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The Response of the Church to China's Need

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WHEN Jerusalem, the city which for centuries had come to be regarded as the citadel on earth for God's church, had fallen in reproach before the nations round about, through the departure of Israel from respect, loyalty and obedience to the precepts of God's eternal law and government; when the city lay in ruins and the temple was a desolation; at this time, when Israel's captivity had reached nearly to the three score and ten years, Daniel, a man often found in prayer and abundant in faith, pleaded unto God for the restoration of the temple, and confessed his sins and those of the people and renewed their consecration to the service of God. In such earnest words as these did Daniel entreat God in behalf of Jerusalem:

"O Lord, according to Thy righteousness, I beseech Thee, let Thine anger and Thy fury be turned away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

"Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Thy servant, and his supplications, and cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

"O my God, incline Thine ear, and hear; open Thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by Thy name: for we do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness, but for Thy great mercies.

"O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God: for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."—Daniel 9:16-19.

As we trace back over the happenings in China during the past year, we find the country has been overrun by hordes of bandits; there were organized Communistic attacks on many cities of Central and South China; then followed perhaps the greatest flood since the days of Noah, inundating territories so extensive in the Yangtze Valley that inland China looked like one vast sea. Succeeding the flood came the invasion of Manchuria, which again has thrown the country into a state of distress. All these events and others, not to speak of the general financial depression in the world which has reflected its influence all through China, leaves us at the beginning of 1932 with China confronted with a great need of pacification and stabilization.

God's church is the salt of the earth, and the light of the world; and truly if China ever needed the prayers of God's people and the comforting ministry of the gospel, it is now. The time is ripe for the messages of the three angels. This is a time when the earnestness and the burden of prayer that characterized Daniel in behalf of Jerusalem, should be the experience of the Remnant Church.

Our great wish for China is that this year the country may be at peace, and have rest from all disquieting disturbances from without, that it may mark the greatest year yet in soul-winning and in moving forward God's work of mercy into all parts of this vast country.

Shanghai, December 23, 1931

Reports From the Field

EVANGELISTIC EFFORT AT NANKING

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THE Lord has greatly blessed the evangelistic effort that has been held at Nanking. The meetings continued for eight weeks, and the interest held up in an excellent way throughout the time. A large number of people are now definitely interested in the truth, and we are confident that there will be a goodly harvest as a result of the work done in the capital of China.

It was over twenty years ago that I first preached the truth in this city. Ever since then I have looked forward to the time when this message could be given in a strong way in this important center. Many changes have come about in China during these years. Nanking has been reconstructed, and it is now a fine modern city. Our work should be well represented in this place. Persons who come in contact with the truth here will carry it to many places throughout China. Thus the influence of the work in Nanking will be radiated to all parts of the nation.

At first it seemed very difficult for the beginning of a large effort in Nanking this fall. The trouble between China and Japan has made the country very restless, and especially has this been felt in Nanking. However, we asked the direction of the Lord, and He has guided us in this work in a most wonderful way. At first officials did not want to grant the brethren in Nanking permission to hold these meetings. Times were too uncertain. Then, too, we wished to hold the meetings in a prominent place in the city. We had chosen the very center of the town, Sin Gieh Ko, as the place where we wished to conduct the effort. A plot of ground had been granted to us free of charge by the Shanghai Bank. The officials finally consented, however, to our erecting a matshed that would seat about 800 people, and they also promised us police protection.

The meetings were well advertised with posters placed in store-windows, and pasted on walls in prominent places. The public motor-bus line also consented to hang a banner on four busses announcing the meetings without charge to us. On

the opening night we fully realized that the meetings had been well advertised. We were wholly unable to care for the enormous crowd that came to attend the meeting. The building was filled with at least one thousand people, and there were about as many outside trying to get into the building. These were not the idle people of the town, but a fine class of people who had received our announcements and invitation to the meeting.

For the first two weeks we had to close the doors some time before the beginning of the service, as the building was filled to capacity and many had to be turned away. Even after that, the place was well filled night after night with a most attentive audience. Never have we seen the people more interested in listening to this message. Though the audience was large and the building crowded on many nights, yet everyone was very quiet, and listened earnestly to what was being preached.

Many names of interested ones were handed in. About one thousand names were received during the first four weeks. Seven hundred of these people have already been visited. A large number of them have been coming regularly to the meetings from the beginning. Many are now continuing to study the truth by attending Bible classes held either in some home or in the church. The corps of workers associated with me in the effort was well organized, and the city districted for visiting work. Every day these workers went out visiting the interested or holding Bible studies. Those who attended the meetings came from all parts of the city. All classes of people were also in attendance,—Christians and non-Christians, students and teachers from universities, men employed in government positions, as well as other classes. I was greatly interested to learn that some who attended my meetings in Peking ten years ago were coming to these meetings.

