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The Value of Changes in Leadership

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THE work in China is not old, and the instances of those who have been long in service in any one position, are not many. Nevertheless, the question of the tenure of office is of fundamental interest to committees in the China field, as in all lands. At our Quadrennial Council certain changes in leadership in union and local missions were made, in harmony with the General Conference recommendation. It is hard for fields to lose leaders whom they have learned to love; and these changes were not made without heartaches, nor without question on the part of some concerning the wisdom of such changes.

It seems fitting that we again review the principles involved in limiting the tenure of office for those in executive responsibility in conferences and missions, both union and local, and call attention to what the Testamonies have said on this subject. In our study of the Spirit of prophecy, we find that Sister White many years ago made this comment on leadership:

"I have been shown that ministers should not be retained in the same districts year after year nor should the same man long preside over a conference. A change of gifts is for the good of our conferences and churches. If a laborer is spiritually strong, he is through the grace of Christ a blessing to the churches, and his labors are needed in different conferences."—*"Gospel Workers,"* page 420.

In the parable of the talents, the Lord shows us that men differ in the talents bestowed upon them. To some are given ten talents; to some, five; to some, one. Thus on points of administration where one man is strong, another may be weak. If one man remains too long in the same leading position, his weak as well as his strong points may mold the work; things may get into a rut.

On the other hand, it oftentimes broadens a man to labor in a new field, to make new contacts, to deal with a new and different set of problems. Changes of responsibility and of environment often put new life and enthusiasm into a field.

It is a serious thing for people to come to look upon a leader as indispensable. The Lord does not want us to lean on the arm of flesh, nor to trust too much in human wisdom. God has a thousand ways to help that we have not thought of. Reasonable changes in lines of endeavor in various fields oftentimes increase the adaptability of the laborers involved, and make for unity and strength in the cause of present truth.

God desires His work to move forward in a balanced way. Some leaders may lean strongly toward institutional development, while others may think of acquiring church-membership and enrolling many new converts each year. The first-mentioned type of leader may be needed for a season; but if he were to remain too long in executive leadership in one field, there would be danger of men and means being largely centered in institutional endeavor. On the other hand, the second type of leader, who thinks chiefly of souls won to the church, may be much needed in a field where there has formerly been but little of evangelistic endeavor. Yet if such an one should remain for a long period as leader, the membership might possibly grow into a great group of believers with no adequate provisions for the education of their children, no hospitals for the sick, and but few co-workers to scatter the printed page. In fields where the energies and the spiritual interests of increasingly large constituencies are not properly fostered and developed, a reaction is very liable to set in, causing loss in membership.

Failure of re-election or reappointment to the position long held by an administrator, should in no wise be regarded as a reflection upon him, or an indication that his work has been a failure. It may, and usually does, mean just the opposite. This strong leader who has built up the work wisely and well in one place, is needed to build up the work in another field. The fact that we can often change leadership in a field, and yet the work go on from strength to strength, is evidence that God is the leader, after all, and that He Himself directs His cause.

How well and how safe it is to follow the counsel sent us from the Lord! And how fitting and true is the statement found in "Desire of Ages" (page 182): "The work of God is not to bear the image and superscription of man. From time to time the Lord will bring in different agencies, through whom His purpose can best be accomplished."

Note and Comment

FIFTY FAMILIES OBSERVING THE SABBATH

PASTOR C. B. MILLER, under date of April 22, writes: "I have just returned from a trip among the Miao tribes. The work is opening up among them in a wonderful way. Hundreds attended my evening Bible studies. At least fifty families have begun keeping the Sabbath. We have opened three day-schools among them and have over fifty students. We are also conducting night schools for the older ones. Pray for the Miao people."

NORTH CHINA UNION MISSION

GEO. J. APPEL, superintendent of the North China Union Mission, under date of July 27, 1932, sends in the statistical report for the second quarter, and writes:

"There are a number of encouraging items in the second quarter's statistical report of the North China Union Mission—the one of baptisms especially. It we can report as good a gain for each quarter the next two quarters, we shall have in round numbers 1,200 members in North China by the end of the year. This should be possible with the number of new stations we have opened this year. Jehol is no longer among the unentered provinces in China; for Pastor Goh Djao Liang and family, an assistant evangelist, and a colporteur, have arrived in Cheng-teh, a building has been rented for a chapel, and soon they will be holding their first effort. We feel especially grateful to God for making it possible for us to enter Jehol and also Suiyuan this year. The first evangelistic effort has been held in Suiyuan, and as the result a number are preparing for baptism, having joined their Bible class. Pastor Christensen baptized one Mongolian a short time ago, which makes another soul saved from that dark land.

"A few weeks ago Pastor Meng and I organized a church in Kalgan, and on the following Sabbath eight were baptized in that city. It hardly seems possible that in Kalgan, where two years ago we did not have a single member, now we have an organized church, and the chapel is filled every Sabbath with a good company of members and interested ones. The hospital has done much to break down prejudice, and a number have become interested as the result of the medical work.

"We had a very heavy rain in Peiping last Friday. Our compound was a lake for a little while. All of the houses except the three newly built ones had from six to eighteen inches of water on the floors. Little damage was done to personal effects, but considerable was done to floors and walls."

IN EAST SZECHWAN

FROM Chungking, under date of June 3, Pastor Dallas R. White, director of the East Szechwan Mission, writes:

"On Sunday I shall start out from Chungking with Brother Gao San-lu for a tour of the churches and stations in the north. At Hsin Dzen Ba we shall unite with our provincial field secretary, Brother Li Hsiao-lan, as well as with the union bookman, Brother Giang, in a colporteur institute to be held early in July. With many places to visit, I do not expect to be back from this trip until August.

"I have already visited two of our stations down the Yangtze; also two of the stations northward.

"Here in Chungking our large evangelistic effort has closed, and Brethren Strickland and Longway have already gone on to Chengtu. Our Bible classes are in full swing, and a good interest is being shown. Upon Brother Strickland's departure, I took over the women's class, in which among others are two nurses and a doctor, Cantonese, and these are very diligent in their study, and ask many questions evincing thought on the subject. Some are now asking for baptism.

"When Mrs. White and I hear of incidents such as the wreck of the *I-Ling* in the Yangtze Rapids, our hearts well up again in thanksgiving to our Protector for the safe and pleasant journey we had in coming through those perilous places in the Gorges."

THE SCHOOL AT HARBIN

A SPECIAL commission has been in session from August 1 to 4 at Harbin, to determine the future status of the Middle School for Russians at Harbin. Hitherto this school has been conducted on our mission premises in the heart of the newer section of the city, under the general direction of Professor and Mrs. B. K. Brashnicoff and associates, who have labored faithfully and untiringly for the upbuilding of the school.

The commission is made up of Professor S. L. Frost, Pastors C. C. Morris, Geo. J. Appel, N. F. Brewer, M. Popow, with others in attendance who reside in and near Harbin. It is the hope of the brethren of the Manchurian Union and the Sungari Mission that this commission will find ways and means for strengthening the school and placing it on vantage-ground.

