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Speeding On The Message

DR. H. W. MILLER

MOST everyone recalls the stories heard in childhood, how their parents told of the days when everything was hand-planted and hand-reaped, and how truly wonderful it seemed to use machinery for planting the grain and harvesting the same. But still more marvelous to-day as we try to think of the rapidity with which world news travels, of the marvelous developments of the radio, and the accomplishments as noted by newly broken records in aviation; and how during the last decade since the World War, in all lines of endeavor so much efficiency has been obtained through the wonders of inventions of to-day, that as a result the world is fast facing a most serious problem of overproduction and unemployment.

Must we not pause for a moment to really consider what these things mean in connection with God's work and final proclamation of His messages to the world? In harmony with His word found in Mark 16:15,—“And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world; and preach the gospel to every creature,”—a worldwide and completed work is foretold. Until recently explorers have been kept busy trying to solve the problem of reaching previously unapproached areas of the world in which we live, but to-day there is very little of interest in adventure; for some one has been everywhere. And with the means of travel by land and sea and air to-day it seems entirely possible for the above scripture to be fulfilled in this, our day. The church of Christ may well be aroused to-day to the importance of speeding on its work. Every resource is available. Our need is for the consecrated worker of a vision that can see every task accomplished in the purpose of God, and that within our time. Should another decade be as productive in quickening of work as the past ten years, what could possibly be left undone? Shall we not thank God for these available resources and hold ourselves ready to apply the great forces at the command of our church to the hastening of this Message on to the farthestmost parts of our great territory here in China? Let us pray over this matter, carrying it on our hearts until we see ways and means brought into the church for taking the saving truths of this great Third Angel's Message to the remotest parts of Western Tibet, the northernmost parts of Mongolia, and the peoples on the great Siberian-Manchurian frontier. With evidences now being seen in our work in China in the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, we can now lay claim to a speedy work for the millions in heathen darkness in China. After all, it is God who will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. It is He who can enliven His Church, and does.

General Articles

FROM PASTOR H. L. GRAHAM

Under date of January 19, Pastor H. L. Graham, director of the Hupeh Mission, reports continued interest on the part of many in Hankow as a result of the evangelistic effort launched by Pastor Frederick Lee, and later on followed up by Brother Graham and his associates. Brother Graham writes that the bandit menace has been cleared up in some parts of Hupeh, and that evangelistic efforts will be undertaken in some places during the next few weeks. He requests that the brethren and sisters of the China field continue to remember the Hankow and Hupeh work in prayer.

FOLLOWING UP THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

H.L. Graham

While a splendid work has been accomplished through the circulation of the Chinese *Signs of the Times*, yet considering the many tens of thousands of copies going out month by month, year after year, one would expect to see more visible fruit than has been manifest.

There is no doubt but that the *Signs* could be more productive of souls if the local churches or provincial missions would systematically follow up the interests which the paper must create by its monthly visits. There are many ways in which follow-up work can be done. A plan whereby the subscriber is linked with a local evangelistic effort is being tried out now in the city of Hankow.

The Hupeh Mission publishing department set a goal of a thousand new subscriptions in Hankow during the month of January. Through the cooperation of the union field secretaries and the rally day, when all the Wuhan workers, native and foreign, joined with the colporteurs, this goal was reached and passed. These thousand new names, representing the best people in Hankow — the people who are maintaining the life of the city, officially and commercially — are being used as the basis of a mailing list in connection with the continuous evangelistic effort being carried on in our new auditorium, the "Ching Shih T'ang" (Warning World Hall). The list will be added to during the year as additional subscriptions come in — we expect 3,000 subscriptions in Hankow during 1931.

We have found the people of Hankow very responsive to direct advertising, and are confident that the letters sent to all local subscribers to the *Signs*, containing programs of our evening Bible classes, Sabbath services, and notices of special evangelistic meetings, will result in giving us contact with many hundreds of people whose interest in religious matters has already been created by the monthly visits of the *Signs*.

We understand that the Publishing House would be willing to insert a dodger in all magazines going to any city or province, providing arrangements are made sufficiently early. This might be a more inexpensive way of bringing notices of, and invitations to, local evangelistic efforts before the people, than letters or cards mailed locally. It would certainly show the subscriber a close relationship existing between the *Signs of the Times* and the local Seventh-day Adventist chapels.

NORTH FUKIEN NEWS

V. J. MALONEY

We offer thanks to the Lord for His blessings, and for His watchcare over the work in North Fukien this year. Although there has been an unusual amount of war and banditry going on, yet somehow the work advances. For about eight months we have been cut off from the chapels in the upper Min River district on account of war. Letters have been going through quite regularly, but we have been unable to send parcels and money-orders. This has made it quite hard to get money and books and other supplies to our churches in this district. It was in this upper Min River district where the two British ladies, Misses Nettelton and Harrison, were captured and murdered.

Three of our workers returning from meetings at Ciong Hu Bang were imprisoned for three days and then released. At Chung Haiu the bandits came and burned about a hundred houses. Our chapel was not burned, but several members lost their homes.

Although conditions have been adverse, tithes and offerings have been kept up. Baptisms were quite good, but on account of the war we could not get to some of the stations to baptize those who are waiting. In those parts of the field we were able to reach fifty-six were baptized during the year.

