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Shine as the Stars

By Mrs. E. G. White

GOD has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into asacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Christ declares to His followers, "Ye are the light of the world." To every soul that accepts Jesus the cross of Calvary speaks, "Behold the worth of the soul. 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity. The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers.

But very few of those who have received the light are doing the work intrusted to their hands. There are a few men of unswerving fidelity who do not study ease, convenience, or life itself, who push their way wherever they can find an opening to press the light of truth and vindicate the holy law of God. But the sins that control the world have come into the churches, and into the hearts of those who claim to be God's peculiar people. Many who have received the light exert an influence to quiet the fears of worldlings and formal professors. There are lovers of the world, even among those who profess to be waiting for the Lord. There is ambition for riches and honor. Christ describes this class when He declares that the day of God is to come as a snare upon all that dwell upon the earth. This world is their home. They

make it their business to secure earthly treasures. They erect costly dwellings, and furnish them with every good thing; they find pleasure in dress and the indulgence of appetite. The things of the world are their idols. These interpose between the soul and Christ, and the solemn and awful realities that are crowding upon us are but dimly seen and faintly realized. The same disobedience and failure which were seen in the Jewish church have characterized in a greater degree the people who have had this great light from Heaven in the last messages of warning. Shall we let the history of Israel be repeated in our experience? Shall we, like them, squander our opportunities and privileges until God shall permit oppression and persecution to come upon us? Will the work which might be performed in peace and comparative prosperity be left undone until it must be performed in days of darkness, under the pressure of trial and persecution?

If Christ were our pattern, His life our rule, what zeal would be manifested, what efforts put forth, what liberality exercised, what self-denial practiced. How untiringly should we labor, what fervent petitions for power and wisdom would ascend to God! If all the professed children of God would feel that it is the chief business of life to do the work which He has bidden them to do, if they would labor unselfishly in His cause, what a change would be seen in hearts and homes, in churches, yea, in the world itself!

Vigilance and fidelity have been required of Christ's followers in every age; but now that we are standing upon the very verge of the eternal world, holding the truths we do, having so great light, so important a work, we must double our diligence. Every one is to do to the very utmost of his ability. My brother, you endanger your own salvation if you hold back now. God will call you to account if you fail in the work He has assigned you. Have you a knowledge of the truth? give it to others.—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 455-457, 460, 461.

News from the Field

South Chekiang Mission

(Director's Report for Year Ending
Dec. 30, 1936)

BY A. FOSSEY (Acting Director)

"THIS gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations." "I saw an angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell upon the earth." During the absence of the director on furlough, I have endeavored to make prominent the supreme purpose of our mission work,—that of keeping the advent message to the front, and of having it preached in as many new places as possible. Not only is the problem one of preaching but also of building up, so that those who accept the message may be pastored and new workers raised up to continue the preaching.

During the course of the year, evangelistic efforts have been held in twenty-one different places with the least possible expense, the aggregate cost amounting to only \$111. These efforts have borne fruit in seven new stations. Two students from Chiaotoutseng have entered the work as evangelists. One of them at Chiu Mang had fourteen persons baptized this fall, and a church organized.

In the month of February an effort was held in Chi Sa, away back in the mountains over a hundred li west of Wenchow. As a result, seven persons were baptized in November, and together with six members at a place not far from Chi Sa were organized into a church. The mission has had no chapel expense in either of these places.

New churches have also been organized at Da Tsih away to the west near the Kiangsi border, and at Yie Sa and Sa Yie Paih and Ng Pah Oe, to the north near the Ningpo district. The number of organized churches has thus been increased from 36 to 41, while the baptised membership has increased from 1,187 to 1,306, an actual addition of 119. The baptisms during the year numbered 176. The Sabbath schools have increased from 103 to 109 during the year, and the average membership from 2,729 to 3,018.

When Pastor Gregory left on furlough, the field was divided into five districts each with an ordained minister in charge, all of whom

have done their best to carry forward the work in their districts. Pastor Wood, in addition to his responsibilities in the union and in Anhwei, had charge of the northernmost district; his several trips into the field this summer have been appreciated.