The Lord is working upon the hearts of the people in these days. Many are looking for a way out of the troubles that are coming upon the world. The interest was very great as we presented the truths concerning the last days, and pointed out the signs of the end. All our important truths have been presented in this effort, fifty-six different subjects in all.

I found it to be a great privilege to be connected with this effort for six weeks. When it was necessary for me to leave because of other

pressing work, Pastor R. H. Hartwell and Pastor H. C. Shen, who had been connected with the effort from the beginning, took charge, and continued the meetings. Pastor Hartwell, who is located in Nanking, is leading out in a strong way in this work, and we believe that the Lord will greatly bless his efforts as he continues during the coming months to work with those who have become interested in the truth. Brother Wang Yu Tien and wife, together with other workers, will assist in this evangelistic effort.

It has been a wonderful opportunity. Thousands have listened to the message as it has been presented from night to night. Although there has been unrest in the city because of agitators, yet we have had a peaceful time, and the Lord has directed so that we have not been hindered in going through with the effort. We trust that all will pray that there will be a goodly harvest as the result of this seed-sowing.

SHANGHAI SANITARIUM CLINIC

R. W. PAUL

THE growth and progress of the work at the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic during the time of its operation has been very gratifying indeed. Our list of patients who occupy beds in the institution is always over a hundred and at one time was one hundred and thirty-four. Patient visits in the Dispensary mounted up to over a hundred on one occasion. We are most pleased with the results that are being attained along spiritual lines. A goodly number of baptisms have been the direct result of patients having accepted the truth through contact with our workers here in the Clinic. We have the case now of a woman who came in for a very much needed surgical operation. Her husband had been impressed with the need of obeying the truth for several years, but she had opposed his acceptance of it. She now feels that her life has been saved, and that she will join us as a believer in the message that we all hold so dear.

One young man who has been ill in the institution from typhoid fever was taken with a very severe hemorrhage. He, as well as we, became much alarmed, and feared he was going to die. While we were waiting for preparations to be com-

pleted so that we could apply our usual, most effective remedy, we carried on a little conversation with him. He said that as a boy he had been a Christian, but since coming to Shanghai and entering a university, had become careless. We had prayer with him, and since that time he has expressed his desire to join our faith.

We have both men and lady evangelists and Bible workers spending time in the Hospital, holding meetings in our chapel and visiting and praying with the patients. One lady Bible worker who spends practically her entire time in the institution attends the out-patient department during the Clinic hours, visiting with the patients and giving out literature to those who are willing to take it. This faithful work on the part of these teachers of the truths of the Bible is resulting in interesting many and leading them to accept the truth for this time.

There are more activities in which we would take part if we had the time. There are some things that we feel we must do and emphasize

in the future if we are to reach the high ideal that our Lord requires of us. We wish in every instance to make our work educational in character. We have been so fortunate as to have donated to us a fine stereopticon outfit. With some good health slides we can give lectures that are bound to prove to be a great benefit to our patients and patrons of the institution. We feel urged on to make use of every opportunity and every advantage gained to place Christ and His power to save in a favorable light before every one with whom we come in contact. The Lord has blessed us with a wealth of good literature which has been donated to us through the instrumentality of the Signs of the Times and some of our local workers. This we hope to be more faithful and united in distributing.

Just now a very good feature is being added to the soul-saving phase of the institution, and that is the building of what we may call a runway which is to connect the third floor of the Clinic with the balcony

of our Central Shanghai Church. The money for building this runway was donated by our foreign missionaries living in Shanghai, with the exception of a gift from one Chinese member of our Clinic staff. This is now under construction and will make it possible for our patients to either walk directly across or else be wheeled into the balcony of the church without the necessity of either changing their Hospital for other clothing or going down onto the street. This will enable a much larger number than formerly to attend church services. It is now hard for our workers to follow up the calls for Bible readings from those who became interested during their stay in the Clinic, and we believe that this new feature will add greatly to this demand.

We are told through the instruction given to us by Mrs. Ellen G. White that the medical missionary work is the door through which we are to enter the large cities. We are now seeing how this kind of work is truly opening the door for us to reach the millions of this great metropolis of Shanghai.