The school has had a fairly good attendance this year. At the recent Week of Prayer for the students a large portion of the student body consecrated themselves to the Lord, and a number of these who did it for the first time, will be baptized later.

We invite you to pray with us that the hand of strife may be stayed and that the message may go quickly to warn the people of the soon-coming Saviour.

Dec. 31, 1930.

BOOSTING BIG WEEK FOR 1931

L. E. REED

There are two words which are inseparable — campaigns and boosting. No campaign was ever started without having its boosters. The degree of success of a campaign is measured largely by the amount of effort put forth by its boosters. Of course, opportunity and the help of the Lord are always factors which are important, but the greatest opportunity for any campaign is the presence of plenty of enthusiastic boosters. And when we pray for the help of the Lord in our campaign, let us never forget to pray that He will send forth boosters, real honest boosters.

Now just how is this term which we have just so overworked in the above paragraph so vitally connected with the success of a special campaign? To any one who has noticed at all any campaign in process, this is very easy to explain. Take the beginning of the Big Week campaign for instance. Every one is busy with his own regular work, so busy that he scarcely has time to notice the campaign promotion material, let alone enter into the work. Church members have their regular daily tasks, and workers have their assigned responsibilities. How is the whole church to get into this campaign? — Through the boosters.

But perhaps the Big Week is already started, well begun — which as some say is "half done"; here the boosters should not consider their work finished. When the first burst has passed and the time to settle down for a long run has come, we need the encouragement of boosters.

There is one time, though, above all others when they are needed, but this is usually when they seem to be weary, and that is at the close of the campaign. It seems that a campaign is much like climbing a mountain in a motor car. It is quite easy to start the car up the grade, but when the first burst of speed has been used up, it is a little more difficult. But the real test is just as you are pulling up over the top of the hill. It is then that the help of the superintendents, presidents, directors, and all the other workers are needed most. It is then that the real boosters are needed — not the mouth boosters, but those who put their shoulders to the load and BOOST.

(Clippings from Hankow Papers) MISSION MOVES INTO NEW HOME ON WUTSU STREET

*New Building For Seventh Day Adventist Mission Is Fine Four-Storey Structure:
Dr. Lee To Give Lectures*

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission which had for the past few years headquarters at Wang Kia Tun, Chiaokow has now moved into its new home opposite the Chinese Y. M. C. A. on Wutsu Street, S. A. D. No. 2. The new building of the Mission has been completed and the formal dedication will be held in about the middle of this month.

Arising from the Chinese houses at the end of the S. D. A. No. 2 on Wutsu Street the new Mission building is a four storey structure.

The ground floor is used for offices, there being also rooms for the Mission's book store and street chapel. The building contains an auditorium with seats for more than 600 people. The chairs provided in this hall are made of steel and turned out by students of the school maintained by the Mission in Nanking. They are indestructible and take up little space.

Apartments for foreign families are found on the third floor.

Chinese staff quarters are in a separate brick building.

The formal opening of the building which will take place about a week from now, will be held, together with a series of illustrated lectures on world's social and economic problems to be given by Pastor Frederick Lee, the Editor of the *Signs of the Times*, which has the largest circulation of any magazine in China. Mr. Lee will arrive from Shanghai on Thursday. He will speak from 7 to 8 p. m. each night from December 7 to December 31. Mr. Lee has been in China for over 25 years.

RELIGIOUS LECTURE TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY AT ADVENTIST MISSION

"The Gospel To All The World" is the subject to be presented at the Sunday night lecture at the Seventh-day Adventist Auditorium, 71 Woo Tzu Street (opposite Chinese Y. M. C. A.)

The lecture is based on the statement of Christ, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14) The phenomenal circulation of the scriptures in the last few decades, and the advances of Christian mission, point to a literal fulfillment of this remarkable prophecy, which is of vital interest to all living in this generation.

The lecture, which will be given by Rev. H. L. Graham in Chinese, begins at 7.30 P. M. The public are invited.

Reports from the Field

FROM J. P. ANDERSON

WRITING from Hinnen, in the interior of Kwangtung Province, Pastor J. P. Anderson, director of the Hakka Mission, tells of conditions improving at Hoyuen Hsien, where for a time he had been delayed because of adverse conditions on the roads. Brother Anderson has been doing Ingathering work in behalf of the hospital-dispensary at Waichow, and at the same time has been meeting with the Hakka Mission churches. At the time he wrote he had visited ten of these churches, and had gathered in from \$20 to \$50 or more at each place, the total for the ten places being \$403.50 Mex. He planned to visit four more places prior to returning to Waichow, and his goal for these places was an additional \$160 Mexican. The hospital hopes to secure an X-ray machine through these gifts, supplemented somewhat from other sources. Brother Anderson writes: "The amounts are not large, and in comparison with other fields may seem mere pittance, yet the raising of these amounts in the interior at small places represents much effort that can be appreciated only by one who has tried to raise money among the Hakka people, at stations such as I have been visiting.

"During my spare time on this trip I have been able to visit most of the church members in their own homes, and have also visited many interested persons. Our spiritual Ingathering of souls for the year 1931 promises to prove much more fruitful than during the past year.