Banditry in Chuchowfu, where last year we gathered in about \$200 Harvest Ingathering funds, hindered work this year, so that not more than \$10 was taken in. Business conditions in Wenchow, where several firms, including a large local Savings Bank, went bankrupt, were against us. Total Ingathering this year amounted to only \$523, as compared with \$900 last year. Members' tithes during the year amounted to \$670, as compared with \$547 the previous year. Sabbath school offerings also had a slight increase, amounting to \$1,011. in 1935, and \$1,042 this year. Literature has been sold to the amount of \$2,408 and in addition gospel portions to the value of \$123. South Chekiang led all missions in China in subscriptions to the *Shepherd*. The report from the Signs press listed us at 198 on December 31st.

We thank God for His providence this year; for while the work has progressed, it has done so not only under the depression of financial stringency, but also in the face of banditry disturbances which were rife not only in Chuchowfu to the west, but also in practically the whole extent of the Bing Yie and Zh Ye *hsiens* to the south. All praise is due to Him who overrules our weak efforts to His glory.

Fund was secured, and by July, 1936, the work of tearing down the old structure was begun. Before long a modern building, providing for the needs of the church, was built, with provision in the main auditorium to seat 306 persons. A large balcony will take care of future needs as to space, and a baptistry was built immediately behind the rostrum for the conduct of baptismal services. Provision has also been made for the church school, tract society, and living quarters for four or five families.

As people began to gather for the dedicatory service, it was soon evident that we should not have room sufficient to seat all who were expected. Not only was every seat filled, but some hundred odd were compelled to stand around the doors, on the stairs, and in the balcony.

Professor Griggs, who gave the dedicatory address, told of his visit to this church twenty years ago and reviewed the wonderful progress made since that time. He emphasized the importance of having the Lord's Spirit present, not only in the house of worship, but also in our own hearts, and showed how, if the Spirit of the Lord is constantly dwelling in our hearts, the work will advance and soon be finished. He called upon all present not only to dedicate this building to the work of the Lord, but also to dedicate themselves anew to the finishing of the work.

From Miss Lucy N. Andrus

IN a letter received from Miss Andrus, written under date of February 25, she states:

"My brother met me at the boat, as we had expected. I visited at his home a few days, after which he brought me to this private nursing home, (Edelweiss' Treatment Rooms), operated by two of my friends. I am getting first-class care with fresh, raw vegetable juices to build up the blood. I am walking about with a crutch now.

"Let me say right here to the glory of God that I truly feel that the China Division and the General Conference have been most kind and liberal in their care for me during my illness, as in arranging for my sustentation, and I wish my friends to know how I feel about this.

"God never delays His blessings, excepting in order that He may multiply them. That is why He did not heal me instantly."

New Church Dedicated Canton, China

BY W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

SABBATH, March 29, 1937, was a happy and blessed day for our believers of the Nam Kuam church, in the city of Canton. For years this company has met in an antiquated building which has become wholly inadequate for the needs of the rapidly growing church, and which has failed to represent properly our work in a modern city like Canton. As streets were widened and a modern city developed, we found ourselves surrounded by modern buildings which had undermined our foundations, shut us off from the light, and made our church an unfit building in which to worship.

Through the assistance of the General Conference, an appropriation from the Church Extension

The Story of Luk Mo Kung

BY D. D. COFFIN, M. D.

LUK MO KUNG was a little boy from the village of Tsin Kong who had been very sick for a number of years. His father had heard of the Christian doctor in Nanning and had decided to visit him. Many village doctors had been tried to no avail, and Luk Mo Kung was going from bad to worse.

The long trip from his village to Nanning had to be made by motor car over rough roads, and a very tired little fellow was Luk Mo Kung when he reached the hospital that evening. He was immediately given a warm supper and a clean bed.

The next morning he was examined by the foreign doctor and it was found that the only thing that could help the boy was surgery. The worried father had a hard time consenting to surgery. But hadn't he tried many Chinese herbs and hadn't Luk Mo Kung worn many charms? Now he must trust the Christian doctor.

The operation was successfully performed and a bladder stone the size of a walnut removed. This disease is very common in this part of the province. The lad suffered pain for many days, but he was a patient little fellow.

The hospital Bible worker studied with the boy and his father and both were impressed with the wonderful love of the great God in heaven. When his friends came to visit him, the father's face would fairly beam as he showed them the stone and told of the wonderful cure. Many times during the day he could be heard praising God. He attended services regularly while the boy was recuperating.

Soon the time came for father and son to return to their village. Such a happy couple as they were, and what wonderful stories they would have to tell! The Bible worker did not forget to provide them with plenty of literature to take home. Some day we hope to meet Luk Mo Kung and his father in heaven.

