The China Division Reporter

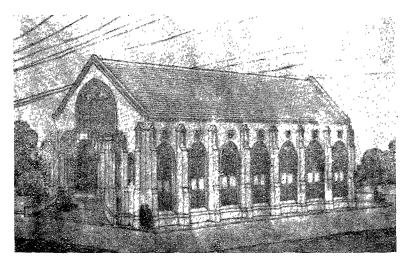
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"LET THEM MAKE ME A SANCTUARY THAT

I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM."



THE PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH AS IT WILL PROBABLY APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED

General Articles

OUR PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

O. A. HALL

ON MARCH 23, 1936, the China Division Committee took the following important action:

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the South China Union to prepare an appeal to be presented to our church members throughout the China Division, through the medium of the church paper, and that we designate August 29 as the date on which an offering for the Pioneer Memorial Church shall be received in all our churches.

It was further agreed that this matter be promoted by the Home Missionary Department and the union committees, with the hope that the offering might net from all sources in the unions a sum equivalent to at least 25 cents Mex. per member."

We feel sure that our brethren and sisters everywhere in China will have a real interest in this project named above. It is always of great value to us to remember the beginning of things, for the beginnings of our work in every field have been made through sacrifice and earnest effort.

The city of Hongkong is one of the great and important centers of our work in China. A representative memorial church building in that place will do much to the establishing of our work, not only in the city but also in Chinese territory.

In this number of the REPORTER you will find the program and material prepared for use on Sabbath, August 29. It is the hope of the Division committee that every church throughout our Division will carry out this program and take a very liberal offering for the Hongkong Memorial Church.

We believe the Lord's blessing will rest upon the entire field as we join in this helpful undertaking.

THE CHINA DELEGATION ENROUTE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

H. W. MILLER

A LITTLE past midnight of April 27, the ship with the China delegation to the General Conference cast off for the long journey over the great sea. As morning dawned, we

had passed the yellow waters and were launched into a storm that tested the sea-faring ability of our company. Only a few found themselves hungry enough to approach the dining-room. The following day, however, we arrived in the Inland Sea of Japan, when we began to learn how each one was situated. Ours constituted the major group of passengers, and the Dollar Company had made every possible provision for our comfort. They had prepared several special vegetable dishes to be added to their already liberal dietary.

After a few brief stops in Japan,—at Kobe, Nagoya, and Yokohama,—May 2 we were off for our 12 days' ocean voyage to Victoria. A few went by rail from Kobe to Tokyo, visiting the Japan Union school, the sanitarium, and the publishing house. Four operations were performed in Tokyo.

After the shake-up we had had on the Yellow Sea to begin with, there was much apprehension over what we might meet in a few hours when we encountered the Pacific Ocean. But all were happily surprised, as a very quiet, smooth sea has favored us all the way across. No voyage could possibly be smoother and more pleasant. So every day has been a working day, we having all caught a good rest the first few days of our travel.

You will be interested in learning the tentative plans of our mission workers who are on furlough. First, all will be in attendance at the General Conference. Following this, B. L. Anderson and his wife, from Amoy, will attend the Advanced Bible Summer School. Then after a brief visit to their relatives in Southern California, they will go east, residing mostly at Milton, Wisconsin.

Hsu Hwa is also planning to attend the Bible Summer School, and will thereafter visit our publishing houses, returning via Europe.

S. H. Lindt and his family will locate at Pacific Union College, and will be in attendance at the Bible Summer School.

Miss Ivadel Eaton, after attending the Bible Summer School, will go to Alberta, Canada, spending some of her furlough in Bible work in that conference.

C. C. Morris, following the Conference, will visit some centers of our work, including Washington,

but will stay most of the time at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

- G. J. Appel and his family will locate in California in the early autumn, after attending campmeetings this summer.
- W. J. Harris and his family will go to their former home in Battle Creek, Michigan,
- E. L. Longway and T. A. Shaw and their families will locate at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, for the schooling of their children this autumn. Their labor will be in the eastern conferences.
- A. R. Boynton and his family, after visiting relatives in Ohio, Washington, and New Jersey, will locate near their folks in Boston, where Mr. Boynton will spend some time studying along physiotherapy lines.
- B. F. Gregory and his family plan to go to St. Helena after Conference. He will divide his furlough time between St. Helena and Angwin, California.
- C. A. Carter and his family will go east after Conference to their homes in Virginia and Washington, as Brother Carter wants to make a study of industrial education.

Edwin R. Thiele and his family will spend sometime in the West after Conference in behalf of his health, and thereafter will locate near Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Miss Bessie Mount goes to her home in Cincinnatti, Ohio, and will spend a part of her furlough in Washington.

Carl Schroeter and his wife after General Conference, will proceed to their home in Germany.

D. E. Rebok and W. A. Scharffenberg, who are among our delegation, after a brief visit to their aged parents, will return to China.

These, together with Pastor and Mrs. B. Petersen, Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Lee, Brother and Sister Z. H. Coberly, Brother and Sister A. B. Buzzell, and Mrs. Leatha Coulston, will make up our China Division delegation.

We feel indeed grateful to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of this trip, and for His prospering hand over us. We are daily joining in prayer to the end that this General Conference may be one of great blessing and a season when God's people will draw near to Him.

SOME OF OUR PIONEERS IN THE CHINA MISSION FIELD



J. P. Anderson



A. L. Ham



J. N. Anderson



B. L. Anderson



Law Keem



Mrs. B. L. Anderson

THE PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Suggestive Program for Sabbath August 29

Opening Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers," No. 656, "Christ in Song." No. 32, Chinese Hymnal.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:16-20.