"It is very cold—in fact so cold I can scarcely hold the pen, but I must get this word off tonight as tomorrow I shall be very busy visiting our members, and in the gathering of funds, and the next day I plan on making a stage of one hundred and twenty *li*. I have never known it to be cold for so long a time in our territory. The other day all the shallow water in the rice fields turned to ice. It was quite a sight to see I can assure you. Many people picked the ice up and took it on to the roads where it looked like so much broken glass. The wind is at present blowing fiercely and is most piercing.

"I have been out in the field now nearly all the time since October—about three months ago—and it seems as if I keep about as well as when at home.

"Getting about in the Hakka field will a little later be different from the present. Auto roads are being constructed and in the near future we may be able to go to several of the larger cities by auto bus. The projected Canton-Nanking auto road is to pass right through our Hakka Mission field."

FROM SUNNY TEXAS

"THE WOODWARDS"

FOR many years Brother and Sister C. N. Woodward and daughter Mary were connected with the old Division headquarters at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, and later with the Philippine Union and the Philippine Publishing House. Recently they have sent hearty greetings from sunny Texas in the form of a lovely little card with the following poem:

GREETINGS FROM TEXAS

The azure from the Texas skies
Inspires my little sonnet,
For angel hands take heavenly hues
To dye the state's Bluebonnet,
And Texas sends her flower to you
With Merry Christmas Greetings too.
"The Woodward's."

FROM YUNNANFU

SISTER VERA N. WHITE, under date of December 2, writes from Yunnanfu: "It is now four o'clock, and Dallas and Brother Miller left just a few minutes ago for a little trip among the villages near by. They go by boat across the lake, and walk about a mile and stay at the first village to-night; then in the morning they go on up the hill and visit several more places. In fact, there are about a hundred villages in that district, and those who dwell there are all tribes people, and no work has been done among them. The men have been out twice before, and prospects for opening new work seem quite favorable. This time they hope to get something definite started.

"Brother Wu U Dah, who started canvassing when Brother Lee Wan Chuen was here, went up into the Tali district last winter, and in a short time took close to two hundred Signs subscriptions. We have heard nothing from him since he left Lichiang, on the way back to Tali, and we fear his life has been taken at the hand of robbers. His loss is felt keenly; for he was a devoted Christian and a loyal worker. He was only baptized just before Brother Miller went to Talang, and this brother accompanied Brother Miller on that trip.

"Last week we had a pleasant time with five Miao boys from Ta Hsuei Chin, who came in for a few days and stayed here in the little house outside of our court. They came in and sang with us in the evening, —and how they can sing! Help them with one stanza, and they can carry the tune perfectly on the next verse. They are coming back in a few more weeks, and the men will go home with them. They have had no one to help them learn Christianity, for twenty years; but there are still a number of Christians among them. One of the boys is a school teacher and a very bright young man."

OUR S. D. A. SCHOOLS IN MANCHURIA

R. M. COSSENTINE

THE school at Wen Kwan Tun seems to be having a good year. The teachers are loaded heavily, but are working faithfully to help the children and young people there to a real knowledge of what it means to be growing up in this movement.

I have not been able to visit the school in Harbin since it opened, but have received a very complete report from there. They have about one hundred students enrolled, and are employing fifteen teachers. They are greatly in need of a building for their school. It seems the government does not attempt to control their Bible courses since the pupils are not Chinese; though, as you know, they are registered.

Our Chinese church schools are full to overflowing and nearly all of our teachers seem to be doing their best to bring all their pupils to Jesus. The Junior Volunteer Societies are doing well. Our church school teachers are now all women.

FROM PROFESSOR FROST

A COMMUNICATION from Professor S. L. Frost, written on November 26 from Yorktown Heights, N. Y., reports himself and family as settled for a few months at Yorktown Heights, where Brother Frost is endeavoring to build up physical strength by out-door labor. He writes that when evening comes he is so weary that he has but little time for correspondence. However, he wishes to be remembered to the workers and other friends in the Orient, and expresses the hope of getting back by early September.

NORTH CHINA MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER INSTITUTE

BESSIE MOUNT

THE first Young People's Missionary Volunteer Institute of the North China Union was held at Tsinanfu, Shantung, December 26-29, 1930. For several months the union Missionary Volunteer secretary, Pastor L. H. Davies, has been planning for this institute, and although the meeting was not a large one every effort was put forth to make it a factor in bringing greater strength and efficiency into this important branch of our work. The Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the Hopei and Shantung Missions were present, together with teachers from the Peiping school, and a number of workers and teachers of the Shantung Mission. The students of the junior middle school at Tsinanfu were also in attendance, making a constant attendance of about seventy-five, with a larger number present at the evening and Sabbath meetings.