Throughout this great province there are many souls suffering who could be relieved if they would only come to the Christian doctor. Superstition and fear keep many away. The native doctors and medicine men must all be tried first, and as a last resort the foreign doctor. Alas! many come only when it is too late.

Pray for the medical work in Kwangsi, that this superstition may

speedily be broken down and more souls may hear of the Great Physician. Our great need is for more men and means to carry the message of healing into these villages.

Manchurian Union Convention and Colporteur Institute

BY JOHN OSS

A CONVENTION of the Manchurian Union publishing department leaders and an institute for the regular colporteurs convened at the headquarters of the Kirin Mission in February.

At the three-day leaders' council, careful study was given to our literature work, and a number of plans were agreed upon that will mean much to the advancement of our literature evangelism.

There was an average attendance of about sixty at the colporteur institute, which opened on the night of February 12. Besides the regular colporteurs and some visitors from the local church, Brethren N. F. Brewer, A. J. Robbins, H. N. Broderson, R. F. Cottrell, Wang Fu Yuan, the publishing department leaders, and the writer were in attendance.

Noteworthy progress is being made in the work of the literature ministry in the Manchurian Union. Use of bicycles and the setting of sales quotas for each *hsien, chu,* and village, has greatly increased the volume distributed, and has made it possible for our colporteurs to do a larger soul-saving work.

Because of the heavy snows and cold weather last winter our colporteurs found it most difficult to carry on their work in the mountain and country areas. One colporteur told of having to carry his bicycle over mountains and also to assist his partner, who was not so robust, in getting over the snowbound mountain roads. But it is this perseverance on the part of our colporteurs that is winning results in the Manchurian Union.

Pastor Wang Fu Yuan of the Pinkiang Mission gave a most encouraging report of what our colporteurs have done in the establishment of churches in his mission. As a result of interests created by colporteurs we have today five churches and companies. At present in the Pinkiang Mission there are eight places calling for workers to

follow up the interests created by the literature distributed and personal work done by the colporteurs. And in the other missions in the union many interests are developing. Truly our colporteurs in the Manchurian Union are colporteur evangelists.

Pastor N. F. Brewer, in a series of studies, stressed the importance of soul winning and urged each colporteur to have as his goal the building of monuments (churches). The building of these monuments became the keynote of the gathering. The song "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung often in a most spirited manner.

Pastor A. J. Robbins is caring for the work of the publishing department during the absence of Pastor F. M. Larsen on furlough, and the field missionary secretaries are enthusiastic over the prospects for 1937. We look forward to marked progress for the year and a large ingathering of souls.

Tithe Paying

BY T. M. LAI

THIS is my first opportunity to visit Kwangsi Mission. Pastor L. C. Wilcox and I spent more than a month in that field visiting the different stations.

In Watlun there is a sister who has received a great blessing for faithful tithe-paying. One of the graduate nurses of the Nanning Hospital, she helped the hospital for several years. It came to the time when the director of the mission thought that she might give some medical help to the country people, and asked her to start work at Watlun; but she feared she could not earn enough to support her children and herself.

However, the brethren encouraged her by saying that if she were faithful and paid tithe on every cent of her income, the Lord would bless her. With this encouragement, she said, "If this is the will of the Lord, I will not object to go." So she started work there, paid her tithe faithfully, and the Lord is blessing her. She not only earns enough for the support of her family, but also covers all expenses and pays both rents for her own house and that of the church.

Letters from the States have brought the encouraging word that Brother A. A. Esteb is feeling well, is gaining weight, and is able to walk without crutch or cane.

East China Union Colporteur Institute

BY JOHN OSS

THE East China Union colporteurs met at the Range Road church in Shanghai from February nineteen to twenty-nine for their annual colporteur institute. The institute program was arranged in a practical way with strong emphasis placed on the soul-saving aspects of the literature ministry. Special efforts were made in memorizing the printed canvasses and in learning how to use the new *Signs* prospectus, while ample time was spent in drill work.

In addition to the union workers, workers from the division and the *Signs* of the Times Publishing House also assisted.

On one morning all of those in attendance visited the publishing house and enjoyed seeing the literature they were selling in the different processes of preparation. At this time a group picture was taken.

The publishing department leaders feel that the East China colporteurs are going back to the field better equipped than ever before to carry on strong work, and the colporteurs believe that the gathering just held will result in increased sales and in making the work of the publishing department a greater soul-saving agency.