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Second Song: Special Selection, or No. 316 in "Christ in Song." No. 18 in Chinese Hymnal.

Short Study by Elder of Church: Exodus 25:8; 35:21-29; 36:2-7; 25:2; I Corinthians 10:1-4; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 8:12; John 3:16.

Symposium: Special readings to be read as prepared by Dr. Miller, Elders A. L. Ham, John Oss, E. L. Longway, Pastor Ang, and D. E. Rebok.

Poem: "Arise and Build"
Offering and Consecration of Gifts
Closing Song: "From Greenland's
Icy Mountains," No. 624 in
"Christ in Song." No. 149 in
Chinese Hymnal.

Benediction

THE CHINA PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

H. W. MILLER

This year marks the thirty-fifth since the sending forth of our first mission workers to carry the advent message to China. In 1901 Brother J. N. Anderson, his wife and Miss Gertrude Thompson were placed under appointment, and left their homeland for China in the latter part of that year.

Interest in China as a mission field had been awakened through Brother Abram LaRue, who had come to Hongkong as a self-supporting missionary as early as 1888. Here ever since has been kept affame the prophetic message of Christ's soon return and of the end of the world. This light, kindled in those early days and kept aglow ever since on the island of Hongkong by faithful workers residing here, has now entered every province of China and extended into the heart of the continent of Asia, among the tribes-people and to the people of Tibet and Mongolia. Thousands of dollars have been raised on the Island for the support of the work in China, and this has afforded a base of operation for our work in South China and, at times in all China, that has been deeply appreciated by the Church of China and its working force.

Here now rest in silence several of our veteran pioneers, including Brother LaRue, Gertrude Thompson, Mrs. Faulkner, and Brother

Borum. In South China also are to be found the graves of Brother Wilbur, and Dr. Law Keem, pioneer missionaries to interior parts of South China.

It will be recalled that in 1900 great disaster befell missionaries in all parts of China in the wholesale slaughter of Christians; and so Hongkong, which has always stood as a city of refuge to missionaries, was selected as the gateway for the entrance of our message to China.

For these and many other reasons it would seem fitting that our believers throughout the China Division should unite in erecting a fitting Memorial Church for Hongkong, which place has remained for thirty-five years without a permanent meeting place, while other companies in many parts of China have been housed in suitable buildings provided by regular appropriations.

It has therefore been recommended by the China Division Committee that on Sabbath, the 29th of August of this year, an offering be taken up in all our churches to provide a Memorial Church building in Hongkong, and that we accept the responsibility of raising 25 cents per member in order that all may engage in the privilege of giving for the erection for this place of worship. We feel assured of the ready response of our believers everywhere in China to this need in Hongkong.

REASONS FOR HAVING A MEMORIAL CHURCH IN HONGKONG

A. L. HAM

Hongkong is a large colony with a population of about one million people, representing nearly every nation in the world. Its proximity to China and the important lines of transportation reaching in all directions of the East and to the interior of China make it a most important port city. The largest trans-Pacific and round-the-world ships call regularly at this port where passengers tranship to all parts of the East. It may truthfully be said to be one of the most important cities of the Orient.

Hongkong has been a constant example of good government. Religious liberty exists for all, and it has long been a center from which many missionary institutions have influenced the thought and lives of South China's people.

It is this city to which our pioneer missionaries came. Brother LaRue lived and labored here, faithfully



A group of pioneer workers, with Prof. W. W. Prescott and Elder E. H. Gates, visiting representives from the Home Board

sowing seeds of truth, making many friends and some converts. It is here, in the beautiful Happy Valley Cemetery that he rests, awaiting the call of the Life Giver

and his eternal reward.

In 1901 the General Conference commissioned Pastor J. N. Anderson and family as our first regular missionaries to China, who came to Hongkong where they settled for a time while learning the language. Other pioneer missionaries came. settling here also to learn the language under favorable conditions, later to settle in Canton, Fatshan, Kongmoon, Amoy, Swatow, Waichow and other parts of South China. Soon followed missionaries who entered central China establishing the interests of the work there. From that time to the present the work has spread out until now the interests of this movement are established in nearly every part of this great country. While these advances have been going on, Hongkong, the gate-way to South China, has waited patiently for a church which would rightly represent our work.

The headquarters of the South China Union are located in Hongkong; and since this is the case we believe we should have here our strongest church and best organized work to be an example for other churches throughout the Union field. Other unions have representative churches in the large influential cities where their headquarters are located. This must greatly facilitate and strengthen their work, besides affording meeting places for biennial and special conventions for the union field. If at the South China headquarters such a church could be erected, it would prove a blessing, not only to those who reside in Hongkong, but to the whole

Again, we have found that certain people of Hongkong hesitate to assemble for religious services with those who worship in a rented residential flat. They seem to feel that a people who meet for divine service under such conditions can not be very well established, and consequently they greatly underestimate what we as a denomination are doing in China. It is also difficult to register such places as we are forced to use so that we can perform wedding ceremonies. This is often embarrassing to the pastor of the church and to those desiring to be married by one of our ministers. There would be no trouble about this matter had we a registered church.

Union.

Our congregation in Hongkong is growing. A far more aggressive work could be done if we could have a church that would fitly represent our work in this the largest city and most important center of our union field.



Abram LaRue

THE WORK OF ABRAM LARUE IN HONGKONG

John Oss

ABRAM LARUE, our pioneer worker in China, traveled about the world as a seamen till he was about fifty years of age. Then he located in the city of San Francisco, where he invested his earnings of many years. One day a ravaging fire swept through the section of San Francisco where he had his property, and in a few moments the former seaman's hard-gotten earnings were charred pieces of timber and smoldering heaps of ashes.