RETURNING TO WEST CHINA

PASTOR A. E. HUGHES and family reached Shanghai the latter part of July, and early in August they went on by through boat to Chungking, where they will prepare for the overland trip to Paoningfu, the temporary site of the union middle school for the far west. At the close of the school year, in mid-summer of 1933, they plan on moving to the permanent site of the school, about four-hours' journey by river from

Chungking. A suitable estate has been purchased, and Brother H. Romain Dixon, secretary-treasurer of the West China Union, is now giving much of his time to the difficult task of laying out the grounds, letting contracts, and supervising the construction of the first essential units for opening school the early autumn of 1933.

Brother and Sister Hughes report a pleasant furlough. Much of the time was spent in attendance at Union College, College View, Nebr., which institution is Brother Hughes' *alma mater*. They have been benefitted health-wise, and their children, Ross, aged eight, and Miss Elwyn, nearly 7, are in health.

BAPTISMS IN SHENSI

PASTOR GIANG TSUNG GWANG, writing from Sianfu, Shensi, on July 3, 1932, reports many sermons, besides meetings for other instruction; also a goodly number of baptisms,—the fruitage of earnest effort on the part of Pastor Wu Dzeh Shan and his associates both Chinese and foreign in Shensi Province during 1931 and early in 1932. Inasmuch as Pastor Wu, as an evangelist of long experience, is now with Pastor Effenberg holding evangelistic efforts in Lanchowfu, Sining, and Ninghsia, far west of Shensi, Pastor Giang volunteered to go out to the Northwest from Chiao Tou Tseng to baptize those ready for this rite, and otherwise to assist in the work in that region. He writes of experiences in Shensi:

"Upon arrival in Sianfu on June 3—the fourth day after leaving the Seminary at Chiao Tou Tseng—I spent a week with the brethren and sisters there. Then I passed on to Puo-cheng, where I gave talks three times a day. Baptisms were administered in various places, as follows:

Boh-li-dien, thirteen;
Tsing-lu village, three;
Liu-gia-pan, three;
Shan-ho village, two;
Tai-ping village, six;
Chang-ping village, seventeen;
Tan-gia-pu, five;
Siangfu, eleven.

"In all, sixty have been baptised; two new churches have been organized, and officered with elders and deacons.

"Brother Chen-ven-hsioh and family have gone on to Lanchowfu. Pastor Effenberg may be in Sianfu about July 6. I had planned on going soon to Tungkwan, but hundreds of people are now dying of the plague there, and I am delaying my departure. I plan on leaving Shensi in time to reach Chiao Tou Tseng early in August, to prepare for the coming school year."

FROM SIANFU, SHENSI

BROTHER AND SISTER JAMES H. SHULTZ, who have been residing in Sianfu, Shensi, are now spending a little time at the Shanghai Sanitarium, for medical attention. They are under appointment for Lanchow, Kansu, the headquarters of the newly formed Northwest Mission.

Provincial Meetings

NORTH FUKIEN PROVINCIAL MEETING

H. W. MILLER

PREVIOUS to the assembling together of the Foochow Annual Meeting that began on the evening of June fourteenth, the conventions of the educational, home missionary, Sabbath school and publishing departments were in session for four days. The colporteurs' institute resulted in a very large number of students and other members entering the canvassing field for the summer, and there were orders placed for over a thousand dollars (Mex.) of books for the immediate needs of the colporteurs.

The spacious and comfortable chapel, seating between five and six hundred, was filled with delegates and workers together, to which were added many of the local members and students and teachers of the Foochow Middle School. The attendance kept up well throughout the meeting. In addition to Elder and Mrs. Spicer of the General Conference, Brn. Oss, Lindt and the writer from the Division, there were the Union superintendent, Brother O. A. Hall, and wife; also Brethren Milne and Wilcox from the Union, all of whom rendered strong help throughout the meeting.

The Foochow Middle School, numbering approximately 100 students, was still in session. This school has had a most successful year. Brother Quade, the director of the mission during the absence of Pastor Malony, gave the report for the year, which shows that there is now a membership of 445 in the North Fukien Mission. The tithes and offerings for the year were one-third the payroll for the mission. The three Bible studies given daily were well attended, and the instruction pointing to the conditions in the world as fulfilling prophecy, and giving important doctrinal positions of this people, were responded to by a dedication of the workers to the task of the completion of the work in this mission.

A call to consecration on the last Sabbath resulted in a coming forward of almost the entire audience for prayer. The people were moved in a manner such as I have not witnessed here in China before. Following the afternoon service twenty-two

souls were buried in baptism. A score of young people filed applications to attend the China Training Institute the coming year, and five of the students applied to enter the nurses' training school at the Shanghai Sanitarium. A general offering totaling \$158 was taken up on the last Sabbath, and almost \$40 were received as the Sabbath school contribution.

One of the encouraging items of the meeting was the presentation of a memorial for the establishment of a small hospital for Foochow, and the offer of the members of 2,000 dollars as a start toward such an undertaking.

The outlook for a large work in the Fukien Mission is excellent; and as the workers and delegates return to their churches and several places of work, we believe that the spirit of this meeting will prove a real inspiration to the church in North Fukien, and that we shall see an advance forward in evangelism.

YEARS OF PROGRESS IN THE AMOY MISSION

C. C. CRISLER

IN attendance at the annual provincial meeting of the Amoy Mission, held in Kuliangsu, Fukien province, the latter part of June, there were at least half a dozen workers who have been connected with this Mission for full twenty-five years and more. The pioneer, Pastor N. P. Keh, was there. Since 1904 he has stood stiffly as a witness for the Sabbath truth. It was in that early year that he wrote a tract on the subject of the true Bible Sabbath. It was this tract that was used effectively in Honan in the early days of the message there, to win some who have since stood as ministers and teachers. Brother Keh spoke twice on the subject of the Sabbath, during our recent Amoy meeting; and he put as much earnestness into these discourses as any speaker I have ever heard present this vital doctrine. He dwelt especially on Exodus 31 as one of the important Sabbath scriptures; he traced carefully, also, the Sabbath institution as emphasized in the New Testament.

Pastor and Mrs. B. L. Anderson, who came out to the Amoy language area in 1906, contributed largely to the success of our meeting. Their home was filled to overflowing with guests. They were up very early in the morning, and worked until late

at night, in an effort to keep everything running smoothly. This is the true missionary spirit. Brother and Sister Anderson are much beloved by the brethren and sisters of Amoy. They pioneered the work all up and down the China coast—at Foochow and stations adjacent thereto; at Swatow; at Chaochow; and Brother Anderson assisted in opening the South China work as far west as Nanning, Kwangsi.

Another pioneer worker present was Pastor Gwoh Er Kang, otherwise known as N. K. Keh, and in early years as "Hok-siu," the earnest evangelist who helped open the work in Swatow. He is the author of our standard pamphlet on the Nature and Destiny of Man. He has had good success the past few years, but reports increasing opposition against our advance into the interior of Fukien. The province has been closed in large part much of the time, owing to the fact that elements hostile to the spread of Christian teachings have been in power, and have not permitted entrance into many a hsien.

Pastor Hung Gin Hsi also was there with us, and labored untiringly for the spiritual interests of the meeting. He is among those who have worked in various capacities for many years. It is seldom that so many are found in one of our provincial missions in China, who have served for upwards of a quarter of a century.

Twenty-three were baptized the last Sabbath. There are prospects of many baptisms during the remaining months of the year.

The ministry of Pastor W. A. Spicer was especially appreciated. His sermons, and his recitals of God's providences in the Advent Movement, brought courage and inspiration.

