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“The Lord Seeth Not as Man Seeth”

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HOW good it is to feel that we are in the hands of the Lord, and that it is He that is at the helm in this work! David had suffered many things at the hand of Saul and his enemies. Those closest to him had betrayed him, and his life had been threatened and a reward offered for it. He had also fallen under the chastisement of the Lord and suffered much bitterness of soul. After he had sinned in numbering Israel, the Lord offered him the choice of three kinds of punishment — famine, to flee before his enemies, or to have pestilence sent from God. He was in a strait. He had to choose between the punishment that man would inflict upon him or what he would receive at the hand of God, so he said, “Let us fall now into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great. And let me not fall into the hand of man.” After all, it is a good thing to rest in the hand of the Lord, and it is a good thing to trust in the hand of the Lord. We are reaching times when great perplexity will come to the workers in this cause. We will meet with threats, and crises will arise, when we will not know which way to turn. Then let us turn to the Lord. It is His work; He will never fail concerning His purposes. We can best follow His command, who is able to fulfill all His promises, whereas man is uncertain and incapable, and in a crisis may fail us.

Samuel was a man blessed with much experience and wise discernment. He had anointed one king over Israel, and was asked by the Lord to anoint another. When he looked upon Eliab, the firstborn and eldest son of Jesse, of manly form and tall stature, Samuel said, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before Him. But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature: because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” 1 Sam. 16:6,7. Afterward this Eliab, whom Samuel had determined should be king, was found in Saul’s army, and aside from lacking the courage to face the enemy, he grew angry at David’s daring, and reproved him and tried to send him home. If word ever could have discouraged David, the reprimands of his eldest brother Eliab, would certainly have had that effect.

In China God will raise up men to meet the issues confronting His work. The Lord not only reads the hearts of men, but He also impresses and moves upon their hearts. His work will be accomplished not by the will of man, but by the movings of the Holy Spirit through instruments often least thought of. Popularity is a snare. It is the humble servant, willing always to render honor to God and exalt His name as the Giver of every perfect gift, that rises in his work. Like zeal for the cause of truth today, will result in the removal of barriers to God’s cause in the same manner as Goliath of old was slain. It is true, we are at the crossing of the Red Sea. “Speak unto the children of Israel, and go forward!”

Condensed Reports--East China

EAST CHINA UNION MISSION

K. H. WOOD

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor K. H. Wood, superintendent of the East China Union, covering the years 1929-1930.)

The East China Union Mission embraces the provinces of Anhwei, Kiangsu, and Chekiang. Within these there are four organized local missions; namely, (1) the Anhwei Mission, including the province of Anhwei, and about two thirds of Kiangsu, where Mandarin is spoken,—a territory five times as large as that of other local missions in the Union, and with a population of 38,466,817; (2) the Kiangsu Mission, composed of the southern portion of the Kiangsu province and the Ningpo peninsula, with a population of 19,917,557; (3) the North Chekiang Mission, in North Chekiang province, with a population of 10,456,610; (4) the South Chekiang Mission, with a population of 7,616,517. The workers of the East China Union are responsible for giving the third angel's message to 76,457,501 souls.

Items of Progress

During the biennial period just closed, nineteen new stations have been opened, and seven stations have been organized in churches. The number of baptisms total 831, this being more than double the number receiving this rite during the biennial period of 1927-1928. This is a source of real encouragement in view of the fact that but three years have elapsed since the anti-Christian and anti-foreign agitation swept this field. In spite of seemingly unfavorable conditions at the beginning of this period, 1,134 new believers were baptized during the past three years. It is interesting to note that this number exceeds the total baptisms of the five years preceding the 1927 trouble, and equals the number baptized during the first fifteen years of work in this Union. Our church membership is now 2,583, the addition of this year being a gain of 20%.

Force of Workers

During the past two or three years, our number of evangelistic workers has been steadily decreasing. Comparing with three ago, we are today short one foreign and four Chinese ordained ministers, two licensed ministers, six evangelists, and five Bible women, making a total of eighteen workers less than we had three years ago. It has been necessary thus to reduce our working force for several reasons, among which were the small increase in the base of this Union last year, and the actual cut of 6% for the current year; also, the cost of operating our work has increased. Rents are higher, travel is more expensive, and living conditions increasing cost. We shall necessarily have to work for substantial increases in our tithes and offerings.

Sabbath School Department

The increase in Sabbath school offerings during 1929 over the those of 1928 was \$1,161.69, while those of 1930 were 25% greater than for the year 1929, more than half of which gain came through the Sabbath School Investment Fund. Since the adoption of the Investment Fund plan by this Union three years ago, a total of \$2,762.77 Mex. has been received from this source.

The Publishing Department

Literature sales the past two years aggregated Mex. \$71,875.10 — a substantial gain. At the close of 1930 our literature department lost its head, Pastor John Oss, now in charge of the Division publishing work. Our loss is China's gain; our prayers and best wishes follow Brother Oss as he begins carrying these increased responsibilities.

Home Missionary Department

The adoption of the 15-minute service plan, with increased promotion, has brought about much activity in home missionary lines; the reporting membership has increased from 17% to 54%. Big Week and H. I. totals are annually increasing.

Educational Department

Our present enrollment is the largest in our history, although the number of our schools has been reduced by a third since the troubles of 1927. The Anhwei Middle School is now housed in its own buildings in Beng-pu. The recent reorganization of our educational work in Wenchow has brought good results.

The Ministerial Association

The No. enrolled in the Chinese course for 1930, was 146 in East China Union; 98 of these have reported the completion of the course, and others will finish soon. The 146 enrollments represent our entire evangelistic force, with 35 others. The foreign workers in our field all enrolled for the 1930 course, and have completed the entire year's work; and 13 of our workers are receiving the four-year Reading course certificates issued by the General Conference Association.

Field Work

During two years we have held more than a score of general meetings in centrally located places where all the believers of these sections might attend. The meetings have lasted from four days to a week. Such meetings are usually held in spring and fall. Besides, special Bible institutes for the Bible workers and other women have been held annually by Sister B. Miller in the cities of Nanking, Hangchow, Wenchow, and Shanghai. Ofttimes of from 50 to 80 persons avail themselves of these Bible institutes; the results have brought strength to the local work, and have proven a blessing to the entire Union field, through the addition of regular and lay workers to care for interests constantly arising.

The early months of 1931 show continued growth — five churches organized, with four others to be organized in the near future. Numerous new interests are developing. Among these is one south of Shanghai about half a day's journey, where more than a hundred inquirers meet regularly every week for Sabbath school, and for a study of the message. A number have already taken their stand in this new place. Yet another interest developing is one reported from northwest of Anking, the capital of Anhwei Province, where Pastor Wu Tsung Shan is now conducting a special series of meetings.

Reports from North Kiangsu also indicate gratifying results. The largest number of baptisms in any single

church in the union during 1930 having taken place at Tsing Kiang Pu. The goal of South Chekiang, where remarkable advancement is reported, is that every remaining hsien in that territory be entered during the year 1931.

As we continue the work through the year 1931 and onward, we realize our inability to accomplish anything of ourselves; but our faith was never brighter, nor has our courage ever been stronger than at the present time. We know that the work is the Lord's and that His resources for its speedy finishing, are unlimited. We pray that a double portion of His spirit may be with us as workers, and that many souls may be won for His kingdom in East China.

THE NORTH CHEKIANG MISSION

C. SCHROETER

(Synopsis of a report rendered April 14-23, during the biennial session of the East China Union at Nanking, by Pastor C. Schroeter, director of the North Chekiang Mission. This report covers the two years of 1929 and 1930.)

The North Chekiang Mission, with a population of eleven million souls, gained forty the past year, bringing our total baptized membership up to 435. We have twelve organized churches, sixteen mission stations, thirty-six workers of all classes, twenty-two Sabbath schools, a Sabbath school membership of four thousand five hundred and twenty-six, one mission-owned chapel, and one church school. Tithes and offerings are increasing. The Home Missionary and Publishing interest are advancing encouragingly. Our mission stands fourth in the list of monthly subscriptions to our church papers. Our tract societies beginning with nothing had an operating gain last year of \$116.46 Mex.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His care over our work and for the help He has given us to meet perplexing situations, and to plan for development in days to come. There are many doors of opportunity for the preaching of the gospel, and for advancing out into unencreed sections of Northern Chekiang. God's spirit is working on the hearts of the people.

In reorganizing our force for an evangelistic advance, we are planning to enter several places this very year that have hitherto been unworked. Our main effort while in these new places will be to reach the people through tent efforts and through the organization of interested ones into Sabbath schools. We shall do as much as possible with literature, and will endeavor to follow up the interests thus created. It is also our aim to do considerable personal work among those already of our faith, and to endeavor to bring them up to a higher standard than ever before. We are expecting as the result, substantial increases in tithes and offerings, appreciable decreases in mission expense. Our goals for soul-winning the present year aggregate approximately one hundred new souls. We pray that we may not be disappointed in the winning of these souls.

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SOUTH CHEKIANG MISSION

GEO. L. WILKINSON

(Synopsis of report rendered during the biennial session of the East China Union, Nanking, China, April 15-25, 1931, by Pastor Geo. L. Wilkinson, director of the South Chekiang Mission. This report covers the years 1929 and 1930.)

The last two years have been years of progress for us; in many ways, they have shown the greatest progress we have ever had. A new life and activity seems to be coming into the work as never before. It is very evident that the Lord has set His hand to "finish the work and cut it short in righteousness."

Our workers are growing in ability, and are anxious to become more and more efficient, which is shown by the fact that over two thirds of our workers are taking some work in the "Home Study Institute."

The work of our members is to be commended; for one-third of our total membership have definite results to show for their work, having lead from one to fifteen of our baptized members into the truth; and besides, having interested an even larger number of inquirers who have not yet been baptized.

Our Sabbath school membership is now 2027, which is nearly two and one-half times our baptized membership. The membership has increased 741 during the last two years, and 18 new Sabbath schools have been added. Twelve were added during the year 1930.

	Yr 1928	Yr. 1930
Number of Sabbath schools	44	62
Sabbath School membership	1286	2027
Sabbath School attendance	953	1435
	Yrs. '27,'28	Yrs. '29,'30
Increase in number of S.S.	10	18
Increase in S.S. membership	158	741
Increase in S.S. attendance	159	482

During the last two years the Wenchow church and our main school building have been erected, and were dedicated at the time of our last annual meeting held in February, 1930, Elder Morris leading out in the dedicatory service of the church building, and Elder Wood in that of the school. We are thankful to the Division for appropriations which made it possible to construct these two greatly needed buildings. The rented quarters where we used to meet for church services in Wenchow would be wholly inadequate for our present congregation.