Each day's program began with a devotional study, followed throughout the day with the presentation and discussion of topics relating to the work of the Missionary Volunteer department. Professor B. A. Liu, of the China Theological Seminary, was present the entire time of the meetings, and rendered valuable help. His study on "The Christian Youth's Characteristics," based on 1 Timothy 4: 12 and presented at the hour of the regular church service on Sabbath, was a stirring call to each one who heard to be an "example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

As we reviewed together the instruction of the Lord in regard to the work to be done for and by our youth, we could not but consecrate ourselves anew to the task of the — "to save from sin and guide in Missionary Volunteer department, service" our great army of young people. Plans for a "Youth for Youth Movement" were discussed, and it was an inspiration to note the hearty response to the call from the Spirit of prophecy for our young people to labor for the salvation of their fellow youth. Surely there are possibilities as yet untouched before our young people, in personal soul-winning and missionary effort. How can the energies of our Chinese youth best be utilized for the advancement of the advent message in China? This was one of the questions to which study was given at the Tsinanfu Institute.

A number of resolutions were passed, and goals were set, looking to advance steps in Missionary Volunteer endeavor in North China.

May the same spirit of earnestness, devotion, and courage which marked this meeting be manifest in the life of every young people's worker and every Seventh-day Adventist young person throughout the new year, that "A Greater Young People's Movement," — a greater soul-winning movement on the part of Seventh-day Adventist youth, — may result.

FROM BROTHER COSSENTINE

PASTOR R. M. COSSENTINE, writing from Mukden under date of January 4, tells of some experiences recently coming to him and to other home missionary workers in the Manchurian Union. Brother Cossentine reports that Sister Cossentine, at present in the States, is recovering from a long illness at the White Memorial Hospital where she has been making steady improvement in her general health. Brother Cossentine plans on leaving for the States about the middle of the present year, and will be accompanied by his son Allan. His daughter, Miss Eunice, is on furlough, having left last August.

Brother Cossentine reports having "visited all but three of the Chinese churches and companies in the field. One of the three churches not organized, was but recently opened. The other two are at the extreme ends of the field." Brother Cossentine continues: "I just returned a few days ago from the Kirin Mission, where I spent about a month. I visited the companies along the Kirin-Changchun Railway. I had not been out on this line for four years. At Kirin, where there is no regular evangelist at present, two old men are daily going out to witness for this truth in the homes of the people. By a peculiar coincidence they are the same two men who opened evangelistic work for the — Mission in Kirin about thirty-five years ago. Now they are visiting their old converts to tell them about the Lord's soon coming and the need of a speedy preparation. "One of them, after doing evangelistic work for several years, went into business and stood high in the business world of that city. He thus has free access to the homes of many prominent business men and officials. The fact that he though now seventy-seven years old and totally blind, will come out every day in this cold winter weath-

er to exhort them to accept salvation has a strong influence upon them; and in a few calls that I made with him I observed that both young and old treated him with the greatest respect and listened with real interest to his entreaties. And when he prayed fervently for their souls, I am sure their hearts were touched.

"In Changchun the Sabbath congregation runs around one hundred and over every Sabbath. Their new church building is well built and attractive.

"In the Liaoning Mission there is a great dearth of evangelists, several churches and companies being without regular workers at present. But this may be a blessing in disguise so far as these companies are concerned; for it forces them to look out for themselves and thus develop initiative in becoming self-governing and self-supporting churches. In spite of this shortage of workers new interests are springing up, as it were, out of the ground in the country round about. Just now a new interest about thirteen miles northwest of Mukden in a village is very promising. On a recent visit by the evangelist from Mukden, thirteen persons stated their purpose to keep the Sabbath. It is reported that yesterday forty persons attended the service held by the Liaoning Home Missionary Secretary there. They have organized a Sabbath school. They say they will donate land and try to build a place of worship in the near future. May this flame develop into a great fire in that neighborhood.

"Away up north of Harbin a Sabbath school has been organized by some members who moved there from Liaoning. This is at Hailun. This encourages me a great deal to hope for the future of the Home Missionary work.

"Brother Petersen and I are conducting a school for evangelists here in Mukden and three men are having daily class work in Bible Doctrines, Acts, Denominational History, and Denominational Endeavor. They are enjoying it greatly and I believe will be prepared to work effectively when their course is finished. The course is six months. They have field work in preaching and visiting in the homes of the people every day.

"Our churches are, however, greatly in need of shepherding and training in the essentials of the faith and how to tell others about it. I am planning to hold a series of Home Missionary conventions in as many places as possible this winter and spring. We are planning for a Union Missionary Volunteer convention at Wen Kwan Tun sometime soon."

THE SOUTH CHEKIANG SECTIONAL MEETINGS

L. E. REED

TO STAND in the door of a neat Seventh-day Adventist church and see the country people gather in from all directions, by foot and by boat, until over one hundred thirty have gathered, is truly an inspiring sight. But when this scene is enacted in China, and the "neat" church is the result of the sacrifices of some of those same country folk, the scene is doubly inspiring. The following paragraphs are the result of impressions received at the South Chekiang sectional meetings for 1930, in which this very scene was witnessed several times.

The three sectional meetings followed immediately after the women's Bible Workers' meeting, which was held at Wenchow. The first meeting began the evening of December 17, and the last closed the evening of January 3, each opening on a Wednesday evening and closing on the following Saturday evening. This year these sectional gatherings have taken the place of the regular annual meeting, which is ordinarily held at Wenchow. It is estimated that fully two-thirds of the members who attended would not have been able to go to the mission headquarters. An added advantage is that of holding the services in the dialect of the section, which makes the discussions interesting and helpful to the country folk in attendance.