The departmental workers held conventions in the earlier days of the meeting, and laid plans for a strong advance. These workers included those of the provincial mission, together with several from the Division and the South China Union—Brethren John Oss, S. H. Lindt, R. M. Milne, L. C. Wilcox, Mrs. O. A. Hall. The Union superintendent, Pastor O. A. Hall, gave several studies of value; and in the midst of the meeting he held a session of the South China Union Executive Committee, attended by all the heads of provincial missions in the South. The presence of these brethren added to the interest of the annual meeting. Pastors David Hwang and K. T. Khng were among

those in attendance from the provinces. Pastors A. L. Ham, J. P. Anderson, P. V. Thomas, H. N. Quade, E. G. Annofsky and P. L. Williams had come in for the Union committee work.

Dr. H. W. Miller spent several days at the Amoy meeting, and besides his talks on the China work, and his exhortations and appeals, he took part in the committee work, and gave many, many hours to examination of the sick, and to minor surgery.

May heaven's blessing continue with the faithful believers of the Amoy Mission, whom we have learned to love and respect.

AT THE SWATOW MEETING C. C. CRISLER

IN his annual report, Pastor David Hwang, director the past year of the Swatow Mission, paid tribute to a loyal band of laborers who "work hard for the Lord, and go through many difficulties." This we were glad to hear; for more and more the work yet to be accomplished will call for untiring effort put forth notwithstanding increasingly difficult conditions. As in olden times, so to-day, God's work on earth (and in China) is to be completed in troublous times; and it is indeed heartening to meet with bands of laborers who are courageously facing their tasks.

Some progress has been made the past year in the Swatow Mission, but not all has been done that had been hoped for. During our annual meeting held late in June in Swatow, at our chapel, careful study was given the map of the territory assigned the Swatow Mission, and arrangements were made for the work to be carried on the coming year in ten districts, including every *hsien*. Assignments of workers have been made to every district save one and this is to be provided for soon. Pastor Khng, formerly associate director of the Cantonese Mission, has been called to serve as director of the Swatow Mission; and he enters upon his responsibilities with strong faith in God's power to move upon hearts. Pastor Hwang enters self-supporting colportage for a time, by his personal choice, in the hope of earning means with which to carry out a long-cherished plan of taking the medical course.

The districts, as assigned on the basis of *hsiens*, are as follows for the Swatow Mission;

1. Tenghai (Swatow)
2. Chiaochow
3. Kityang (northern section)
4. Kityang (southern section)
5. Fungshun
6. Puning
7. Hweilai
8. Chaoyang
9. Hoifung, Lukfung
10. Chao-an, Jao-ping, Namoa

The labors of Pastor W. A. Spicer were especially appreciated throughout our Swatow meeting. Among others in attendance, were Pastor O. A. Hall and other union workers; also Brethren John Oss, S. H. Lindt, and the writer. The Lord met with us by His Holy Spirit. We rejoice over what we have seen in Swatow.

THE HAKKA MISSION

J. P. ANDERSON

(Synopsis of report rendered by the director, during the annual meeting held in Waichow, Kwangtung, July, 1932)

THE HAKKA MISSION was opened in the year 1909, when the writer moved from Canton to the city of Waichow, living for nearly a year on Mi Kai Shong. You may well smile at the mention of such an unsavory street name, but it was the only house open to me. The roof was low, the tile thin, the sun's heat intense. There was only one small window, twelve by eighteen inches in size, and a small door. The door could not be left open; or half the city, it seemed, would come to see how I lived. At night, on account of (to the people) the excessive brightness of my lamp, many came.

Here, because of the penetrating rays of the sun through the thin roof, I fell sick one day; and, not knowing what was the matter, I left a telegram for the servant to send to Canton in case I should become seriously ill. I then went to bed. When I awoke I asked the servant what time it was. He replied that it was 4 P. M. the following day! I had been unconscious for nearly 26 hours. I aroused myself and went to Canton for medical help. It was after this that the first Mission-built home for our people was erected.

In 1910 I told Mrs. Anderson I hoped to see thirty stations in the Hakka Mission, I told her also I hoped to secure the land reaching clear over to the city wall enclosed in our compound property; and that I hoped also to see a school, a church

building, a hospital, and three residences on the place. She replied, "Dreams are not so bad; but—but—" Yet to-day with gratitude to God we recognize that nearly all of these plans are fulfilled!

In 1931 two special evangelistic efforts were held, one at Hien Tsun, and one at Thai Liung Thien. At Hien Tsun six persons were baptized. At the other place a good interest was created, which is being followed up.

In 1932 an evangelistic effort was held at Liung Chhon. At its close twelve were enrolled in a baptismal class. I believed that if the lay members could care for their church services and all the evangelists be freed for new work, in less than ten years the gospel could be given to the people of the Hakka Mission.

Our Fui On hospital here at Waichow has prospered. The report shows progress. This year the first class of nurses will be graduated.

There are in our territory 19 *hsiens*, of which we have work in twelve. However, there are in the province of Kwangtung 28 *hsiens* where Hakka is spoken. Eight of these *hsiens* are under the Cantonese and one under the Swatow Mission. Kiangsi has at least four *hsiens* and Fukien at least two that speak the Hakka. We now have twenty-five active stations, and companies of believers in three other places. The membership stands at 781.

We have eight workers, each one of whom has labored over 15 years in the mission. To-day there is with us one of the first Hakka converts, who is also the first ordained pastor of our mission. He began work for us in Fatshan in the year 1907. Two have labored for twenty years. There is a total of 26 workers engaged in evangelistic labors, five as teachers, one as field agent. Besides, this year there are five canvassers. There is one foreigner for evangelistic work and to serve as director of the mission. The hospital has two foreign doctors and two foreign nurses, besides 14 young men and women in training.

In five places we own our own land and church buildings. In two other places we own land on which we hope some day to erect church buildings. One noteworthy experience this year was the buying of land in Lau Liung for a church. This we have tried to do for ten years, and only this year were we successful. It is a choice lot and well located. In two other stations

the members themselves have collected and held in trust several hundreds of dollars, to which they add every year, and with which some day they hope to erect their own houses of worship.

Some of our workers have been laid to rest the past two years. Wong Siak Fo, a canvasser, died a victim of dysentery. Next was Chong Shau San, leaving a widow and three children. After him Brother Chin Chun Fa, a promising young man, was taken from us in the very beginning of his labors. His widow and infant son of two months are left to mourn. This year the hand of death claimed one of the older workers in the mission, Brother Li Thau Fong, who had labored in this cause for 16 years. To the bereaved widow and fatherless children we extend sincere sympathy.

This year the canvassers have been successful in literature sales. It has been proven that small market towns are not to be despised nor passed by, for each that has been worked has yielded good returns.

I feel sure that the workers and members will give to Pastor P. V. Thomas and the new committee their united support, and endeavor in every way possible to finish the work the Lord has given the Hakka Mission to do. May God's choicest blessings rest upon you; His tenderest care be over you. And above all, may His guiding hand be ever recognized and followed. To His grace and His kind keeping let us all commit ourselves unreservedly, so that when life's short span has been covered, we can look up and say, "Lo this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

THE FUI ON HOSPITAL

THERE is a growning interest in the work of the Fui On Hospital. Through kindnesses shown them by nurses and other members of our staff, and through physical benefits received, our patients become our best supporters, and recommend their friends to come to our institution.