Following this experience he left the city and made his home in the mountains north of San Francisco. Through some tracts and Signs of the Times magazines distributed by one of our brethren, Brother LaRue accepted the Advent faith and became an ardent believer. Healdsburg College was established, he went to this school and took a course in Bible to prepare for more efficient work in soul-saving. was then past sixty years of age, and it is said that he reminded one of a patriarch as he mingled with the younger students.

Brother LaRue offered himself to the mission board to go as a selfsupporting missionary to China, but was advised to go instead to one of the islands of the Pacific, the mission board no doubt having in mind that he would locate in one of the islands of the Hawaiian group, as he had begun work there as a colporteur in 1885. He accept-

ed this counsel, and in 1888 was on his way to the island of Hongkong. lying just off the coast of China. "I have kept just within the borders of my commission," he often said, in regard to his appointment and his final settling in Hongkong.

Brother LaRue opened a mission on Arsenal Street, near the sea. "The large room was used for a gospel meeting hall, and a good stock of religious books and Bibles were attractively displayed. Among the soldiers and sailors and wayfarers the place soon became known as the headquarters for any man who needed a friend. The seed cast into the shifting sand of such a soil took root in some instances, and not a few men returned to their homes in the four quarters of the earth, thanking God for the beacon light set at this strategic point on the great highway of the Far East."

Much literature was sold by Brother LaRue among the Europeans in Hongkong and to the seamen and passengers on the many boats that called at that busy port. He sold books, took orders for magazines, and distributed many tracts. He made several trips to Japan, during which he sold literature, stopping off at Shanghai enroute. In the spring of 1889 when making one of these voyages he was impressed with the possibilities in Shanghai for missionary work, and wrote to the mission board, "Here, too, missionaries are needed immediately." He reported having sold \$102.75 worth of literature on that journey and of having had an interesting visit with the captain of the boat on which he traveled. One reason why he visited Japan, besides that of selling literature, was to visit Brother W. C. Grainger, whom he had interested in the truth while he was in California. This brother had resigned his position as president of Healdsburg College to become one of our first missionaries to Japan. The friendship between these men was very close. Brother Grainger later laid down his life in Japan, being one of the first of our people to be laid to rest in the Orient. Selling literature enroute, Brother LaRue also made a trip to the Holy Land, and was contemplating another at the time of his death.

It was at Hongkong, however, that he did his greatest work. Many a wayward seaman was inspired with new desires after a visit to his little mission. He placed literature on boats that sailed to all parts of the world and was highly thought of by the foreign community and by the Chinese with whom he came in contact. Shortly after his arrival in the British colony he wrote "Theseed is being sown all over the Orient, and the Lord will take good care of the results. It will certainly be a savor of life unto life or of

death unto death."

In another letter he mentions that the minister of a certain church met him on the street and spoke roughly to him. Of this experience he said, "He acknowledged that he was tearing up and destroying our publications, and he gave me to understand that my work would be stopped. But when we parted, he had mellowed down amazingly, and I have had no more trouble. They have found that threatening, coaxing, persuading, or hiring will not move me."

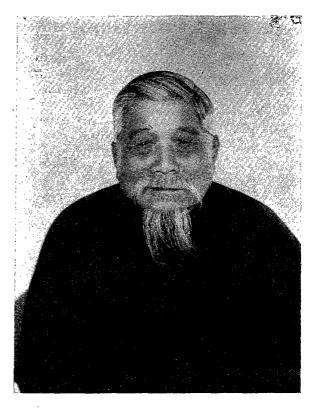
After residing in Hongkong for some time this man of God became known as Father LaRue. It is said by some that the name originated when some one, thinking he was a Catholic priest, addressed him as "Father." Or perhaps it was simply because of his friendly, fatherly way that made him seem like a father to all. However the name originated, he became Father

LaRue to many.

At the time of his arrival in China, on account of his advanced age, Brother LaRue was unable to learn the Chinese language; but he always felt a burden for the Chinese whom he daily met. He made the acquaintance of a Chinese named Mo Wen Chang and there grew up between these two a very close friendship. Mo Wen Chang was a translator in the Colonial Court, and as he went to work each morning, he would stop in at the mission and have worship. Brother LaRue later had this man translate one chapter of "Steps to Christ" and two tracts, one on the prophecy of Daniel 2 and the other on Daniel 7, and had these printed. These 7, and had these printed. tracts he used in his missionary work. This was the first Seventhday Adventist literature printed in Chinese.

From 1888 to 1902 Father LaRue, as he was now generally called, stood alone. That was a high day in his life (February 2, 1902) when Brother and Sister J. N. Anderson and Miss Ida Thompson arrived to join hands with him in labor. They had been in Hongkong but a short time, when nine people who had been led into the truth largely through Brother LaRue's efforts, were baptized. Plans were then laid to open the work on the mainland.

This pioneer of our work in China had many qualifications that it would be well for those who have followed him in mission work to emulate. He was a staunch Christian, a keen Bible student, a man of prayer and devotion. He was patient and sympathetic and constant. His standing for fourteen years alone in a distant land, carrying on a self-supporting work, shows that he had the stamina that is needed in pioneer work. The motive power that urged him onward was firm belief in the soon coming of Jesus. A few days before his death,



Pastor Ang, one of the early workers in the South China Union

which came on April 26, 1903, he willed the greater part of the little money he had to the mission in China. He gave his all to the cause he loved. Let us by our labor and devotion follow in his steps.

LARUE, THE WORTHY PIONEER

PASTOR ANG

I FEEL very thankful to God for the privilege of being able to wait peacefully in my old age for the coming of Christ. In considering how it was made possible that I share in this great joy, I must pay due credit to Mr. LaRue.

