushel) and this is the *cheapest* grain available. Hundreds of people in and near Suchow have died this year, slowly starving to death; but the Lord has blessed our people, and now they have voted to increase their offerings this third quarter to \$7.85 per Sabbath. The Investment Fund was stressed and when the canned coppers and *piao dxu* were counted, there was rejoicing to find a total of \$8.68.

Studying the lessons on the life of Christ is bringing a happy change to some people in the Northwest. One man at forty years of age could not read his own name. For two quarters he studied faithfully with the evangelist and learned the memory verses. Now he can read the Easy Quarterly with intelligence.

One special goal has been reverence in the house of the Lord. Before opening the Sabbath school, the superintendent and secretary knelt for silent prayer. The members bow their heads, joining with the officers in asking the Lord's blessing upon the school. Parents are teaching their children to walk slowly and to speak only in subdued tones when in the chapel. No one is permitted to enter or leave or move about the chapel when prayer is being offered.

Pray with us that the members of the Sabbath schools in Sinkiang Mission may quickly learn the gospel truths and spread them through Kansu, and Tibet and Mongolia, and even into Sinkiang itself.
Suchow, Kansu,
July 8, 1936.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

THE Central, East and North China Unions are holding Daily Vacation Bible Schools in various places within their respective territories this summer. Doubtless, other unions are also improving this opportunity to care for their boys and girls, and incidentally prevent a slump in Sabbath school membership and attendance during the summer.—*Sabbath School Echoes*.

"GREAT occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly as we wake or sleep, we grow and wax weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become."

Statement of Mission Offerings Received from Union and Local Missions

of the CHINA DIVISION of S. D. A — 25 cts. a week - Fund — May 31, 1936

Values in Mex.

基督復臨安息日會中華總會捐款收入一覽表

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Union Total 合計		58.96	75.00	1,833.41	28.00	415.64	1.00	38.54	2,450.55	2,076	11,418.00		8,967.45	.054	.051
East China Union 中東聯合會	Jan to May 一月至五月	7.73		370.46		68.66			446.84	624	3,432.00		2,985.16	.033	.062
Anhui 安徽		5.74	39.00	3,885.50	47.62	1,733.45		79.92	5,791.23	800	4,400.00	1,391.23		.329	.343
H. Kiangsu 北江蘇		2.57	3.80	704.21		182.85			891.43	465	2,557.50		1,666.07	.048	.120
N. Chekiang 北浙江		10.94	2.00	294.08		23.03		.04	330.02	702	3,855.50		3,525.46	.021	.032
S. Chekiang 南浙江		45.47	6.00	445.01	.30	66.07	.10	4.88	567.83	1,207	6,638.50		6,070.67	.021	.026
Union Total 合計		72.45	50.80	5,699.15	47.92	2,072.99	.10	84.84	8,027.35	3,797	20,883.50	1,391.23	14,247.38	.096	.113
Manchurian Union 滿洲聯合會	Jan. to May 一月至五月	1.00	51.00	164.04		6.96			223.00	143	766.50		563.50	.071	.088
Finland 芬蘭		1.00		189.57					190.57	206	1,133.00		942.43	.042	.047
Korea 朝鮮				174.62	8.40	6.90			186.92	215	1,162.50		995.58	.040	.332
Pengtuen 奉天		2.40	8.90	806.50		3.00		1.08	823.88	400	2,200.00		1,378.12	.093	.122
Sungari 奉天			9.25	318.87		10.83	50	5.50	344.95	372	2,046.00		1,701.05	.042	.057
Union Total 合計		4.40	69.15	1,650.60	8.40	27.64	50	6.58	1,767.32	1,336	7,348.00		5,580.68	.060	.118
North China Union 中北聯合會	Jan. to May 一月至五月	2.00	10.00	88.10	3.00	6.33		2.77	112.18	53	391.50		1,79.32	.096	.135
Chu-Sui 察哈爾		2.00	21.20	490.15	2.62	57.79		7.09	584.05	559	3,074.50		2,463.45	.047	.085
Jehol 熱河		7.10	15.00	31.25		23.95		1.75	98.17	35	192.50		94.33	.128	.075
Mongolia 蒙古		3.00		79.57		16.00		1.00	105.57	9	49.50	54.07		.523	.631
Shensi 陝西		7.40		112.63		5.83		2.77	128.58	362	1,991.00		1,862.42	.016	.038
Shantung 山東		1.39	1.20	232.20		96.50		5.00	336.29	612	3,366.00		3,029.71	.029	.031
Union Total 合計		23.09	47.40	1,053.93	5.62	205.48		24.34	1,359.84	1,630	8,956.00	54.07	7,659.23	.038	.062
Northwest China Union 西北聯合會	Jan. to May 一月至五月			39.63		5.80			45.43	37	203.50		158.07	.056	.146
Chinghai 青海				34.20		134.22		3.04	451.46	123	676.50		225.04	.167	.213
Kansu 甘肅			.46	40.05		21.48			61.99	25	337.50		75.51	.113	.036
Singhai 陝西				106.91		27.25		5.60	139.76	476	2,618.00		2,478.24	.024	.030
Sikiang 四川			4.00	190.71		27.55			222.26			222.26			
Union Total 合計			4.46	691.50		216.30		8.64	920.90	661	3,635.50	222.26	2,936.86	.063	.069
South China Union 中南聯合會	Jan. to May 一月至五月	45.23		1,446.25		353.46			1,844.94	783	4,306.50		2,463.56	.107	.143
Canton 廣東		32.80		61.83		115.38		4.00	214.41			214.61			
Hainan 海南				199.21					199.21	748	4,114.00		3,914.75	.021	.031
Kwangsi 廣西				308.24					308.24	346	1,903.00		1,594.76	.041	.048
S. Fukien 南福建		231.77		272.45	5.60	126.88		16.14	652.84	510	2,805.00		2,152.16	.058	.066
S. Fukien 南福建		216.83		295.08		6.80		5.50	517.21	422	2,321.00		1,793.79	.057	.035
Swatow 汕頭		24.12		199.22		35.32			248.66	400	2,200.00		1,943.34	.029	.041
Union Total 合計		550.75		2,783.28	5.60	640.44		25.64	4,077.71	3,209	17,649.50	214.61	13,856.40	.057	.068
West China Union 中西聯合會	Jan. to May 一月至五月	2.17	210.61	60.66		6.19		1.20	286.83	186	1,023.00		742.17	.025	.014
Kweichow 貴州		3.20	5.00	446.89		113.90		6.82	671.82	118	2,849.00		2,274.19	.014	.014
Szechwan 四川				165.66				2.15	168.81	12	66.00	102.81		.639	
Sikang 四川		2.00	82.77	17.97	11.00			4.73	129.74	578	3,175.00		3,049.99	.014	.014
W. Kweichow 西貴州		3.33		74.76		3.85		1.57	83.51	166	907.50		823.99	.023	.023
Yunnan 雲南		18.54	2.31	32.29		26.61		12.60	64.74	378	2,079.00		1,705.65	.045	.045
Union Total 合計		30.24	300.69	1,099.23	11.00	150.45		21.61	1,411.44	1,817	10,103.50	102.81	8,532.99	.040	.042
DIVISION TOTAL 總計		759.89	647.50	14,881.08	106.54	3,728.19	1.60	210.19	20,144.95	14,446	80,003.00	1,984.98	61,842.99	.061	.071