Report of the China Division Sabbath School Department

For Quarter Ending September 30, 1931

(All Offerings in U. S. Gold - "2 for 1")

Union Mission	Number Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Birthday Offering	Investment Fund Offering	12 Sabbaths Offerings	13th Sabbath Offering	Total Offerings to Missions
Central China	88	2,787	2,368	\$ 9.43	\$ 6.21	\$ 600.90	\$ 105.12	\$ 721.66
East China	146	4,277	3,675	5.01	560.73	1,431.85	318.59	2,316.18
Manchuria	36	1,459	1,222		11.33	780.54	184.03	975.90
North China	34	961	914	6.07	10.92	354.05	52.36	423.40
South China	100	3,756	3,175	38.06	29.53	712.42	133.82	913.83
West China	79	1,710	1,660	26.23	23.36	333.22	87.60	470.41
Total,	483	14,950	13,014	\$ 84.80	\$ 642.08	\$ 4,212.98	\$ 881.52	\$ 5,821.38
Totals, 3rd Qr., 1930	408	12,737	10,559	\$ 90.82	\$ 595.36	\$ 5,588.92	\$ 1,097.44	\$ 7,372.54

BESSIE MOUNT, Secretary

The figures above tell only a part of what our Sabbath schools are doing. Hundreds of members are forming habits of lifelong value in regularity, punctuality, and daily Bible study. For the third quarter, 2,388 members received recognition for being present and on time every Sabbath, 902 studied the Sabbath school lesson every day, 1,119 had a perfect record in both attendance and daily study, and 519 others finished a record of one or two years in daily lesson study, perfect attendance, or both.

One faithful member in East China has completed a perfect attendance record covering eleven years, and can repeat the memory verses for ten years. Eternity alone will reveal the influence, on his own life and in the lives of others, of these years of diligent Sabbath school effort!

Bessie Mount.

THE CHINA DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
STATISTICAL SUMMARY --- INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS --- QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1931

All monetary values in U.S. Gold
 (On the basis of \$20 for one)

Name of Union Missions and Provincial Missions	No. of Mission Stations	No. of Mission Outstations	No. of Organized Churches	Baptized Membership Sept. 30, 1931	Baptisms July to Sept., 1931	Net GAIN during three months July to Sept. - Loss	No. of Ordained Ministers	No. of Licensed Ministers	No. of Licensed Missionaries	No. Colporteurs	Total No. Foreign Laborers	Total No. Native Laborers	Total No. Laborers - both Foreign and Native	Foreign Tithes Receipts* July to Sept., 1931 (gold)	Native Tithes Receipts* July to Sept., 1931 (gold)	No. Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings (gold)* July to Sept., 1931	No. of Schools	Total Enrollment of Schools
CHINA DIVISION HDQRS.							15	3	68	1	72	105	177	2,815.55*					6	1,119
CENTRAL CHINA UNION							3	4	5	1	13	21	34	1,980.40	119.45*					
Honan Mission	1	23	6	836	11	11	6	5	11	8	5	51	56	408.49		29	1,209	333.55*	12	294
Hunan Mission	1	16	6	434	5	5	4	6	20	14	4	56	60	241.74		21	471	103.57	4	97
Hupeh Mission	1	13	7	480		-14	2	4	20	19	6	42	48	276.83		16	466	133.23	4	20
Kansu Mission										2										
Kiangsi Mission	1	12	4	217	22	20	2	5	11	6	3	26	29	145.33		14	380	94.30	4	117
Shensi Mission	1	4	3	159	22	32	1	3	6	6	4	16	20	123.00		8	271	57.01	5	90
TOTAL FOR CENTRAL CHINA	5	68	26	2,126	60	54	18	27	73	56	35	212	247	1,980.40	1,314.84	88	2,797	721.66	29	618
EAST CHINA UNION							5	1	6	1	8	2	10	2,062.25						
Anhui Mission	1	15	9	310	14	14	4	6	5	2	2	31	33	4.38	188.85	19	433	144.65	7	205
Kiangsu Mission	3	16	13	894	28	9	2	3	5	4	2	51	53	1,296.35	1,337.18	21	995	1,692.15	4	395
North Kiangsu Mission	1	5	4	196	16	-27	1	1	2	5		12	12	251.75		10	240	123.26		
North Chekiang Mission	1	12	13	462	40	20	2	3	6	6	2	32	34	115.68		23	490	152.69		
South Chekiang Mission	1	70	24	946	63	49	4	11	36	4	5	68	73	22.43	224.01	73	2,119	203.43	8	321
TOTAL FOR EAST CHINA	7	118	63	2,808	161	65	18	25	60	22	19	196	215	3,385.41	2,117.47	146	4,277	2,316.18	19	921
MANCHURIAN UNION							3		4		8	2	10	755.43					2	73
Heilungkiang Mission		2		40	16	22			2	1		3	3		38.10	2	56	9.20		
Kando Mission	1	2	1	129	24	30	1		3			4	4	183.19		8	463	34.11	4	194
Kirin Mission	1	5	3	174	40	40	2		8	5	4	18	22	172.15		5	225	77.56	1	40
Liaoning Mission	1	9	8	318	45	45		1	10	13	1	27	28	300.46		13	272	203.30	3	71
Sungari Mission	3	3	4	452			2	1	6		1	7		204.76		8	443	651.73		127