In faith, Mr. LaRue looked forward to a day when China would be represented by many souls saved for the Kingdom. Although at that time himself advanced in years he requested the General Conference to send him as a missionary to China. The brethren at that time feared that Brother LaRue would not be able to stand the strain of a long, tedious voyage, and so they commissioned him to work among the nearby islands of the Pacific. To the surprise of all, he sailed

from one island to another, till he finally reached Hongkong, a few miles from the mainland of China. That was in 1888. There he labored as a self-supporting colporteur, distributing tracts, translated for him by Mr. Moh Wen Chuan, a translator in the Colonial Court. In February, 1902, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson with Miss Ida Thompson arrived in China as missionaries, and shortly afterwards, nine people



Pastor N. P. Kay, one of the first to enter Fukien Province with the message

were baptized as the result of Brother LaRue's faithful labors. On April 24, 1903, Brother LaRue was laid to rest in the Lord. His grave is in Hongkong.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." (Eccl. 11:6) "The Kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." (Matt. 13:31, 32.) These scriptures define very fittingly the way in which Brother LaRue labored. It was Brother La-Rue who first took the seed of the kingdom of heaven and sowed it in South China, and I became the first fruits of that seed in the year 1905.

Building on the foundation laid by Brother LaRue, we have now in every large city of China schools, hospitals, or churches; but the city at which the founder first landed is still without a permanent church building. In February, 1936, there-fore, the South China Union suggested to the China Division Executive Committee that a church be erected in Hongkong to commemorate the work of Brother LaRue. We are glad that the Division has adopted our suggestion and that \$15, 000 has been fixed as the goal of the fund to be raised for this project.

This means only one dollar for every church member in all China. Since the adoption of the suggestion by the Division, it is learned that a certain church member has pledged to contribute \$ 200 and another mission worker has gathered in several hundred dollars. I hope that all our church members will do their part to bring to completion this project.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

E. L. LONGWAY

ONE of the best tests of loyalty to any cause is the financial test. person, or group of persons, willingly gives to finance a work or movement, that is positive evidence of vital interest in, and connection with, that work or movement. This is not only true of the people of the world but also of the followers of Christ, and is in accordance with the scripture which says: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

The first quarter's Sabbath school offerings of the Hongkong Sabbath school give evidence that the "heart' of the church in Hongkong is in a healthy and vigorous condition. This little school of less than fifty members during the first quarter of this year raised \$393.06, which, at present rates of exchange, is more than \$430.00, Mex. As I listened to this report, I thought of the campaign throughout all the China April 5, 1936.

Division to raise funds for a "Pioneer Memorial Church" in Hongkong. But is not this spirit of liberality among the members of the Hongkong church the best memorial that could be erected to the memory of the pioneers of this work in China? The same spirit of self-sacrifice that moved the hearts of our pioneers in China lives in the little church in Hongkong today.

As the picture of the combined companies in Kowloon and Hongkong was being taken, the question of how much these two companies have done for this cause in a financial way came to my mind. During the period of five years these two churches have turned over a total in tithes and offerings of \$30,286.53.

The goal for the campaign for the Pioneer Memorial Church building fund has been set at \$30,000.00. Part of these funds, it is hoped, will be appropriated by the General Conference from the church exten-And our churches sion fund. throughout the China Division have the privilege of rallying to the support of our Pioneer Church in Hongkong to provide them with a permanent place of worship. Let us be liberal in benam of the Lord's body, and thus prove the Serinture. "Give, the truth of the Scripture, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom."

Hongkong,



Believers in the Hongkong and Kowloon Churches

The China Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Statistical Summary - Including Provincial Missions - Quarter Ending March 31, 1936

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Report of the China Division Sabbath School Dept.

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1936

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Union Mission	Number of School	Average Membership	Average Attendance		Investment Fund Offering		13 Sabbath Offering	Total Offerings to Missions
Central China	89	3,290	3,134	\$22.80	\$10.59	\$371.81	\$5 9. 6 9	\$464.89
East China	251	8,064	7,646	123.27	244.84	1,060.88	145.70	1, 574.69
Manchuria	52	1,970	1.502	14.37	15.19	330.37	70.07	430.00
North China	66	1,630	1,694	9.21	16.05	246.63	26.68	298.57
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South China	123	4,392	4,345	35.36	74.16	564.98	111.31	785.81
West China	108	1,950	2,125	5.47	3.22	248.00	36.15	292.84
Totals, 1st Qr. 1936	727	22,225	21.649	\$ 217.11	\$ 369.71	\$ 2,963.28	\$475.14	\$4,025.24
Totals, 1st Qr. 1935	691	20,133	18,932	1.84.24	290.61	3,027.48	468,98	3,971.31
Gains,	36	2,092	2,717	\$32.87	\$79.10		\$6.16	\$53.93
Losses,						\$64.20		

Bessie Mount, Secretary.

The Literature Work

THE TRAVELS OF A SIGNS OF THE TIMES MAGAZINE

John Oss

WHILE taking part in the 1936 Big Week campaign in the city of Hankow, Mrs. Thelma Smith had an experience which shows that our good missionary paper, the Signs, is appreciated by many of its readers.

Two weeks after meeting a lady who had purchased literature Sister Smith called again to present a copy of the Signs. As the paper was being handed to the lady, she said, "Oh! I have this paper. My sister in Peiping sends it to me every month after she has read it; and when I finish reading it, I send it on to a friend in the province of Yunnan."

in the province of Yunnan."