One encouraging feature in evidence was the tone of evangelism which was predominant in all the meetings. It mattered not whether the service was in the form of a consecration meeting, or a departmental hour, the same soul-winning thread was to be found intertwined in the instruction given. The sermon of Brother Liu, the Sabbath school departmental secretary, given at the close of the Mo Dzi Ka meeting, had an especially clear evangelical ring. The fact that soul-winning is a reality with the members was very evident by the reports of home missionary work done, which were brought to our attention at each meeting. On one list is the name of a member who has been instrumental in leading fifteen persons to Christ. Since the founding of the mission a few years ago, two hundred members have had a definite part in leading some person to accept the truth for this time. A map of South Chekiang was placed on the front wall of the chapels; on this map were dark patches, which represented several counties that are as yet unentered. These dark

patches were of vital concern to both the workers and the members, and all are determined, with the help of God, to eradicate them this year.

According to reports given, the Sabbath school has been instrumental in opening up new fields. Last year one goal set by the department was the opening of ten new Sabbath schools, but they exceeded their goal by three. At our three district meetings goals for thirty new Sabbath schools were set; this does not, as did the goal just mentioned, include the whole mission, but only that part of the country taken in by these sectional meetings.

A certain amount of time was given to each of the departments for the presentation of promotion materials and instruction in methods. Beside the regular services, two hours were given to the home missionary, the Sabbath school, and the missionary volunteer departments for the promotion of new plans and the setting of new goals.

Although each day several sermons of a doctrinal or a consecratory nature were given, it seemed that at one place, on the last Sabbath afternoon, the Holy Spirit was manifested in a special way. One dear brother wept bitterly because his family had not yet turned to the Lord. His burden was that they might join him when Christ comes to take His loved ones home. After Brother Wilkinson, the director of the South Chekiang Mission, had given a sermon on the love of our heavenly Father, one middle-aged lady arose and gave herself to the Lord. Truly it was soul-inspiring to watch her turn to another woman who was weeping silently beside her, and plead that she might also stand up for Jesus. And how her face beamed when the other lady responded, too! The feeling of perfect harmony and fellowship was very evident as all gathered in the front of the chapel while prayers were offered. I felt like uttering the words of Peter, "It is good for us to be here."

The next morning, hoping to get an early start on our way to the next meeting place, we arose at two o'clock in the morning. When we reached the canal we found that others had also arisen at this early hour and were homeward bound. These people had paid their own travel expenses, and they had journeyed many miles to learn more of the Lord and better methods of working for Him. And now as they were leaving for home, their very

voices seemed to radiate the fact that our gathering had been worth while. Who knows but that the prophet in vision saw this very moonlight scene and heard these same voices, when he wrote, "and these from the land of Sinim."

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK — MARCH 14-21

BESSIE MOUNT

MARCH 14-21 marks the time of another week of prayer and labor in behalf of the children and youth in our schools and churches throughout the China Division. Surely this occasion will be welcomed by Christian fathers and mothers who are longing for their children to answer the call of God and consecrate their lives to His service. To such comes this cheering message:

"His hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear; and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, He will fill their mouths with arguments, and, for His name's sake, will work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children." — "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 323.

But not upon parents alone rests the responsibility for the conversion and training of the youth. The church, as a whole, shares this burden. "Let the overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let the older members of the church seek to do earnest, compassionate work for the children and youth. Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with them in missionary work." — Id., pp. 435, 436.

We are told further, in "Testimonies," Volume 8, page 223, that "We are living in a time of special peril to the youth. Satan knows that the end of the world is soon to come, and he is determined to improve every opportunity for pressing young men and young women into his service. He will devise many specious deceptions to lead them astray."

Surely a time of special peril to the youth calls for special effort for their salvation, and while Satan is using every means to enlist the young in his service, the church should be most diligent in pressing them into the service of God. Such is the task to which we are called during the coming Missionary Volunteer Week.

Material in Chinese for use during this week will be found in the "China Christian Educator" for December, 1930. The lessons center around a study of God's requirements as the rules governing His family, the topics being as follows: "The Base of Supplies" (the home—an appeal to parents); "The Greatest Family" (God's family in heaven and earth); "Our Elder Brother" (Jesus as our Brother and Saviour); "How to Belong to God's Family"; "The Family Code—Love and Obedience;" "The Family Business" (witnessing for Jesus); "Supporting the Family Business" (stewardship); "Nearing Home" (preparing to meet the Lord).

Who can measure the blessings that will come to old as well as young if the work of this week is entered upon with an earnestness born of a deep love for the youth and a determination to win them to Jesus? May it be a time when victories will be won in every church in our field,—when the backsliding and indifferent will consecrate themselves fully to God, and when many who have never confessed Christ will give their hearts to Him.

THE SHANTUNG MISSION

W. J. HARRIS

(Synopsis of report of director of Shantung Provincial Mission, rendered at the annual meeting held in Tsinanfu, Shantung, January 29 to February 7, 1931)

"TO MAKE ready a people prepared for the Lord" is the high and holy undertaking about which we would report at this time. As we meet to review progress, and to rededicate ourselves to continued service, we are led to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" In recognizing this most important fact that God has been with us during the year now past, shall we not pause a moment and ask Pastor Shen to lead us in prayer and praise to God for His guiding, guarding, sustaining providences? (Pastor Shen offered earnest prayer and thanks to God, the congregation rising and joining with one heart in this recognition of Heaven's leadership.)