As our companies have grown in size and strength and were able to help, together with the help the Division has given us, we have been building and buying a few church buildings, until we now have eleven.

The last few years we have been endeavoring to reduce the number of places requiring rent. In 1927 we had five stations without rent while now we have 55. This has not crippled or stopped the work as one might think. In fact, the last couple of years, when we have helped the least, we have had our largest increase in membership. The total number of stations which have not required rent year by year for the last four years, are as follows:

Number of stations not requiring rent	Yrs. 1927	1928	1929	Now
	5	12	28	55

While it is recognized that living expenses in our field are some lower than other fields, still our tithe receipts are far too small. Our per capita tithe shows a slight decrease for 1930 over that of 1929, but we have really had a slight increase of tithe from the members.

The above figures show that our total offerings have nearly doubled the past two years over that of the previous two years.

Last year we had the largest enrollment in our Wenchow school we had ever had, and everything seemed to be going alone nicely when trouble broke out in the school, which grew to such proportions there was no stopping it, so we were compelled to close, a very disheartening thing to have to do. We hope nothing further will come in to hinder our work of training these young people, for it is always a problem to find plenty of educated, loyal Christian men suitable for workers.

When the school closed one of the teachers requested the privilege of going home and visiting his parents whom he had not visited for seven years. We granted his request and sent another worker along to help him hold a short evangelistic effort in his home town. When he returned he had a company of 30 organized into a Sabbath school to report to us, and about 10 li away there is another place where another company can be organized with a little effort. A worker must be sent to this section as soon as a suitable one can be found.

The membership of this Mission has more than doubled during the last three years, and the number baptized the last two years is 34 times the number baptized the two previous years. The net increase in membership this last year has been 38% net, which is the largest per cent gain we have ever had in one year.

	1927, 1928	1929, 1930
Number baptized	125	390
Net increase in membership	101	366
% of increase in membership	30%	78%

At the time of our last annual meeting held in February, 1930, we had entered only half (12) of the *hsiens* in our territory. Since that time we have been putting forth a special effort to get into every *hsien* in the Mission and have succeeded in entering seven more, which leaves us only five still unentered, and the prospects are, that we shall have entered every *hsien*, and have started work before the close of the year. I would like to suggest to the South Chekiang delegates that we now begin to work for at least a membership of 100 in every *hsien* in our territory. Four *hsiens* have already passed the hundred mark, namely; Ngho Tsing, Yung Go, Ji Ue, and Bing Yie. One hundred members in each *hsien* is not a large goal, yet that goal when reached will give us 2400 members. Our Sabbath School membership will soon be that large, and I believe we, too, can soon have a baptized membership that large.

The Lord has been good to us in the South Chekiang Mission. Providential openings are before us all the time. It seems to me that the time has come for us to say, like Caleb, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it".

THE ANHWEI MISSION

O. B. KUHN

(Synopsis of report of the Anhwei Provincial Mission for the two-year period of 1929 and 1930, as rendered by Pastor O. B. Kuhn, director, during the biennial session of the East China Union Mission, Nanking, April 14-25, 1931)

The membership of the Anhwei Mission at the close of the year 1930, was 453 baptized believers. At the beginning of the two years covered by this report the membership was 285. During this period there were 217 additions by baptism; and there were 49 losses - 4 by death, 18 by letter, 27 by apostasy. We have 10 organized churches and 12 organized companies, 22 Sabbath schools, 727 Sabbath school members, 6 lower primary schools, one junior middle school; total enrollment 160. There are 29 paid workers in mission employ, including 2 foreign brethren. The tithes for the biennial period were Mex. \$6,669.59; Sabbath school offerings, \$3,051.24; other offerings not including H. I. and Big Week, \$2,339.74. The area of this mission, including all Anhwei Province and Northern Kiangsu, is 80,000 miles; the population is estimated at forty to fifty million. There is an average of one Seventh day Adventist in every 176 square miles, or about one member for every 100,000 of the inhabitants. Of the 90 *hsiens* in our Mission, we have established work in only 20; colporteurs have worked in many others; we face the duty this year of entering several new *hsiens* with the message. We also plan on an increase of tithes and offerings, thus making the work progressively self-supporting.

In comparison with what should have been achieved, so little progress has been made during the past two years that it is with no feeling of satisfaction that we render this humble report. However, we are grateful to the Lord for four new churches and four new Sabbath schools. Chapel properties have been purchased in two cities, - Taiping and Nandjao; and a site for the junior middle school has been secured at Bengpu, and an administration building and dormitories, erected.

In view of the unprecedented opportunities for our work in China to-day, we believe that we should possess and experience the spiritual power of the early church as recorded in the Book of Acts, and that soul-winning results similar to theirs should be seen in a more earnest ministry to the needy and helpless people. We realize the impotency of man in his own strength to convert a soul to Christ, and we are aware of our inability in these troublous times which have befallen the world, to build up in our own wisdom the kingdom of God. Therefore we hasten to acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord in whatever has been accomplished in the work here in the past, and we hope for His guidance in the future so that our endeavors for Him may be more fruitful. We herein express gratitude for God's protection and care, and seek His blessing upon the workers in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Ps. 34: 1

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factory expense of goods manufactured to be sold on a Mex. basis. Provision must be made for protecting the House from undue loss, through a revision of wholesale and retail selling prices, and through the authorization of certain further economics of manufacture.

The financial report of the manager, who is also treasurer, was most interesting. During the year the *Signs* represented nearly 42% of the entire billing—nearly half the sales of the Press. The highest point reached in the circulation of this journal was a paid subscription list of 82,919 during the month of October, 1930; the lowest point during the year was the opening month, January, with a paid subscription list of 75,169, which by March had been brought up to 79,365. The general average through the year was a monthly list of 80,373; the year closed with a list of 81,373. The pages of the magazine, if laid side by side, would form a roadway nine feet wide and six hundred miles long—as far as from Shanghai to Hankow. The *Signs* "covers the territory" well indeed. The subscribers are in a majority of the *hsiens* (counties) of China.

The periodicals issued by the House for the special benefit and upbuilding of the church, are yet far from self-supporting, the retail value of sales of this department having amounted to only *Mex.* \$3,586.29—or less than two per cent of our entire sales. It would seem that the loss now suffered by the House through the distribution of these good papers intended primarily for our church-members, should not involve us in annual losses of amounts now met in some special way.

The year's work in the Editorial Department of the Press included not only the preparation of articles and other material for the regular periodicals, but also the translation and perfecting of various tracts, pamphlets, and books. "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, is now in the process of translation and revision, with the aim of printing this volume during the present year. Another volume on which work is being steadily carried forward, is a careful translation of selected chapters of "Desire of Ages", covering about half the material of the original work. The plan is to use entire chapters, insofar as this be found

practicable. This is the method being followed in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe, where the publication in a large volume such as is required in complete translations of the entire original volume, would make the selling price prohibitive to those in need of precious instruction. The use of selected complete chapters seems to meet admirably the general need in many lands for a comprehensive and spiritual life of Christ.

Several tracts have been added to the former list. Some devotional and inspirational books have given us excellent material. Notable among this class of literature is a complete edition of "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing". Another volume completed is "Pushing On and Up". Yet another is a text-book on "Old Testament History" for Grade 10 in our schools. The Sabbath school department has had a manual printed, and a tract on the organization and conduct of the Sabbath schools. A manual has been issued for the bookmen, and material also for the home missionary departments.

One of the more important undertakings of the editorial department of the Press, is the preparation of a new subscription book, soon to appear. Among other volumes in preparation, are some school text-books, and of these perhaps the one requiring the most care is denominational history, based on Mrs. Andros's work, but added to and adapted for use in the Orient. Professor D. E. Rebok has spent much time in perfecting this volume, and it is now being gone over very carefully by Brother Y. H. Chu and associates.

The following were elected by the Constituency to serve as officers of the Press and members of the Board: H. A. Anderson, manager and treasurer; E. R. Thiele, secretary; *Local Board*: Frederick Lee (*chairman*), H. A. Anderson (*vice-chairman*), E. R. Thiele (*secretary*), H. W. Miller, Y. H. Chu, J. Oss, H. C. Shen, C. C. Crisler, C. C. Morris, W. T. Wang, B. C. Hsu, K. H. Wood, F. M. Larsen, T. C. Ching, H. W. Barrows.

Voted, That Brother G. A. Huse, soon to arrive in the field to connect with the Publishing House, spend his first year in the language school.

Resolution of Gratitude.—*Whereas* Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to grant His special blessing upon

the work of preparation and circulation of our message-filled literature, our workers in the House being the constant recipients of His tender care, our workers in the field being marvelously sustained by Him during trial and danger, our sales continuing to make splendid gains in spite of manifold troubles and unrest, and many being thus led to the light of this last gospel message, therefore,—

Resolved, That we express to God our sincere thankfulness for His abundant blessing and tender care, and that we reconsecrate ourselves to Him for continued service in the finishing of this swiftly closing gospel work.

Revised Edition, Mandarin Song Book.—*Voted*, That we carefully revise and enlarge our Chinese song-book, endeavoring to secure from the field songs that have been in use and have been found appropriate.

"*Present Truth*" (quarterly).—*Voted*, That we authorize the printing of a further edition of 2,000 more copies of No. 8 of *Present Truth*, recently issued, and that we issue 50,000 copies of No. 9 next quarter; it being the plan not to ask for a subsidy on the same, and the issuance of further numbers to be dependent on the results achieved in the distribution of these numbers.

Price of "Signs" (Mandarin).—*Voted*, That the yearly subscription price for the *Signs of the Times* be increased from \$1 to \$1.20 *Mex.*

"*Marked Bible*" (Mandarin).—*Voted*, That we plan to issue the book "Marked Bible" during 1931, this book to be printed on a grade of paper that will allow its being sold for twenty cents *Mex.* per copy.

A great future is before the Chinese *Signs of the Times* Publishing House, in the production of literature in Mandarin for use throughout China. The prayers of God's children are solicited in behalf of the management, the editors, the heads of departments, and every workman connected therewith.

CALL FOR STUDENTS-NURSES AT YENCHENG

The Yen Cheng Sanitarium and Hospital, Yen Cheng, Honan, want twenty-five Seventh-day Adventist young men and women for their next nurses' class, to open July 1. Those who apply should be between eighteen and thirty years of age, with at least nine grades of education.

Write to Superintendent of Nurses, Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Lowanho, Yen Cheng, Honan, for information and additional blanks.