What a large missionary field this yearly subscription to the Signs has! Mailed from Shanghai it travels by rail to Peiping, and after delivering its message to interested ones there it goes by rail to Hankow in the very heart of China. It is gladly received here also, and after being read it starts traveling again—this time down China's great waterway, the Yangtze river, back to Shanghai. There it boards a large ocean liner for Hongkong, and here is placed on a smaller vessel bound for the port of Haiphong. From this seaport it travels by rail up through French Indo China to one who is earnestly waiting for it in the province of Yunnan.

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Just what happens to this copy of the Signs after this we do not know, but without doubt its influence goes on. It is reasonable to assume that its message touches many lives.

Surely the Signs is a ubiquitous missionary and a great traveler, and many are securing the message for this last day through its pages.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS IN KIANGSI

John Oss

It was the privilege of the writer to spend a few days recently with our colporteurs in the province of Kiangsi while on the way to Hankow and other points in the Central China Union. We found Brethren D. E. McFeters, field missionary secretary of the Kiangsi mission, of good courage and doing his utmost to push forward the literature work.

Brother McFeters told me of a yamen where the book, "Our Marvelous Age" was kept on the center table in the large waiting room. We called on the librarian of the provincial library and found him very friendly. He readily purchased books to be placed where the public could read them. He said that he always had the Signs magazine, and that many read it with interest.

One day as we were coming down stairs from the office of a military man where we had just sold some books, we met the postman. He was carrying a familiar looking envelope. We learned that it contained the June issue of the Signs for the man whom we had just interviewed. Each month nearly seventy thousand copies of this truth filled magazine are being delivered to our readers.

At the close of a day's work in Nanchang we went to a small leather shop, where Brother McFeters was having a suitcase repaired. As we were nearing the shop Brother McFeters said, "I had a strange experience at this shop some time ago. The proprietor, learning that I represented the Signs magazine, asked why it was that we had not asked him for his subscription this year. I am going to get his subscription today," said Brother McFeters.

We entered the shop and asked about the suitcase but in just a moment the man said, "How about that magazine? Are you going to take our subscription this year? "Yes indeed," replied Brother McFeters as he took out the prospectus, "We have come today to get your order."

The Lord richly blessed our work during the few days that I spent in Kiangsi. We sold many books and secured testimonials from the governor of the province, the chief of police, and the president of the chamber of commerce in Nanchang. We secured an order for books from the mayor of the city and other leaders in the province. The Lord is going before our colporteurs in Kiangsi province and they are being blessed in many ways as they scatter the pages of truth.

On the Yangtze River nearing Hankow

THE PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

ARISE AND BUILD

EDWARD J. URQUHART

Do you ever feel resentful, Or indifferent, or sour, At the many calls for succor Made in this almighty hour?

Do you ever have a notion
To throw up the hands for good?—
Stop the tugging and the lifting?
Shun the claims of brotherhood?

Do you feel that family burdens Are so heavy that they claim All your time and all your money? All your strength of hand and brain?

Would you like to cease forever Giving to the cause of God? Keep your dollars in your pocket, Sending none of them abroad?

Well, the time will come to many, When no calls will reach their ears; When no dollars will be taken Though they offer them with tears.

Soon the time will come when money Shall have lost its worth and charm; When a house will be a burden Useless every ranch and farm.

Men will throw away their riches As a sordid, evil thing; Wealth will only be a trouble, Money carry but a sting.

Thus while time awaits the action, While the need demands the gift, Will you not prove true to Jesus?
Tug and strain and pull and lift?

Be as big as is your calling?
Be as large as is the hour?
Let God work through you for others?
Manifest through you His power?

WHAT SOUTH CHINA IS DOING A. L. HAM

THE hopes of our people in the South China Union are being translated into action with respect to the establishment in Hongkong of a China Pioneer Memorial Church. It is with utmost satisfaction that we have seen the interest and the helpful response on the part of leaders of the China Division and

unions to this project. And what has been done to facilitate the plans for this memorial church gives us courage to go forward with the raising of funds within the South China Union. We confidently believe that we shall succeed, under the blessing of God, and have every reason to look for the speedy reali-

The South China workers and the Hongkong church members are donating \$2,500, for this purpose. The Cantonese Mission is providing \$2,500, and to this will be added \$3,000, as a donation from the entire membership of the Union

zation of our hopes.

Mission on the basis of \$1 per member of the 1934 Chinese membership. Offerings received on the fifth Sabbath of every month last year were set apart for this church building fund, and the profits from the sale of some special literature in Hongkong are being credited to the same purpose. In all, the South China Union undertakes to provide between eight and nine thousand dollars for this Memorial Church.

There is a deep and enthusiastic interest shown by the Chinese believers in this enterprise. It is their suggestion that this Memorial Church be built through the sacrificial giving of our own people rather than by solicitation from the outside; for thus we can best commemorate the sacrificing efforts of the pioneer missionaries and early Chinese workers, who did so much to establish the interests of the work in this land.

South China is going forward according to plans, and, under the prospering hand of God, we expect soon to have the necessary funds in hand to make the Memorial Church in Hongkong a reality, and, we trust, a beacon light in this part of the China field.

PERPETUATING THE SPIRIT OF THE PIONEERS

D. E. REBOK

An aggressive church is a living, vital power—full of potentialities and possibilities. Christ, the founder of the Christian church, saw that the growth and expansion of His work was dependent upon that spirit of aggression. Therefore, He gave to His disciples, and the disciples of all ages, that commission which has inspired His people of every age and dime—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

This going process began in Jerusalem, and extended through Judea and Samaria into every part of the world. When the going was the farthest, when the zeal to preach was the greatest, when the pioneering spirit was the strongest, then the church enjoyed the most spiritual and prosperous periods of its history.