	6	21	49	1,123	1	8	2	33	19	14	61	7	43	1,898.66	36	1,459	975.90		505	
NORTH CHINA UNION						2	2	4	1	8	2	10	1,011.68	9.40						
Hooei Mission	1	7	4	346	12	12	2	3	9	4	3	28	31	172.12	10	399	181.98	5	180	
Mongolian Mission	1	2	1	21	3	3	1	3	3		4	6	10	14.69	2	35	94.33			
Shansi Mission	1	3	1	94	29	29	1		5	4		14	14	64.75	4	86	17.02	1	6	
Shantung Mission	1	6	4	374	40	41	4	3	11	16	4	32	36	276.66	18	441	130.07	5	103	
TOTAL FOR NORTH CHINA	4	18	10	835	84	85	10	11	32	25	19	82	101	1,011.68	537.62	34	961	423.40	11	289
SOUTH CHINA UNION						5	1	5	2	6	2	8	1,122.97	9.50						
Cantonese Mission	2	18	9	550	23		7	10	22	5	10	50	60	736.30	18	613	371.41	8	320	
Hakka Mission	1	24	8	752			6	10	25	4	6	51	57	203.56	24	704	147.96	4	98	
Kwangsi Mission	1	11	5	243			1	6	11	6	6	44	50	87.30	12	312	105.47	4	162	
North Fukien Mission	1	20	8	437	14	12	2	19	2	2	4	44	48	240.05	16	640	93.11	4	185	
South Fukien Mission	1	12	6	370	10	10	4	5	9	4	4	25	29	283.01	12	812	121.86	4	260	
Swatow Mission	1	19	5	346	21	20	2	8	9	2		30	30	149.55	18	675	74.02	9	320	
TOTAL FOR SOUTH CHINA	7	104	41	2,698	68	43	27	59	83	25	36	246	282	1,122.97	1,709.27	100	3,756	913.83	33	1,345
WEST CHINA UNION						1	1	3		5		5	956.27							
East Szechwan Mission	1	21	13	414			4	4	14	6	2	49	51	200.21	35	727	197.01	9	201	
East Kweichow Mission	1	5	1	90		11	2	1	11	2	4	15	19	47.16	4	120	55.10	1	10	
Tibetan Mission	1		1	6	2			2	1			2	1	4.05	1	7	55.40			
West Szechwan Mission	1	4	1	95			1	3	4	3	2	9	11	140.56	7	132	26.96	1	22	
West Kweichow Mission	1	20	2	359	88	99	1	4	11	2		27	27	125.73	28	650	73.47	4	80	
Yunnan Mission	1	4	2	41		5	3		5	2	2	9	11	44.01	4	74	62.47			
TOTAL FOR WEST CHINA	6	54	20	1,005	90	115	12	15	49	15	17	110	127	956.27	561.72	79	1,710	470.41	15	313
DIVISION TOTAL 3rd Qr., 1931	35	383	176	10,585	590	500	108	142	398	163	212	1,012	1,224	12,027.71*	8,139.58*	483	14,960	5,821.38*	124	5,110
" " " " 1930	34	359	153	9,044	377	241	92	116	404	183	215	1,021	1,236	8,561.35*	7,000.85*	418	12,737	3,684.49*	101	4,781
" " " " 1929	31	323	134	7,503	316	173	92	117	383	174	206	998	1,204	5,511.45*	4,982.38*	377	11,683	3,260.98*	104	3,790
" " " " 1928	28	287	142	6,993	435	403	76	124	346	113	211	737	948	6,326.70*	3,922.44*	336	9,936	2,735.94*	96	3,664
" " " " 1927	27	264	130	7,018	192	175	68	131	424	76	186	653	839	7,669.56*	3,707.12*	276	8,285	1,923.04	73	2,181

(*) NOTE: "Starred" totals are in U.S. currency (gold dollars), but have been calculated on the basis of one U.S. dollar for every two Chinese silver dollars; whereas, during the past few months, the abnormal fluctuations in "exchange" because of decreased value of silver money, have been such as to make these "starred" totals seem to be about double amount money as they actually are. Inasmuch as we are reporting at the rate of "two for one,"---two Chinese silver dollars for one U.S. gold dollar,---we can do naught but give the figures as they are herein published; but it is well to remember that they are larger in amount than the actual dollars in U.S. currency realized through the transfer of monetary values into the gold standard.