Plans and Resolutions Adopted by the 1931 Spring Council--China

Whereas, Our fields in the China Division have already done much toward the support of mission work by adopting systematic plans and goals for offerings, reaching a weekly per capita Sabbath school offerings of eighty cents, Mexican, for the entire China Division in 1930; therefore, ---

We recommend, That a definite and determined effort be made to reach a per capita Sabbath school offering of ten cents, Mexican, per week by the end of 1931; and to this end ---

We recommend, (a) That the superintendent and Sabbath School Department secretary in each of the union missions, in counsel with other members of the respective union committees, give careful study to their union Sabbath School offering goal, increasing it from time to time according to the ability of their constituencies, it being understood that the number of foreign members shall be taken into consideration in fixing advance goals.

(b) That in order to reach the Sabbath school goal we keep constantly before our members the privilege of helping to finance this great and growing work through the regular Sabbath school offering, the birthday offering, investment fund, and the thirteenth Sabbath offering; and, further ---

(c) That in order to encourage the bringing of the birthday offerings, the regular birthday offering envelopes be used, it being suggested that this offering be received on the occasion of the annual Rally Day program, early in the year.

Whereas, The plan in the States is to raise for missions sixty cents gold per week per church member, it being understood that half of this amount is to be given through the Sabbath school; and ---

Whereas, Many conferences have adopted the goal of \$1.00 gold a week for workers, half of which is to be given through the Sabbath school; therefore ---

We recommend, That all adult foreign members of our China Division be encouraged to give an average of the equivalent of at least fifty cents gold every Sabbath through the Sabbath school.

8. New Sabbath School Supplies

Whereas, There is a need, and a call from the field for certain new Sabbath school blanks and supplies in Chinese, therefore ---

We recommend, That the Sabbath School Department be authorized to arrange for the preparation of these supplies; namely, Cradle Roll Enrollment Card, Transfer of Sabbath School Membership Card, Sabbath School Secretary's Notebook Record, and a certificate, or some other form of recognition for a year's perfect record in the daily study of the Sabbath school lesson.

9. Ordering Sabbath School Quarterlies, etc.

In order that our local Sabbath schools be not handicapped by a lack of sufficient Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies and other material necessary for their work---

We recommend, That in ordering Sabbath School Quarterlies, Memory Verse Cards, and all current supplies which are published by the press in limited numbers according to order, our missions and institutions endeavor to estimate fully the needs of their respective fields, and to order through the tract societies these supplies in sufficient numbers to provide for the needs occasioned by the ordinary growth of our Sabbath school work.

10. Vacations to Student Nurses

(a) That two weeks' vacation a year be granted the student nurses, same to be taken during the summer months, and at such time as may be arranged with the Training School Committee.

(b) That vacations are not understood to be cumulative excepting in the sense of those resident long distances from the institution in which they are training; in which case, during the second summer, they may be privileged to take either four or six weeks' vacation period at the discrimination of the Training School Committee.

(c) Students desiring such vacation privileges should obtain permission from their parents or guardians, and such information should be in the hands of the superintendent of the Training School.

(d) Each student shall have a proper chaperon or escort to and from place of vacation; and it is understood that such vacations will be at the homes of parents or guardians, or taken at such places as shall be approved by them, as well as by the Training School Committee.

(e) The institution assumes no financial responsibility for transportation to or from place of said vacation, or for any expenses incurred by the student during the vacation period.

(f) Where it may be inconvenient for the student to visit home or take their vacation other than at the institution, that each institution shall provide for a period of rest, with the understanding that all nurses remaining at the institution during their vacation period are under the rules and regulations of the institution as observed by other nurses.

(g) Before giving consideration to vacation privileges, passing grades in all subjects up to date must be on record.

11. The Kando Mission (in Manchurian Union)

Regarding the question of the three counties in Manchuria known as the Kando Mission section as operated from Korea,

We recommend, That the original action of the General Conference on the division of territory, be the basis of assigning this section in question to the China Division as a part of the Manchurian Union.

12. Kwangtung Leased Territory (in Manchurian Union)

Regarding the question raised by the Far Eastern Division over status of Kwangtung Leased Territory,

We recommend, That a statement be made to the General Conference regarding Dairen and the operating of our work in that section, with the request that the General Conference recognize it as a part of the China Division.

13. Harvest Ingathering Follow-up

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering affords the greatest opportunity in the year to come in contact with interested people,

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We recommend, That a tract be left in every home in connection with the giving out of the Harvest Ingathering paper, as a part of the Home Bible Study League Plan, and that the mission arrange to provide these tracts for the churches, and that we ask the committee delegated to prepare the Harvest Ingathering Magazine for 1931, to prepare also a tract or make selection of some tract already stocked, and that such tracts be sent out with all orders for Harvest Ingathering papers.

14. Circulation of the Shepherd

Whereas, Our church paper, the *Shepherd*, has been a source of strength, comfort, and blessing to our believers, and has resulted in the upbuilding of our members in the faith and in inspiring them toward a deeper Christian life,

We recommend, That each field continue to put forth unceasing efforts to place the *Shepherd* in the home of every member and believer, and that we make a special effort toward this end at the time of the annual Week of Prayer, and further—

We recommend, That all our workers be urged, as far as possible, to subscribe for the *Shepherd* on a permanent subscription basis, and further,

We recommend. That the head of each of our middle and training schools be urged to see that a copy of the *Shepherd* is placed in the room of every student in his institution, and that further copies be available in the libraries or reading rooms of all our educational, medical, or other institutions.

15. Development of Christian Homes

Whereas, The Spirit of prophecy has impressed upon us the importance of the fact that—

The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other The heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation, is the household. The well being of society, the success of church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences," and—

Whereas, There is in the China Division an urgent need that

our homes continue to receive the earnest effort and attention that God desires in order that they might properly fill their rightful part in the building up of God's kingdom among men; therefore—

We recommend, (a) That our workers be urged in their labors among the churches to give particular attention to fostering, among our members and believers, the true spirit of the Christian home.

(b) That the importance of daily family worship be impressed upon all inquirers before baptism is administered, and thereafter to be constantly kept before our people.

(c) That our workers be requested to call the special attention of our people to the translation of the book, "Ministry of Healing," now appearing in the columns of the *Shepherd*, and to the other articles in the Christian Home section of the *Shepherd*.

(d) That all our mission leaders in planning their work for annual meetings be urged to arrange at least one hour in which the importance of the Christian home can be presented before our people.

(e) That we set apart Sabbath, October 17, 1931, as Christian Home Day; a special program upon the Home to be given that day in all our churches, such program to be prepared by the Secretary of the Home Commission, and to be published in an issue of the *Shepherd*.

16. Ministerial Reading Course

Whereas, Our evangelical workers should be continually making both spiritual and mental progress; therefore,—

We recommend, That all our ministers, evangelists, and Bible workers be encouraged to follow faithfully the plans promoted by the Ministerial Association for the development of efficient gospel workers, such as a daily and systematic study of the word of God, the yearly Reading Courses, and the completion of the Five Years' Course for Evangelists as soon as possible.

17. Printing The "Colporteur Evangelist"

Whereas, The translation of "Colporteur Evangelist" now being used is in need of revision; and

Whereas, Part of this work is already completed—

We recommend, To request the Signs of the Times Publishing House to publish a revised edition of this booklet.

18. Preparation Of Series Of New Tracts

Whereas, There is a great need of a series of tracts that can be used in systematic distribution; and—

Whereas, The Signs of the Times editorial staff have already given much study to the preparation of such a series;—

We recommend, That the Signs of the Times Publishing House prepare and print this series of tracts as soon as possible, and that a special effort be put forth in each union and mission to encourage our workers and believers to use this systematic tract distribution method of work.

19. Standard for the Ministry

Believing that the coming of the Lord is not far distant, and that we have but a short time in which to work, and that the great task of warning the millions in China cannot be accomplished without greater spiritual power and personal efficiency; and,—

Believing that we do not fully appreciate the wonderful privileges that are ours to witness for our Blessed Master, that we are not fully awakened to the times in which we live, and that the ministry in this needy land is not putting forth that energy in the preaching of the word and in the hastening of this last gospel message which should characterize a group of men and women upon whom rests such weighty and urgent responsibilities; and,—

Believing that the ministry should be an example to the flock "in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity," and that besides having a high spiritual standard there should also be progress in mental attainments in order to make our work most effective;—

We therefore desire to present to our workers in this Division some of the high standards that are set in the word of God and the Spirit of prophecy for those engaged in this sacred work, trusting that by personal study and prayer the life of every worker may be brought into harmony with the requirements of the God of

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heaven for those who are co-workers with Him.

(a) SPIRITUAL POWER

Spiritual power is the supreme need of the ministry. This power can be obtained only through personal communion with God, a study of the Word, and a daily searching of the heart. Only as the minister obtains this power which changes the lives of men, can he be a true winner of souls. The fact that many representatives of the Lord have so little results, is a challenge for them to come into closer contact with that heavenly power which will draw men unto righteousness.

"The minister who is a co-worker with Christ will have a deep sense of the sacredness of his work and of the toil and sacrifice required to perform it successfully."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 16.

"Ministers of the gospel, God's messengers to their fellow men should never lose sight of their mission and responsibilities. If they lose their connection with heaven they are in greater danger than others, and can exert a stronger influence for wrong."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 17.

(b) STEADFASTNESS

Steadfastness when under trial, temptation, and doubt, is greatly needed. The minister should never express words of doubt in the final triumph of this Movement, no matter what the outward circumstances may be.

"Workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things. His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted. We may draw on His fulness and receive of that grace which has no limit."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 19.

(c) CONSECRATION

"The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration. I cry to God, Raise up and send forth messengers filled with a sense of their responsibility, — men in whose hearts self idolatry, which lies at the foundation of sin has been crucified; who are willing to consecrate themselves without reserve to God's service; whose souls are alive to the sacredness of the work and the responsibility of their calling; who are

determined not to bring to God a maimed sacrifice which costs them neither effort nor prayer."—*Gospel Workers* 14

(d) TACTFULNESS

"There is a delicate work for the minister to do as he meets with alienation, bitterness, and opposition. More than others he needs that wisdom which 'is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.' As the dew and the still showers fall gently upon withering plants, so his words are to fall gently when he proclaims the truth. He is to win souls, not to repulse them."—*Gospel Workers* 119

(e) DEPORTMENT

"The subject of purity and propriety of deportment is one to which we must give heed. We must guard against the sins of this degenerate age. Let not Christ's ambassadors descend to trifling conversation, to familiarity with women, married or single. Let them keep their proper place with becoming dignity. Every word, every act, should tend to elevate, to refine, to ennoble."—*Gospel Workers* p. 125.