While the work of the Shantung Mission already extends across the northern half of the province, yet we are not blind to the appalling fact that there are still millions round about us who know nothing of the gospel of salvation. The need of the thirty-five or thirty-eight million with which this province is credited, is daily felt by the twenty employed workers, and by our colporteur force of from ten to twenty

in number. At present we have workers in our employ stationed at ten different places; and from very incomplete reports from these, we learn that 2,300 or more Bible studies were conducted during the year 1930, and over 1,700 sermons were preached. But this represents only a small fraction of the actual work done. One new station, Tsingtao, has been opened; readjustments of laborers have been made in order to place a strong man of experience in every out-station; and the year has brought substantial advances, as shown by the following comparative summary:

Shantung Mission	Dec. 31, 1929	Dec. 31, 1930
Membership	264	319
Baptisms	43	58
Tithe (Mex.)	\$ 1638.96	\$ 2004.78
H. Ingthg	\$ 344.05	\$ 2031.52
Wk. Sacfee	\$ 275.25	\$ 362.99
Sab. School	\$ 390.76	\$ 485.44
Literature Sales	\$ 11265.45	\$ 11437.69

Our net membership gain of 55 leads us to thank God and take courage. The gain in tithe is over a dollar a day, Mex., for each day in the year. By analysis it is found that the laity tithe has been trebled. The literature sales touch a record figure. We regret to have to record a loss in the Tract Society. We need to plan wisely to keep the Tract Society in a healthful financial condition. The literature work, however, even when occasioning some loss through the operations of our Tract Society, is nevertheless one of our most economical and effectively far-reaching agencies we possess; for through the distribution of literature our colporteur-evangelists have already entered every one of the 107 *hsiens* (counties) of Shantung Province; and they entered 60 *hsiens* during last year alone. We are receiving requests for evangelistic follow-up labor from places where colporteurs have been sowing the seed through the circulation of the printed page. Surely it would seem timely to set apart some one to engage in itinerant evangelistic work, following up the interests awakened by colportage.

Only recently a man in the western part of the province became interested through literature; after study, he accepted of our faith and was baptized. To-day he is a colporteur, and a delegate to this meeting; three of his children are in our schools, preparing to give their lives to this work. Two of his sons are in China Theological Seminary. May the Lord continue to bless the labors of our faithful colporteurs.

Brother Chiao, departmental home missionary secretary, reports

some 119,200 Bible portions sold, and over 12,000 copies of *Present Truth*. But we have scarcely entered upon that which it is the privilege and responsibility of our laity to undertake and accomplish. The Spirit of prophecy tells us, "The work of God in this earth *can never be finished* until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

God has blessed us; but it is only as we walk daily with Him, that He can continue His presence with us. We need a greater manifestation of His power in our lives. We need the presence of His angels, protecting and sustaining us, as we work. We need, also, mission-owned chapels, thus reducing rental costs. We need to increase our funds within our own borders. We need to teach, both by precept and by example, the Christian duty of sacrificing for God's cause. We need to awake and bestir ourselves, lest these golden days of peace and opportunity slip by and we be suddenly plunged into difficulties and perplexities, and, through our neglect, God's work be made to suffer. Verily we stand on the threshold of important events.

May this brief review of our work bring courage to our hearts' and a renewed consecration to go forward with the work God has placed in our hands. Let us determine that the year 1931 shall witness in our own lives a great refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Then verily will He pour out His Spirit, and put forth His hand, for the speedy finishing of the work in this needy field.

FROM SISTER GRAHAM

Sister H. L. Graham, writing from Hankow under date of February 11, reports: "Mr. Graham is out on a trip now. The Central China Colporteur's Institute is in session. We are living in a busy place,—meetings and Bible classes all times of the day. We are glad to see the interest continue and grow. In fact, we can not keep up with it. We expect to see a goodly number take their stand for the Truth as a result of efforts put forth. We need your prayers for the Lord's blessing."

Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division Mission for the Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1930