Pity the day when, because there are no more lands to enter, no more languages to master, no more strongholds of sin to storm, the church will have no more pioneers,

no more martyrs, no more challenges, no more missionary endeavors. Then the Christian church will have lost its spur to activity, its source of greatest spiritual vigor. The church militant is the church triumphant. The church in lethargy is the church dying.

In this number of the "REPORTER" we are remembering the men and women who have "attempted great things for God," and have "expected great things from God"—the pioneers of our Advent Movement into China. We are refreshing our minds with their exploits for the Master.

The burden on my heart is not so much for a fitting commemoration of past achievements, as for the keeping afresh in our hearts the spirit of those pioneers; the encouraging of our young Christians to press the battle forward, and to extend the lines of Christian activity into the very heart of Asia, the borderlands of this far-flung country.

My heart was cheered some five or six years ago when six young men and women at Chiaotoutseng organized the Border Province Prayer and Study Band. Their earnestness, their zeal, their enthusiasm were catching, and soon each Friday evening saw a larger and larger group assembling, and later volunteering for service in those lands for which the band had been praying and about which they had been studying.

Today four of the original six are already "out there," and more than twenty others have followed their example—the spirit of the pioneers. No call from those far distant centers goes unheeded nor unfilled by our young people—the youthful pioneers of this our day.

Is it strange then that a challenge cry of "On to Lhasa" should find two of our young men ready to go, and several thousand other young people ready to support them and "hold the ropes"? This is but the spirit of our pioneers which is being perpetuated and passed on from generation to generation. May it continue to grow and strengthen until a knowledge of Christ and the true God has been proclaimed in every land!

No more fitting memorial to this pioneering spirit could be erected than the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hongkong, where our first workers began the preaching of the Advent Message in China.

S.S. "Wan Hsiang" March 6, 1936.

Educational Dept.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE NORTH CHINA YOUTH'S CONGRESS

"Hao Hsiao Hsi"

This phrase has become music in the ears of our youth of North China. Indeed, the "good news" heard at our North China Youth's Congress kept the joy bells ringing in the hearts of our young people from early morning till late at night. Every meeting from the beginning of the Congress, Thursday evening, April 9, until the last meeting, Monday evening, April 13, was filled with "good tidings." The halls and walls and the entire compound of our institute at Fengtai rang continually with "hao hsiao hsi."

This North China Youth's Congress was an epoch-making event in the history of our young people's work in this union. The zeal and spirit of our youth brought great inspiration to the entire delegation. Every day was filled with surprises. At the investiture service over 600 Missionary Volunteer pins and certificates were awarded. At one meeting 600 inspirational books were sold,—such books as "The Life of Victory," "The Lighted Way," "Pushing On and Up." Nearly two hundred dollars (Mexican) worth of books were sold at this meeting. A special offering of \$51.00 was taken for the "On to Lhasa Movement." At another meeting some \$35.00 more was given to assist in sending two colporteurs into Mongolia. Furthermore, the Congress voted to make Mongolia a North China youth's project; it was voted to organize a Border Province band in our North China Training Institute.

Delegates came from the Shansi,

Shantung, Hopei, Cha-Sui, Jehol, and Mongolian Missions. Pastors D. E. Rebok and John Oss represented the China Division; Professor Liu, the China Training Institute; Mr. Joseph May, the Signs of the Times Publishing House. The entire North China Union committee members also attended, and all brought "hao hsiao hsi." The youth of North China will long remember the good news heard at the Congress. The delegates arose at the last meeting, and with hand held high toward heaven, pledged themselves to go into all North China spreading the "good news" of the coming Kingdom.

ADLAL ESTER.

I was deeply impressed by the sincere consecration manifested by the entire delegation. I felt as if I were in attendance at a campmeeting at home, even to the "book sale." It was demonstrated that we can sell books at our meetings.

I desire to add my testimony to that of other delegates in asking God to bless the North China young people entrusted to our care. Thank you, China Division, Signs Publishing House, and China Training Institute, for the efficient help so freely granted us in Professor Rebok, Brother Joseph May, and Professor B. A. Liu.

H. W. CHRISTIAN.

As I sat from day to day in the Youth's Congress at Fengtai, the most forceful impression that came to me was that the youth attending this session are our future leaders and that this Congress may be a turning point in their experience. I am convinced that a great vista of possibilities has opened before them and high standards set up for their guidance that cannot fail to greatly effect for good the future of the Advent movement in North China.

R. M. Cossentine.

I do not understand all that is said in Chinese, yet in spite of this handicap at the North China

Youth's Congress at Fengtai, I received personally very much benefit. It seemed to me one of the best meetings I have ever attended, and without question the best one in every way that I have attended since coming to China. What must it have been to those who understood all! The spirit of the young people of North China is one of earnestness, and determination to finish the work in North China.

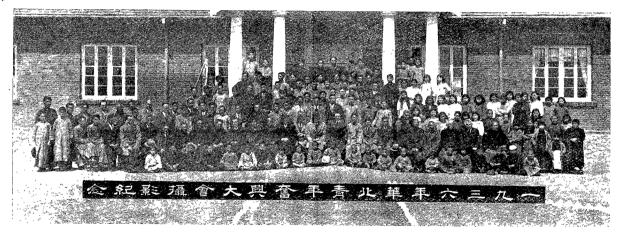
The great lesson I learned from the Youth's Congress of North China is to cherish the spirit of youth and of the Missionary Volunteer movement. As this is more and more emphasized by the workers of China, I believe great progress and blessing will come.

OTTO CHRISTENSEN.