(#) NOTE: The total net gain in the China Division for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1931, reported as 500. This is the highest net gain known by us for a third quarter. The total net gain in the China Division for the first three quarters of the year 1931, has been 1,109, including 99 transferred from the Far Eastern Division with the assignment of Kando Mission to the China Division.

STATISTICAL REPORT of the CHINA DIVISION MISSION. Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1931

ALL VALUES IN U. S. GOLD DOLLARS On the basis of \$2 Mex. for \$1 Gold. 會一九二一年第 季統計表 以美洋為本位

1 Number of Mission 會號數	2 NAME OF MISSION 會名	3 Number of Mission Stations 會站數	4 Number of Mission Converts 受洗者數	5 Number of Baptized Members 受洗者數	6 Baptized During Quarter 受洗者數	7 8 Evangelists 傳道士		9 10 Licensed Ministers 執事		11 12 Bible Women 女傳道士		13 14 Book and Periodical Caseworkers 派書員		15 16 Total Evangelistic Laborers 傳福音的工人		17 18 Medical Workers (including those Licensed) 醫道工		
						Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign
1	Division Hqrs.					13	2	1	2	56	12			88	9	6	18	9
2	Central China	5	68	26	2126	60	6	12	9	18	16	5	19	15	172	4	20	
3	East China	7	118	63	2808	161	9	2	23	7	53	6	27	1	36	17	151	
4	Manchuria	6	21	16	1113	127	6	2	1	7	26		2	19	11	7	48	
5	North China	4	18	10	835	84	5	5	4	7	23	5	1	24	13	5	75	
6	South China	7	104	41	2698	68	12	15	6	53	21	62	10	24	22	10	135	
7	West China	6	54	20	1005	90	6	6	2	13	9	40	7	15	14	8	90	
12	TOTALS	35	383	176	10585	590	57	51	25	117	125	273	9	85	5	158	203	71
16	Total Laborers 工人總數	17		TITHES RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD) 什一捐		18		19		20		21		22		23		
	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total Tithes Receipts (Foreign and Native)	Total Offerings Foreign Missions Y. P. M. as pooled Columns 27, 51	Total Contributions Home Mission Work Harvestmaster Sustentation Funds	Total Receipts for Lecol Church Including Work of Missions	Total Contributions For Local Church Including Work of Missions	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Sabbath Schools
1	72	105	2815.55		2815.55													
2	35	212	1980.40	1314.84	3295.24	116.58	212.78							33.90	88	2797		
3	19	196	3385.41	2117.47	5502.88	945.76	1040.38	646.44		645.86	146	4277						
4	14	61	755.43	1898.66	2654.09	204.18	219.46	300.04		17.86	36	1459						
5	19	82	1011.68	537.62	1549.30	57.52	22.49	2967.65		7.03	34	961						
6	36	246	1122.97	1709.27	2832.24	396.45	187.66	24.50		19.45	100	3756						
7	17	110	956.27	561.72	1517.99	69.94	775.94			24.45	79	1710						
12	212	1012	12027.71	8139.58	20167.30	1790.43	2458.71	3938.63		748.55	483	14960						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36						
	Average Average	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for Sabbath Schools	Thirteen Sabbath Offerings	Total S. Offerings Including Thirteen Sabbath Offerings	Amount of Tithes Appropriated to Foreign Missions of Mission	Total Retail Value of Box, Trunk, and Sale (All Literature) of School, Balm, and Equipment	Number of Church Bible Societies	Estimated Value of Young Members	Approximate Sabbath Schools	Number of Church Bible Societies	Estimated Value of Young Members	Approximate Sabbath Schools						
1																		
2	2368	616.54	105.12	721.66	119.50	6894.99	34	42950.00	4225	25	401	27						
3	3675	1982.59	318.59	2316.18		3732.60	19	59225.00	3900	16	735	23						
4	1222	791.87	184.03	975.90		2130.20	6	14850.00	1225	9	345	9						
5	914	371.04	52.36	423.40	7.95	4574.02	4	11000.00	1000	9	218	10						
6	3175	780.01	133.82	813.83		3204.36	30	33383.00	5010	28	1103	36						
7	1660	382.81	87.60	470.41	24.92	1269.13	14	11842.23	1420	14	300	17						
12	13014	4924.86	881.52	5821.38	152.37	21805.30	107	173250.23	16780	103	3274	127						
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49						
	Number of Inter- denominational Sabbath Schools	Number of Inter- denominational Sabbath Schools	Number of Inter- denominational Sabbath Schools	Number of Inter- denominational Sabbath Schools	Total Enrollment of Sabbath Schools	Number of Foreign Teachers	Number of Native Teachers	Total Number of Teachers	Estimated Value of School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Sabbath Schools	Number of Young Members	Membership						
1	1	512	3	435	1119	11	6	14	2	38								
2	4	217		618		4	31	3	38	11914.00	1253.92	25	690					
3	3	186		921		1	2	25	10	44	31000.00	2063.50	10	556				
4	2	160		505			21	8	29	805.62	1342.79	11	427					
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SPECIAL MEETINGS IN KIUKIANG