"Jesting, joking, and worldly conversation belong to the world. Christians who have the peace of God in their hearts will be cheerful and happy without indulging in lightness or frivolity."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 129.

"It is not time now, for lightness, vanity, or trifling. The scenes of this earth's history are soon to close."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 131.

(f) EDUCATION

"The cause of God needs efficient men; it needs men who are trained to do service as teachers and preachers. Men have labored with a measure of success who have had little training in school or college; but these might have attained a greater measure of success, and might have been more efficient laborers if at the very start they had acquired mental discipline."

"It is a lamentable fact that the advancement of the cause is hindered by the dearth of educated laborers. Many are wanting in moral and intellectual qualifications. They do not tax the mind, they do not dig for hidden treasure."

In the light of this instruction, we earnestly appeal to our ministry in

China to seek God for greater spiritual power, and definitely endeavor to increase their mental attainments through personal study in order that the church in China may be greatly strengthened, and the blessed truth of our Saviour's return may be hastened.

20. Evangelism

Multiplied signs on every hand in the China Division, as well as in other parts of the world field, clearly foretell the imminent appearing of our Lord and Saviour. The day of God rapidly approaches. Unprecedented opportunities are open before us to preach the last gospel message.

To the workers and believers of this Division has been committed the stupendous task of carrying the the everlasting gospel to one-fourth of the earth's inhabitants. Four hundred and seventy-eight millions must be warned before Christ comes. Large masses of these people live in great cities and thousands of smaller towns. We have here a major problem in evangelism.

Past experience has demonstrated that the most effective and successful method of quickly reaching large numbers of people is through the agency of specially conducted evangelistic efforts.

It is therefore the conviction of the members of the Division Committee that the whole working force in China should respond in a very definite way to the call to greater evangelism which was sent out from the General Conference Committee at the time of the 1930 Autumn Council. We feel profoundly convinced that we must without delay rally our full staff of workers for a forward movement in this line of endeavor; therefore,—

Resolved, That we pledge our whole-hearted response to the appeal of the General Conference Committee to a larger program of evangelism in this Division.

(a) By asking the minority committee of the Division to arrange for as many of the Division staff as possible to definitely engage in public evangelistic work each year,

(b) By urging each Union Superintendent to plan his work so as to make it possible for him to conduct one or more public efforts each year;

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(c) By urging the union and local committee to plan the work of the respective local directors so as to make it possible for them to spend a considerable portion of their time in personal evangelism and in training their field forces in this work,

(d) By planning the work of our evangelists and pastor so as to make it possible for them to spend the major portion of their time in conducting efforts for those not of our faith,

(e) By encouraging all our departmental and institutional workers to spend some time each year in conducting or assisting in public evangelistic efforts as can be arranged with local and union committees,

(f) By asking our school teachers who have received a second-grade certificate to engage in active evangelistic work during summer vacations every alternate year; and further,—

21. Resolved, That we make these plans for an evangelistic advance effectual,—

(a) By a definite program of institutes to be planned as follows:

(1) General institutes in the unions, to which a selected group of evangelistic workers be invited, when special instruction in the conducting of efforts, the winning of souls, and general evangelistic problems shall be given, and at which time a public effort shall be conducted so as to make the instruction as practical as possible and to bring a real soul-winning spirit into the institute.

(2) Provincial institutes in each of the local fields just previous to annual meetings, when the whole evangelistic force as far as possible will be in attendance; this to be conducted in the same general way as the union institute wherever practicable.

(3) District institute for groups of local churches, to which church officers and a selected number of lay-members be invited, at which time instruction shall be given in conducting of simple public efforts, the holding of cottage meetings, the giving of Bible readings, the systematic distribution of literature, and general evangelistic work, it being

understood that the conducting of work by lay members and local church officers shall be wholly self-supporting;

(b) By placing great emphasis on our preaching the distinctive message we have to give, setting forth by illustration and clear exposition the fundamentals of present truth;

(c) By conducting the effort a sufficient length of time so as to bring interested persons to initial decision and to enlist them permanently into Bible classes for further instruction as well as to enroll them as Sabbath school members, it being suggested that such efforts be conducted from six to ten weeks;

(d) By encouraging the plan of local self-support from the start as regards local expense and a meeting place, and the giving of instruction in support of world missions through the sending of all tithes and mission offerings into the general treasury;

(e) By evangelists training a group of lay-members to take over supervision of all local church work, thus making it possible for the laborer to undertake further evangelistic work in new centers;

(f) By each provincial mission laying out a definite plan for speedily covering their field in evangelistic endeavor, with the thought of spreading out into new territory as fast as circumstances will permit, and that evangelistic workers paid from mission funds pass on to new places as fast as is consistent with existing conditions;

(g) By asking the publishing house to prepare a series of small, cheap tracts dealing with each important doctrinal truth of the third angel's message, for use in connection with evangelistic efforts and passed out to inquirers, thus serving to emphasize and reinforce the word that has been preached.

(h) By making provision for the conducting of a special evangelistic institute at the China Theological Seminary, and by encouraging local missions to make a selection of near graduates to assist in evangelistic efforts during summer vacation periods where they may gain a training for this line of service.

Committee On Nominations And On Credentials And Licenses

Central China Union: Supt. N. F. Brewer; Sec. Treas., W. I. Hilliard;

East China Union: Supt., K' H. Wood; Sec.-Treas., C. S. Sissons;

South China Union: Supt., O. A. Hall; Sec.-Treas., P. L. Williams;

West China Union: Supt., M. C. Warren; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. H. K. Smith;

North China Union: Supt. G. J. Appel; Sec.-Treas., (acting) G. J. Appel;

Manchurian Union: Supt., B. Petersen; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. B. Petersen;

China Division Auditor: C. C. Morris.

China Division Ministerial Association: Frederick Lee (secretary); Advisory Council: Frederick Lee, Division officers, superintendents of union missions, Division Dept. secretaries; principals of advanced schools in China Division.

China Division Home Commission: E. R. Thiele (chairman); H. W. Miller, Mrs. K. H. Wood, Mrs. B. Miller, Mrs. R. W. Paul, Mrs. E. R. Thiele, Mrs. Frederick Lee, Mrs. M. C. Warren, Mrs. R. J. Brines, Mrs. O. A. Hall, Mrs. G. J. Appel, Mrs. B. Petersen.

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

Division Building Committee: C. C. Morris (chairman); H. W. Miller, E. C. Wood, D. E. Rebok, H. W. Barrows, K. H. Wood, C. C. Crisler.

Departmental Committees

Educational and Y. P. M. V. Dept.: Secretary, S. L. Frost. Members: S. L. Frost, Dr. H. W. Miller, John Oss, C. C. Crisler, Miss Bessie Mount, S. H. Lindt, educational and Y. P. M. V. secretaries of union missions; the heads of training schools in the Division; the heads of senior and junior middle schools; the superintendents of union missions in China.

Home Missionary Department: Secretary: John Oss, Members: The Division publishing and home missionary secretary; the union and local home missionary secretaries as appointed; the union field missionary secretaries; the executive heads of division, union, and local fields.

Medical Department: Secretary: H. W. Miller, M. D. Members: The division medical secretary, with the physicians connected with all recognized sanitariums, treatment-rooms, and hospital-dispensaries in the

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China Division; and superintendents of nurses in institutions conducting nurses' training-schools.

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

Sabbath School Department: Secretary: Miss Bessie Mount, Advisory Committee: The Division Sabbath School Secretary; all union Sabbath school secretaries; assistant editor of the (Chinese) "Sabbath School Helper," Frederick Lee, K. H. Wood, H. C. Shen, Joseph May, C. C. Morris.

Chinese Signs Press Editors: *Shi Djao Yueh Bao* (The Signs of the Times), Frederick Lee; associates, Y. H. Chu, E. R. Thiele; *Mo Shi Mu Sheng* (Last Day Shepherd's Call), E. R. Thiele; associates, Joseph May, Fredrick Lee, G. L. Goh; assistant T. C. Tseng, contributing editors, H. W. Miller, C. C. Crisler, O. A. Hall, B. Petersen, M. C. Warren, K. H. Wood, G. J. Appel, N. F. Brewer. *Sabbath School Helper*, Miss Bessie Mount; assistants, E. R. Thiele, Mrs. K. H. Wood, G. C. Goh, Miss Elsie Liu. *China Christian Educator*, S. L. Frost; associates, Yeh Kwen Gan, Miss Bessie Mount, E. R. Thiele, John Oss, W. A. Scharffenberg, Frederick Lee. *China Division Reporter*, C. C. Crisler.

Book Editor: Frederick Lee; associate, Y. H. Chu.

Reading Committee: Frederick Lee, chairman; E. R. Thiele, B. A. Liu, Y. H. Chu, Joseph May, S. H. Lindt, M. R. Liu, J. Oss, K. H. Wood, O. A. Hall, Dzou Pei Hsin, E. L. Longway, Tan Kia O.

Chinese Harvest Ingathering Special for 1932: Editorial Committee: C. C. Crisler, chairman, John Oss, Frederick Lee, E. R. Thiele, Y. H. Chu.

Special Committee of Five on (a) Manual for Church Officers; (b) Manual for Ministers: Frederick Lee, chairman; S. H. Lindt, K. H. Wood, Giang Tseng Gwang, Pastor T. C. Wu.

Special Committee of Five, for reviewing existing departmental Manuals, and to report on the same at the time of the January, 1932, Division Committee Council: C. C.

Crisler, chairman; Miss Mount, John Oss, S. L. Frost, Dr. H. W. Miller.

Assignments and Transfers

That C. D. Smith be assigned the Manchurian Union.

That C. L. Blandford be assigned the Manchurian Union.

That H. N. Brodersen be assigned the Manchurian Union.

That D. C. McFeters be assigned the North China Union.

FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

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Harvest Ingathering Policy

The special committee appointed to draft a policy on Harvest Ingathering, submitted their report, which, with slight amendments, was adopted unanimously, as follows:

Believing that the development of separate plans and promotion material for Harvest Ingathering work in various parts of the Division will tend to break up the unity of the Harvest Ingathering endeavor, thus endangering the hearty co-operation and good will in this feature of our denominational work; it was agreed:

1. That all the Unions in the Division shall use the Harvest Ingathering paper and promotion material prepared by Division

arrangement and stocked at the Signs of the Times Publishing House.

