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“IT IS DONE!”

DR. H. W. MILLER

SOMEHOW there comes a feeling of great solemnity when we hear the words, “It is done;” and a great disappointment when we expect to do something and are told, “It is done.” It is “in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound,” that “the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants, the prophets.” Rev. 10 : 7.

All the prophets have looked forward to a finished work. Many of them longed to see the day when God would finish His work in the earth. As they prophesied of this great day, their souls were stirred by the magnitude of the proclamation of the gospel in the last days, and the tremendous consequences its completion would have upon the last generation as also upon all that have gone before. When we read in Revelation the eleventh chapter of what happens when the seventh angel begins to sound, we realize this angel is sounding now: “And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward unto Thy servants the prophets; and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them that destroy the earth.” Rev. 11 : 18.

Following the words, “It is done,” the earth reels to and fro with the mightiest earthquake ever known. Rev. 16 : 17-19.

The last events in this world are the destruction of the wicked, the saving of the righteous, and the giving of their reward. It has been a long conflict, but finally the peoples of all the worlds and of the universe witness the triumph of right.

Are we doing our part? Is there a full realization by us that we are occupying in God's closing work key positions that necessitate large faith, unflinching love and hope, and an intensity of action by which the people of earth will be impressed that we are chosen to a work of proclaiming the news of salvation to a doomed world and to the last generation of men? Oh, is it not a great privilege to follow the prophets down to our day, and realize the blessings of a fellowship with our Master in the soul-saving work of these times when the mystery of God shall be finished!

Note and Comment

AT THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

EARLY following his arrival at Peiping, Brother W. A. Scott, in preparation for service at the Signs of the Times Publishing House, wrote:

"We have been here two weeks now, and are enjoying our work at the school very much. We are beginning to build up a vocabulary, and to piece the words together into crude sentences.

"There is a vast difference between this city and Shanghai. We feel that we are in China. There has been very little opportunity to see much as yet.

"It is very cold. The wind that blows in from the Gobi makes one seek the warmth of the house.

"All of the workers here at the Mission Compound have done all that they could to help us, for which we are grateful."

In later communications, Brother Scott outlines progress in language study, and expresses joy in the privilege of having uninterrupted time for such work, prior to entering upon his responsibilities at the Press. He sends in the names given him and Mrs. Scott, as follows:

W. A. Scott 施考德

Mrs. W. A. Scott 施美珠

"THE SENTINEL"

A SAMPLE copy has been received of an English-language edition of a missionary paper for the Far East, entitled "The Sentinel," and issued from the Malayan Signs Press, 399 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements. It is a 20-page magazine. The typesetting is done by students of the Seminary at Singapore. Orders for this magazine twelve issues a year) will be received by the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House, 515 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, at the rate of three dollars Mexican per annum to any part of China, postpaid.

CHANGES IN ADDRESSES

ALL mail for the Central China Union, should be addressed to No. 2, Rue Clemenceau, Hankow, Hupeh, China. This includes mail-matter for M. C. Warren, A. Mountain, B. C. Clark, T. A. Shaw, Dzo Pei Hsin.

Mail for Professor and Mrs. C. A. Carter, Li Gwan Ren, and others of the middle school, should be addressed in care of S. D. A. Mission, Wang Gia Dun, Hankow, Hupeh, China.

Pastor and Mrs. C. Schroeter are now living at No. 66, Da Tang Er Yang, Hangchow, Chekiang, China. All mail for workers at the headquarters of the North Chekiang Mission should be sent to this new address.

The address of Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Blandford continues to be No. 57, Yanagimachi, Dairen, Manchuria. If, when writing to them, you wish to enclose mail for others of our mission workers—those laboring in cities other than Dairen—you may send to Brother Blandford, and he will forward all such matter.

Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Hughes, formerly at Paoning, should now be addressed in care of Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Chungking, Szechwan.

Philip H. Shigley and wife, care S. D. A. Mission, Lanchow, Kansu, China.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LIFE AND ACTIVITIES AT CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE

S. H. LINDT

PRAYER and devotion have been closely woven into the life of the Institute the past year. The regular organizations used by us the world around, such as the Y.P.M.V. society, the Sabbath school, and the church service, have contributed their part to the development of the young people here for training. Evening worship is conducted regularly in the dormitories.

This year our chapel hour has been made particularly helpful through the plan inaugurated by Prof. B. A. Liu of having a topic assigned for a whole week and having each speaker develop one phase or more of the same. The Wednesday morning chapel hour has been used for prayer bands. On Friday evening we all gather in the chapel for our weekly testimony and praise service.