About a year ago we opened a city dispensary where formerly we conducted our city chapel, at Shui ung Gai. Thus far we have found

difficulty in maintaining service there for more than three hours a day, for lack of help; this limits the patronage accordingly.

Our leper work stands about as it did when formerly reported, an average of twelve regular treatments. Our main difficulty, the providing of adequate housing space in some isolated area, has been solved in part through the purchase of a small "house-boat;" this is supplemented by some small boats owned by lepers; and treatments are usually administered on our house-boat, anchored at the bank of the East River, which flows past our premises.

On May 30, 1932, we held a "baby show"—the first of its kind in Waichow; many babies were brought; the attendance, including parents, was estimated at about six hundred. Prizes were given to babies aged one, two, and three; nine prizes in all were given. This welfare experiment has brought to us recently several more babies than usual as patients. Through friendly contacts, established in various ways, we hope to continue helping the people round about to understand that we have established the Fui On Hospital for their good.

Our staff includes Mrs. Dr. Ethel James, Nurses Loren F. and Mrs. Schutt, a Chinese evangelist and Bible teacher, several Chinese nurses and a group of loyal helpers.

During this 1932 annual meeting we are to be allowed one evening for holding the graduating exercises in behalf of two of our nurses—the first class to complete our training course. We are at present in need of several strong, earnest Christian young men and young women of good address and with sufficient education to be qualified for entrance into our next freshman class of nurses. This is one way for fathers and mothers to provide an advanced training, especially for their daughters, and thus assist in fitting up their sons and daughters for effective service in the Lord's cause.

For the mercies of the past year, we thank our Heavenly Father.

EVANGELISM IN CHENGTU

IN the midst of Pastor Strickland's effort at Chengtu, Szechwan, lawless elements resorted to violence, injuring our brother and his associate evangelists. The city authorities, both to incur disfavor, advised closure, and withdrew protection. Quietly our work is being continued by the house-to-house method.

IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

B. PETERSEN

WE were happy to meet with the little band of workers and believers in this mission at the Nation's Capital. Some of the churches in Anwei we have as yet been unable to visit because of the unsettled condition in the interior. Bandits and comunists are roaming the country by the thousands; and where they have held sway, cities have been plundered, and foreign missionaries as well as Chinese evangelists have been carried off for ransom. The effect of the flood from last year is still felt in large sections, though the recent harvest has eased the situation somewhat.

After our annual meeting plans were laid for aggressive evangelistic work during the summer months. The two mission tents have been put into use, and meetings are being conducted besides in many other places throughout the province of Anhwei. Though this is really an old field, we find virgin territory right at our very doors. Good reports have come in from those who are conducting the efforts.

During the Big Week it was my privilege, in company with Brother Reed, to visit many of the official class, and thus become better acquainted with the city of Nanking. We trust that the literature scattered will bear fruit and bring forth a rich harvest. Recently new life has come into the book work, and we are glad to see many of our young people giving themselves to the literature ministry.

At present I am working with the Nanking evangelist. Here is a very important center, and our hope is to see ere long our commodious church building filled with earnest worshippers. Evening meetings are being held, and we have a fine baptismal class of many who are planning to go forward in baptism in the near future.

We are enjoying our stay in Nanking. We have a beautiful compound located in the finest part of the city. The surroundings are park-like. While at this place we pray that we may be used to the saving of a large number for the kingdom of God.

POPULATION OF NANKING

For June, 1932, the population of Nanking was officially announced as 613,185.

Multiplying Agencies

FIFTEEN NEW CHURCHES IN ONE YEAR

DURING the first business session of the South Chekiang Mission annual meeting held in February, 1932, the director, Pastor Geo. L. Wilkinson, called attention to one item of business that brought much joy and courage to all; namely, the receiving by vote of fifteen new churches organized during the past year, as follows:

Sung Yie, Yung Vu, Yung Ko Diie, Ung Ko Ta, Tsu Mang, Bah Zih, Zih Bah, Zaih Po Tu, Tie Te, Koe Mang, Bu Mang, Ung Yie, Nyaih Vae, Sang Diiae, and Tsing Die.

We cannot recall having heard of a like record for one year in the China field. The delegates from these newly received churches, when added to those from older organized churches, brought the regular delegates in attendance up to 99.

IN KWANHSIEN, SZE.

PASTOR E. L. LONGWAY, in writing of a trip to Kwanhsien from Chengtu to meet with our company of believers in that city, reports additional ones preparing for a baptism that is scheduled to be held at the time of the annual meeting next autumn. Of the Mandarin spoken in and near Kwanhsien, Brother Longway observes: "It is surprising to find that the country people here speak a much better and more easily understood Mandarin than in Honan or the Northern provinces. I have had little difficulty with the language thus far. Of course I have still to visit Kweichow and Yunnan."

FROM TATSIENTU

BROTHER AND SISTER BARTHOLOMEW reached Chengtu in mid-June from Tatsienlu, and will spend about two months in Chengtu, where they can have a change from the isolation of the mountains, and where also some medical counsel can be had over a series of weeks. It seems that Brother Bartholomew has practically recovered from his ailment, but will need a careful course of treatments to assist nature in regaining normalcy. During the time they are in Chengtu they will give further study to Mandarin, which is essential, as well as Tibetan, at the Tatsienlu station.

IN NORTH CHINA

IN a recent communication Pastor Geo. J. Appel, superintendent of the North China Union, writes:

"We have had some good meetings. Our directors are behind the program of pushing out into new territory. Each evangelist has promised to open up work in two hsiens adjacent to the present centers or chapels. Shantung plans on opening up one new chapel at Yenchowfu; Hopei three new chapels in Shih-chiachuang, Chingwantao, and Pao-tochen; and Shansi, one north of Tai-yuanfu. We already have the work started in Suiyuan. Pastor Meng is now in Tatung, preparing to open work in that city; and we plan on starting in Jehol without delay."

"A SEARCHING EXPLANATION OF INCONSISTENCIES"

L. E. REED

IN order to get a recommendation for our new Big Week book, Brother Wu Tien En and I called at the 19th Route Army headquarters just back of the fighting lines some miles west of Shanghai. We found the Chief of Staff at the official residence, and told him of our plans. He said he was sure General Tsai would feel it a privilege to recommend such a book, and promised to see him and send the recommendation to us by a messenger.

We returned to the station and were just ready to buy a ticket for a seat on the rickety old fourth class local, when a soldier came up and informed us the Chief of Staff was returning to Soochow, and we could accompany him in his special train. We were again presented to the General, and accompanied him to his train to the snapping of the cameras of enthusiastic boy scouts. At the word from the General, the well-equipped first class coach train started back to Soochow. As we sped along, the General told us that he enjoyed reading our *Signs of the Times* Chinese magazine, but had been unable to have it sent around after him since the fighting began.

Later, at the appointed time, the messenger came in, not only with a recommendation from the Commander-in-Chief, but also a few beautifully written characters from General Chao in which he recommended the book as "A searching Explanation of the Inconsistencies which Exist in the World."