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MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Already some are reporting on the 1936 Reading Course, and are requesting their new certificates. We trust that many more will soon be finishing the course and reporting to the division office. The Reading Course certificates will be passed out just as early as the course is finished.

The promotion material for the 1937 Ministerial Reading Course will soon be reaching our field. We look for an early response on the part of many for enrolment in this course, and for application for the 1937 Reading Course books. Further word will be sent out on this point in the near future.

RETURNING MISSIONARIES

PROFESSOR D. E. Rebok, Educational Secretary for the China Division, returning from attendance at the General Conference, reached Shanghai July 21. An urgent message from the Manchurian Union necessitated his leaving two days later for that section of the field. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rebok.

Among others may be mentioned Pastor and Mrs. Buzzell and family, back from furlough, and enroute to Chengtu, Szechuan; Pastor and Mrs. Figuhr and family, returning to the Philippine Islands; Pastor and Mrs. Osmunson and family, on their way back to the Northeast India Union; Pastor and Mrs. Riffel and family, of Cebu, P. I., going on furlough; Pastor and Mrs. J. M. Steeves, of the Northwest India Union Training School, returning from furlough; and Pastor E. D. Thomas, Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary for the Southern Asia Division, returning from the General Conference.

Also may be noted Pastor and Mrs. S. L. Frost's return to China Division headquarters, Brother Frost having entered on his new duties as General Secretary of the China Division.

RECENT VISITORS

AMONG visitors to Shanghai during July may be mentioned Dr. and Mrs. Mourer of Kalgan, who passed a month here as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Butka; Mrs. Wilkinson and two sons, with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Anderson; Mrs. H. R. Dixon, enroute to Tsingtao; Mrs. Wangerin, editor of the Korean *Signs of the Times*, to spend a few weeks with her daughter on Kuling; and Miss Stoelting, on the way to Manila, P. I., for church school work.

HOW CAN WE USE 15,000 MORNING WATCH CALENDARS IN 1937?