2. That after considering requests from the Unions, the Division Committee shall designate the projects and set the goals for the coming year at the time of the Annual Division Committee Council.

3. That there may be presented a balanced appeal in all our fields, matter for the Harvest Ingathering paper and promotion material shall be drawn from each Union, thus making it possible for the solicitors in all the fields to present an appeal based in part upon the needs within their own Unions.

4. That we may keep faith with the public at all times and relieve ourselves of any unforeseen embarrassment, we endeavor in the Harvest Ingathering paper largely to feature the work already accomplished rather than that which we plan to do.

5. Receipts from the Harvest Ingathering campaign shall be reported to the Division, which, in turn, shall reappropriate these receipts to the fields for the purposes for which the funds were raised. Should there be a surplus in the funds beyond the goals set for any project, such additional funds shall be distributed by special action of the Division Committee; full faith, however, being kept with donors to special named projects.

The Division Home Missionary Department shall be considered chiefly responsible for the general promotion plans of the campaign together with the Union officers; but each worker within the Division shall be expected to co-operate heartily in the campaign work as Union and other controlling committees may arrange; and efforts shall be made to rally all our people in a strong, speedy effort, so that the work shall not lag; and that, insofar as may be possible, the goals be reached within a period of six weeks.

That the projects and goals include only such regular enterprises as are approved by the Division Committee, and of a nature that are usually put on as enterprises for which campaigns are carried on during the named period assigned for the annual Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Special institutional campaigns are not to be included in that which is known as "Harvest Ingathering Work."

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THE HOME STUDY INSTITUTE FAR EASTERN BRANCH

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

(Brief synopsis of annual report rendered by Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, principal, during the China Division Spring Council of 1931. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1930)

THE Lord has richly blessed the Far Eastern Branch of the Home Study Institute during the year 1930. It has been our banner year, and we take great pleasure in calling your attention to a few of the outstanding evidences that we have had of the success of this work.

Matriculations.—By the close of 1929, a total of 1,063 individuals had matriculated in the Far Eastern Branch of the Home Study Institute. During the year 1930 an additional 321 new students were matriculated. This brings our total matriculations to 1,384, of which 1,052 are in the China Division, and 332 in the newly formed Far Eastern Division.

Enrollments.—By the close of 1929 our total enrollments numbered 1,956. During the year 1930 an additional 678 were received. This brings our total enrollment to 2,634.

Enrollments by Subjects.—(1) Language, 1,156; (2) Evangelistic, 984; (3) Educational, 248; (4) Commercial, 103; (5) History, 64; (6) Primary, 58; (7) Science, 21; a total enrollment of 2,634.

Lesson Returns.—Through means of the *Sparks* and personal correspondence we have endeavored to encourage and develop the study habit. Without doubt the greatest progress made during 1930 has been in the number of lesson returns to the school for correction and grading. By the close of 1929 we had issued a total of 376 certificates. During the year 1930 alone, we issued an additional 202 certificates. These figures do not include the quarterly certificates issued in connection with the five-year course in the Chinese language. During the year 1930, 113 quarterly certificates were issued. This brings our total of quarterly certificates issued on the five-year course in the Chinese language to 690.

In addition to the regular certificates and these quarterly certificates on the language course, we have also issued 2,061 credit cards applying on the five-year course for evangelists.

Branch Office Organized.—In harmony with actions passed at our

Spring Council last year (under the auspices of the old Far Eastern Division), we proceeded to organize our work in Chosen, Japan, and the Philippine Islands on a more efficient and permanent basis. Official representatives were appointed to foster this branch of the work in each vernacular field. Native assistants and necessary office space and equipment were arranged for.

Five-Year Course for Evangelists.—Gradually every worker is checking up, and we trust that by the close of 1931 the work of checking up will have been completed. A new zeal and interest in Bible study is being developed.

Chinese Language Course.—We have been encouraged with the progress and enthusiasm many of our workers have shown in language study. Should not every missionary in the China field meet the standards of this five-year course of study? Should he not be able to converse freely with the people, teach a Sabbath school class, conduct a Bible reading, and preach this message in the language of the people for whom he is working? And should he not be able to read his Bible, our denominational books and periodicals, as "Steps to Christ," the "Advent Movement," "Gospel Workers," departmental manuals, the church papers, and other publications? Our course requires not only a theoretical study of the language, but above all it requires actual duty in the field. We have made the course as practical as possible and at the same time have endeavored to maintain a high scholastic standard.

Financial Status.—It must be remembered that the Home Study Institute is practically self-supporting, paying the salaries of its office staff as well as its instructors, and all other expenses in connection with the operation of such a school from its income. Our gross income now exceeds \$1,000 Mex. per month.

We are steadily pushing forward the typing, mimeographing, translation, and publishing of further courses of study. We are now equipped to serve the fields in the Far East as never before, and our work has just begun.

The ordinary resident student carries an average of about four subjects. At this rate the Far Eastern Branch of the Home Study Institute has approximately 250 full-time students constantly at study.

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

H. H. MORSE

(Synopsis of report rendered by the principal and manager at annual constituency meeting of Far Eastern Academy, Shanghai, March, 1930.)

MR. CHAIRMAN, and MEMBERS of the BOARD:

It gives me pleasure to present to you a few items of interest concerning the educational work as represented by Far Eastern Academy for the school year 1930-31.

Enrollment.—During 1928-29 we had (all grades) 32; 1929-30, 44; 1930-31, 51. Of these, there were in the dormitory, year by year, 13, 16, 21; it is estimated that next year we shall have 25 in the dormitory. Our growth is quite constant. The four additional rooms granted last year for the dormitory, give us a maximum capacity of 26; soon we shall have the problem of providing additional dormitory space. A further early and even present pressing need is for a proper church-school room.

Teaching Staff.—We are glad to include the names of Miss Florence Numbers and Mrs. Ora Williams on our faculty this year,—Mrs. Williams for English; Miss Numbers for Music and Primary Department. With regret we soon lose Miss Anderson, returning to the States. She has given to the school loyal, undivided service. Pastor Charles Larsen has had many Bible classes. Mrs. Morse and I have lived with the students in the dormitory, and have done other work as arranged from time to time.

The Students.—We shall probably have one graduating this year from the academic department and four from the eighth grade of church school. Many have been doing industrial work; but we need to expand the printing industry, it would seep, and introduce other lines of labor; and we should be pleased to arrange in some way for more work to be given the girls in caring for the household activities. The students have kept in fairly good health.

Financial.—The operating statement for the fiscal year shows an operating gain, including the appropriations made by the Mission. We submit sundry requests, including small grants for library, laboratory, the domestic science department, the woodworking and the printing departments, the grounds, and for an increase of our operating fund.

Appreciation.—We wish to express to the Board our appreciation for your co-operation. We trust that with united effort our children and youth may all be enrolled in our schools, for training for service in the Lord's work.

Note.—During the recent Spring Council constituency meeting of the Academy, it was voted that the old name of the school, Far Eastern Academy, be retained. A hearty invitation has been extended our sister Division to continue sending their youth to the Academy bearing the name of their organization, at least as long as accommodations can be provided for such students in available buildings.

SHANGHAI SANITARIUM TREASURER'S REPORT

(Extracts from report rendered at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, 1931 Spring Constituency Meeting, by Pastor A. Mountain.)

The year 1930 has seen the fruition of many hopes. It has also taxed the strength and resources of the Sanitarium to the limit: few of us would wish to face another year like it; yet, despite all our difficulties and handicaps, the blessing of the Lord has been over all, bringing the year to a successful conclusion.

The clinic has passed through the travail of its birth and is now running well under a properly organized personnel, while the mother institution which gave it life is fast recovering strength. Our City Office has been moved to larger premises in Sassoon House, thus providing space for our new dental department, which, under Dr. Scott's able management, is building up a good patronage and showing fine returns. His equipment is the best of its kind in Shanghai, as many of us know from personal acquaintance.

Our ice plant was completed ready for service in the spring, and has since kept us bountifully supplied with ice and cold storage, thus marking another advance step in our development. Among other improvements effected during the year, mention should be made of the new water-heater, the partitioning of Wards "C" and "D" into rooms, cement path from the Sanitarium to the Chapel, and storm-porch at the back entrance. The Reo Speed Wagon, which is as useful and efficient as it looks, was also purchased from 1930 earnings. Last, but not least our beautiful Chapel, to which so many contributed, has been completed. It is a source of continual

joy. It is a real pleasure to worship there and to see our patients sharing its blessings.

Our departmental income for the year was Mex. \$203,000 for the year (gross), an increase of \$9,000 over last year. Our net operating gain is shown as Mex. \$5,781: but if we were to deduct all the expense of the foreign staff, it would be considerably more. The increasing costs of supplies and of almost everything connected with our Sanitarium work, brings to us many, many problems.

The Clinic on Range Road is now completed, at a cost of Mex. \$180,000, in addition to the cost of the land. Donations totaling \$176,000 have been received, lacking only \$4,000 of meeting the entire expense; and this \$4,000 is covered by pledges to be collected in 1931. As this is the first year of running, we do not have any basis for enlightening comparisons. We might call the attention of the Clinic staff, however, to a growing competitor—our dispensary at 100 Rubicon Road, Mr. Chang, our pharmacist, treated 3,733 out-patients at a gain of \$10.69, as compared with the Clinic's 3,168 out-patients (in eight months) at a loss of Mex. \$4,033; but we all find ourselves in the largest room in the world—"the room for improvement."

CHINA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(Items gleaned from the Annual Report rendered by President D. E. Rebok and his associates during the annual meeting of the Constituency and Board of Directors, Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu Province, China, March 19-21, 1931.)

A theological seminary the president of which makes use of such words as "factory," "farm," "laboratory," "sand-blast," "electric welder," "poultry-house," "incubator," in the first seventeen lines of his annual report covering the twentieth year of the institutions' operations, is indeed a unique training-center. All who had the privilege of hearing President Rebok's report, rejoiced over the net results of years of faithful labor on the part of a hard-working faculty and willing student-body.

During the year the major loss sustained by the faculty was through the untimely death of Professor Durward S. Williams, in charge of the departments of science and mathematics. His place is to be filled later through the release from the Washington Missionary College of Professor Cecil Woods, now

under appointment, and scheduled to reach China by early September. The coming last fall of Miss Ivadel Eaton to take charge of the English department, has brought strength to this department. The Wenchow Mission kindly allowed Brother Chen Iu Shih to be with us as a loaned member of our faculty, he serving with acceptance as preceptor. Brother Chen Ming has served temporarily as instructor in the commercial department. The regular teachers have had full work, and have labored untiringly.