ALL VALUES IN U. S. GOLD

Statistics desired for each separate provincial mission
 List as stations those places where foreigners reside (column 2)
 List as outstations those places where no foreigners reside (column 2)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9		10		11		12	13		14		15		16			17			18	19	20	21	22	23	24
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native							
1	Philippine Union	5	333	227	135	37	9	22	4	33	29	84	13		1	101	5	18	1	52	42	275	1062.57	1881.97	2944.54		4002.77	1425.82	3535.37	55.02	378	12586		
2	Chosen Union	4	72	26	234	124	7	9	4	35	17	73	3	1	1	39	2	6	2	42	28	200	614.10	1472.63	2086.73		984.67	1.45	1159.97	276.88	126	6284		
3	Japan Union	5	19	15	741	10	6	6	4	10	16	5	1	10	1	16	2	2	3	11	26	53	904.94	2198.76	3103.70						26	990		
4	Manchurian Union	4	24	15	843	11	5	1	1	9	26		3			16	2		4	12	14	59	453.46	1339.84	1793.30		439.15	23.29	2557.56	16.21	29	982		
5	Central China Un.	5	73	26	1961	98	5	13	10	18	23	72	4	16	1	41	4	32	5	42	38	213	1687.41	1593.24	3280.65		1550.91	45.42	3267.41	518.25	86	2742		
6	North China Union	4	21	10	695	42	4	3	5	10	8	25	1	5	1	11	1		6	8	17	85	639.93	635.24	1275.17		1323.50	1.01	5132.51	12.38	26	841		
7	South China Union	7	108	40	2643	140	9	15	5	50	18	68		29	1	27	8	37	7	35	32	261	858.39	2318.60	3176.99		1802.37	98.12	3707.00	73.90	109	3870		
8	West China Union	6	37	15	751	77	7	4	1	6	9	37		10	1	15	3	3	8	13	17	69	609.62	373.90	983.52		1084.94	325.60		220.86	60	1092		
9	East China Union	7	98	50	2588	175	6	4	4	13	11	58	1	23		1	17		9	12	21	127	3217.85	2018.50	5236.35		3250.35	37.50	3455.45	1566.37	130	4337		
10	Division Hdqrs.						14	1	2	2	64	6			1	18	85		10	84	80	178	2792.31		2792.31									
11	Malayan Union	10	20	18	1005	61	11	1	6	17	21	19	1		1	7	3	7	11	37	39	83	903.51	1885.41	2788.92		856.67	11.40	181.54	221.41	34	1020		
12	Totals 4th qr. '30	57	765	442	27102	1267	83	81	45	195	225	473	7	103	11	10	290	36	190	12	346	354	1593	3744,0915	718,09	29462.18		15295.33	1969.65	70996.61	2861.28	993	34744	

25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53			
Number of Mission	Average Attendance S. S.	S.S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for Past Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S.S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	Number of Church Buildings by Mission	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Sabbath Schools	Enrollment of Church Schools	Number of Mission	Number of Intermediate Schools	Number of Primary Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment of all Schools	NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS	NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS	Total Number of Teachers	Estimated Value of School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Number of People's Societies	Membership	V. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	V. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	V. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work			
1	10661	2574.76	661.68	3256.44				186	27800.	16500	42	1267	1	3	55	1	335	1657	4	9	22	28	63	630.34	2161.89	155	3908			347.15	
2	4868	1096.39	125.13	1222.52	964.84	4351.16	5316.00	88	40726.	9450	32	1605	2	1	176	1761	1761	4	2	60	10	76	47805.00	4696.00	26	1352		36.05	12.63		
3	713	635.63	237.68	873.31	603.49	2541.30	3144.79	7	22000.	900	1	10	3			80	90	4	4	4	3	15	30000.00	1500.00	9	161					
4	809	345.53	61.99	407.52	961.46	530.35	1482.74	5	10150.	1225	5	159	4	2	122		281			16	9	25	1600.00	3018.20	11	301	1.66	17.77	.25		
5	2552	570.61	125.17	695.78	2395.50	2287.63	4683.13	33	48600.	4175	27	574	5	3	179		753	2	4	38	7	52	12500.00	495.00	19	386	98.71	14.48	13.25		
6	776	176.87	26.41	203.28	795.85	1265.14	2063.38	4	14500.	1300	9	278	6	1	50		328	1	1	11	5	18	2500.00		13	326			49.00		
7	3294	653.04	135.24	788.28	1643.52	2520.53	4164.05	29	30383.	4760	34	1196	7	4	290		1496	3	6	48	20	77	32572.00	3130.00	19	792		17.80			
8	1162	350.01	64.02	414.03	662.66	1361.54	2024.25	10	14555.	1280	8	162	8	1	9		171			12	4	16	1200.00	292.96	3	53					
9	3490	1420.28	195.59	1615.87	3062.76	6191.10	9253.86	17	41725.	3800	16	788	9	3	219		987	1	1	29	11	42	14550.00	1785.00	9	530					
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11	1027	664.10	180.22	844.32	1754.34	3035.52	5309.42	14	2466.55	1470	13	628	11				656	4	2	14	13	33	55157.17	4592.12	10	577	2.63		23.47		
12	23352	6487.22	1914.13	10301.35	12844.42	24084.27	37441.62	3637	3906	2544333	191	6886	12	20	152	8	1067	9355	33	40	274	112	459	198714.51	21661.17	274	8387	103.20	66.10	445.75	

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ANOTHER TRIP TO TALIFU

Pastor Claude B. Miller, writing from Yunnanfu under date of January 14, tells of having made three trips among tribes people near Yunnan, and of special mercies attending their labors among these peoples, and he writes further concerning interests created by Brother Lo, a Nosu evangelist who has been laboring in the environs of Talifu, for which point, accompanied by Brother Dallas R. White, he was about to leave at the time of writing. He referred to interests that had been created by Evangelist Lo's labors, and of their hope of baptizing some first fruits while on this trip, which is to occupy about three months. The prayers of God's children are especially desired during this difficult itinerary that has been undertaken on the part of Brethren Miller and White, of the Yunnan Mission.