D. E. REBOK

At the close of 1935 there were 15,651 baptized members in our churches in China. Just one Morning Watch Calendar for each church member in 1935 would require more than we have planned to print for 1937; but there is no reason why we cannot print more than the 15,000 called for by our goal.

There were 22,235 Sabbath school members in the China Division the end of December, 1935. Surely 15,000 of them should have the Morning Watch Calendar in 1937.

Aside from our own people, let us think of the far greater numbers to be reached in the following ways:

1. Give them to neighbors and friends as missionary work.
2. Send them as Christmas and New Year's cards instead of the picture and name cards now so commonly used.
3. Distribute them to the patients in hospitals and sanitariums.
4. Place them or sell them in hotels, Y.M.C.A.'s and Y.W.C.A.'s as our people do in America.
5. Give them to Sabbath school class members.
6. Encourage Sunday school superintendents to supply them to their class members.
7. Present them to students in our schools.
8. Give them to graduating classes in our hospitals and schools.
9. Encourage dealers in greeting cards to put them on sale.
10. Suggest to managers of business houses that they supply their employees.
11. Encourage Juniors and young people to sell them from door to door to raise money for Sabbath school investment. (We suggest the selling price to be 10 cents and 20 cents per copy for the ordinary and the de luxe editions respectively.)
12. Place them in the waiting rooms of our doctors' offices.
13. Get the calendar for your own use, and observe the Morning Watch diligently.
14. Add to this list your own special ways of promoting its sale, and see how easily 15,000 Morning Watch Calendars can be sold for 1937.

Begin now to plan. We hope to have all orders in by September 1.

NEW RECRUITS

THE s.s. "Shanghai Maru," reaching Shanghai July 13, brought to the China Division staff of workers Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Holly of Washington, D.C. After a few days at headquarters these new recruits went on to Kuling, where they will enroll as students in the summer language school. Brother Holly comes to serve in the interests of the literature work.

Mr. H. L. Hoover, of Battle Creek, Michigan, sailing per s.s. "Taiyo Maru," proceeded to Hongkong and thence to Canton, where he will take over the supervision of the health food work.

BAPTISMS IN SHANSI AND HOPEI

H. W. CHRISTIAN, secretary of the North China Union, writes: "Pastor Chiao has been down in the southern part of Shansi, and while at Luanfu, 20 souls were added to the church by baptism; while at Fengyang more than ten. Pastor Green will get over to K'ai P'ing, Ch'ing Wan Tao and may be one or two other places where he will have some baptismal services. Last month he spent considerable time in the southern part of Hopei, where more than 20 were baptized.

PRESS NOTES

O. A. HALL

THE July 15 issue of the *Shepherd* contains the Hongkong Pioneer Memorial Church program material for Sabbath, August 29, which the Division Committee recommends be carried out in all our churches throughout the Division. The issues for August 1 and August 15 are being devoted largely to reports from the General Conference. We trust our missionary staff will keep in mind the importance of placing our church paper in every Adventist home. The club rate applies to all.

Do you read the *Sales Promoter*, issued every month by the Publishing House? Some have not known that the Church Manual has been published in Chinese. The *Promoter* for last February mentioned this. In case others have missed the announcement, we make mention here that this very helpful book, prepared by Elder McElhany, is now available to our workers and church officers and should be in their hands for ready reference.

To educational secretaries and teachers, we are pleased to announce that by August 1 we hope to be ready to fill orders for the text book, "Bible Lessons," Grade 5, in the regular series of Bible text books now being issued; "Bible Story Book," for the teachers' use in grades 1 and 2; Picture and Memory Verse Flash Cards, grades 1 and 2, and an excellent "Bible Picture and Memory Verse Book" for pupils in grades 1 and 2. Those engaged in educational work will greatly appreciate these new productions.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretaries and societies will welcome the news that the "Junior Missionary Volunteer Hand Book," revised and enlarged, is now ready for mailing, and orders can be filled at once.

Every reader will rejoice to know that the printing order for the August number of the *Signs* has been placed at \$1,500, the highest, with but one exception, during the past three years.

CHINA DIVISION 1936 LITERATURE SALES GOAL

JOHN OSS

THE China Division 1936 literature sales goal is expressed in the following words in an action passed at the recent Spring Council:

"We recommend, (a) That each union adopt as its colporteur sales goal for 1936 an increase of at least 10 per cent. over the sales of 1935.

(b) That each union apportion its goal among its local missions, and that at each local mission institute this goal be further divided among the colporteurs; and that a special effort be made by the field missionary secretary and by each colporteur to reach the individual goals set."

It is the hope of the division publishing department that all phases of our literature work will receive attention in each mission and that all will put forth a special effort to reach this literature sales goal.