The Suchow Letter

BY P. H. SHIGLEY

TEN letters written to the workers in Suchow between December and the end of February brought no response whatsoever. Pastor Dahlsten thought he ought to be worried for the safety of the two families stationed there; but he was not, despite the fact that reports filtered through saying there had been a terrible battle at Kaotai, hardly one hundred miles from them, and later came a rumor that Suchow itself had been surrounded.

Early in March Pastor Dahlsten's patience was rewarded when he received a long delayed letter from Evangelist Wu Cbing Feng, in which he said that evacuation plans were completed for going to Chinta, or even to Etzingol in Outer Mongolia if necessary, but that the situation had eased and there seemed no immediate danger.

We were happy to learn that Sabbath school and church services had

been held in Suchow without interruption. Brother Wu says the class of inquirers has grown. He and Yang Chun Ho have arranged for a series of evangelistic meetings at our Dung Da Gai chapel, which is right in the heart of the city.

It is indeed the Lord who has watched over the little flock in Suchow and protected the work there when in some other cities the native workers have been forced to leave their stations. We hope that the highway bus service will soon reopen and we may visit the church from which we have been absent for so many months.

Word from Mrs. W. E. Eberhardt

AFTER landing home I felt very miserable for awhile, but that was to be expected. Six and a half weeks later I was feeling somewhat better, and as there seemed to be so much at stake, I tried to go down to my folks' place. But I did too much and after ten days had to come back. That was two weeks ago. I am much better, and what with medicine, good treatments, food, lovely fresh air, and sunshine, am bound to feel better soon.

Pastor G. J. Campbell, field secretary of the Far Eastern Division, passed through Shanghai recently on his way to Korea and Japan. Brother Campbell arrived just the day before his wife and daughter Carol left for Singapore. Mrs. Campbell had come to Shanghai to be with Carol, who had had a severe case of small pox. She made an uneventful recovery, due to the Lord's hearing the many earnest prayers ascending in her behalf, and has now gone home to gain strength for school next year.

Friday afternoon, April 2, Pastor A. W. Cormack arrived in Shanghai enroute to Korea and Japan. The students of the Far Eastern Academy and many of the workers in Shanghai were very happy to have the pleasure of listening to Brother Cormack as he talked to us in the Y. P. M. V. meeting, Friday evening. Pastor Cormack spent Sabbath in Nanking, and plans to touch at Hankow, Yencheng, Peiping, and Mukden.

From Miss Josephine Holmes

THE girls here in the Fengtai school are conducting three little home Sabbath schools, two of which are over near the station and one in a village about a mile the other side of the station. They have an average attendance of about five in each one, and really they (the girls) do wonderfully well for young folk below ninth grade. It is a real experience for them and is bringing a knowledge of the gospel to people who would certainly never bear it otherwise. They go two together to a home, but they go out and come back in a group. I have been out with them the last two Sabbaths. It has been a real inspiration to me. I wonder if any of our other schools are doing this.

From Pastor Charles Larsen, Hongkong

WE are of good courage and find enough to do. We can not begin to compass all that should be done. We are very happy to have Brother Leung Nito back here again. He is now conducting an effort in Chinese in Happy Valley. There is an attendance of about fifty or more each evening. When this effort closes, we hope to open another in a different section of the city, thus keeping an effort going the year around. This will call for more help as the work grows.

Our little church school is progressing nicely. When we get the new building the enrolment should grow to more than fifty pupils.

Appreciation

Dear Friends in the China Division:

I wish to send thanks to you who have been so kind to me in my great sorrow—the death of my husband. The telegrams brought comfort in just a few short hours after I was left alone. The beautiful floral offerings were tokens of your sympathy, I know. Most of all, I thank you for your prayers.

Our little boy's life has been spared through his critical illness of seven weeks, and I hope to bring him from the hospital by the end of March.

—Mrs. Glenn G. Hamp

Drs. R. J. Brines and Herbert Liu have been visitors in Shanghai recently, having come in for the medical convention.

General Articles

Thirteenth Sabbath Silver Jubilee

BY FLORENCE E. WOOD

JUNE 26 will be a "red letter day" in the history of our Sabbath school work as a denomination; for it will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan. In the quarter of a century which has elapsed since June, 1912, more than G\$7,000,000 in Thirteenth Sabbath offerings have been contributed toward the promulgation of the third angel's message. When we recall that \$650,000 of this sum has been in overflows for special projects, we realize something of what this plan has meant to our world-wide work.