The two campaigns conducted yearly by the Home Missionary Department are coming to be a part of the regular work of the Institute. Both the "Big Week" and the Harvest Ingathering are enjoyed, and bring help and strength to all taking part.

At the board meeting a year ago a request was passed on to the Division for one thousand dollars Mex. to conduct an evangelistic effort in Chinkiang. This money was granted, the Division and the East China Union dividing the burden between them. Accordingly plans were developed, and a theater in the old British concession, was secured and the meeting held. Attendance was restricted to those who would apply for an entrance ticket by registering name and address. A total of one thousand four hundred ninety-nine season tickets were issued to applicants. The attendance was very good, on some nights reaching as high as five hundred. The crowd was always very orderly and dignified, and we believe much good was accomplished. The newspapers were used some to advertise, and some free writeups were also printed by them. Most of the teachers present at the Institute during the month of August assisted at the meetings, and nearly a score of students had a part in some phase of the effort. I think all who helped will recognize that we as workers gained a very valuable experience; much truth was brought before the public, and our name became favorably known.

About five hundred dollars of the appropriation granted was used up in the effort during the summer. Since school opened another two hundred has been expended for travel, postage, wages, and so forth, leaving nearly three hundred dollars still available. This with the money received this year in the Harvest Ingathering gives us seven hundred dollars with which to carry this work forward.

Mention must yet be made of the excellent Week of Prayer just recently completed. Elder O. A. Hall of the South China Union came and led out in the devotional work of this week, and with him the teachers and students sought the Lord together. As this was done, great benefit was received by all concerned. Forty-five unbaptized students and helpers took their stand for the Lord, and these now form our baptismal class. This early in May, when our spring Week of Prayer is held, those found ready will be baptized and taken into the church. Last spring eighteen were baptized.

Bible Text-Books

BIBLE TEXTBOOKS FOR USE IN OUR SCHOOL

Grades 1-3. "Bible and Nature Teaching Outline." For Teacher's use. Price, 30 cents.

*Grades 1 and 2. "Bible and Nature Stories." For Teacher's use. In two volumes. Price per volume, \$1.00. Flash cards for use in connection with these lessons,—set of 104 cards in case, \$1.50.

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Grade 3. Bible Lessons for Third Grade. Bible stories from creation to the death of Jacob. 443 pages. Price, 60 cents.

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**Grade 8. "The Plan of Salvation." Simple studies in Bible doctrines. Loose leaf lessons. Price, \$1.00.

*Grade 9. "New Testament History." Loose-leaf lessons. Price, \$1.00.

Grade 10. "Old Testament History." 250 pages. Price, \$1.00.

All prices quoted are in Mexican. All orders, save the exceptions noted, should be sent through your tract society to the Signs of the Times Publishing House, 515 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

*Order through your tract society from C. A. Carter, 71 Wu Tsu Street, Hankow, Hupeh.

**Order through your Tract Society from The Home Study Institute, 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai.

From Field Workers

FROM BROTHER EFFENBERG

Writing from Lanchow, Kansu, on March 1, Pastor J. Effenberg, superintendent of the Northwest China Mission, reports a trying trip recently made from Sianfu to Lanchow. We take the liberty of quoting from his letter, as many will wish to know of the experience through which our brother and his companions, which included Brother and Sister Philip H. Shigley as well as the Russian brother who drives, Mr. Simeon Agafanoff, have passed:

"We reached Lanchow on February 24. On the road we met a hundred of the Hichow robbers, for the third time. Fortunately we came together in an open field. We stopped the car for silent prayer when we first saw them, because behind us was a ditch and an upgrade. When they first saw us, they were approaching; but they at once turned, and left the highway, going in the same general direction as we were.

"Upon coming opposite, we were fired upon, and one bullet struck the left side of the car just back of the second seat where Mrs. Shigley was sitting. After passing through the steel car-body and an inch of the wood in the inside, the bullet fell powerless to the floor of the car after coming within an inch of Mrs. Shigley's heart. Truly it was a miracle from the Lord that she was spared uninjured.

"After the salvo, we immediately stopped the car, and I had opportunity to interview the bandit leader, who assured us that we could pass without trouble, as I had passed on several previous occasions. But some of the men became unruly, and disagreed with him on this procedure, and said they would shoot if he let us go. He became angry with them. Several jumped onto the running-board, and he showed them off two or three times. Finally, he shot into the ground close to them; but they would not obey.