Shanghai, June, 1932

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE

Fifth Commencement of the Department of Oriental Languages

A PLEASING feature of the report of the Home Study Institute—Oriental Branch, as rendered through Principal W. A. Scharffenberg during the Division Quadrennial Council, was the holding in connection therewith of the fifth annual commencement of the department of oriental languages. From the department one student, Ezra Leon Longway, was graduated, he having completed the five-year course in the Mandarin language. Thus a sixth has been added to the five hitherto graduated from the fifth year—D. E. Rebok, F. Lee, K. H. Wood, G. L. Wilkinson, J. Oss. Others who on the same evening (Feb. 3, 1932) were given certificates indicating completion of certain years of the course in Mandarin were:

Year Four: C. B. Green, W. J. Harris, Miss L. M. Andrus.

Year Three: E. H. James, E. R. Thiele, L. E. Reed, F. E. Stafford, A. A. Esteb, B. F. Gregory, C. A. Carter, H. R. Dixon, B. C. Clark, R. H. Hartwell.

Year Two: B. Petersen, N. F. Brewer, G. J. Appel, A. B. Buzzell, C. H. Davis, W. E. Strickland, Mrs. O. A. Hall, C. L. Blandford, R. M. Cossentine.

Year One: Eighteen names. Many who are given certificates for the lower years are in advance of the years indicated, but need to make up some special work, or are checking up year by year on items not hitherto covered in text-book fashion, lesson by lesson. More and more the value of this systematic course of language study is being appreciated by our workers; and it is indeed encouraging to observe that so many are steadily advancing in the course as outlined. Inquiries regarding this course should be addressed to Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, principal, Home Study Institute, 525 Ningkuo Rd., Shanghai, China.

The Institute as conducted by the correspondence method, supplemented by teachers as especially assigned, is our largest school in the China Division, having as it does an enrolment of 1791, in many subjects covering all grades from one to sixteen, inclusive, besides much special instruction, as in the various oriental languages offered.

With the Evangelists

IN THE HUPEH MISSION

PASTOR C. H. DAVIS, director of the Hupeh Mission, writes under date of June 8, 1932:

The work in Hupeh is progressing encouragingly. In spite of the unsettled condition, God is blessing us. The effort just held at the *Ging Shih Tang* was the best yet held. We expect that from this effort there will be more than twenty baptisms. Although it is three weeks since the close of our special meetings, there are still between fifty and sixty attending the Bible classes.

Nearly all our stations are calling for baptisms during this month, and we shall be busy attending these calls. The prospects are that we shall have more baptisms for the first half of this year than for the whole of 1931.

Flood conditions greatly hindered our literature sales, but these are coming up again. Last month the total sales passed the thousand dollar mark again, and this month the student colporteurs are starting out. Their work will help swell the totals.

The danger from bandits in Hupeh has not changed, and some of the workers are located in places that are constantly in peril of being taken by them. Our men are very loyal, though, and make few complaints. It has been possible for me to visit a few of the outstations and give some help in the field. Pastor Fan has been going to those places where it is unsafe for a foreigner to go and he is baptizing some in these districts.

We are making plans to build up a strong church in Hankow, and have in mind holding two more efforts here this year, one beginning in September, and another one in November. We hope that this will keep our Bible classes filled up the whole year. We must not be satisfied with one good chapel for the three million people of the Wuhan Cities. If we had one in Wuchang, one in Hanyang, and another in South Hankow, a large work could be done in these cities. This is one place where our work would be protected year in and year out, it seems, and probably could be carried on continuously.

Kindly continue to pray for the work and workers in Hupeh, that God may bless and prosper His cause in this field.

THE PROJECTED CANTON (China) SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

FOR some years the South China Union and the Cantonese Mission, in collaboration with the Division and the Home Board, have been working toward the general goal of establishing a medical center in or near Canton, the metropolis of South China. At present there is a request before the Home Board for permission to carry forward to completion a projected small but well-equipped sanitarium and hospital at Tungshan, a suburb of Canton City. Already Dr. F. E. Bates is at work in temporary quarters there, conducting a modest medical work, with primitive facilities he has improvised for the care of a few house patients. Sister Bates, a graduate nurse, ably assists; as do two graduate Chinese nurses, and eight nurses in training. The Doctor utilizes to excellent advantage the services of one of our faithful Chinese physicians, in the city offices and treatment rooms and at Tungshan; and at Fatshan, where for twenty years and more we have had a small hospital and a medical clinic, Dr. Hung (Ang) is in charge. Altogether, the medical work in and near Canton bears evidence of most careful planning, untiring effort, and of a faith that must bring substantial results both by way of material resources and spiritual gains.

We were much encouraged by what we found of the beginnings of a humble medical work at Canton.

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BAPTISMS AND OTHER ENCOURAGEMENTS

PASTOR R. H. HARTWELL, now transferred to Shanghai as chaplain of the Shanghai Sanitarium, visited Taipingfu in Southern Anhwei, shortly prior to the closing of his work as pastor in Nanking; and under date of May 9, 1932, he wrote thus of his last labors in Anhwei:

Surely the Lord giveth the increase! A most pleasant visit has just been made to Taipingfu, Anhwei Province. Our hearts were touched on this occasion as the presence of the Holy Spirit was actually realized. Brother Petersen had to go to Bengpu on important business; therefore he asked me to go to Taiping, both to encourage the church and to baptize some who were awaiting baptism.

It was a pleasure to see the nice little chapel that has been recently built there under the supervision of Pastor Kuhn. But still better it was to look into the earnest faces of the brethren and sisters as they crowded in. I spoke Friday night, the 30th of April, three times Sabbath, and once again Sunday night.

The Taipingfu brethren and sisters, like all of our people, believe in paying tithe. Even though the flood has caused some to lose their homes and practically all other possessions, yet they faithfully offer their tenth, little though it be. At this gathering some who had been carelessly encroaching on the edges of the Sabbath were convicted, and the Spirit caused others to confess their sins. We were pleased to see a spirit of revival come into the meetings.

After five hours of careful examination, ten precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. This brings new courage and hope into the church. Evangelist Ch'en Hwa T'ing has done a good work the past three years; and as he goes now to open work in the city of Wuhu, he greatly desires the prayers of the brethren and sisters in behalf of the souls in that city.

May 15th has been set as the date for our next baptism in Nanking. There are some very promising people accepting the message here. As we see men of the better type stepping into the full light of the message, we believe we see the evidences of a great work being finished quickly.

We have also been pleased to see an interest on the part of the women here in Nanking. We used to have only enough women for one small class in Sabbath school; now there are enough for two or three classes of ten or twelve each. The Sabbath services are attended much better than formerly, for which we thank our Heavenly Father. It seems that the time has come for the work to be finished in spite of our decreasing budget funds.

IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS OF THE HAKKA MISSION

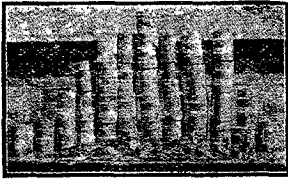
WRITING at the close of a trip through country districts of the Hakka Mission, Pastor J. P. Anderson, the founder of this Mission, writes under date of May 22:

"We have had a good trip into the country. At Liwchow, we held a special effort, and this may net us a gain of at least 6 or maybe 10 persons. They are to be baptized next Sabbath."