The missions' propaganda which has been carried on in our Sabbath schools throughout the world as a part of this plan has given our membership a knowledge of distant countries, their people, customs, and of what is being done to carry the gospel to them, which few would have possessed without it. Because Sabbath school members have understood the needs, their gifts have been liberal. This heaven-inspired plan has been a blessing, not only to the fields which have been recipients of the offering, but to the individuals who have given as well.

It was felt by those assembled at the 1936 Autumn Council of the General Conference that the most fitting manner in which to commemorate the establishment of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering plan would be by rolling up a record offering on the Silver Jubilee Sabbath. It is hoped that \$150,000 may be received at that time. If this sum is realized, a section of the Southern Asia Division in which the work is growing rapidly, and where suitable places of worship and evangelistic equipment are badly needed, will receive \$10,000. Another \$10,000 will be divided equally among eight other world divisions in addition to their regular budgets, and the general mission offerings of the General Conference will be increased \$56,000.

Our goal for the China Division is a double Thirteenth Sabbath offering, or four times the amount given on a regular Sabbath. The average individual goal for Chinese members

varies in different unions, but we trust that every one will do his best to reach the goal set, that this division may contribute its full quota toward the Silver Jubilee offering. Since the weekly goal for foreign workers is M\$3 a family, the goal for the Silver Jubilee Thirteenth Sabbath is \$12.

It is suggested that special programs be held in all Sabbath schools on June 26, and that we make the occasion one of thanksgiving and rejoicing for what God has wrought during the past twenty-five years. Material for such programs will, doubtless, be sent out in due time; but promotion of the Silver Jubilee Thirteenth Sabbath offering should begin at once, and continue throughout the quarter.

Summer Quarter of the S. D. A. Theological Seminary

The 1937 Summer Quarter of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Advanced Bible School) will be held at the Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Md., June 1 to August 16. The quarter is divided into two equal parts, the second term beginning July 9. Every one who can possibly do so should attend during the entire eleven weeks, though it is possible to enter for the second term, inasmuch as several new subjects begin at that time. The Seminary closes just before the opening of the General Conference Educational Convention at Blue Ridge (Near Asheville), North Carolina.

Aside from the regular courses there will be given six series of general lectures, for the entire school. The first of the series will be given by Dr. S. M. Zwemer, editor of the *Moslem World*, on "The World of Islam Yesterday and Today."

The Seminary is open to college graduates who are prepared to do the work, and to others as special students whose training and experience has qualified them to do graduate work. We are very pleased to have missionaries on furlough with us.

Those interested in taking work at the Seminary this summer or later, should send for further information. Address, M. E. Kern, President, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

China Division Colporteurs' Reading Course

BY JOHN OSS

AS a number of requests had been received for a colporteurs' reading course, the available members of the China Division committee recently took the following action:

"WHEREAS all our China workers should seek mental and spiritual growth and increased efficiency in their work, and—

"WHEREAS the reading courses followed by our workers are a definite aid in this growth and development, and—

"WHEREAS the colporteurs do not have a specially selected reading course planned for them; therefore:

"We recommend, that all colporteurs be encouraged to read the 1937 Ministerial Reading Course books this year.

"We further recommend, that the China Division Publishing Department send out this notification and be responsible for the general promotion of this course among the colporteurs."

The Chinese ministerial reading course books for 1937 are:

Triumphs of the Remnant . . .	\$.10
The New Testament Scriptures	
Gospel Salesmanship Manual 30
The 1937 Big Week book on Temperance 20
Home Missionary Meeting Program Book for 1937	
J. M. V. Hand Book 20
Price per set	\$.67

It is the belief of the Division Committee that the reading of this set of books will be of great help to our colporteurs, and it is hoped that all will enroll and plan to read systematically the books as outlined for the year.

To date encouraging reports have come in from many places. At the recent meeting of the Manchurian Union colporteurs, thirty-nine enrolled and purchased the books.

All our colporteurs in the China Division should read these books, and those who have not already enrolled should do so at once.

Pastor R. M. Cossentine spent a few days in Shanghai during the month, taking orders for towels for the North China Training Institute.

South China Union

South China Publishing Department Report—1936

(Synopsis of report given by C. E. Wimer at the South China annual meeting, March 17-23, 1937)

AT the beginning of 1936 a union departmental convention was held in Hongkong. Brethren Oss and Longway were present from the division and gave excellent help and instruction. All our departmental secretaries representing the various departments of our local missions were present and entered freely into the different discussions. Coming as this did at the beginning of the year, it gave the secretaries many new plans and ideas, as well as encouragement for the year's work.