"As a last resort, when one of the men began breaking the window-panels with the butt of his rifle, the bandit-leader shot him through, the bullet from his Luger pistol passing entirely through his abdomen from behind.

"Even this did not cause them to desist, and they pillaged much of our goods, although I did have a few minutes to speak with them about the gospel. And we had the privilege, also, of doing a little Christian-help work by caring for the wounded man, whom we took back to the robber headquarters in a nearby village.

"Before the leaders of the group left, several of them came to me and bowed, asking to be excused for the conduct of their men. We lost more than three thousand dollars' worth of goods: It was a real experience for us, and we believe that the Lord had a message for these wild and wicked men. We do not mourn the loss of any of our goods; and we have hopes of seeing at least one of these robbers when we get to Heaven; for we believe many of them sincerely regretted what happened that day, and will be influenced by what they heard.

"The same day, in the afternoon, we met another bunch of the same robber-group, in a narrow village street. They shot at us, but the men in the village recognized our car, and ran between them and us, so they dared not fire again. Here again we had opportunity to tell them of the gospel; and finally they let us drive on without plundering or harming us.

"Even though Mr. and Mrs. Shigley have passed through this unpleasant experience on their first trip into Kansu, they are both of good courage.

"The work in Lanchow is progressing nicely, as also in Shensi.

"I must leave Lanchow as soon as possible for Ninghsia, the capital city of Ninghsia Province, to hold an evangelistic effort."

WEEK OF PRAYER AT TSINANFU, SHANTUNG

R. M. COSSENTINE

The executive committee of the North China Union asked me to spend the Week of Prayer with the Union school at Tsinanfu. It gave me much pleasure to become acquainted with Professor Shan and his faculty and fine-looking body of students. There are seventy-two students enrolled in grades six to nine, about one third of whom are girls. The work of the school has been proceeding very smoothly so far this year. While the towel industry has not had quite so large a business as last year, the orders so far have been sufficient to keep the factory running full time. A number of improvements were made in the technical arrangements and equipment of the factory during the summer vacation which have resulted in greater efficiency and a better product.

Professor Shan and his teachers co-operated splendidly in making it possible to give the students time and opportunities for spiritual exercises during the week. There are fifteen students (approximately one-fifth of the enrollment) who have not been baptized. I had personal interviews with all of these and all of them stated their determination to follow the Master. Some of these students are from Adventist families, some from homes of Christians of other denominations, and some from non-Christian homes. I was interested to learn that two of the students from non-Adventist homes were in the school because of the enthusiasm of a former student (who is now at Chiao Tou Tseng) in setting before them the advantages of an education secured in our school. If more of our students would be enthusiastic in their home areas during vacations in setting forth to their friends the joy and profit of a Christian education, we could easily enroll many more students. A baptismal class has been started to prepare these students for church membership.

Not only in the school, but also in the local church, the Lord blessed abundantly as the believers sought Him earnestly from day to day. The general consensus of opinion among the workers was that this Week of Prayer was a real spiritual feast.

The writer greatly enjoyed this introduction to a new term of service in the China field, and trusts that the inspiration gained may be translated into effective labor for the needy as the days go by. As I unite with the Tientsin church in an evangelistic campaign during the remainder of the winter, I hope the prayers of all the *Reporter* readers will be that God will show forth His power to save in this great center of population.

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THE EAST KWEICHOW MISSION

ANNUAL MEETING—1932

E. L. LONGWAY

The annual meeting of the East Kweichow Mission was held in the headquarters chapel, Kweiyang, November 4-12, 1932. The attendance was not as good as it might have been had the meeting been held following the close of harvest season. From seventy to one hundred were present, including fifteen or twenty of our "Black Miao" sisters, and two from the Kweichow branch of the "Tai" race. These, with the admixture of Chinese brethren from Szechwan, Kweichow, and Honan, and with one from Shanghai vividly emphasized the fact that God is calling "every kindred, tongue, and people."

Director A. B. Buzzell's report covered the work of the East Kweichow Mission from its organization in 1928 until the present time. "By their fruits ye shall know them," was graphically illustrated. A tree with its branches laden with fruit represented the work of the brethren connected with the mission. Some branches were well laden; others had several smaller branches springing off from the main branches,—these lesser parts in turn bearing fruit. One branch of the tree was of especial interest,—representing our dear Brother Smith, thus tenderly brought again to our memory.

The church as first organized had but twelve members; but soon after the first New Year spent in Kweichow, ten were baptized—fruitage of our first public effort. Of these, two are now employed as mission workers. During 1930 fifty-seven were baptized, one of whom, at first a colporteur, is now an evangelist. During 1931 the membership increased to 120. Complete returns for the year 1932 are yet to come in.