Above all let us pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon His workers as they scatter the printed page and that there may be a rich harvest of souls as a result of the literature sold during the year 1936.

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AN UNUSUAL PRIVILEGE

H. W. Miller, M. D.

ONCE a year through the Harvest Ingathering campaign, there comes to us the opportunity to visit men and women in all ranks of life. For years we have united in an annual solicitation campaign in behalf of uplift work for the people of China. We have met with a good response, and a careful use has been made of the money collected. Now we have much to report as to what has been accomplished with the funds contributed. Our organization becomes a medium by which help is transferred from the many who can contribute to the many who are in need, and used in such a way that the benefits of each year's collection continues to render aid in future years.

As we look over the many important enterprises that have been brought into existence through this solicitation campaign, which are represented in the Harvest Ingathering paper this year, we are surely encouraged by what we see.

It is impossible to measure the usefulness and blessing to the people of China, of these many schools, sanitariums, and other missionary plants. Indeed, we each should take great satisfaction and pride in having had a part in the bringing into existence of such lines of activities for the needy about us. It is for just such help that China has waited for many centuries and even millenniums. We know that those who went out last year will be pleased to call again upon those they visited then, and leave with them an Ingathering paper as a record of accomplishment. Certainly nothing will help more to obtain a gift for further extension of these activities. And if the object is carefully presented, we believe that many will be pleased to increase their offering.

We are all interested in that in which we place our money. And so we list among the friends of our work thousands of men and women all over China, Manchuria, and many other countries, who first learned of our work through the Harvest Ingathering enterprise. Let us not fail to show our appreciation by calling on these friends again. I have observed that firms and individuals who make gifts like to see those to whom they have given in other years; for their motive in giving was to help and not as an excuse for getting rid of the solicitor.

To receive a gift and never to report on it or to revisit the individual or firm making it, is surely ungrateful and leads often to question on the part of the donor as to how the money given was used. Our Harvest Ingathering paper is just such a report to them, and tells also what we want to do another year.

Friends are annually added to our work through the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and it affords us a ready means of introducing ourselves and our work to the people of our fields and communities.

We have faced trying conditions in the past, but 1936 bids fair to be the best year we have ever had in our Ingathering campaign; for times are more prosperous, and as our work advances it naturally gains increased momentum. We should expect to add many more names to our list of contributors this year and to get larger gifts. Do not let the 1936 campaign pass without improving this greatest of all opportunities to make friends for our growing work.

HARVEST INGATHERING GOALS AND PROJECTS

1936 CAMPAIGN

E. L. LONGWAY

"He can who thinks he can." The psychology of goals and the reaching of them is based on this trite saying. If goals are set so high that the people concerned feel there is no possibility of reaching them, then defeat is certain. If goals are set at such a figure that the people feel they can and should reach them, then there is bound to be a determined and sustained effort until the goals are attained. Another factor that has a bearing on the attaining or the failing to attain any financial goal is the purpose to which the funds obtained are to be assigned.

With these thoughts in mind, let us study the goals and projects for this 1936 Harvest Ingathering campaign. At the China Division winter committee meeting these goals were presented by the delegates from the seven unions, and approved by the full committee. And in most cases they were made up of the individual mission goals as determined by the provincial mission committees. So the goals for 1936 are such that we should be confident of reaching them.

The second factor to be considered is the use to which the funds obtained are to be devoted. \$47,370.00 has been assigned to regular class one budget items. Surely this part of the goal must be reached, or there will be a question as to who must be dropped from the pay roll, or what chapel or school shall be closed down in 1937 in those missions that fail to make the goal set for them. \$22,130.00 is allotted to various special enterprises over the China Division. Requests from the unions to the Division for special appropriations at a recent Division council amounted to over \$150,000.00. These requests all represented real and pressing needs. Surely this sum of \$22,130.00, even if we receive double that amount, will not be too much to satisfy all the pressing needs for buildings, evangelistic campaign funds, and money with which to push the message out to the borders of our Division.

Another factor that should give us courage to strive for these 1936 goals is the attainments of past years. In nearly every union the goal has been set at just a little higher than actual receipts in former years. So with past achievements to cheer us on, with real and pressing needs to be met, and with goals set at a figure wholly possible of attainment,

let us endeavour in every union to make this 1936 Harvest Ingathering campaign one of victory in every union.