Brother Larsen, with a little assistance, has been able to sell over 20,000 of the tuberculosis booklet in Hongkong alone. Besides this, some of the students and colporteurs had good success during the summer. In all about 35,000 copies of the booklets were sold in this union during 1936. Very little has been done in Canton and other districts; so our prospects are good for selling the booklet again this year.

Thirty students from our schools in the union entered the colporteur work during their summer vacation last year, earning seven full and six half scholarships. Last summer also for the first time since I have been in the field, foreign girls entered the colporteur work selling Dr. Miller's book, "The Way to Health," in conjunction with "Life and Health." They had very good success during the time they worked. There are good prospects with English literature in the large cities of our union, and we look forward to doing much more in the future.

The Signs subscription list at the end of December, 1936, stood at 10,120. The Lord has had His hand over the literature work, and as the result we are able to report for 1936 \$31,869.65 Mex. worth of literature sales—an increase of twenty dollars over our sales for 1935.

We have every reason to look forward to a good year in the literature work in the South China Union this year.

Hakka Mission—1936

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor P. V. Thomas, at the annual meeting of the South China Union, March 17-23, 1937)

FOR the many blessings that have come to us during the last year we thank the Lord who has been our helper in all that has been accomplished. We have had abundant proof of His blessing and help. Whatever good has been achieved, has been through cooperation with heavenly agencies, and although our ideal has not been fully met, and we have failed in some respects in reaching the goals set, yet the failure has not been the Lord's, but ours.

Last year sixty-three people were baptized. It has been a happy experience to lead these souls to know the truth and to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

In the program of entering all the counties of our territory, we have made some progress during the year. At present we are holding efforts in all three of the places entered. We need your petitions at the Throne of Grace that our workers may have consecration, wisdom, diligence, and perseverance. The efforts so far at Tsz Kum and Sheck Lung give promise of being fruitful. Eight are studying the truth in Bible classes at Tsz Kum, and twenty have handed in their names at Sheck Lung. The efforts are continuing at these places, and we are hoping to see some live with Jesus eternally as the result of the efforts put forth.

The Sabbath school attendance has been increasing and several new branch Sabbath schools have been opened.

The hospital has shown an encouraging increase in patronage. The branch at the down-town chapel is meeting a need in providing a convenient place for the sick to consult the doctor and get minor treatments. This keeps us in touch with our patrons. As the hospital is outside the city, there are no rickshas, nor automobiles, and sedan chairs can be gotten only with difficulty. These factors are to our disadvantage. The city is constructing a new concrete bridge across the river connecting the two cities. With the opening of new roads we hope to have ricksha and automobile service at our doors.

Seven church schools or mission schools are being operated with an enrolment of a little over 300. The teachers carry the responsibility of

the church service in four of the stations and help in others. The Wai-chow school has an attendance at present of 60. We are endeavoring to find some industrial training that will be remunerative.

As we look to the future, it is with the assurance that He who has led us hitherto will still be our helper. In our evangelistic program, we plan for a full year of public effort carried by two groups of workers. The plan is to open two new stations in two more districts or *hsien*. In all this work we desire to have the interest and prayers of our brethren that the Lord may be with us and fill us with His Spirit, enabling us to do what He wants done and to finish the work in the Hakka field.

Canton Sanitarium and Hospital—1936

(Synopsis of report given by F. E. Bates, M. D., at the annual meeting of the South China Union, March 17-23, 1937)

THE year 1936 is the fifth full year of our operation in Canton. It is the first full year in the new building. The year marks by far the greatest advancement in all branches of our work of any in our history. The new building with its equipment and furnishings has given us a place among the best institutions in Canton. Friendships won during the previous years in temporary quarters have materialized in a larger patronage and increased income. The improvements made on our grounds have added to the beauty of the place. Our patients have seemed more satisfied, our staff has had more experience, and the entire working of the institution has been more efficient and satisfactory.

In looking back over the year's work we have been led many times to express our appreciation for the care our Heavenly Father has had over us. The work has not been without hardship; the forces of evil have worked untiringly against the progress of the work; we have also sensed our own inability to meet the demands placed upon us. But in all the operations of the year the protecting, guiding, and many times the healing power of God has been clearly manifest. For these bountiful mercies we offer thanks.