During 1931-32 two new stations, Anshun and Tseni, were opened. East Kweichow had a most successful "Big Week" campaign, 2,000 books having been sold. Harvest Ingathering has been attempted for the first time, and the results are more than gratifying. During the meeting several calls were made on some of the local gentry in the interests of Harvest Ingathering work. The goal of \$600 Mex. for the mission will surely be reached. In fact, the brethren have raised the goal to \$1,500.

The work of the Sabbath School was well emphasized during the meeting. Brother Hwang of the Union department making the most of every opening to promote this work. The Sabbath School offerings for the two Sabbaths totaled some \$160, birthday and investment offerings not being forgotten. Pastor Li Wan-chwan was elected to carry the work of the Sabbath school and home missionary departments.

The colporteur work in East Kweichow is encouraging. One lone colporteur has held the ropes, and although the results leave something to be desired, still some harvest can surely be expected from the 500-odd subscriptions that he has taken during the past year. One of the urgent needs of East Kweichow is a qualified field secretary to train and lead a strong colporteur force in this great and needy mission.

Plans are under way for a new church building at Lu Ti Sao. This is a growing church, with interests reaching out into the hills for thirty and more li. Most of the believers are uneducated farmer folk, but the example and influence of a truth-filled life tells for more than education or wealth without the witness of the truth.

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THE 1933 "BIG WEEK" EXTRA

Benefits accruing to every section will be realized fully from "Big Week" this year in proportion as we shall effect sales. Let us give study to ways and means as outlined in the *Extra* forming an integral part of this issue. We are reprinting, on this last page, for your perusal, some practical suggestions made by Pastor L. E. Reed a year ago. Let us do our best to exceed the totals named in our goals. c.

WITH THE SOUTH CHINA UNION

Among Division workers in attendance at South China Union conventions being held in Hongkong, are Dr. Miller, Brethren Morris, Oss, Longway, Miss Mount. The General Conference representatives are Brethren H. H. Hall and J. A. Stevens.

FOR A FOURTH TERM

Pastor Frederick Lee arrived in China March 17 from a busy furlough for his fourth term of service, having first come to China in the year 1909. Pastor Lee is continuing to serve as head of the editorial department of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, and chairman of the Press Board; concurrently he is serving the entire China Division as secretary of the Ministerial Association. While in the States, Brother Lee attended the biennial session of the General Conference Committee, and many other important meetings, besides doing much editorial work. He returns in health. Mrs. Lee sails for China next August.

SCHEDULE OF CONVENTIONS

Decision has been made by the China Division Executive Committee to postpone all union sessions, and dates formerly published for union sessions are hereby canceled. However, publishing and home missionary conventions are to be held in all unions, as follows:

South China, *Hongkong*, March 24-29
East China, *Wenchow* April 6-10
Hangchow, April 13-17

Central China, *Hankow*, April 21-26
Yencheng, April 28-30

Northwest China Mission:
Convention, *Sianfu*, May 3-7
Lanchow General Meeting, Oct. 20-25
Lanchow Colporteur Institute,
Oct. 26-28
Sianfu (Shensi) Rally, Nov. 2-4

North China, *Peiping*, May 11-17

Manchuria:
Convention, *Mukden*, May 20-24.
General Meeting,
Russian work, *Harbin*, May 26-28

West China:
General Meeting, *Chungking*, June 23-28
Summer School, June 28-- Aug. 8

ORGANIZING FOR A SUCCESSFUL "BIG WEEK" CAMPAIGN

L. E. Reed

Our churches would do well to give careful consideration to the various items and problems in connection with carrying out the campaign, at least a month before the opening date.

Among items to be considered, are the following:

1. Ordering of books and supplies.
2. Assigning of territory to be worked during the campaign.
3. Setting of goals.
4. Arrangements for the rally meeting.
5. Provision for gathering in books, supplies, offerings, etc., at the close of the campaign.

The ordering of books and supplies is important and will require considerable thought by the committee; but it can be disposed of by a short letter to the Tract Society, requesting the required number of books and the supplies to go with them. But the task of assigning the church territory is not so simple as it at first appears. Some members can work the shops to advantage, while others can better call at homes, and still others are able to visit the officials. Then, too, we should conserve our territory for future work, and not assign territory enough for a week's work to one who is working only one day.

As regards the setting of the goals, the actions taken by the China Division will be helpful.