The school industries have been so handled that the aim of the management is to carry all expense aside from that connected with the foreign staff, by the year 1933-34. If the prospering hand of Heaven continues as in the past, it seems as if this hope may be realized. At present some of the income is being used to build up the operating fund, to meet increasing needs. During the year 1931-32, work is available for 150 students on an average of 24 hours a week for each student.

During the summer of 1930 the students sold about \$14,000 Mex. worth of literature. About 75 students pian on going into the field as colporteurs during the summer of 1931.

The new railway station has proven profitable to all concerned; and the installation of this is surely providential.

President Rebok expressed the hope that the time may soon come when the Seminary may be doing full College work, and serve chiefly those of advanced grades, leaving to the several middle schools the preparatory work. In closing, he acknowledged with gratitude the many valuable lessons that had come to teachers and students as the result of prayer and of trust in God, from day to day, in the development of the institution. "For all these things we thank our Heavenly Father, and commit ourselves and all of this place into His hands to be used by Him in finishing the work of the church in China."

The dean, Professor B. A. Liu, presented a series of tables showing "the present condition of the school in respect to enrollment, attendance, distribution of teaching load, and a few other items." Matriculations to date (mid-March, 1931), are 207, a gain of 21 over last year's enrollment.

"The students this year have come from the vicinity of the school. The proportion of girls to the total enrollment is still very small. There are only 32 girls, . . . or only one girl to almost six boys.

"The educational, evangelistic, and medical lines still attract the major portion of our students. An increasing interest is shown in the treasurer's work, in nursing, and in the work of the publishing department. . . . There are 21 students expecting to complete the various courses of study this spring or summer. . . . May God give us strength in this work of preparing our youth 'for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.'"

Under the heading, "Students' Aims," Dean Liu listed 62 as desirous of engaging in teaching; for preaching 32; medical 15; "Lord's work" 15; treasurership 15; nursing 9; canvassing 4; editorship 2; mechanical 2; further schooling 3; uncertain 5; unknown 45.

Enrollment by Unions: South China, 60; East China, 54; Central China, 27; North China, 26; West China, 10; Manchuria, 3; local, 27.

The Missions having the most students are: Swatow 18; Hakka 14; North Fukien 10; Anhwei 19; Kiangsu 16; South Chekiang 13; Shantung 14.

In reporting on the Bible department, Pastor S. H. Lindt, in charge, outlined the purpose of the department as fourfold; (1) the true interpretation of Spiritual truths, and the impregnation of mind and heart with these truths; (2) the conversion of all students hitherto not fully converted; (3) contributing to the general spiritual welfare of the entire school; (4) the definite training of workers to enter various lines of soul-winning endeavor.

One outstanding need of the department, is for text-books for advanced grades. Some progress is being made in the preparation of these texts. The Division educational department has made several contributions to meet needs of grades 1-9; grades 10 and 11 have been supplied in part; translation work is in process for grade 10; plans are being perfected to provide temporary help for grades 12 and 13, by seminary teachers; grade 14 has no adequate text-book as yet.

Pastors Giang Tsung Gwang and Paul E. Quimby have labored earnestly as associates in the Bible department; and by combining our efforts we have made some progress—sufficient to form the basis of a hope that before long all grades will have been supplied with some texts suitable for close study and later reference.

Professor Ernest Hurd, in charge of the agricultural department, led the members of the board and constituency over the farm, and later told of the net results attending continued effort to make the farm profitably productive. It seems as if the hopes of those directly responsible for the management of the farm are soon to be realized, by way of self-support and also a liberal margin of profit from fresh and canned produce to cover the cost of several members of the school faculty. This has come partly through going forward on the basis of faith in the verity of the promise given our school men (through the Spirit of prophecy) that Heaven will teach us how to unlock the riches of the soil.

Reporting for the factory, Professor F. A. Landis expressed appreciation for several modern machines recently installed by provisions made by the Board a year ago. The loss of Professor Williams has worked hardship on the factory, where his skill in designing and in executing still remain with us in the "Williams type" of chair and in many other contributions made by him to our development of high-grade products in steel.

The factory has had the untiring labors of one highly skilled as a technically trained mechanical engineer,—Professor R. A. Brett having come to us just at the right time to tide us over a most difficult creative period in our struggle toward successful output. Had it not been for his presence with us, we could not have made the showing that is being made to-day in mechanical excellence of our products and in their ready salability.

During the past twelve months, there were manufactured in our factory, 1,741 all-metal auditorium and classroom chairs, 1,287 steel beds, 321 desks, 10 cases, 43 steel and hard-wood tables, 64 steel stools, and 6,477 blackboard erasers, besides the many repair jobs from the other departments of the school. The total sales were Mex. \$41,695.62, besides orders in process aggregating \$11,317.25 and also \$5,905.00 worth

of orders not yet started through the shop.

Of new developments, perhaps the more outstanding are the "Williams type" of chair, that promises to be an excellent seller; and the classroom tablet arm chair and the desk chair also devised and perfected by him. We have received orders for 1,882 of the "Williams type" auditorium chair, 550 of the classroom tablet arm chair, and 272 of the desk chairs.

Brother Brett has perfected patterns for the manufacture of a high grade tubular bed for hospitals, a bedside table and a folding tubular chair. An order for 300 of these steel chairs is now being filled.

Treasurer H. L. Shull, in a series of financial statements and diagrams, made plain the financial workings of the Seminary during the year. Slight gains from farm and factory bring courage for days to come. The tuition rates and amounts charged for dormitory accommodations, do not fully meet the costs. Through appropriation and also some earnings, additions have been made to equipment. There is need of more capital for expanding business.

Brother Shull's report was a most excellent one, and brought home anew to those in attendance, the fact that God's special blessing has attended the operations of this training-center. Wisdom has been given those in charge of the various departments, and great good has come as a result to the student-body and to the cause at large.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE CONSTITUENCY MEETING — 1931

(Items gleaned from reports and decisions during the constituency meeting of the Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, March, 1931—covering the year 1930)

THE general manager of the Chinese Signs Press, H. A. Anderson, outlined the activities of the year past,—an average of 90 workmen; a production and sale of goods valued at Mex. \$208,44.91 (retail), some additions of new pieces of machinery for the plant, clearance of some of the old stock, construction of a new gatehouse; an upward trend in the circulation of the monthly *Signs*, a steady sale of "Hope of the World" and "Health and Longevity", and a large distribution of tracts and of the pamphlet "Key to Health". One of the main questions confronting the constituency, is the excessive cost in Mex. values of foreign-imported materials going into the

Summary of Proceedings--China Division Committee--1931 Annual Meeting

1. Resolution of Gratitude

The Committee on Plans presented a special resolution of gratitude, which, upon motion, duly seconded, was adopted by rising vote; the brethren engaging in the singing of the Doxology, and in prayer led by Pastor C. L. Blandford. The resolution, as adopted, reads thus:

Whereas, The good hand of God has been manifest throughout our field in the multiplied opportunities for preaching the third angel's message, in the excellent circulation of our literature, in the exceptional growth of the medical ministry, and in His fostering care over our schools; and,—

Whereas, In a year of continued war and general unrest there have been instances where our workers have been thrown into jail, cruelly treated, and have even lost their lives, yet our Heavenly Father has most wondrously protected His many messengers as they have witnessed for Him in this troubled land; therefore,—

Resolved, That we acknowledge renewed confidence in the blessed Lord who has sent us forth, and in the glorious triumph of this movement; that we express deep gratitude to God for His abundant mercy and love; and that we rededicate our all to the dissemination of the blessed word and to the great task that must be finished before our Lord shall come.

2. Harvest Ingathering

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

(b) That the Harvest Ingathering campaign be so organized that all our workers, and as many of the lay members as may be selected, engage in this good work as follows:

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

(2) That controlling committees endeavor to arrange for their workers to have time to engage in this work.

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

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

(5) That the Harvest Ingathering campaign date for 1931 be from September 5 to October 17.

(c) That the union home missionary secretaries be responsible for securing orders for the Harvest Ingathering magazines from the provincial missions and institutions, passing them on to the union treasurers, who shall forward the same to the Division treasurer. A copy of this order shall be filed with the Division Home Missionary Department for reference.

(d) That we suggest to the Division Home Missionary Department the desirability of including in their Harvest Ingathering material the promotion of the plan of setting union, provincial, station, and individual goals.

(e) That we request the Home Missionary Department, in consultation with the field, to prepare uniform signature books, cards, and receipts to use for general solicitation purposes through the China Division.

(f) That these supplies be stocked at the Signs of the Times Publishing House.

3. On Tithes and Offerings

Whereas, God has instituted tithing as a divine ordinance to support the ministry, and has pronounced a special blessing upon those who faithfully carry out the divine plans and,—

Whereas, The present economic conditions constitute a challenge to all believers to consider their obligations and responsibilities, and to rally to the finishing of the work of God by supporting it through faithful tithe-paying and also by means of liberal offerings,

We recommend, (a) That all workers be exhorted to continue giving frequent instruction on the question of tithes and offerings in all the churches, and work personally with the believers.

(b) That literature presenting the Bible principles of faithful tithe-paying and free-will offerings be given free of charge to all believers.

(c) That candidates for baptism be thoroughly instructed to return to God his own before receiving this important rite.

(d) That the use of the tithe envelopes be encouraged in all our churches these to be taken up at the regular Sabbath services.

4. Sabbath School Services

Whereas, All our church members—old as well as young, workers as well as lay members—can receive great benefit from the Sabbath school, and also contribute to its success; therefore,

We recommend, That all workers and church members everywhere be urged to support the Sabbath school by their regular attendance and offerings, and by their hearty co-operation in the plans and work of the Sabbath school.

5. Sabbath School Membership

Whereas, Under the blessing of God our Sabbath schools can become the best soil from which to raise up a church, and—

Whereas, Many persons can be persuaded to attend the Sabbath school who might not at first be interested in other church services; therefore,

We recommend, That special efforts be put forth to encourage all our Sabbath schools to be real evangelizing agencies by making every legitimate effort to increase their membership; and that we set as the Sabbath School Membership Goal for the China Division 150% of the actual current church membership.

6. Sabbath School Lessons

We recommend, That beginning with the fourth quarter of 1931 the Sabbath school lessons prepared by the General Conference Sabbath School Department and known as "Adult Lessons for Mission Fields" be used as the Senior Lessons for the China Division field.