<i>Union</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>1935 Receipts</i>
Central	\$7,300	\$3,800 Class I \$3,500 Specials	\$6,320.43*
East	\$20,000	All Class I	\$20,386.60*
Manchuria	\$5,900	Half Each to Dairen Church and Mukden Sanitarium	\$3,643.94*
North China	\$10,200	\$2,400 Class I \$7,800 Chapel Building Fund	\$9,005.26*
Northwest	\$4,100	\$3,300 Class I \$800 Specials	\$4,977.97*
South China	\$14,000	All Class I	\$8,065.83*
West China	\$8,000	\$3,870 Class I \$4,130 Specials	\$8,998.06*
Division	\$69,500	\$47,370 Class I \$22,130 Specials	\$56,248.09*

* This is the actual figure reported through to the General Conference from the China Division. China Division books close with November reports from the unions.

AN INGATHERING EXPERIENCE OF THE COLLEGE FIELD DAY

WANG YUNG YAO

THE Lord of hosts has said, "The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine." (Hag. 2:8.) This thought has in it a note of power and fills us with faith in our relation to God's work. It calls for greater consecration of effort.

This year, as usual, our school welcomed the coming of the Ingathering campaign. We rolled up our sleeves for hard work. We divided into small groups. Each group had its special experiences, but here it will be possible to refer to only one or two.

We relate the experience of the Nanking group for the purpose of mutual encouragement. There were fourteen who took the train to Shiakuan and there put up at a large hotel. After a short rest we started to work. Little did we think that before long several in our midst were to change their hotel quarters for the police headquarters just across the way!

That day the results for each band were very good. A student and I went across the river to Pukow, and after two or three hours' work had collected some \$30. Because the work was so encouraging there we left that evening with the idea



*The four students arrested on college field day. Reading from left to right:
Wang Tien-dou; Wang Wu-fei; Djou Wen-mo; Chen Wen-yu*

of returning the next day to continue. But when we reached our hotel we found two of the students in a state of great excitement and learned that two of our members had been brought into a local police office and from there had been transferred to the Police Commissioner's office. They were accused of soliciting without authorization and confined in a dark room.

What was to be done now! First we went into the city and with Pastor Longway called at the Chief of Police headquarters. There after consulting with a responsible person we were promised that the Shiakuan office would be instructed to release the boys. Then we returned to the hotel, fully expecting to be shaking the hands of our comrades very soon. Little did we think that these boys were already transferred to the court and that two more boys had been taken in. It was already dark, and we had to wait for further developments until the morrow.

The next morning I went back to the Chief of Police office to look up that officer again. Being informed that he had returned home I went in search

of him. He directed us to go to the Mission and have someone go bond, or else the boys would be sent up for trial on the morrow and this would increase complications. I went to Pastor Effenberg's residence in Nanking and procured the required letter, and with this and another letter of guarantee from Pastor Pan we effected the release of the first two boys. It was already late by this time, and there was no way to get to Shiakuan that night.

All that night the students at Shiakuan were worrying about us. And needless to say, we were worrying about them—especially the two who were in jail. The next morning I went to the branch police office and together we all went to the court to stand for trial. These four boys gave a good testimony in the spirit of Christ, and were freed. The four boys took the Y.P.M.V. service the following week and reported their experiences, receiving their H. I. badges. It was noticeable that in their report there was no emphasis placed on the element of bitterness or shame in the experiences they had gone through.

CENTRAL SHANGHAI CHURCH INGATHERING

L. E. REED

FOR several years I have had the privilege of working with the Central Shanghai Church in the Ingathering campaign. The excellent spirit that has been displayed there by both leaders and members has been a real inspiration to me.

But the results of their spirit has not been limited to inspiration alone. When you consider that now, in one year alone, that one church collects some \$1,500 more than the whole Union Ingathering receipts in 1930, you get a picture of how God blesses faithful efforts. During the last three years—two of which have been real depression years—over \$12,000 has been collected in this campaign alone. Last year, with the depression and the Salvation Army and Flood Relief drives in full force, over \$4,500.00 was collected. Each year the mission has set the church's goal higher than the previous year—and each year the members have gone right ahead, extending their campaign until the funds were gathered in.

Sometimes I hear those from other sections say, "Yes, but Shanghai is the best territory in China." Be that as it may, I am certain that if all other churches put the same effort and intelligence into the planning and pushing of the campaign, we should see a real increase in funds with which to forward the work of God.

First, as regards the pre-campaign arrangements, a meeting is always held with a view to setting everything in order. The goal devices are all decided on, the band organization set up and the Rally Day program arranged. One important thing is that each does the part assigned. Nothing is more disconcerting to a society leader than to assign a task, such as making the goal charts, and then come up to the Rally Day and find them unprepared.

And then we come to the time when the campaign has gone through its first three weeks. Interest perhaps is beginning to drag, especially in these times of depression. Then it is that the leaders must make their best efforts in promoting. I have sometimes felt fearful lest the brethren and sisters become weary of that constant pushing on until the goal is reached. But I must say that, to all appearances, exactly the opposite has been the case. Really our laity love the Lord's work as much as do the leaders and are glad to see their leaders maintain that determined promotion right up to the day the goal is reached.