One of the things for which to plan early is the Sabbath Rally Meeting program, by which we secure the attention and active cooperation of the whole church. In preparing these programs, the materials in the *Gazette* should be used, though this suggestion should not discourage initiative on the part of the church leaders.

One way to secure power to influence our members to do their part in this campaign is, *first to go out and do it ourselves*. Once we have started the campaign, we shall become possessed with enthusiasm, which will in turn kindle a fire in the hearts of the members. We shall also have some local names with which to start the subscription lists.

After carefully and prayerfully laying the plans for the campaign and assigning subjects for the rally meeting, we can go ahead, assured that God will bless our efforts. Let us urge all and help all to do their best. The schools and other institutions will have their field day, when all will go out. The rally meeting should be held the night before these field days. The local churches may have a series of field days, with the leaders accompanying different persons each day. Some may be more successful than others in selling books, but we can all reach the time goal. Let us determine to work faithfully, and God will reward our efforts with wonderful success.

The closing part of the campaign is very important and should be given special thought. The good day or week of experiences is just over, and now the time has come to tell each other in the experience meeting how the Lord has blessed our humble efforts. What wonderfully enthusiastic meetings these are! Let the leader be there with his pencil and paper to get the names and addresses of all the interested ones found during the campaign. These should be turned over to the Home Missionary Society for careful follow-up work.

At this time all the proceeds from literature sales and the "Big Week" offerings should be collected. Experience has proved in almost every case that it is best for the worker to buy a money-order and send the funds to the mission treasurer.

Above all, let us remember in all our plans and work that this is a soul-winning campaign. The books sold are filled with truth. And while we are working, opportunities will come to witness for Christ. May the Lord bless our plans, and work with us to win many precious souls.

OFF FOR LANCHOW, KANSU

While we are closing our forms for the press, Brother and Sister J. H. Shultz are making final preparations for their long journey to Lanchow, Kansu. Their former station has been Sianfu, Shensi; but for six months Brother Shultz has by request been serving (*and with acceptance*) at our publishing house in Shanghai. Brother Shultz is assigned the directorship of the Kansu Mission. We wish him and his family *Godspeed* as they return to the Northwest.

THE EAST KWEICHOW MISSION ANNUAL MEETING—1932

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From Brother Johnson's interesting report we learned that the mission offerings and tithes receipts have been much like the roads in Kweichow,—up one hill and down another; but at present offerings and tithes are on the uphill climb. The percentage of self-support in East Kweichow (for the native section of the Budget) has increased from 33% in 1931 to about 50% for the first ten months of 1932. The churches are encouraged to carry all local expense, to increase tithes and offerings, to take a larger part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and thus to hasten the day of full native self-support in East Kweichow.

During our annual meeting, evangelistic advance was not overlooked. Plans were laid for the entering of new territory, the opening of new Sabbath schools, and the wider circulation of literature. The map of the East Kweichow Mission, with its flags planted along a north and south line throughout the province, impressed all with the great expanse of territory yet to be claimed for the Lord of Hosts.

East Kweichow needs a few well trained workers for the opening of the work in the north and east of the province. She needs a family qualified to teach the little six-grade school in the city of Kweiyang. She needs a courageous book man to train and lead the colporteur force. She needs a good chapel in Kweiyang, that the truth for this time may be given in that lovely little city. Above all else, she needs the prayers of God's children that His spirit may be poured out on laborers and believers, thus enabling them to do the work He has for them to do.

Brethren Frost and Oss of the Division attended the meeting from the first, and the help given was appreciated by our brethren. The union was well represented by Brethren Dixon, Hwang, Djang, and Chen.

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THE "BIG WEEK" — MAY 6-13, 1933

DR. H. W. MILLER

IN order to aid the church in its great missionary program, it is necessary to set apart rally days, and at certain periods devote our whole thought and strength specifically toward a strong drive. Such campaigns, which are never long, should be entered into by the entire church membership, that those engaging therein may not only attain the goals, but as individuals may receive blessing.

The "Big Week" plan has proved to be a wonderful success, not only in our older mission lands, but also in fields such as China, India, and Africa. It has provided funds for setting into operation publishing houses, schools and sanitariums, as auxiliaries to the world promotion of our work. We need to bring messages of hope and comfort to the homes of thousands of people, where unhappiness prevails because of the lack of knowledge of the love of the living God and the compassionate Saviour. Our "Big Week" booklet this year will bring to the homes of people a knowledge of just such a Comforter. Tens of thousands of these booklets should be sold.