Our total of 7,395 patient days for the hospital, exclusive of the T. B. Department, is a record. Dividing

this by 626, the number of patients entering the hospital during the year, we find that each patient stayed in the hospital 11.8 days. This is the average we have maintained for the past four years.

A very good class of patients have been coming to the hospital. The first-class rooms have been occupied much of the time, and some of the time there have not been sufficient first-class rooms to meet the demand.

The tuberculosis department has passed an uneventful year. Eighty-one patients entered and stayed an average of 90 days each. The work of this department presents, from the standpoint of the missionary doctor, many points of unusual interest. It is generally recognized that tuberculosis, if curable at all, is conquered only after long periods of rest and treatment. Consequently the Chinese people have a great fear of the devastating disease. Christian people whose relatives or friends are tuberculosis sufferers, have very frequently expressed their desire that during the stay of the patient in the hospital, every effort might be put forth to bring them to a full acceptance of Christianity. With an average stay of approximately 90 days per patient, the opportunity for such work is unusually good.

In the past when we have had a Christian worker willing to spend his time with these people, and capable from the standpoint of preparation and experience, we have seen very gratifying results. Bible study was welcomed. It afforded a subject for interested thought and helpful conversation. In the earlier days of our work several accepted our message and were baptized. One instance, especially, illustrates the attitude of some in bringing their loved ones to the hospital. A mother, a Christian, brought her unbelieving son for treatment. His case was serious. The family was poor and had allowed the disease to progress beyond the margin of safety. He went visibly down week after week. When he had stayed a month in the hospital his mother came to visit him. After spending sometime with him in his cottage, she came to my office. She said with tears in her eyes, "Is not this a Christian hospital? Is there no one here who can read the Bible to my son and pray with him?" I found it very difficult to answer the question. Our institution is a Christian hospital. Theoretically our aim in being here is to reach, with God's final warning to

the world, those who are sick and afflicted. Frequently sporadic attempts to hold meetings have been made by the staff in the past two or three years, but in every instance the rush of work and the limited help available has forced the discontinuance of the religious work.

The future of our medical work in Canton is especially bright. We have the second largest metropolis in China and the most thickly populated district in the Far East. We are facing a great demand for medical help and an opportunity comparable to the best. Ours is a growing institution, situated in a very needy district. We have been here long enough to be comparatively well known throughout the district. We have been the recipients of signal blessing in finding our work so rapidly on vantage ground. Favor has been given us with the officials and many of the best people in the city. Both branches of our hospital are doing good work and prospering. It seems that there is practically no limit to what can be done. Let us arise, lengthen our cords, strengthen our stakes, and place our medical work upon the vantage ground which it is our privilege to hold.

Swatow Mission

(Synopsis of report given by K. T. Khng at the annual meeting of the South China Union, March 17-23, 1937)

THIS is the thirty-second year of the Swatow Mission. As we review its small work and its advancing age, we shall see that this is a very needy field.

Four evangelistic efforts were held during the year by the director, and twice as many revivals. A few evangelists are now being trained. We hope to hold a workers' institute this year when study can be given to the needs of the field and our workers organized for a wider evangelism. This is one of our greatest needs.

In March of this year we entered Hui Lai, the last of our districts. We now have 19 stations. These have their Sabbath schools, with 8 primary schools and 5 Junior M. V. societies, and show the small gain of one in all three departments.

Pastor Wilcox and others have visited our field and given spiritual help and inspiration. Our literature work has shown the least gain, as we have been unable to conserve our old force or to recruit and train new colporteurs. Therefore our sales have been small. Brother K. R. Lin

is now elected to head this department for the new year. Shall not our prayers go with him that he may have courage and patience and vision, and every day the cooperation of the Holy Spirit.

Nanning Hospital

BY D. D. COFFIN, M. D.

(Synopsis of report given by D. D. Coffin, M. D., at the South China annual meeting, March 17-23, 1937)

AS we consider the events of the year just closed, we find much for which to be thankful. God has certainly blessed with His protecting care and given us some progress. In our family of workers there have been no marked changes nor serious illnesses, and there exists a spirit of earnestness and cooperation.

The outstanding fact of the year has been that for about three months war seemed inevitable. Thousands moved to what they considered a safer place. The other mission hospital in the city was closed. The work of the civil and military hospitals in the city was greatly reduced because the personnel of the medical units with the expeditionary forces was supplied from the staff of workers. These conditions increased our work considerably during those months.

We have made an attempt this year to be a greater help to the poor of our city. More charity work has been done than in previous years. The hospital room rates have been reduced. This has been appreciated.