Sources of Financial Revenue

BLESSINGS IN TITHING

During the Canton annual meeting held at Tungshan July 9-16, 1932, an evangelist reported that at his station one of our sisters who has been conducting a self-supporting private school, found it exceedingly difficult to pay tithe. She had failed of handing in her tithe, thinking to await a more convenient season when she could have more students. But her funds were less than \$80 Mex. a year, and no new students came. There were scarcely ten in the school. One day when reading the *Mo Shi Mu Sheng*, she came across an article on the sacredness of the tithe, and was deeply impressed. "I must pay tithe henceforth," she thought. She was convicted of the necessity of making up the back tithe; but how could she, with so little income? She gave up in despair; but she had no rest in spirit. Then she determined to pay to the last dollar; and gathering together all her jewelry—taking from stored-up treasures in her home, she pawned the entire lot, and paid fully the back tithe. Soon her students began to increase in number; and later she had forty; her income had largely increased; she had never been so prosperous before. She rejoices in the blessings that come through a faithful payment of tithes.



A Pile of Money for Missions.

INVESTMENT CANS.

EDITH JOHNSON

(The following is an account of the investment work in the Sabbath school at Yencheng, Honan, for the first quarter of 1932).

INVESTMENT cans had never been used here, so when I was put in as Sabbath school superintendent for this year I decided I would try the cans. I asked the foreigners to save their milk cans. These were washed and covered with colored paper. A slot was punched in the top of each can, and an Investment sticker pasted on. I prepared about sixty cans, and on the third Sabbath of the year they were given out to those desiring them. A goal of \$54.00 (Mexican) was set for the Investment Fund, besides our regular offering of \$28.00 each Sabbath. I announced that on the twelfth Sabbath the members should bring in the cans, containing their Investment money. Thirty-six cans were brought in, and a number of them were as full as they could be. When the money was counted we found that it amounted to \$75.58,—more than twenty dollars over our goal.

For this quarter I had covers made for the cans, and a slot cut in each cover, covered them with colored paper as before, and put on the Investment Fund labels containing the names of those who brought in their cans. The cans were given back to them the second Sabbath of the quarter, and as they received their cans they told how they had earned their Investment money. Two dozen extra cans were prepared, and all were taken and we have had to make more.

Here are some of the ways in which the money was earned: selling Bible portions, old paper, old tin cans; money from eggs laid by Investment hens; interest on money; goats' milk delivered

on Sabbath; proceeds from vegetable garden; money earned by being patient for hydrotherapy class. (We have some ten—or twelve-year-old boys come in for the boy nurses to practice on in their hydrotherapy class, and I give these boys a few coppers each time). One Chinese woman went without a hat this winter, and put the price (\$1.00) in her Investment can.



Investment Offering,
Yencheng, Honan.

T. A. Shaw, Sabbath School Secretary, Central China Union; Miss Johnson, Superintendent Yencheng Sabbath School; Wang Ih Djih, Sabbath School Secretary, Honan Mission; and the Yencheng Investment Offering.

Report of the China Division Sabbath School Department

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1932

(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	84	2,680	2,432	\$ 12.02	\$ 31.37	\$ 519.35	\$ 126.58	\$689.32
East China	161	4,886	4,384	121.00	294.17	1,379.79	320.78	2115.74
Manchuria	37	1,488	1,260	7.87	1.98	293.06	54.30	357.21
North China	49	990	936	8.15	35.03	367.52	66.83	477.53
Northwest Mission	9	286	251	.02	1.36	34.22	4.45	40.05
South China	108	3,918	3,265	44.04	67.71	620.85	121.52	854.12
West China	104	2,243	2,207	3.13	2.52	295.42	37.13	338.20
Totals,	552	16,491	14,735	\$ 196.23	\$ 434.14	\$3,510.21	\$731.59	\$4,872.17

BESSIE MOUNT, Secretary

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT — A CALL FROM CHINA'S GREAT
SOUTH CHEKIANG MISSION NORTH WEST

LIU SHIAO-TIE, *Sabbath School
Secretary.*

(Translated from Chinese and abridged.)

WE have wonderful evidence in the South Chekiang field that as the end of all things draws near, the work of the grace of God continues with increasing power. As we sing the hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings," and actually stop to consider how God has blessed us, we are amazed to see what He has done.

Comparative Chart,

	1929	1930	1931
Sabbath Schools	52	62	83
Membership	1,673	2,027	2,118
Attendance	1,092	1,435	1,689
Red Star Cards	4	5	9
Blue Star Cards	396	689	1,189
Red and Blue Star Cards	219	261	324
Yearly Attendance Cards	106	23	38
Birthday Offering (Mex.)	\$ 38.45	50.90	54.23
Investment Fund	\$ 16.93	61.45	198.76
Twelve Sabs. Off.	\$539.71	627.53	1276.81
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	\$ 75.71	104.22	175.71
Total Offerings	\$670.80	844.10	1705.51
Average per capita Offering	\$.45	.50	.55
S. S. Helper Subs.	49	160	119

An examination of this chart reveals a steady increase in almost every item. The offerings tell of the earnestness of the Sabbath school members. The average per capita shows that the offerings have increased faster than the membership. By examining the birthday offerings we find that the average age of the membership, counting one cent per year, was two years, three months in 1929; two years, six months in 1930; and two years, seven months in 1931. Let us pay heed to the Scriptural admonition that we should not always remain babes.

The remarkable increase in the Investment Fund is the result of special efforts put forth in its behalf. Our progress in the Sabbath School Department is due entirely to the blessing and grace of God. We should thank and praise Him for His blessings, and still taking notice of our deficiencies, we should, like the apostle Paul, "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." May each Sabbath school become an agency in the hand of God for greater results in soul-saving in the coming year.

J. H. EFFENBERG

DURING the quadrennial council of the China Division in Shanghai, much thought was given to the opening of S. D. A. Mission work in the "Great Northwest," or, as it is otherwise called, "the dark heart of the continent." The new Northwest Mission comprises the provinces of Shensi, Kansu, Ninghsia, Kokonor, and Sinkiang. Peoples of many nations, kindreds, and tongues are found within the boundaries of this area. Here are Chinese, Mongols, and Tibetans, as well as Russians, Turks, and Indians, and many, many tribes of aboriginals. Here are also Tartars and the descendants of the ancient Huns. Here it is that the famous *Che Huang Ti* of the Chin Dynasty more than 2,000 years ago started the gigantic "Great Wall" of China to keep out the Tartars; and here one and a half millenniums ago hundreds and thousands gathered to move westwards to sweep the European continent with fire and blood. Here Turks, Mongols, Chinese, and Tibetans have fought severely. The Great Northwest is the old, old blood-stained battlefield where East has oftentimes met with West.

The great Northwest is also the highway of religions. Here in 65 A. D. the disciples of Buddha entered the Middle Kingdom. In 505 A. D. the Nestorians, the first Christians to China, followed the same way. The ever-swelling stream of Mohammedanism into China is pouring in from the same direction. Thus for centuries and millenniums the great Northwest has been the channel of contact between East and West; and probably when the kings of the East lead the millions of the rising sun westward for the last great battle of Armageddon, once more the eyes of the whole world will turn to the Great Northwest as the highway to the forum where the tragedy of this old sinful world will find its end. But before the coming of that great and dreadful day, the remnant church, upon which rests the responsibility of carrying the three-fold gospel message to every nation, kindred and tongue, must turn here to the Great Northwest.