B. C. CLARK

IN harmony with arrangements made by the Central China Union Executive Committee for several series of meetings to be held in large centers, the brethren chose Kiukiang as the first city to be entered.

At the beginning of October Pastor W. E. Strickland, union evangelist, was in Kiukiang, and soon he and the group associated with him were busily engaged in preparing for the series, which opened the evening of October 7 in our S. D. A. Kiukiang chapel.

Letters of invitation had been sent out to leading firms and organizations. Posters had been put up all over the town. The day the meetings were to begin, hand-bills were distributed, and personal invitations were given. Our chapel capacity is less than two hundred; but the first night the little hall was filled to overflowing. All available space was occupied, even to the windows and doors. And the spirit of interest that characterized the first meeting, has continued all the way through. It would be difficult to find a more quiet and attentive audience. From the first, with the exception of a few nights of rain, the chapel has been filled to capacity.

Beginning with the second week, signature cards have been handed out to those who desired further contact with workers who could study with them the truths presented. Over one hundred and fifty names have been received. Our corps of workers have used every available means to get into touch with those who have signed, and we have visited them once or twice a week. This has brought us into touch with some people who have been really seeking for truth; and these have been hearing the message step by step, which is so important to an intelligent understanding of it. The regularity with which interested ones attend, brings encouragement to our workers.

Many of our contacts with people have been made possible through the former efforts of the local worker, Brother C. D. Nichols. He has made many friends in the city; and some of these, with those who have attended previous Bible classes, have helped to swell the number of those who attend regularly.

One feature that has brought unity and strength, is the daily workers' meetings. We have met

for prayer and Bible study, and also for discussion of problems in connection with soul-winning. The workers' meetings began a few days before the regular meetings for the public, and have been held every day. The studies have been of inestimable value, giving a definite spiritual tone to the work, and strength to the laborers. Surely the winning of souls is a spiritual process: and only the Spirit of God can bring men across the line into full acceptance of Christ as their Saviour from sin.

We are now in the seventh and last week of the series which closes on November 20. Efforts have not been spared to make the meetings spiritual. The workers have spent much time in prayer. Our public meetings have been both opened and closed with prayer, invoking the blessing of God not only upon the word spoken, but also upon the men and women gathered to hear, that hearts might be opened. This has also aided much in making the meetings quiet and orderly. The Spirit of God has pressed home the truths of salvation, and hearts have been visibly touched. One elderly man was so impressed that he came to the workers and expressed his determination to follow the Lord. Although he has professed Christianity before, he has now seen the Lord anew as his Saviour, and wants to follow all the way.

At present we have about fifty names of those who wish to enter Bible classes. We expect to have more names before classes begin on November 22. These classes will continue for at least six weeks. We believe by the time these are all completed, there will be a goodly number ready for baptism. At present there are some who have signified their intention of accepting Christ as their Saviour; these are coming to our Sabbath services.

Associated with Evangelist Strickland in the effort are Brethren C. D. Nichols, Wang Wen Hwei and the writer; and Miss Abbie Dunn, Mrs. Ni, and Miss Tao, as full-time workers. There are several others who have assisted part time.

We solicit your prayers in behalf of those who are attending the meetings, and who are making decisions that will determine their eternal destiny.

NEW CONVERTS

FROM Brother Harris we learn that thirty-one persons have been baptized recently in one of the new stations in Shantung.

Notices --- Annual Meetings

(QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL) OF THE CHINA DIVISION

The annual meeting of the China Division of the General Conference Committee, spoken of as the "Quadrennial Council," is appointed for January 22 to February 6, 1932, at the Division office, 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 7:30 P. M., Friday, January 22.