Then, too, we should enter into the "Big Week" campaign this year as never before, because thus we may avail ourselves fully of one of the few ways in which, in these days of lessened appropriations, we may provide funds for extending our work. Every Seventh-day Adventist church member should enlist in this effort to dispose of large quantities of our denominational literature; for a great blessing comes in actually engaging in a campaign, and the cause needs the money, for we face the greatest opportunities of our history for evangelism.

Provision, moreover, is made for every one to have a part in the annual campaign by contributing a day's salary or a week's time as he may see fit. Both plans are good, but we want to encourage especially the latter—that of selling our literature.

Last year was the most successful we have ever had in "Big Week" sales. This success was made possible by the rallying of many of our workers and believers to the task. This year additional provision has been made to assist in the promotion of the Big Week by appointing a full-time secretary for the Division Home Missionary Department. Surely our brethren everywhere will wish to show their welcome to our new home missionary secretary by making this "Big Week" the greatest in our history. The date set for the "Big Week" campaign this year is May 6-13, and we hope to realize \$12,000 *Mex.* in net returns.

We invite our two thousand new members to join with us this year in the giving of their time to the sale of literature, and in the turning of profits into the mission treasury; or in giving a day's earnings during "Big Week" to the same fund.

Let us keep in mind further that the chief objective of all this activity is the winning of souls. The "Big Week" gives us many contacts which we ought to follow up personally in an endeavor to win souls. We trust that this year we can add 3,000 members to our church who another year will help us in campaigns yet to follow. Thus we may grow—through all loyally uniting and supporting every agency in connection with God's message for this time.

We need not go out in these enterprise alone. Every person taking part in it should dedicate his life to God this day for service, and pray His special blessing upon the efforts of the Big Week. It is the assurance of the abiding presence of our great Leader that gives us courage to undertake all things in behalf of His cause. From present indications, there will be only a few more Big Week campaigns for us to engage in; so let no one miss the opportunity of having a part in the Big Week for 1933.

"Big Week" Projects for 1933 [China Division] --C. C. Morris

THE China Division has benefited in a very material way during past years as a result of the Big Week promotion plan. This plan was inaugurated in America a number of years ago, and for the last nine or ten years very substantial amounts of money received through this source have been made available to the work in the China field. Some years we have received more than others, but the amounts have been very liberal, and have been of great assistance in the work in connection with our *Signs* publishing house, our sanitariums, and our schools.

The Big Week is to be promoted in a different manner in America than heretofore; but world divisions outside America have the privilege of conducting their own Big Week campaign in the future as we have been doing in recent years. The proceeds from our efforts are to be used in promoting the work in our own field. The China Division Committee during its recent Winter Council set a goal of \$12,000 Mex. to be raised through the Big Week efforts this year. This large amount of money will supply some very urgent needs in connection with our work.

It will not be possible to mention in detail all the enterprises that are to benefit from this fund, but among others are the following:

The Central China Union has placed in the list of enterprises for which the Big Week funds are to be raised an amount to assist in supplying equipment for the Hankow Junior Middle school, both for the class room and for their industrial department. All of China was tremendously moved over the serious flood which brought terrible destruction of property and life to those residing in the Yangtze Valley; and the loss was particularly heavy in Hankow and its immediate vicinity. Our Hankow intermediate school, located in a suburb of the city, was almost wholly destroyed. School work is again in progress, but the facilities are as yet very limited, and this call for additional equipment for this school is considered one of our most urgent needs.

Our Anhwei Junior Middle School, located at Beng Pu, is also to benefit from the returns of this year's Big Week campaign. This is one of our youngest schools, having just recently been established, and has not as yet been fully equipped in its in-

dustrial department. We highly value industrial training in connection with our school work, and have listed an amount to assist in providing further industrial equipment for this school.

Yet another one of our schools to benefit from this plan is our Manchurian Union Training Institute, located near Mukden. This school has a very small library, and due to its isolated location is in great need of additional books and library facilities.

A year ago a modest beginning was made in printing literature for the Mongolians, and a little press has been established at Kaigan, Chahar. There is a large field to be served and the facilities now in use are wholly inadequate for the needs of this work, so a modest sum has been placed in the fund this year to assist in supplying further equipment for the Mongolian Press. North China has also an amount listed for their middle school, which is a new undertaking. It has been hoped that this school may be built this present year; and a considerable sum is yet to be raised for its completion and equipment.

A little has been done in the past toward publishing literature for the Miao people of West China, but there are many of these tribes people throughout Kweichow and Yunnan, and these people are very much interested in learning to read and in receiving an education. Very little is available for them in the line of school textbooks and religious literature. The eagerness on the part of the Miao people to receive the benefits coming from improved educational facilities is a great inspiration to those laboring among these tribes people, and we have listed among other of our urgent needs for this year a fund to aid in making available to them help along this line.