Our North China Youth are getting under the burden of evangelizing this great field. They are accepting the challenge of Mongolia's darkness, and at this Congress organized a movement to study and plan for a definite method to assist in preaching the gospel in Mongolia. I believe this is the spirit that will give life to our missionary work. I believe these congresses will prove a great help in unifying our youth and in holding them in our ranks. We hope to hold such congresses every two years in the future.

C. B. GREEN.

Each day of the Youth's Congress was full of inspiring meetings; and each meeting seemed better than the one before. Each day had its own special, outstanding features. Yes, a Youth's Congress is different in many ways; and each Youth's Congress has its own special characteristics. The one at Chiaotoutseng gave the feeling of bigness, inspiration, oneness of mind and spirit. The music stands out as a prominent feature of those meetings. At Fengtai, it was the spirit of consecration, the spiritual life and vigor, the sense of fellowship and brotherly cooperation, and complete



Youth's Congress convened at Fengtai, April 9-13, 1936

dedication, which caused all who attended to feel that the April 9-13 meeting was the best ever held in North China.

The enthusiasm ran high on Friday as Brethren Oss and Esteb held the largest sale of youth's literature ever conducted by Seventh-day Adventists in China. Over 600 copies were sold in half an hour.

Progressive class work was the talk of Sabbath afternoon when at the biggest investiture service yet held in the China Division over 525 certificates were issued to those completing the Bible Year, Reading Courses, Standard of Attainment, and so forth, and 125 Friends and 15 Companions received their pins. This Sabbath also stands out as a day to be remembered because on that day the North China Union Training Institute was dedicated to God and His service as the "city of refuge" for the young people of North China.

Sunday was marked by a special gift of books published by the Signs of the Times Publishing House. These books for the young people of North China are placed in the library of the Institute at Fengtai, waiting for the young people to come and use them.

The Youth's Congress at Fengtai voted to accept Mongolia as the men and women of North China. Already \$35.00 has been raised to send two colporteurs into Mongolia for a special literature tour this summer.

This Congress has meant much to North China, and it was voted to request the Union Committee for permission to hold such a meeting every two years. Under the able leadership of A. A. Esteb and his five local mission Missionary Volunteer secretaries, the youth's movement in North China is onward. May God bless that movement in a very special way is my prayer.

D. E. REBOK.

A BIBLE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

Miss Josephine Holmes, who the past winter has been conducting a Bible school for women at Yencheng, Honan, writes:
"Our school is being conducted in a compound seven li from the academy and is really a boarding school for women. There are nineteen in attendance. Five are wives of nurses in training; two are wives of students in the academy; one is the wife of our gateman; four are local church members; two are local women who have never heard the gospel. The other five are women from other churches who have just come in for the winter's work.

"We have two classes: one for the more advanced, and one for beginners. There are ten in the advanced class. It is from

this group we hope to draw future Bible workers. They are studying doctrines, methods, Old Testament history, health and sanitation (using Mr. Mae's new book as a text at present); singing, and a period each day is spent in writing.

"Thirteen of these in attendance live in the compound. We have tried to make living conditions as homelike as can be possible. The responsibilities are distributed among the students, and the work changed each week.

"I have tried to hold to the idea of every one's carrying responsibility and to encourage the spirit of helpfulness each for the other. We often sing "Tis Love that Makes us Happy," and there really is a good spirit in the compound. The winter's work has meant a long steady pull, but the results are promising that the effort has been well worth while."

A later word from Miss Holmes shows how "worthwhile" the effort has been. She writes. "I have tried to hold to the idea of every

writes: "The Lord has blessed us beyond my farthest stretch of imagination. Seven young women were baptized a week ago Sabbath as the results of our year's work. Six were students and one a neighbor of one of the students. Several were wives of business men here in the city. My original plan was simply to bring our own church members up to a higher standard of Christian intelligence. That has been accomplished, and at the same time these other young women have been brought to a knowledge of the gospel. This year will always be a bright spot in my memory."

f. Number of articles of clothing given to the needy.

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THE FULOY HOSPITAL. WAICHOW

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DURING a recent visit to Wenchow I learned of progress that the Fui On hospital is making and of some of the experiences that Dr. So Yu Chun is having. Recently he was interviewed by a young business man whose father has been prominent in business circles here, but who, having been ill for some time, had put his affairs in order and had gone out to his village to die. The son wanted to know if Dr. So would not go out and see his father. This Dr. So readily agreed to do. After a second visit the patient was brought back to town and treated, then taken to Canton for X-ray pictures and given further medical care. Now the merchant has recovered and has gone back to his shop to take up his work again, to the surprise and joy of his many clerks and friends.

This experience has created a favorable impression throughout the city and countryside. The hospital is enjoying a good patronage and the income is growing. There is much activity at the little city clinic, which is operated by the hospital in connection with the city chapel. It is expected that soon the X-ray equipment will be installed, for which there seems to be demand in Waichow.

which there seems to be demand in Waichow.

We are grateful for the progress being made by this institution, and trust that through the blessing of the Lord it may be an efficient factor in carrying forward the missionary program in the Hakka Mission.