And then, when the goal is reached! With a sense of having done something really worth while the

church settles down to its regular missionary program. That has been the history during the last few years of campaigns. And I feel certain—judging from the excellent Big Week campaign of this year—1936 will be a year of still greater accomplishments!

My prayer is that every church member may sense his great privilege and responsibility in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and consecrate himself to the task until the goal is reached.

INGATHERING FIRST-FRUITS AT SUCHOW

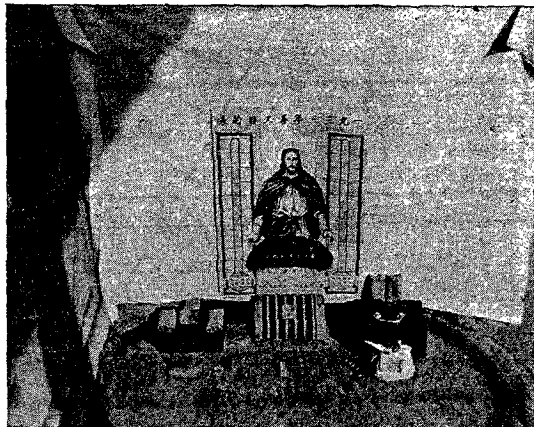
P. H. SHIGLEY

"HERE is the money to pay the medical bills for my soldiers and myself, also \$50.00 as a donation to your Ingathering campaign fund, so that you can do more good work such as you have done in Suchow since you came last July. I should like to give you more."

And so Ma Pu K'ang Lu Chang signed his name in our Ingathering testimonial book for \$50.00 and handed the silver dollars to Mrs. Shigley and Mr. Samuel T'ai, thus opening our 1935 campaign. This was a good beginning. Several other government men and influential business men contributed generously, and the good Lord went before us and prepared men's hearts. One interesting feature of our campaign, aside from this being the first time these men had ever been approached by our mission for funds, was the fact that more than sixty per cent. of all money received came from Mohammedans.

But our work was not confined to the "big" men. Mr. Ts'ai and Mr. Shigley made the small sidewalk shops and particularly the neighborhood shops a matter of prayer, with the result that of seventeen calls on one short street, there was but one turn-down. Two were favorable, but had not even five cents in the till and couldn't give; while fourteen gave without pressure sums ranging from four to twenty cents. The solicitors stopped working the small shops only when they ran out of the small Ingathering papers.

The medical work of the Suchow Dispensary has brought us in touch with hundreds; and hundreds of homes have been visited by our Home Missionary Department workers. In many places we have left a copy of the Chinese *Signs of the Times*, having in mind but one aim,—that of bringing the Third Angel's Message to the people so that when the 1936 Ingathering time arrives, they will know who we are, why we are here, and what we are doing.



Funds collected in the Suchow campaign

IN EAST SZECHUAN

CECIL B. GUILD

THE Lord blessed greatly in the East Szechuan Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1935. Although a good beginning was made in the campaign by different donations from widely scattered places through the field, yet it was a pleasure to all concerned to see the great bulk of the balance needed to make up the total come in from a short but concentrated effort of two weeks in the city of Chungking. Two bands worked earnestly during this time, and it was nothing short of thrilling to see how workable is the plan of systematically reworking territory.

Busy managers of banks and large business firms greeted the solicitors as old friends and in many cases smilingly repeated substantial offerings for the second or third time. The busy president of one of the large banks pushed his work aside as it was brought to him and spent about an hour asking questions about our work in this province and elsewhere, as he had also done the previous year.

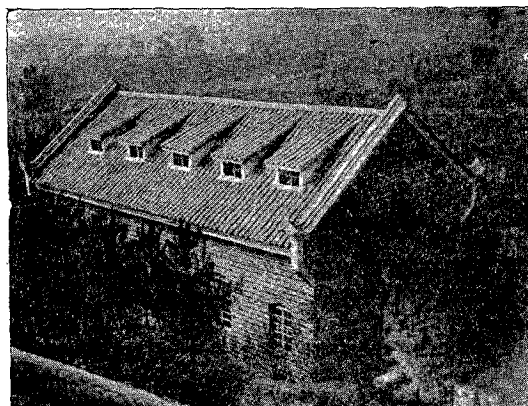
Many others took special interest in our local school printing project, expressing themselves favorably regarding this as well as of our work in general. One gentleman was so favorably impressed that he gave a second offering without a canvass when we happened to encounter him. In other cases we could see that the Lord was working. Especially was this true at one of the banks where the manager had no favorable words for our work but where, after calling repeatedly, we were permitted to meet an assis-

tant manager who willingly gave his fifty-dollar offering.