Our local evangelist has been active among the patients and much literature has been distributed. There have been several instances in the province this year where calls have come for an evangelist to teach the people. One man walked many miles three different times in order to request baptism. Finally he was baptized. He has many interested friends, as he is a leader in his isolated community. Several years ago he was a patient with us, and his knowledge of the truth comes chiefly from reading the literature which he carried home with him. We feel that there should be more such instances and are striving to emphasize the evangelistic work this year. We all need to be reminded frequently of the real objective of our medical work — that of soul-saving as well as of healing the bodies of our patients.

We need more earnestness and zeal in our work and more of the Spirit of God in our lives so that we may be used of Him more effectively.

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Professor and Mrs. E. L. Gardner and Miss Emma Binder, nurse, from India, arrived in Shanghai April 10, the latter spending some time with Pastor and Mrs. John Oss while enroute to the States.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Dale arrived in Shanghai March 13, per "President Cleveland." They are at present attending the language school in Nanking. Dr. Dale is to be the pathologist for the Shanghai Sanitarium and Clinic.

Pastors O. A. Hall and John Oss spent a few days in attendance at the North Chekiang Workers' Institute in Hangchow. They report a very interesting and profitable meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brett and family sailed from Shanghai April 13, per "President Jackson," for the States enroute to London. Brother Brett has been asked to visit several of our schools in the States to get an idea of the industrial work being carried on. Brother Brett has been in charge of our metal factory at Chiaotoutseng, and the Lord has blessed his efforts in a very marked manner.

Mrs. E. C. Wood, after spending about a month in Shanghai with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton H. Wood, teachers in the Far Eastern Academy, left March 22 for Hankow, where her husband will join her upon his return from Singapore in early April.

Born to Professor and Mrs. C. L. Woods, of Chiaotoutseng, February 15, a daughter, Lois Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Shigley, Lanchow, Kansu, Northwest China, March 29, a son, Basil Roy

Pastor and Mrs. Z. H. Coberly arrived in Shanghai April 9 per "President Taft." Brother Coberly has been asked to spend a few months at Chiaotoutseng to assist in the cannery during the berry season. Brother and Sister Coberly brought back with them a little son to help brighten their home.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Randolph reached Shanghai March 25 per "President Adams." Dr. and Mrs. Randolph are to spend a few months in language work in Peiping, after which they will join the workers in the Mongolian Mission.

Annual Meeting of the China Division Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

THE next annual meeting of the China Division Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is appointed for May 20-29, 1937, in the division office, 526 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 7:30 p. m., Thursday, May 20. Members of the China Division of the General Conference Committee, together with the ten representatives from the seven unions and the major divisional institutions as named by the controlling committees of these respective organizations are cordially invited to be present throughout the session. An invitation to this session is also extended to the treasurers of the seven unions and the business managers of the major divisional institutions.

Frederick Griggs, Chairman
S. L. Frost, Secretary

Annual Meeting of the Constituency and Board of Directors of the China Training Institute

THE annual meeting of the constituency and of the board of directors for the China Training Institute will be held in Chiaotoutseng, Kiangsu, China, May 12-15 1937. The first business meeting will be called for Wednesday evening, May 12, at 7:30 p. m., in the administration building. All members are invited to be present in order that the regular business of electing a faculty,

the making of a budget, and other items which pertain to the business of the institute may be transacted for this coming year.

Frederick Griggs, Chairman
B. A. Liu, Secretary

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House

THE annual meeting of the board of directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House is called for May 16 and 17, 1937, in the division committee room, 526 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting of this board will be held at 7:30 p. m., May 16, 1937. The usual reports will be rendered and necessary business transacted.

Frederick Griggs, Chairman
T. C. Chin, Secretary

Annual Constituency and Board Meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium Hospital and Clinic

NOTICE is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Clinic, called for May 18 and 19, 1937, at 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting of this constituency is called for 8:30 a. m., May 18, 1937. At this time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

Frederick Griggs, Chairman
J. C. Shull, Secretary

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Far Eastern Academy

THE annual meeting of the board of directors and constituency for the Far Eastern Academy will be held in Shanghai on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20, 1937. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m., in the chapel room of the China Division office. All members are invited to be present in order that the regular business of electing a faculty and making of a budget and all other matters which pertain to the business of the academy may be transacted for this coming year.

Frederick Griggs, Chairman
H. H. Morse, Secretary