7. Sabbath School Offerings - - - Financial Goals

Whereas, The Sabbath school offerings have become a great factor in the advancement of mission work in all lands, in that about one-half of all mission funds are received through the Sabbath School Department; and ---

Further Reports---South China Union, March 1-8, 1931---Biennial Sessions

THE CANTONESE MISSION

A. L. HAM

(Synopsis of a report by Pastor A. L. Ham, director of the Cantonese Mission, and Pastor K. T. Khng, associate director, during the biennial session of the South China Union, and covering the years 1929 and 1930)

We bring to the delegates assembled in union session, Christian greetings from believers of the Cantonese Mission. In our review of the past two years, we wish to acknowledge before the Lord and our brethren Heaven's blessings attending our labors. We have had a serious shortage of workers, but all have willingly borne burdens, and the Lord has given us gains. The united efforts of all in every department have resulted in 136 baptisms during the two years -- 43 more than for the previous biennial term. The total membership of the Cantonese Mission now stands at 550 baptized believers.

Our workers are showing a marked increase in real burden for lost souls and an increased willingness to endure the hardships and dangers incident to going out to preach the gospel from village to village.

Pastor Hong and a colporteur recently spent fifty days in country work in the Northern River District. Brother Wong Chung Man has worked earnestly in the new territories of Hongkong and adjoining Chinese districts. He with Brother Fund and others has raised up large companies at Tai Po and Sai Kung, and in addition a goodly number have been won from adjacent villages.

The work in Hongkong, while difficult, now presents some encouraging results, including baptisms, with others studying interestedly. The labors of Pastor Shaw are appreciated. Sister Shaw and Miss Ang have been conducting a school for the children of our people and of those interested in the truth. There are seventeen enrolled. The tithes and offerings from the Hongkong English church cover many of the expenses of this part of our mission work. Hongkong is the gateway to our South China field.

Pastor Wu has been carrying on a very encouraging work at Yaumati, situated near the Kowloon side of the harbor of Hongkong. We have been made glad by increases in membership and in tithes and offerings.

Pastor Tso and our self-supporting Bible worker, Chan E Ku, have been very successful in soul-winning work in the North River section and in Fatsan. Conditions in Fatsan are now favorable for advance in all lines. In other stations the outlook of our work is encouraging. Our goal for baptisms during 1931 is 200.

A good building for church purposes has been purchased at Tsing Yuen at a cost of Mex. \$2,665. This property is free from debt.

Our native secretaries have carried their departments with marked ability, and their faithful cooperation is much appreciated. The literature department reports Mex. \$29,052.11 of gospel literature sales during the biennial period. The Sabbath school department reports 19 schools, with a membership of 685; total offerings, Mex. \$4,674.62. The educational department reports ten schools with an enrollment of 296 in primary grades. This is exclusive of the Canton Junior

Training School, where the present enrollment is 132. We are pleased to have Pastor and Mrs. Wilcox again with us.

Our income from tithes has been substantial, having more than doubled the past two years. One brother alone paid over Mex. \$1,300 tithe during the two-year period. The percentage of support for our churches in outstations, exclusive of appropriations to institutions and for our administration, runs as follows: For the year 1927, 58%; 1928, 46% (a very hard year financially); 1929, 63%; 1930, 69%. Including all its operations, the percentage of support for the Cantonese Mission is as follows: Year 1927, 47%; 1928, 27% (the hard year); 1929, 40%; 1930, 52%.

The medical department of our work has presented many difficulties, but the prospects are now bright, with additional doctors becoming available and with the coming more recently of Dr. Ang to assist at Fatsan; Dr. F. E. Bates to open treatment rooms for Canton and to assist otherwise as providence may open the way.

Our needs are many. Above all things else, we need more of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and labors. We need to have appreciation of the value of a human soul, and a burden for the lost. Let us pray most earnestly that God shall supply our every need; and let us pledge ourselves for greater things in behalf of the Lord's cause. For what has been accomplished we thank God and take courage; but we shall never be satisfied until we can reach the very limit of our possibilities under God.

THE SOUTH FUKIEN MISSION

P. L. ANDERSON

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor B. L. Anderson, director of the South Fukien Provincial Mission, during the biennial session of the South China Union, Waichow, March 2-8, 1931. This report covers the years 1929 and 1930.)

To the delegates of the South China Union Mission in biennial conference assembled: Greetings!

We give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for His grace and mercy which has so richly been bestowed on us during the past two years. In all our experiences we have been conscious of His guiding hand, and we are grateful to Him for the small measure of success that has attended our efforts to extend the kingdom of God. Viewed from a human standpoint, the past two years have been most trying. The enemy of God's cause has been most active. In all these experiences we have sought to learn the lesson God has for us, and to listen more attentively to the still, small voice as it speaks, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

While adverse conditions have prevailed, and at times our chapels have been closed by those who are working for our destruction, yet during the past year we have been able to open anew these places, and also to carry forward to completion, in the city of Hui-an, the construction of a new chapel building with seating capacity of over two hundred, and with suitable quarters for the local workers. This neat, attractive, well-built chapel is a credit to our work and a permanent asset to the Mission. It is now ready for dedication, free from debt.

In the city of Tsoan-chow for the past eight years we have been occupying a church property originally built by a private party, and for the use of which heavy rental has been annually paid on the money invested. During the past year the way has providentially opened, through rebates on a portion of the former purchase price, and through Harvest Ingathering, economies in operation, and otherwise by private gifts, to secure the entire church property at Tsoan-chow as our very own, free from rent which formerly cost us \$414 Mex. annually. The property is now valued at \$8,000 Mex.

Evangelistic work has been carried on, under most adverse conditions; 53 have been baptized and brought into the fold. The church membership now stands at 349. Two new places for the preaching of the gospel are being opened up. The older stations are adding new members from time to time. Church tithe is on the increase. The tithe per capita, per member, has been Mex. \$7.57 and \$8.13, respectively for the two years. Annual offerings, biennial period, Mex. \$486.21; Big Week \$495.87; Harvest Ingathering \$2,945.24; Week of Sacrifice \$403.39; Tithes \$4,708.47; Sabbath school offerings \$1,427.42. Our Sabbath schools have been helped through the issuance in the Romanized of the S. S. Lessons quarter by quarter.

Through the efforts of the home missionary department, a number of cottage meetings are being held in the homes of the people, with encouraging results. Laymembers spend considerable time visiting friends and neighbors with tracts, and in doing Christian-help work. The first Sabbath of each month is given over to a study of Missions.

Prevailing conditions made most difficult the distribution of literature by colportage; and at times the faithful colporteurs were forced to return without having covered their territory, because of the banditry and other impossible conditions closing temporarily certain counties in our field. However, the gain the past year, \$1,141.72, is encouraging to us. Our total sales, in Mex., for the two-year period, were \$8,225.82. Our four colporteurs are of good courage.

At present we are conducting, in addition to our general training school in Amoy, only two out-schools, as compared with the six out-schools at the beginning of the biennial period under review. All are familiar with the influences at work that lead to the closing down of some of our smaller schools. We deplore these circumstances, but are powerless to do otherwise than we have done; and our aim is to attain through other agencies the main objective of our advance; namely, the winning of precious souls for the Kingdom.

The Bee-Hwa Training-School has been carrying on without interruption, though at times we have had serious perplexities. Tuitions in cash at Kulungsu (Bee-Hwa school) total Mex. \$1,891.70; for out-schools, \$1,103.50; a net total of Mex. \$2,995.20 for tuitions (cash) during the two years. Junior and senior Y. P. M. V. societies are being conducted in our schools, with encouraging results.

In comparing receipts and expenditures, the figures reveal that during 1929 the total receipts averaged Mex. \$22.38 per member, and the field was 41% self-supporting; while in 1930 total receipts per member were Mex. \$25.83, and the field was 53% self-supporting.

Two Years of Advance--South China Union--Synopsis of Reports

THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT SOUTH CHINA UNION MISSION 1929-30

TAN KIA OU

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor Tan Kia Ou, home missionary secretary of the South China Union, during the biennial session, Waichow, March 2-8, 1931)

We are thankful to the Lord that during the past two years He has blessed His work in South China, and that in so many places a spirit of life and earnestness is evident. Some places have had war, banditry and persecutions; but our people have not been ashamed of the gospel, and have stood steadfast for the truth.

In the Cantonese Mission there are several members and workers, who by their earnestness and zeal have brought in many new members. Surely the Lord does bless those who strive to spread the light, and their efforts should be an encouragement to all.

Among the first to accept the third angel's message in South Fukien, more than twenty years ago, is a very faithful brother whose life is a good example to us. He has met much opposition and persecution, but it has only served to strengthen his faith. Always active in Harvest Ingathering and personal work, he has led many to accept the gospel, and has helped in building up a strong church.

The work of the members in the Hakka field is encouraging. As I visited at Ng Fa, Hok Shue, and Hsin Chuen, and observed how the members went out to other homes in the village with their Bibles, and talked and prayed with the people, my heart was deeply impressed. I believe we have a great need of more such members in every place; and if this were possible, the gospel would quickly be given to all the world.

In Kwangsi province there has been almost constant war during the past two years. Communications have been broken and travel almost impossible. In some places food has been scarce. But in spite of these unfortunate conditions our fellow-laborers and laity have distributed thousands of tracts, and have gone on missionary tours through hundreds of villages and markets, and, as a result, I hear that many are interested and preparing for baptism. This is most encouraging news, when one knows the condition in that province.

The Swatow Mission, too, has been blessed. All the workers are united in spirit and effort in doing the Lord's work. Besides the revival meetings where the work is already established, series of meetings have been held in some new places, and as a result a large number are very earnest in observing the Sabbath and preparing for baptism. The future looks bright.

In the Foochow Mission the work is onward, and already there are 8 organized churches and 12 chapels, with over 425 members. Several new churches have been built and several chapels opened in new districts. And they are endeavoring to make a center and base from which to enter the surrounding territory. Several churches are using the fifteen minutes between Sabbath school and church for the promotion of home missionary work.

We are glad to report also that the Big Week and the Harvest Ingathering campaigns have been very successful.

(Note: In connection with his report, Pastor Tan presented many excellent charts and statistical graphs. Some of the charts represented a very careful survey of conditions among the rank and file of our church membership in South China.)

God has greatly blessed all lines of our work. We thank Him for His mercy and power; but our hearts are not satisfied; for we know that in many places our brethren are still in darkness, and are deceived by the evil one. They, too, need the light, and I wish that together we might exert ourselves to the utmost to accomplish the work that is before us, and hasten our Lord's return. Moreover, I hope that all will pray more than ever before for the home missionary work.