IN THE CHINA DIVISION FOR QUARTER ENDING March 31 193 6 ! Note:-Please fill out this blank in duplicate within sixty days after the close of the quarter. Mail one copy to the General Conference Home Missionary Department and reserve one copy for your loose leaf file a. Number added to the division since last report as the result of missionary work of lay members ______150_ b. Number of churches and companies c. Number of churches and companies sending in a report_____ 35 Local Missions 7 d. Number of unions sending in a report____ e. Number of churches holding first Sabbath missionary service. f. Number of churches conducting fifteen-minute church missionary service... g. Number of churches holding a weekly missionary service other than the fifteen-minute church missionary h. Number of churches organized into working bands i. Number of churches operating literature depositories j. How many of the following classes and special bands are operating in your division? Bible Training 134 Home Nursing 35 Home Bible Study League 159 Home Foreign ____ Durcus 15 Literature 86 k. Total amount of offerings during the past quarter for local missionary work, including Missionary Volunteer \$ 255,20 Tutal NUMBER REPORTING MISSIONARY WORK 4990 2303 7293 Report of Missionary Work 73624 14899 a. Number of Bible reading or go-pel meetings 88523 75624 b. Number of missionary visits____ 15773 91397 20790 28448 c. Number of persons taken to Sabbath school or other services 7658 23419 13062 36481 d. Number of persons given needed help. 20281 7195 27476 e. Number of treatments given

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTIONS

NEWSPAPER reports gave the following information from the General Conference, "Seventh-day Adventist Elect Officers, Francisco, June 1,

"Members of the Seventh-day Adventist church at their conference here to-day, approved a large number of four-year appointments, including those of the following as general vice-presidents of the denomination: Mr. W. H. Branson of Washington, D. C., Mr. L. H. Christian of London, and Mr. W. G. Turner of Sydney. Mr. E. D. Dick of London was named as secretary, and Mr. W. E. Nelson of Washington, treasurer."—United Press.

We have received an official radiogram from Brother Morris, as follows:

"General Conference president, McElhaney; secretary, Dick; Treasurer, Nelson. China Division President, Griggs; secretary, Frost; Treasurer, Morris. Departmental secretaries and boundaries remain unchanged."

WORK FOR THE ILLITERATE

Paster Djang Chien-kwang, writing regarding the work being done for the illiterate through the use of "Bible Outlines," says: "There are more than

forty persons who have completed 'Bible

Outlines. The youngest is six years old and the eldest seventy. Men and women, old and young can recite them. One can

thear them being sung on the farm, on the street and in the homes. Certainly these 'Bible Outlines' are an excellent means of opening new work. Many are

coming out to hear the message for the

last days. Every evening we have had

from fifty to sixty in attendance. These people are like sheep without a shepherd.

"Please send me another twenty copies of 'Bible Outlines."

VALUABLE AIDS

For a long time there has been an earnest desire on the part of many for a set of simple readers to be used in reaching our goal of teaching every Seventh-day Adventist member and enquirer to read the Word of God. The Signs Publishing House has been endeavoring to co-operate with the field in the production of such a series of Bible readers.

We are now able to announce that the following set of five readers is available:

Elementary Bible Reader No. 1, price 5 cents per copy.

Elementary Bible Reader No. 2, price 5 cents per copy.

Elementary Bible Outlines. The present edition is one-half cent per copy.

Gospel Primer, price 10 cents per copy. Introductory Lessons in Bible Doctrines, price 5 cents per copy.

We hope these five little books will be extensively used everywhere for beginners in reading. The Sabbath School Department recommends their use also in the summer Bible schools.

Please order early through your Book and Periodical House.

LITTLE EDEN HOSPITAL, NANNING

It was my privilege some time ago to meet the staff of the Nanning Little Eden Hospital in morning worship. It is always a pleasure to meet such groups in our medical institutions and to witness their response to the needs of the people whom they serve. The Nanning hospital enjoys the confidence of all classes of people in the province. I believe it contributes to the success of every branch of our missionary endeavor.

Because of the difficulty in securing students with the necessary prerequisites for the nurses' training course, and also because of the press of work on the staff, it was decided to discontinue the nurses' training school, but to carry on a practical training course for a few, thus supplying the needs of the hospital with that class of helpers and also giving training to some worthy persons who do not have sufficient elementary education for entrance to a regular nurses' course.

pr. and Mrs. Coffin, Miss Lo and Miss Sui, with their assistants, are working very hard and are giving their lives in faithful service for the people of Kwangsi.

A. L. HAM.

NEWS ITEMS

To Pastor and Mrs. L. H. Davies, on May 15, 1936, a son, Robert Llewellyn.

Dr. Ethel James, after completing her teaching work at the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic, left June 10 for Mukden to join her family and to assist Dr. Herbert James at the Peiling Sanatarium, Mukden.

Brother and Sister C. B. Guild spent a few days in Shanghai enroute from Chengking to Kuling, where they will attend the summer school for language students.

Brother and Sister E. W. Pohlman and little son, of the South India Division spent one day in Shanghai enroute to the States on furlough. Brother and Sister Pohlman are in charge of our school at Lucknow, India.

Word reached headquarters recently from Suchow, Kansu, of the serious illness with typhoid of Mrs. N. O. Dahlsten. Since then many prayers have ascended in her behalf. Now comes the comforting message that Sister Dahlsten is convalescing under the competent care of Mrs. P. H. Shigley, a nurse of many years' experience, —and the tender mercy of God.

The first to return to the China Division from attendance at the General Conference in San Francisco was W. A. Scharffenberg, arriving June 30. Brother Scharffenberg left the next day with his family for Kuling, where the summer school for language students will be in progress from July 7 to August 28.

MOBILIZE AGAINST T.B.

Do you know -

That tuberculosis is one of the greatest enemies of mankind to-day?

That tuberculosis is responsible for more deaths than any other single cause?

That tuberculosis is preventable?

That tuberculosis is curable?

That tuberculosis may be wiped out?

That tuberculosis has in many sections already been largely eliminated?

Do you know -

How to prevent tuberculosis in those not yet affected?

How to cure tuberculosis in those already stricken?

How to do your part in helping to rid mankind of this great plague?

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For answers to these questions, read "Tuberculosis—The Hidden Enemy"

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