H. W. Miller, *President*
C. C. Crisler, *Secretary*

SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House is called for January 20, 1932, at 9 A. M. in the Division Committee Room, 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The usual reports will be rendered, and necessary business transacted.

H. W. Miller, *Chairman*
E. R. Thiele, *Secretary*

CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Constituency for the China Training Institute will be held in Shanghai on January 19, 1932, at 9 A. M., in the Council Room of the Division Office Building. All members are invited to be present in order that the regular business of electing a faculty, the making of a budget, and all other items which pertain to the business of the Institute may be transacted for the coming year.

H. W. Miller, *President*
D. E. Rebok, *Secretary*

SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, called to convene at the Sanitarium Chapel, 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, China, at 10 A. M., January 21, 1932, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

H. W. Miller, *Chairman*
W. E. Eberhardt, *Secretary*

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Constituency for the Far Eastern Academy will be held in Shanghai on January 21, 1932, 7:00 P. M., in the Council Room of the Division Office Building. All members are invited to be present.

H. W. Miller, *President*
H. H. Morse, *Secretary*

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GREETINGS TO ALL!

Those who are in the Division office are uniting with the editor of the *Reporter* at the beginning of a new year, in sending greetings to all our fellow-workers in the China field and throughout Eastern Asia. We are happy in the thought that already our laborers have pressed into almost every province, including those recently formed. May the year upon which we have just entered, prove to be the very best in every endeavor to build up and to strengthen our constituencies in these lands of opportunity.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

From Pastor O. A. Hall, Dec. 3, 1931:

"We have had some very profitable meetings in Amoy, Swatow, and Canton, closing with the union institute and evangelistic effort in Canton, when Pastor Frederick Lee was with us. We felt that the institute was a real success, and the workers testified to having received much good from it. We tried to get down to some real detailed work, so after topics were presented and discussed a representative committee took the material and drew up outlines of plans and policies, and had them duplicated so that all the workers could have these to take home with them and also supply to those who had not been present. This they appreciated very much. As nearly as I can estimate, by the end of the year there will have been about twenty-five special evangelistic efforts conducted here in the six provincial missions since the union institute. I think it has perhaps been a new experience for South China; but they have all been very much interested in the move, and are pushing this phase of the work. It is somewhat early to report definite results, but already fruitage is being seen, and further results of this fall's work will be realized next year.

"This week I have been out with Brother Hwang visiting some stations in his mission. We had good visits and meetings with the churches, and they seemed to appreciate these very much. Tomorrow and Sabbath will be spent in other places, and then I go on North to Amoy and Foochow. On the seventeenth I shall start from Foochow back to Hongkong, where I shall try to get the work of the year-end finished up, and prepare for the Shanghai meeting."

From Pastor John Oss, Peiping, Hopei, Nov. 20, 1931:

"I have been away from Shanghai now for about a month, and it will be another before I get back home again. I came here from Manchuria with Dr. Miller yesterday. I have been up there for nearly a month. We had a good trip, and found the work going forward in spite of the disturbed conditions. Naturally the book work is not moving along fast, but the brethren are trying to do the best that they can under the conditions. Brother Smith is taking hold of the work, and is doing all he can. We made the trip up to Harbin together."

From Pastor R. R. Figuhr, Supt., Philippine Union Mission, Manila, Nov. 19, 1931:

"The work here in the Philippines is going about as usual. We see many evidences of the special blessings of the Lord. Times, of course, are very hard. I suppose you brethren in Shanghai are having your troubles as usual; yet I am sure the work of the Lord is onward in China."

From Pastor J. G. Gjording, Singapore, Oct. 30, 1931, to Brother Morris:

"Here is a news item, Brother Morris, that I think you would be interested in. A man in Eastern Siam (we do not know his name) says he learned of Adventists first at the Shanghai Sanitarium. He speaks English, Chinese, and Siamese. He is asking for baptism, and after he has been baptized he wishes to go out canvassing. After all, this world of ours is not very large, is it? We are glad for every soul that is gathered in.

"The last word that we had from our central Siam station states that there are twelve families that have given up their idols, and many are awaiting baptism. This sounds very good. We are planning on having an English effort in Bangkok sometime next spring, if I can get my work arranged in such a way that I can be free to take part in it."

From Pastor L. V. Finster, of Balboa, Canal Zone, July 9, 1931:

"I have just returned from a four-months' trip to the Caribbean Union. I have had the privilege of visiting Guiana, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, St. Kitts, Grenada and Nevis on this trip.