A change in the plan of this campaign in America need not in any way dampen our enthusiasm, but on the other hand should spur us on to greater activity in our own field, in order that these crying needs of the work here in this greatest of all mission fields, may be met. In view of further reduced appropriations coming to our field, we earnestly hope that the 1933 Big Week campaign will be the very best in our history.

The 1933 "Big Week" Projects, China Division, as listed by the Winter Council

<i>We recommend, That the Big Week</i>		Manchuria:			Miscellaneous:
be continued in the China Division on the same basis as heretofore; and,—		Mukden School Library	250		China Training Inst. Printing Equipment
(1) That the projects for 1933 be:		Laboratory Equipment	250	500	Textbook Fund
Central China:	Mex. \$ Mex. \$	North China:			Tibetan Literature Subsidy
Hankow Intermediate School Classroom and Factory Equipment	1,750	Mongolian Press ...	500		Total Bigweek Goal Mex. \$12,000
Yencheng Hospital Nurses' School Classroom Equipment	200 1,950	North China Middle School	1,750	2,250	(2) That the date be May 6 to 13, 1933.
East China:		Northwest China:			(3) That the book "Shall We Save the Home?" be sold.
Anhwei Middle School Industrial Equipment	750 750	Northwest China Middle School Equipment	500	750	(4) That the goal be \$12,000 Mex.
		Sianfu Dispensary ..	250	750	(5) That the funds be disbursed at the first full meeting of all Division Committee following the close of the campaign.
		South China:			
		To be named	1,500	1,500	
		West China:			
		Miao Press	500		
		Miao School at Pichieh	1,000		
		West China Middle School	800	2,300	

What the "Big Week" Plan Has Done for China

C. C. Crisler

Our position to-day as missionary publishers serving the general public in China, as compared with our position at the time financial grants from the "Big Week" Missions Extension Fund began coming to us in 1921, is vastly improved. Through "Big Week" benefits, our Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House, formerly requiring much of annual subsidy, is rapidly attaining approximate self-support. This, in a word, is one of the most encouraging of all the blessings that have come to us through grants made from the Missions Extension Fund.

In earlier years our margin of profit in the Shanghai publishing plant was so slender, and our annual output so limited, that we had no method of enlargement. The facilities we had were sufficient to enable us to produce only about double the number of pages annually that we were at that time printing. But the demands of the people of this great, populous land, have already been such as to compel us to increase our output more than tenfold. The "Big Week" returns have enabled us to keep pace with this tremendous increase. By adding to our buildings and equipment from time to time, through the financial grants coming from the Missions Extension Fund, we have to-day an excellently equipped publishing plant capable of meeting present demands.

The needs of our publishing work in the China field, however, are so vast and far-reaching, and the time in which we must complete the giving of our warning message in printed form is so short, that we shall still have need of liberal grants of funds, in order to meet without delay the demands upon us for evangelical, educational, health and temperance literature. And as the warning message swells into the "Loud Cry," and our papers and tracts and books go out month by month by the millions where now we count in hundreds of thousands, we shall have added reasons for thanking the Lord and our brethren and sisters for the beneficent returns coming through "Big Week" grants.

That which has been outlined concerning the publishing work, now approaching self-support, may be stated with like truth with reference to our educational training-centers, and our medical institutions. Some are well on the way toward self-support; others need additional help in order to be placed on vantage-ground.

Since the year 1925, when the benefits of the Missions Extension Plan were extended to cover educational and medical as well as publishing interests, the China field has benefited in every united mission. Substantial grants have been awarded the Shanghai Sanitarium, the China Training Institute, the medical centers in Tatsienlu, Yencheng, Fatschan, Nanning, Kalgan, Mukden, and Waichow; and to many middle schools in various of the provinces. And this beneficent work is still in progress, opening the way for the establishment of yet further centers of influence and training, and the strengthening of institutions already in operation.

By decision of the Home Board, in China and other foreign lands "the Missions Extension program continues its stated policy of providing for the erection and equipping of publishing houses, schools, hospitals, and dispensaries in mission fields, and of rendering assistance to such institutions already in operation in the mission fields as may be deemed necessary." And, as hitherto (to quote from Pastor C. H. Watson, president of the General Conference) "the first objective of the 'Big Week' is to place a large amount of soul-saving literature in the hands of the people

The Lord 'expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time,' and the people of the earth, in their perplexity and distress, are greatly needing the comfort and the blessing of the truth. Shall we hold back from making a special effort in their behalf at this time?