It was an advantage to be able to refer to the previous year's list for reliable information concerning the proper person to meet and then to be familiar enough with the places visited to walk directly to many of the offices with a decided step and thus avoid interference by attendants.

In addition to meeting old friends, new contacts were made as they should be each year; and many of these will no doubt show themselves our true friends during the coming campaign.

These efforts were accompanied by earnest prayer and the exercise of faith, and it was evident that the solicitors were not working alone.



An addition to the West China Training Institute made possible by the Ingathering campaign

HARVEST INGATHERING MAKES FRIENDS AND BREAKS DOWN PREJUDICE

C. H. DAVIS

"A MAN that hath friends must show himself friendly." Prov. 18:24. The Lord raised up the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the last days to do a special work, the object of which was to give a warning message and to win souls. Did it ever occur to you that the first and most important step in winning souls is to make friends? The Saviour set a wonderful example for us in this, in that He made friends everywhere He went, and of all classes of people. His disciples were from among the rich and the poor, and His enemies accused Him of being a friend of publicans and sinners. The better we learn this art of friend-making, the more opportunities there will be for us to do soul-saving work.

There is no better way to make friends than through the Harvest Ingathering. We go to the people and give them a report of what our denomination is doing for others. Immediately they are impressed that we are a worthy people. They tell us how much they approve of what we are doing, and willingly give of their means to assist in the work. One time while soliciting I presented my card to the gateman at the entrance to a general's yamen. He asked me to state my business. I said, "You tell the general I wish to visit him and make a friend." That general invited me inside and became very friendly; and when the appeal was made he gave a liberal gift. Years later I called on the same man in another city. He remembered my previous visit, and gave me a warm welcome, referring to our being friends, and gave another liberal gift for our work. The more friends we are able to make, the more gifts we shall receive; and as we draw near the end more and more of these friends will join with us in preparation to meet Jesus. It certainly pays to be friendly; for it opens the way to present the truth and to win souls.

The Harvest Ingathering work and our visits to the people with our literature often break down prejudice. There is a general in Kiukiang, Kiangsi, on whom our workers have been calling in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work for a number of years, but without results. Last year in company with Brother McFeters I called at the yamen. We were told that the general was out, and rather expecting the usual response we left the paper and a message for him. We were pleasantly surprised that afternoon, when we returned to the mission compound, to learn that the general had responded by sending his gift around to the mission. It pays to keep up the Harvest Ingathering contacts until prejudice against us is broken down.

Dju Yueh Djang, the Home Missionary secretary for Hupeh, recently returned with an interesting report from Big Week work in Yincheng. More than two years ago we had worked together there soliciting funds, and an elderly gentleman had signed for a gift of fifty dollars, promising to pay the money at a later date. Before he could make the payment he died, and his fortune went to his son. We were told that there was little hope of the son's paying the money to us, and the evangelist wrote that he could not collect it. In the intervening campaigns, Big Week, etc., Dju has been calling on this young man, and on this latest call he said, "My father promised your mission fifty dollars before he died. I am going to pay this money to you. I will give you twenty-five

now, and the balance in two weeks. The repeated visits of our men had won his friendship.

In our soliciting campaigns let us go to the people in a spirit of good will and friendliness, and we will be made welcome, and receive help from year to year. And some of the seeds of truth thus sown will spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life.

A TIME TO SHINE

ADLAI A. ESTER

GOD greatly blessed the 1935 Harvest Ingathering campaign in North China. Many felt it was the most interesting campaign we had ever conducted in this field. We began the work while Shantung was experiencing the worst flood "in a hundred years." The political situation in most of North China was so unsettled that many feared it would be impossible to do anything. Business was bad. Everyone was pessimistic. People everywhere were despondent. The future seemed dark. But the darker the night the greater the need for light.



The two earnest brethren, seventy-five years of age, who walked two hundred li to solicit \$25 for the work.



Harvest Ingathering in Chahar. An interview with Governor Chin Teh Chan. From left to right: Mr. H. W. Christian; Governor Chan; Dr. H. Maurer; Pastor W. J. Harris; Pastor O. Christensen. The governor is handing Pastor Harris \$500.00, his entire salary for the month, as the Province, he said, was too poor to help.

Therefore *it was our time to shine*. And that is the purpose of every Harvest Ingathering campaign. "Arise and shine for thy light is come." Isa. 60: 1.