"The work is surely going forward very rapidly in this part of the field. The first six months of this year they will baptize 150 in Barbados and in Trinidad in the Port of Spain alone they have already baptized 130 and have about 100 more who have signed the covenant as the result of an effort held there.

"My interest is still in the Far East, and I am always glad to hear of every note of progress. I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Griggs' trouble. I surely hope that he is improved by this time. Well, Brother Crisler, we all have our trials and difficulties through this life, do we not, but above it all we know that the Lord is leading, and that it will all work out for the best.

"Give my Christian regards to all of the people. I pray that the Lord will greatly bless in the work there."

From Pastor M. C. Warren, on the road in Kweichow Province, Nov. 11, 1931:

"On this Kweiyang-Pichieh trip we are making the eight stages in five days this time. I was going to write to you last night, but after covering 90 'li' by starting before day-break and getting in after dark, the appeal of the cot was stronger at 10 p. m. than that of pen and ink.

"We had a good meeting in Kweiyang, with about seventy present. One morning we all went out west of the city to a beautiful stream where Li Wang Chuen baptized twenty new converts while we joined in praise to God. The workers were all united, and seem devoted to the work. They have set themselves the task of winning 140 new converts before our next union session.

"The Lord gave me a good trip back from Yunnanfu to Kweiyang. I returned by the southern route. The bandits were operating in some sections, but we were protected. I reached Anshun in just two weeks from Yunnanfu; and there, by taking a bus, was in Kweiyang a few hours later.

"After the Pichieh meeting I plan to visit Chengtu before returning to Chungking."

FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The brethren of the Home Board have arranged for Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Spicer, of the General Conference, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., to spend some time in the China Division, beginning with the quadrennial council appointed for January 22 to February 6, 1932. Brother Spicer is coming early enough to attend the annual council of the Far Eastern Division Committee, at Manila, P. I., prior to beginning his work in the China Division. He is passing through Shanghai on December 22, per s. s. "Empress of Japan." Following the quadrennial council, he will doubtless be in attendance at provincial meetings appointed for late winter and during the spring in several of the unions where such meetings have been planned.

Another honored visitor from the Home Board coming soon to China, is Brother H. H. Cobban, assistant treasurer of the General Conference. Brother Cobban has had many years of experience both in mission fields and in the home-lands. He is to be with us throughout our quadrennial council, and it is planned that he visit several of our mission centers in the interior. He reaches Shanghai on December 31, per s. s. "Tatsuta-maru."

A welcome is extended by the entire China Division family of workers to the friends who are coming to us at this time from the Home Board.

We had hoped to welcome Pastor O. Montgomery, also, as a counselor at our meetings this winter; but it is not easy for the General Conference to spare him while many others are away from headquarters. Besides, his physicians have suggested that he be relieved of the necessity of making long itineraries just now, owing to his need for recuperation following extended visits to several divisions where many meetings have been held. c.

CONFIRMING DIVINE LEADERSHIP

O. B. Kuhn

Ever since the fall of the human race, God has been leading a movement for the redemption of men; and this movement, developing through the ages, will meet its earthly climax at the second coming of Christ.

It was the Lord who called to Abram; it was the Lord who spoke to Moses; it was the Lord who stood before Joshua; it was the Lord who influenced Cyrus to sign the decree; it was the Lord Himself who was born into the world and made possible the redemption of man by His vicarious sacrifice upon the cross; it was the Lord who revealed Himself through the Spirit of prophecy in the advent movement of 1844; and the Lord Himself will soon come to take personal, visible and permanent leadership of His redeemed ones throughout eternity.

There always have been connected with the movement in all ages large numbers of persons whose spiritual faculties were so limited, or blunted, that they could not discern beyond the human under-leaders to behold with spiritual vision the divine Person in actual, though invisible, leadership.

These persons of dim spiritual perception and weak faith were ever wont to doubt the divine Presence. This was illustrated again and again during the forty years in the wilderness. At every crisis,—and there were many of them from the Red Sea to the waters of Meribah,—the question continually arose among the people, "Is God leading this movement, or is it merely of man?"

At this time in China, when we are endeavoring to arouse workers and laymen to engage in an evangelistic advance, it is vitally important that we do all in our power to confirm faith in the divine leadership of the advent movement of this land. In all our ministry and administrative responsibilities, self should be effaced, that Christ may be seen in word and in deed, and that the faith of all may be strengthened and confirmed, and that their confidence in the divine leadership of this movement may be fully established and settled.