THE FUI-ON HOSPITAL- DISPENSARY

Dr. H. C. JAMES

(Synopsis of report rendered by Dr. H. C. James, medical superintendent of the Fui-On Hospital-Dispensary, Waichow, Kwangtung, South China, during the biennial session of the South China Union Mission)

During the years 1929 and 1930 we had 850 house-patients, and 19,000 calls of outside patients; and we have collected Mex. \$11,395, which, with our budget from the Home Board, has met the general running expenses of the institution. By the aid of Harvest Ingathering, with a little special help, we have been enabled to put up a nurses' dormitory, now nearing completion; a helpers' kitchen; a laundry shed, and a small house for receiving leper patients. Several young people have been in training as nurses. The spiritual interests of the institution have been looked after by evangelists from the Hakka Mission, with results, some having accepted of gospel truth. It greatly encourages us when patients go forward in baptism.

Following their return from furlough, Brother and Sister V. M. Hansen, nurses, were assigned the Nanning Hospital-Dispensary, and Brother and Sister Schutt joined us as head nurses. We have much appreciated the help of these, and of some graduate nurses who have labored unflinchingly. Dr. Ethel James has been spending full time with us throughout the period covered by this report, and has brought strength into all departments of endeavor. We have received many blessings from the Lord, and rejoice in the privilege of serving in this part of His vineyard.

Some with cataracts of long standing, have been caused to see; some who have been brought in by friends despairing of any help, have been cured by the help of the Lord and the remedial agencies applied; some lepers have been attending our leper clinic faithfully, and have been discharged as cured of their dread ailment. Many have received instruction in habits of health and temperance. During periods of war, many officers from the army have come for treatment when wounded. Considerable surgery has been undertaken. Altogether, we have had a busy two years, and are grateful for mercies received.

Our main building has thus far proven sufficiently commodious for housing patients who come. Not a few foreign patients have come, including some from

other missions. We have been happy to serve these in their times of special need;

We are now endeavoring to increase our equipment a little, and at present are raising funds locally for an X-ray outfit, which we hope to install within a year.

We are praying and working to the end of doing everything in our power, with Heaven's blessing, to serve the medical needs of all classes in this section of the China field; and we have confidence to believe that God will give us spiritual fruit, as well as temporal advancement in a material way. May His will be wrought out in all we undertake in His name.

THE CANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

During the biennial session at Waichow, Pastor A. L. Ham testified of the excellent work accomplished in the Canton Intermediate School by Professor Leung, who has served as associate principal, by Brother Lai and others. The adverse conditions of past years have in part disappeared, and during the present school year we have reached an enrollment of 132 students. There has been a little industrial work, including the manufacture of nut foods, whole wheat flour, and breakfast foods, for all of which the brethren have been finding a market.

The spiritual interests of the school have been fostered, and several are in training for service. The students have been conducting as a practical part of their young people's work, special evangelistic efforts and a mission school in a town known as "The Five-Eye Bridge Village." Several have accepted of the faith, and have been baptized as a result of this sustained effort maintained by the students of the Canton Intermediate School during the past few years.

The coming of Professor Lyle C. Wilcox to assist in this school and in our educational work throughout the South China Union, brings courage to the brethren and sisters of the Cantonese Mission and the entire union field. The plan for establishing a small medical unit in close proximity to the school, is a source of added courage to those connected with this educational institution, — the oldest of all our schools in China.

THE KWANGSI MISSION

Various reports were rendered during the biennial session of the South China Union, touching on the work in the Kwangsi Mission. The director, Pastor Thomas, still being absent on furlough, reports were made by the Chinese delegates in attendance, and on the closing day of the session Dr. Day D. Coffin, medical superintendent of the Nanning Hospital-Dispensary, rendered his report, telling of the difficult and strange experiences through which the medical institution at Nanning has passed during the war that lasted the greater portion of 1930. Our institution is only a few hundred feet outside the great wall surrounding the city, and on this wall were many, many soldiers holding that section of the lines of defense against Yunnanese and Cantonese. The siege continued for over five months, and during this time Dr. Coffin remained at the hospital, thus saving the property and at the same time serving in many other ways. A story of the providences surrounding our workers in Nanning during the siege is scheduled to appear in an early number of the Reporter.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Victoria Martin-Miller Mrs. Vera Mosebar-White

The death of Mrs. Victoria Martin-Miller and Mrs. Vera Mosebar-White, of the West China Union Mission, by the hand of an assassin while they were asleep in bed at their Yunnanfu home the night of March 15, 1931, has brought to the China Division the loss of two consecrated workers who were laboring untiringly in behalf of the unwarned. They were especially interested in the tribal peoples living close by and farther away. Brother Miller had made a long trip in the spring of 1930 into Southwestern Yunnan; and this year, when the tragedy took place, he and



Pastor and Mrs. Claude B. Miller

Brother White were on another long trip, this time to visit tribes living northwest of Yunnan. Five had been baptized, including four of the Ming Chia tribe. When the men finally reached Yunnanfu on March 22, having made forced marches the last four days of their journey because of having received word that they must hasten, they learned for the first time of this loss. Friends had done everything possible meanwhile. Brother and Sister White's children - Ardyth, three years of age, and little Jean, one year of age - were being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Parker of the Y. M. C. A. The United States Consul, Mr. Stevens, had made all preliminary arrangements for the funeral service, which was conducted on Thursday, March 26, the Reverend Hicks of the Methodist Mission officiating. Men and women of several nationalities came with tokens of sympathy and esteem. Among these were Catholic priests and nuns, as well as members of the business, official, and missionary communities, together with Chinese and tribes people. Interment was in the foreign cemetery at Yunnanfu.

Mrs. Miller was the only daughter of Elder and Mrs. R. H. Martin, of Spokane, Washington. She was born in New York

City, March 30, 1901, and landed in Shanghai, China, September 22, 1927, as a mission worker. She attended language school in Shanghai, and entered Yunnanfu, the capital of Yunnan Province, with Brother Miller in March, 1928.

Mrs. White was born in Carleton, Michigan, February 5, 1901, and came out to the mission field as a skilled nurse, having been graduated from the St. Helena Sanitarium. Almost from the day of landing in Yunnanfu, Brother and Sister White conducted a dispensary, and many contacts were made through the hundreds of patients treated by these faithful medical missionaries. A total of over three thousand were treated during the year 1930. Brother and Sister White, early in their missionary experience, entered the Nanking Language School, and were there at the time of the Nanking Incident, when they miraculously escaped, later completing their first year of the language course under the auspices of the Home Study Institute, China Branch, Shanghai, and going on to Yunnanfu to join Brother and Sister Miller, who had preceded them by a few weeks.

The China Division workers of all classes, both native and foreign, have been deeply moved over this tragic close of the life-work of our beloved sisters. The correspondence that has been coming into the offices, both at the Shanghai headquarters and at the West China Union headquarters, reveals an intense earnestness on the part of our sisters, and a great desire to bring blessing to those with whom they were associating, and particularly to the tribes-people, for whose conversion they had been giving especial attention. Sister Miller had planned definitely on making a trip into the region beyond the lake lying south of Yunnanfu, and this was to have been undertaken two or three



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weeks following the time that she was called upon to suffer martyrdom. Sister White had been assisting an intelligent Miao to translate many hymns into his language, and had been endeavoring to multiply some of these by means of a duplicating machine, and also to prepare for distribution some leaflets that had been translated by this Miao helper. She, too, had hoped to get into the villages of the Miao people later and assist them in their own homes. Meanwhile, she faithfully continued her work at the medical dispensary in connection with the city chapel at Yunnanfu, and thus established many contacts with men and women in need of spiritual help.

Brethren White and Miller are remaining for the present at Yunnanfu. c.

AT THE UNION SESSIONS

Several are in attendance at union sessions, the East, Central, North, and Manchurian Unions following in quick succession. Dr. H. W. Miller, Pastor C. C. Morris and Pastor John Oss, are in attendance at all these meetings; but it is understood that Brother Oss may leave sufficiently early to spend a little time with students at Chiao Tou Djen in preparation for their going out into colportage during the summer. Pastor W. E. Strickland, of the Honan Mission until recently, but now union evangelist for Central China, is to attend the Peiping meeting; Pastor Geo. J. Appel, superintendent of North China Union, is to attend the Harbin meeting. Miss Bessie Mount has been attending the East, Central, and North China meetings; Miss L. Redelstein of the Shanghai Sanitarium Nurses' Training School was at the Yeicheng (Central China) meeting. Pastor E. R. Thiele has been attending the Nanking, Yencheng, and Foochow meetings. Pastor Frederick Lee, the Nanking meeting. Some, like Brother Lee, have been remaining at Division headquarters; he is to be released within a few weeks for some special ministerial institutes in behalf of large groups of workers of the South China Union and the East China Union. Dr. Miller and Professor Scharffenberg are to be at the West China Union meeting, Chungking, opening June 28, and to be followed by a workers' institute.

These meetings have a vital bearing on our advancement in the China field; a special endowment of grace is essential for healthful development. Ours is a spiritual work; and in these meetings plans are laid for strengthening the spiritual interests, and assisting all in the winning of souls. Let us continue praying for a spiritual year of holy endeavor in behalf of those who so greatly need to become acquainted with the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and Keeper. Thus many may be prepared for the heavenly kingdom. c.

THE SPECIAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND OF SACRIFICE

The observance of the special week of prayer and of sacrifice, seems to have been fairly general; the main thought in the minds of those who have united in prayer and in sacrificial offerings, is so to plan and bind about personal expenditures, as to keep in uninterrupted activity our evangelistic forces throughout the China field. In this connection it is understood by all that general observance is to be planned for carefully in behalf of the regular annual Week of Sacrifice, appointed this year for the China Division October 4-10. The cause of present truth was founded in personal sacrifice; it can be finished only as we all sacrifice to the limit. c.

ARRIVAL

On March 29, per s. s. "Empress of Asia," Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Blandford, returning after an extended leave of absence, take up work in the Manchurian Union.

April 26, per s. s. "Taiyo Maru," Pastor M. C. Warren, superintendent of the West China Union, returning from furlough for another period of service in the far West. With Brother Warren were Brother and Sister Paul Bartholomew, who are entering upon service in the West China Union.

PASTOR L. V. FINSTER'S ADDRESS

Pastor L. V. Finster, who has recently been appointed Home Missionary Secretary of the Inter-American Division, writes that the address of Mrs. Finster and himself will hereafter be Box 0, Balboa, Canal Zone, instead of the city in St. Lucia, formerly named as their home.

Brother Finster writes of his continued interest in the development of the work throughout Eastern Asia.