Here more than twenty million dear fellow pilgrims sit in darkness. Millions are under the rule of Tibetan and Mongolian Lamaism, and millions more are kept in the smoke which arises out of the bottomless pit of Mohammedanism.

Here also are hundreds and thousands who are seeking for the way of salvation, and longing for the light. Some work has been done in the past by other denominations to bring the gospel of Christ the Saviour to these millions of Central Asia, but until this year the remnant church had not entered this field, with the exception of two colporteurs who have volunteered for Sinkiang. These men heard the Macedonian call, and nothing could stop them from going.

He who gave His life for the millions of this "dark heart of the continent," and who is longing to give them life eternal, calls us to sacrifice and pray for this needy field.

"The restless millions wait.
The light is dawning,
Maketh all things new,
Christ also waits,
But men are slow and few,
Have we done all we could?
Have I? Have you?"

Annual "Big Week"

JUST A BIG WEEK
EXPERIENCE.

L. E. REED

RECENTLY I called upon the director of a large Chinese paper mill who politely informed me that he was a Catholic. He, however, readily agreed to my suggestion that we must not be prejudiced, and told me an experience he had had early this year.

"I have a wonderful book put out by your people," he said. "Just a minute, and I will get it." Soon he reappeared, carrying a much fingered and worn copy of the Chinese "Hope of the World." "I purchased this," he explained, "over a year ago. But it was not until the Sino-Japanese clash this year that I had opportunity to read it. At that time the factory was closed, with only the watchman at the gate and me in my den, on the place. There I sat, with the cannons booming all around and the airplanes roaring overhead, reading this book from cover to cover." He fondled his book almost affectionately as he added, "Do you know I felt at peace as I dwelt in the atmosphere of this book, confident that God would protect me?"

As I watched him sign up for fifty copies of the Big Week book, I thought perhaps his was an experience typical of many others in these times of perplexity.

Shanghai, June, 1932.

THE CHINA DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 STATISTICAL SUMMARY—INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS—QUARTER ENDING MAR. 31, 1932

基督復臨安息日會中華總會一九三二年第一季統計報告
 一切捐款概以兩元五角作美金一元計算

ALL MONETARY VALUES IN
 U. S. DOLLARS, UNLESS
 OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Name of Union Missions and Provincial Missions 聯合會及省會名稱	No. of Missions Stations 教會總數	No. of Mission Outstations 分會總數	No. of Unoccupied Churches 無業教堂	Expatriate Membership Mar. 31, 1932 海外會友總數	Native Membership Mar. 31, 1932 本地會友總數	Total Membership Mar. 31, 1932 總會友總數	No. of Ministers 牧師	No. of Missionaries 傳道士	No. of Churches 教堂	No. of Members 會友	Total No. of Members 總會友總數	Total No. of Members 總會友總數	Total No. of Members 總會友總數
CHINA DIVISION TOTAL 中華總會總數	1						14	3	67	2	68	103	174
Central China Union 中央中華會	1	27	6	774			2	3	3	1	10	28	34
Henan Mission 河南	1	16	6	426			6	6	11	2	5	32	38
Hunan Mission 湖南	1	13	8	357	11	11	2	4	16	9	6	19	25
Szechuan Mission 四川	1	12	5	295	16	11	2	5	5	3	3	32	38
TOTAL FOR CENTRAL CHINA 中央中華會總數	5	66	25	1,902	27	58	16	23	50	40	28	174	202
East China Union 東部中華會	1	15	10	320			4	1	7	9	4	13	14
Shanghai Mission 上海	4	15	13	604	11	10	2	4	5	6	2	42	44
North China Mission 北平	1	5	5	197			1	1	4	2	4	8	10
North China and Mission 北平及	1	19	13	467			2	2	9	6	2	28	30
South China Mission 南	1	77	32	1,036	7	3	4	11	42	6	7	84	91
TOTAL FOR EAST CHINA 東部中華會總數	9	134	73	2,474	18	39	17	25	65	23	24	193	214
Mandchuria Union 滿洲中華會	2	2	1	40			2	4	5	1	11	4	15
Harbin Mission 哈爾濱	2	2	1	136			1	2	3	1	3	3	3
Kirin Mission 齊齊哈爾	1	5	3	174			1	8	5	3	14	17	21
Manchuria Mission 滿洲	2	9	6	322			1	10	2	2	16	18	23
Suifu Mission 蘇州	1	3	4	425			2	1	7	2	8	10	12
TOTAL FOR MANDCHURIA 滿洲中華會總數	4	21	16	1,097			6	8	33	9	18	49	67
North China Union 北部中華會	1	1		8			3	2	5	1	8	2	10
Chang-chai Mission 張家口	1	7	3	357			2	2	3	9	8	3	28
Mongolian Mission 蒙古	1	2	1	13			1	2	1	2	2	4	6
Shensi Mission 陝西	1	3	1	125	23	23	1	6	4	14	14	16	20
Shantung Mission 山東	1	7	4	396			3	3	11	14	4	33	37
TOTAL FOR NORTH CHINA 北部中華會總數	5	20	9	899	23	25	11	9	24	27	19	93	112
Inner Mongolia Mission 內蒙古	1	1					1	1	1		3		3
Chinghai Mission 青海	1												
Kamo Mission 高麗	1	4	3	159			1	3	5	6	3	13	16
Manchuria Mission 滿洲	1												
TOTAL FOR INNER CHINA 內陸中華會總數	2	5	3	159			2	4	6	6	6	13	19
South China Union 南部中華會	2	18	9	560			4	1	4	2	8	2	20
Cantonese Mission 廣東	1	14	8	757			6	10	25	4	6	51	57
Hongkong Mission 香港	1	25	5	258			1	6	14	4	6	41	47
North Fukien Mission 北平	1	19	8	445			2	3	5	2	4	30	32
South Fukien Mission 南	1	14	6	375			4	5	9	4	25	29	33
Szechuan Mission 四川	1	19	5	397			3	2	6	9	2	30	32
TOTAL FOR SOUTH CHINA 南部中華會總數	7	106	41	2,136			3	27	53	28	38	233	271
West China Union 西部中華會	1	22	14	589			4	4	16	4	2	43	45
Kashgar Mission 喀什	1	4	3	128			2	1	8	1	4	11	15
Tibetan Mission 西藏	1	1	1	6			2	2	2	2	2	4	4
Kashgar Mission 喀什	2	4	4	200			1	3	4	3	2	10	12
Kashgar Mission 喀什	1	20	2	317			1	3	15		30	30	33
Kashgar Mission 喀什	1	4	2	44			2	5	5	1	7	8	9
TOTAL FOR WEST CHINA 西部中華會總數	6	54	25	1,175			13	25	54	9	19	104	123
DIVISION TOTALS Mar. 31, 1932 總分會總數	38	405	193	10,412	66	79	106	140	445	144	217	962	1,179
" " " " 1931	34	362	163	9,585	163	130	89	118	404	133	212	970	1,182
" " " " 1930	33	340	144	8,352	42	1	94	136	361	177	211	1,022	1,232
" " " " 1929	31	297	139	7,400	80	78	82	119	385	195	199	944	1,143
" " " " 1928	28	272	140	6,907	60	38	74	113	354	105	211	735	946
" " " " 1927	24	213	134	7,177	47	21	72	144	352	65	181	750	931
" " " " 1926	25	208	115	6,574	38	18	75	104	315	101	195	817	1,013
" " " " 1925	22	217	96	5,666	99	135	55	126	255	88	162	697	859
" " " " 1924	22	216	90	4,753	78	16	95	99	233	78	159	634	793
" " " " 1923	21	224	105	4,491	38	7	47	115	239	90	170	621	824

(*) With regret we have resorted to the plan of submitting estimates for some of the figures indicating the status of the Manchuria Union, Northern China Mission, and West China Field for as yet we have received no final reports from the secretaries of those sections of the China Division. Had we been able to report their baptisms and their membership as for March 31, 1932, the general status of the China Division would have been revealed in a truer light than is thrown upon it by this imperfect record for the first quarter of the current year, and it is our hope that these figures will in reality have been better.