"May God bless His people with a mind to serve and succeed in this 'Big Week' and giving them present blessing as they go forth to sow the precious seed of truth."

BIG WEEK PLAN

(Extracts from official minutes, Quadrennial Council of China Division, 1932)

Whereas, The Extension Fund plan now includes medical and educational as well as publishing projects, thus inviting the entire denomination to more earnest endeavor in its behalf; therefore, —

We recommend, (1) That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

(2) That colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sales.

(3) That all mission and institutional workers join in the Extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their entire profits to the fund, in addition to their personal income for one day.

(4) That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

(5) That Sanitariums and schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week.

(6) That publishing houses and branches close one day of the Big Week to enable employees to contribute an active part to the success of the Extension Fund plan.

(7) That the financial goal be \$1.00 Mexican per member, based on the membership January 1 of the current year.

(8) That the Big Week date for 1933 be May 6 to May 13.

Our supreme "Big Week" objective is the winning of many precious souls

The Successful "Big Week" Campaign ---E. L. Longway

In the animal kingdom, babies and the young of animals have the happy faculty of naturally growing bigger and bigger. But to obtain this much desired end, they require the assistance of their elders. The young of animals who are left to their own resources either die a premature death, or attain but a stunted growth. Many of our "Big Weeks" in China seem to have been orphans, or at best come in the category of small children whose parents have sadly neglected them.

Let's be honest about it! How many of us as church members have felt that this "Big Week" campaign is the paid workers' responsibility? And how many of the paid workers have felt that the home missionary secretary should bear the responsibility? And how many home missionary secretaries have felt that this "Big Week" was no child of theirs, but something shunted onto their shoulders by the mission committee at the instigation of the union home missionary secretary? The very first requisite of a successful "Big Week" is that church members, workers, departmental leaders, and mission committees all have the proper attitude and perspective. This "proper attitude" may be a matter of divergent opinion, due to the above mentioned conditions:

This year's "Big Week" funds are to be retained in the Division for distribution in the various unions. Note the projects listed. We must realize that the "Big Week" is no longer, if it ever was, a matter calling only for the attention of paid workers, departmental leaders, and mission directors. The pro-

jects listed represent real needs, and their importance and desirability are without question.

The first step in organizing for a successful campaign is to make sure that every church member and worker fully understands the "Big Week" plan, and just what its success or failure means to his particular field. Does Central China really need that \$1,750 for the Hankow school restoration?—Let Central China church members and workers answer! Does West China need that \$800 for the new Union school?—The many young people without educational opportunities, and the great need for trained workers, is eloquent answer! And so for each and every union throughout China. The needs are doubtless real. The filling of these needs rests with ourselves.

The financial goal of \$1 per member has not been changed. The various mission committees should take early action, apportioning the goal for their particular mission to the various churches and companies, remembering that city churches should be expected to carry a proportionately heavy share of the load. Let books and supplies be ordered in plenty of time, and on a liberal scale. Let the home and field missionary secretaries spend at least two weeks, preferably a month, prior to the campaign visiting the churches and promoting the work. Local institutes of one or two days' duration can be held in the larger churches, canvasses learned, and simple sales methods of approach, demonstration, and closing of the sale explained to the church membership. It should be easy for these to lead out in training the

church members under their charge.

Definite territory should be assigned each worker or team of workers. Where church members have had little experience they should go out two by two. Get the whole church membership out the same day, if possible. Then let the paid workers, leaders, and church officers, really lead. Our schools and sanatoriums can profitably spend at least one day in the field. Let the teachers, head nurses, and doctors take active part, as the leaders in other lines of work. The crossing of Jordan and the taking of Jericho by ancient Israel are wonderful examples of what real leadership will accomplish.

When the campaign is over, let reports, funds, and remaining supplies be promptly returned to the local tract societies. Thus we shall have an early report from each mission and union, and shall avoid the possibility of funds being diverted locally to unauthorised projects.

And always remember that the "Big Week" is not something apart from our evangelistic work. I can cite one instance when the only person to join a certain church during that particular year was won through following up "Big Week" contacts. It would have paid that church and that worker to have had 52 "Big Weeks" that year.

Those who still possess a copy of last year's "Big Week" special could well spend a few minutes reviewing the excellent article by Brother Reed on the conducting of a successful "Big Week" campaign.

"Shall We Save the Home?" --- ("Big Week" Booklet for 1933, by E. R. Thiele)

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