It was a pleasure to go forth with the precious Book of books prepared to explain the conditions of the world to the people. It was a pleasure to tell the people of God's work and of God's plans for the world in a time of uncertainty. The telling made a great impression upon many of those we met. We studied the Bible with governors. We studied with business men. We were letting our light shine. And God blessed. He has promised in Isa. 60:5 that *if and when we ARISE AND SHINE, then the wealth of the Gentiles will flow unto us*. Well, nearly \$10,000.00 came flowing into our North China treasury department. Yet it was thought and stated publicly at the beginning of the campaign that if we could secure \$5,000.00 under the existing conditions, we would do well. God blessed us above all that we could ask or think.

Our Chinese church rallied to the work as never before. Some who were sick solicited from their friends who came to visit them. Some who were 60 and 70 and 80 years of age walked far to take part in the campaign. Two earnest brethren 75 years of age walked 200 *li* to solicit \$25.00 for the work. One sister left her nursing baby with a friend so that she could take part in the campaign. We who are *well and young and free* should be especially enthusiastic in this good work. It is *our time to shine!*

INGATHERING IN MANCHURIA

WANG FU YUEN

THE workers in the Manchurian Union are compelled by the force of necessity to emphasize the Ingathering campaign; for therefrom comes the funds to maintain the mission's work. Accordingly, each time the campaign opens the whole church enthusiastically answers to the call.

In 1935, we felt justified in making a call for the Union Home Missionary Secretary, Pastor F. M. Larsen, for assistance in starting our campaign. Immediately upon his arrival we went to the capital of Northern Manchuria. And what a bustle we found ourselves in! for all were making ready for the reception of the High Commissioner. We found that this state of activity was not special, however; for it goes on from the beginning to the end of the year. To this was added still another difficulty,—that of the language barrier,—most of the higher officials being Japanese. But we were confident our Lord would open the way and enable us to collect the funds so necessary to the advancement of His work.

So in faith and with much prayer we made our call upon a military official, Mr. Tsao. The purpose of this call was to study the Bible, but in our conversation we mentioned the Ingathering plan. It was evident the Spirit of God had touched his heart, for he volunteered to assist us. For good reasons, he would not allow us to accompany him, but went alone taking some of the papers, coming back later with some \$137 that he had collected!

From here we went to Harbin. The first day we received a \$100 donation from the provincial governor. Later the commanding officer, because of his high esteem for our sanitarium work, gladly contributed \$200. Continuing on, we visited all the officials and collected altogether some \$500.00. This amount was the result of the few days' work with Brother Larsen and later with the Russian brother who accompanied us.

It should be kept in mind that we are laboring under circumstances far different from those of former times or from those found in other Unions. Every imaginable difficulty faces us, and it is impossible for the laity as a whole to enter into the campaign. Thus it is that we have not made the best showing as regards amounts collected. But the Lord has given us spirit and courage and opened many doors of opportunity.



The Shanghai Sanitarium group who took part in the Ingathering campaign

THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HARVEST INGATHERING

R. H. HARTWELL

In the 1935 Harvest Ingathering campaign 102 members of the Shanghai Sanitarium and the Shanghai Sanitarium Hospital and Clinic took part. Fifty of this number received ten dollars or more, and of these fifty, eleven received over \$100.00 each. The goal was \$4,500.00, and the final results show that the sum actually raised was \$4,548.20.

The history of the Harvest Ingathering work at the Sanitarium is an interesting one. It was in 1932 that we began in a new way to raise money for this fund. Before that the business manager and the chaplain raised a few hundred dollars a year, but in 1932 we received three large gifts from patients. When it was found that these three gifts totaled \$2,280.00 the whole church membership became very enthusiastic, and their united efforts brought in almost \$4,000.00, including the three big gifts.

Now it is taken for granted that the Sanitarium can be counted on to get that amount each year, even though we no longer get the larger gifts. This year the mission set our goal at \$4,500.00.

Our goal was not reached over night, nor because we received large gifts. One company gave us \$200.00, but the rest of the funds came in smaller

amounts. We did not merely have one or two field days, but were out day after day,—truck loads of us. Some individuals worked as many as ten and twelve days.

We divided into four large bands with a goal of \$1,125.00 for each band. Each band had its leader and each leader secured at least one hundred dollars personally. When the leaders lead, the other members will always follow. The name of every band member was placed up in the front of the church, and when anyone received \$5.00 a red star was pasted beside his name. As soon as anyone had worked five hours, a blue star was pasted beside his name. After a few weeks of hard work the chart began to look very interesting.

We had many unexpected difficulties last year. Because of the financial depression more than \$1,500.00 worth of old givers were unable to contribute anything. Our senior class was graduated and gone before we were able to get their help. We were not able to find any who could give big amounts as before. But in spite of all these obstacles we were successful because we put our trust in God and kept on working.

The secret of success in this work is to ask God for His help and then work hard,—and keep on working.