(**) 有一事我們不得不抱歉聲明就是東北聯合會及華西聯合會的概況均以假定的數字來表明因尚未得至如我們尚未收到他們書記的最後報告倘若我們有他們在今年第一季內所引便入教的人數和敬獻的報告則中華總會的總概況一定要比現在以假定的數字的概況更趨進而不退步一類

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TO THE AUTUMN COUNCIL

Following attendance at various union committee councils and provincial meetings, and visits to medical centers, Dr. H. W. Miller left Shanghai July 22, per. s. s. "President Hoover" for the biennial council of the General Conference Executive Committee. Dr. Miller's address while in the States is in care of the General Conference of S. D. A., Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., U. S. A. He plans on returning early following the close of the Autumn Council.

INTO SINKIANG

WORD has come at last of the safe arrival at Ti-hwa, the capital of Sinkiang, of the two colporteurs who have been journeying for many months into that distant frontier station. Failing of getting through the borders of Kansu into Sinkiang by the ordinary route, they returned to Lanchowfu, sold their mules, purchased camels, loaded on their books and periodicals and tracts, and proceeded westward along the long, long northern trail running through a portion of the Gobi Desert. Many are the prayers that have ascended heavenward during this memorable journey; and abundant are the awards that come with fidelity in service such as has been revealed by these two pioneer bookmen.

Thirty years have elapsed since our first representatives sent out by the Home Board, entered one of China's provinces; now, after the passing of the third decade, we can say that the last of the provinces of this land (now numbering twenty-eight) have been entered by our regularly appointed representatives. What hath God wrought!

PASTOR AND MRS. L. W. SHAW

WORD has come through from Nebraska, where Pastor and Mrs. Lyman W. Shaw report having landed safely at the farm home of Sister Shaw's parents, only twenty-four days after leaving Hongkong. The journey across the waters, to San Francisco, and on by rail to Nebraska, was made with comfort, and proved restful. Brother Shaw will spend some time on the farm, building up his strength. In their letter they send greetings to all, and ask an interest in our prayers, that they may soon be restored to health, so they may take part in active ministry.

A FAITHFUL WORKER

IN the departure of Brother Harley A. Anderson, manager of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, China and the Far East have lost a faithful publishing house manager whose service of upwards of ten years has brought strength to four of our larger Far Eastern institutions. Brother Anderson's first period of labor began at Manila, Philippine Islands, in January, 1921, where he was superintendent and later manager of the Philippine Publishing House. Returning from furlough in November, 1926, he served a year as manager of the Malay Publishing House, Singapore, Straits Settlements, while their permanent manager was on furlough. Then he spent a year as manager of the Korean Signs of the Times Publishing House, at Seoul, Chosen; and now for some years he has been manager and superintendent of the Chinese Signs Press, Shanghai. His gifts of organization and of attaining a maximum of results with a minimum of expense, have brought many benefits to our various organizations; and we owe much to his careful management of our Press in China the past few critical years. He leaves our House in excellent condition financially and in a material way as regards the physical plant and the personnel.

Brother Anderson withdraws by his own special choice, to carry out if practicable a long-cherished hope of taking the medical course. He goes with the best wishes of friends, both Chinese and foreign, throughout the China field. As yet, no successor has been found; but temporary arrangements have been made for carrying on the business without break until the Home Board selects and sends out some one to serve in his stead. Meanwhile, all correspondence should be addressed to Signs of the Times Publishing House, 515 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, and will receive prompt attention as hitherto.

Sister Anderson and Miss Dorothy Mae Anderson remain in Shanghai for a time, and may be addressed at 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. Brother Anderson's address during the coming fall and winter will be in care of Pacific Union College, Angwin P. O., Napa Co., California, U. S. A.

ARRIVALS

On June, 21, 1932, at Shanghai, per s. s. "Asama Maru." Miss Ruth Atwell, for service as registrar of the Oriental Branch of the Home Study Institute.

MARRIED

On July 21, at the Central Shanghai Church, Range Road, Shanghai, H. Willis Miller, Jr., to Janet Evangeline Wood. Brother and Sister Miller plan on making their home at Washington, D. C., where they will be in attendance at the Washington Missionary College; and to this end they sailed from Shanghai for the States on the s. s. "President Hoover," July 22.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

WHEN the China Division Committee learned that Brother Ernest Hurd, of Chiao Tou Djen, had decided to withdraw from the school work there because of his desire to take up another line of endeavor, they arranged with regret for his release at the close of the busy canning season last June. In connection with the action authorizing his release, the Division Committee caused to be spread upon its Minutes an expression of appreciation of his services while with us in the China field. Brother Hurd's devotion to the interests of the farm and the orchard and the cannery at Chiao Tou Djen, and his development of poultry and other industries, have brought benefits both educational and financial; and we do appreciate his earnest labors in building up a profitable farm from acreage seemingly worthless for productive purposes. Surely the blessing of Heaven has been upon the farm and upon those laboring thereon.

THE KANDO MEETING

Writing from Mukden on June 17, Pastor N. F. Brewer, superintendent of the Manchurian Union Mission, says:

"I have just returned from the Kando meeting. The Lord blessed in that annual gathering. Brethren Oberg and Pearson went up from the Chosen Union and rendered splendid help throughout. I do not know what I would have done without Brother Oberg's help in translating, the language in the Kando Mission among our believers being Korean. Plans were laid for evangelistic efforts to be held in that section following our annual conference. We had a good attendance throughout."

DEPARTURES

On June 26, 1932, by the s. s. "Fulda" of the N. D. L., Professor and Mrs. G. G. Hamp of the Hunan Mission, for the States, via the Suez.

On June 24, 1932, by the s. s. "President Coolidge," Brother and Sister A. N. Bierke, of the Hupeh Mission, for their former home in California.

On July 9, 1932, per s. s. "Shinyo Maru," Professor Ernest Hurd, of China Training Institute, Chiao Tou Djen, for San Francisco and points East.

On August 2, per s. s. "Niel Maersk," from Shanghai, Brother Harley A. Andersen, manager of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, for Los Angeles.

TRANSFERS

Several transfers have been effected during the months of June and July. Of these we note, without details as to the dates of departure, the following:

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Paul, of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Clinic, to the Shenyang Sanitarium-Hospital, Mukden, Manchuria.

Brother and Sister O. G. Erich, R. N., of Shanghai Sanitarium, to the Shenyang Sanitarium-Hospital, Mukden.