ON THE CIRCULATION OF THE CHINESE SIGNS MAGAZINE MONTHLY

The report of the Press manager on the distribution of the *Signs* monthly at the close of the year 1930 indicates that the paid subscription list on that date stood at 81,631. The report for the close of January, 1931, reveals an increase, the subscription list standing at 82,495. It would seem as if the list might be increased to upwards of 100,000 during the course of the present year, as this would be merely the beginning of larger things in the China field, and everyone has as his goal for the present year much larger advances than in any previous period. The steady upward climb of the Chinese *Signs* subscription list is the result of many years of continuous effort, and not of any special campaign now on, and not as the result of any special campaign undertaken recently. The list looks especially encouraging when compared with some of the lists coming in from other lands, giving their totals in magazine distribution month by month. May the Lord's blessing rest upon these papers, and may he help us to pass the 100,000 mark as quickly as possible the present year.

BIBLE CLASSES IN HANKOW

Among those enrolling in Hankow for the study of the Holy Scriptures, following the meetings conducted by Pastor Frederick Lee in December, were eleven who desired to receive instruction through the medium of the English language—rather an unusual circumstance in Inland China. Pastor A. N. Bierkle, who reports this, mentions also the interest shown by many women. A Bible study class for women who can attend regularly to learn further of the Bible truths presented in the Hall, has been formed.

The majority of those in attendance at regular Bible classes in Hankow, are studying in the Mandarin language. Brethren H. L. Graham, A. N. Bierkle, J. H. Shultz, and their associates, report they have all they can look after at present in these lines of endeavor.

DR. AND MRS. BRINES IN YENCHENG

Word from Hankow, and later from Yencheng, announces the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Brines and daughter Miss Louise, at Yencheng, Honan, where the Doctor has taken over the Yencheng Hospital as medical superintendent. Dr. L. H. Butka and family left Yencheng soon after having transferred responsibilities to Brother and Sister Brines. The brethren and sisters of the Central China Union, including many Chinese at Yencheng and elsewhere who were former students of Brother and Sister Brines at the old Shanghai Missionary College, welcome these friends back into the China field at this time. Miss Lauretta, the older daughter, remains in Shanghai to attend Far Eastern Academy.

IN THE NORTHERN UNION

The annual meeting of the Shantung Provincial Mission was held in Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung Province, January 29 to February 7, 1931; Pastor W. J. Harris, director, presiding. Pastor Geo. J. Appel in from Peiping, was joined the last three days by Brother H. N. Broderson, also of the union headquarters at Peiping. Pastor Appel's studies were on the Christlike and character, and on our personal relationships with Him and with His church and with one another and with the world in need of a Saviour, and were practical and inspiring. Brother Appel, as superintendent of the North China Union, brought us direct word of progress in the founding of the new mission for the Mongolians, with Kalgan selected as a base. Pastor Christensen and family are already at work on the Mongolian language, and soon Brother Appel expects to go out into the interior of Inner Mongolia with others in an effort to place some of our Russian missionaries at strategic points in Mongolian territory, where work can be done to advantage with the people. Our Chinese believers are following with much interest this beginning of work in Chahar (the province that includes a section of Inner Mongolia).

PROPERTY AT NANCHANG

A property for which negotiations have been in process for many, many months, has finally been secured in Nanchang for mission use. This property is sufficiently commodious to serve not only as city chapel for the capital of the Kiangsi Province, but also as a home for the provincial mission director, for the other mission workers, and for colporteurs, besides giving accommodations for the church school and the tract society office. The new address of our mission headquarters in Kiangsi, is S. D. A. Mission, No. 2 Tung Wan Ni Hong, Nanchang, Kiangsi, China. Pastor Liu Chung Kwang is in charge. The brethren in Kiukiang, Professor and Mrs. C. A. Carter, and Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Nichols, are still at our Kiukiang mission compound, overlooking the Yangtze, and should be addressed, S. D. A. Mission, 34 Siao Giao Chiang, Kiukiang, Kiangsi, China.

Notices---1931 Annual Meetings

ANNUAL MEETING (SPRING COUNCIL) OF THE CHINA DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the China Division of the General Conference Committee, usually spoken of as the "Spring Council," is appointed for March 26 to April 4, 1931, at the Division office, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 7:30 P. M., Thursday, March 26. Members of the China Division of the General Conference Committee are expected to be present in time for the opening meeting.

(Signed) H. W. Miller, *President*,
C. C. Crisler, *Secretary*,

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the China Theological Seminary is called to convene at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu, China, on Thursday, March 19, 1931, at 7 P. M., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting, the rendering of reports, etc. A full attendance of the Board is urged.

(Signed) H. W. Miller, *Chairman*,
D. E. Rebok, *Secretary*,

ANNUAL MEETING 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 March 23, 1931, at 9 A. M. in the Division Committee Room, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The usual reports will be rendered, and necessary business transacted.

(Signed) H. W. Miller, *Chairman*,
E. R. Thiele, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY AND BOARD MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, called to convene at the Sanitarium chapel, 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, China, at 10 A. M., March 24, 1931, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

(Signed) H. W. Miller, *Chairman*,
A. Mountain, *Secretary*.