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## The Ideal Character

By Mrs. E. G. White

WHEN Philip came to Jesus with the request, "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us," the Saviour answered him, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then; Show us the Father?" Christ declares himself to be sent into the world as a representative of the Father. In his nobility of character, in his mercy and tender pity, in his love and goodness, he stands before us as the embodiment of divine perfection, the image of the invisible God.

Says the apostle, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." Only as we contemplate the great plan of redemption can we have a just appreciation of the character of God. The work of creation was a manifestation of his love; but the gift of God to save the guilty and ruined race, alone reveals the infinite depths of divine tenderness and compassion. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." While the law of God is maintained, and its justice vindicated, the sinner can be pardoned. The dearest gift that Heaven itself had to bestow has been poured out, that God "might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." By that gift, men are uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin, to become children of God. Says Paul, "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Brethren, with the beloved John I call upon you to "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." What love, what matchless love, that, sinners and aliens as we are, we may be brought back to God, and adopted into his family! We may address him by the endearing name, "Our Father," which is a sign of

our affection for him, and a pledge of his tender regard and relationship to us. And the Son of God, beholding the heirs of grace, "is not ashamed to call them brethren." They have even a more sacred relationship to God than have the angels who have never fallen.

All the paternal love which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, all the springs of tenderness which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a tiny rill to the boundless ocean, when compared with the infinite, exhaustless love of God. Tongue cannot utter it; pen cannot portray it. You may meditate upon it every day of your life; you may search the Scriptures diligently in order to understand it; you may summon every power and capability that God has given you, in the endeavor to comprehend the love and compassion of the heavenly Father; and yet there is an infinity beyond. You may study that love for ages; yet you can never fully comprehend the length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of the love of God in giving his Son to die for the world. Eternity itself can never fully reveal it. Yet as we study the Bible, and meditate upon the life of Christ and the plan of redemption, these great themes will open to our understanding more and more. And it will be ours to realize the blessing which Paul desired for the Ephesian church, when he prayed "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you *the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him*; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what *the riches of the glory* of his inheritance in the saints, and what is *the exceeding greatness of his power* to us-ward who believe."—*Testimony for the Church, Vol. 5, pp. 739, 740.*

## General Articles

### Visit to Central China

By O. A. HALL

IT is always a pleasure to visit fields where our work had its beginning, and it is doubly a pleasure to visit certain fields where we as workers began our missionary endeavors.

After an absence of many years it was our privilege recently again to visit the Honan Mission. It was there that our work in Mandarin territory began, and from that province spread to many sections of China,—east, west, north, and northwest.

Dr. Miller, one of our first missionaries in Honan, wrote through the *Review and Herald*, March 7, 1907, concerning "A Visit to Northern China." He says, "This trip to Peking gave me an opportunity to see the northern part of China, and the vast field there lying unworked. In fact, Honan has 7,500,000 people north of the Yellow River, without a single worker. More people are in this small area than in the continent of Australia. Chihli is also a very thickly populated province, with several very large inland cities. I find that we were understood fully as well as in our own province." We earnestly hope that our message may soon enter that vast territory."

How markedly the Lord worked during these succeeding years! The few stations then have increased in number until now in nearly fifty places in the Honan Province there are churches, companies, or groups of believers in Sabbath schools who love and adhere to this message.

That great northern section of the province then not touched, now has some large and strong churches established, from which the true light is shining forth. The hope expressed for the great northern section of China has now been realized by the development of one of our strongest missions.

In Chowkiakow, we visited the old compound which was our first home in China, and where our China Training School work had its beginning. Our work and missionary homes were removed from there many years ago. Here we saw marked changes. A bit of a homesick feeling crept in as we walked up

to the building which had constituted our first home in China twenty-seven years ago.

It was a pleasure to meet with the company of believers in that city, and to greet again the faithful pastor, Shi Yung Kwei, and his wife, who have been connected with our work in Honan and other sections of China for nearly thirty years.

In Shuidzai, a district meeting was held for several churches. There was a good attendance and interest. Here again we met another of our faithful and tried pioneers of this message in Honan, Pastor Liu Djen Bang. Pastor Liu was the first Chinese evangelist to greet us when we arrived in China. He had come to Lo ho to meet us, and to assist us in our journey from the railway station to the headquarters of the Honan Mission at Chowkai-kow. It was a pleasure to meet with him again who had been one of the first to accept this message and to enter our work in its beginning.

Another interesting meeting was held in the Shangtsai district, a second important center of our early work in China. There, too, is found one of our strongest churches, which has become an important center of a group of surrounding churches. Here each year the members of the churches in that district gather for their special meetings and district revivals. We had an excellent meeting, with the building filled to capacity. Here, too, were members and former workers with whom we had associated in the early days of our work.

Perhaps the most striking development of our mission work in that province is seen at the headquarters in Yencheng.

The provincial mission school, which had its beginning in the lower grades in connection with the central training school before it was removed from Honan, has year by year made steady and substantial growth. This year there are two hundred and forty-three students assembled from all sections of the mission. In enrolment of students, it stands second among our schools of this division. This school maintains a high standard and exerts a strong influence in the advancement of our work.

The Yencheng Hospital, under the supervision of Dr. Brines, was filled to capacity. More than four hundred major operations have been performed during the first nine months of this year. Financially,

and in every way, this is one of the best years in the history of the institution.

Every worker in the mission is carrying more than an ordinary load of responsibility. More help is greatly needed in every department of the work.

Many urgent calls to open new work and to establish new stations are pressing heavily upon the hearts of those bearing responsibilities in that mission. They will appreciate the prayers of every reader, that the work in Honan under the blessing of the Lord may move forward rapidly until its final triumph.

### Progress in Liaoning Mission

PASTOR and Mrs. H. N. Brodersen in a recent letter to Mrs. C. C. Crisler report progress in the Liaoning Mission. They suggest that the harvest of the seed sown by former faithful workers is now being reaped. "During the year, many unexpected problems have been met. At times, seemingly insurmountable walls have faced us, but since this is God's work and not man's, and his plans to provide for His work are legion, these walls have always ultimately disappeared, and the work has gone forward. We started the work this year with the determination, that with the help of God, all previous high marks in every department would be surpassed.

"It has meant harder work, more time in prayer, but the Lord has blessed us, and given results for our labors, for which we are very grateful. We have had a good year.

"Literature sales have been excellent. The colporteurs are out for the winning of souls for Jesus. According to our sale figures our lowest month this year is still better than our best month of last year.

"Baptisms have more than been doubled. This fall a well attended tent effort was held in Mukden. As a result, a baptismal class of thirty members has been formed. From these it is expected there will be more than twenty ready to be baptized before the end of the year. The rest will wait until they can make necessary arrangements to keep the Sabbath.

"A six weeks' Bible institute for women is now being held with twenty women in attendance. About

half of this group are the wives of evangelists. They will receive training which will help them in visiting with the people, and giving Bible studies. The institute is conducted on a regular school basis. A series of fifty studies have been prepared and are being taught. Other subjects given are singing, Bible doctrines, church organization, and instruction from the works of Sister White. Every day from two to three hours are spent under supervision in visiting people and giving Bible studies. At the end of the six weeks period an examination will be given and those who pass will be given a certificate in recognition of their attainment.

"The work is onward, and our prayer is that the Lord will continue to abundantly bless the seed that has been sown, that the honest in heart may be sought out in the little time there is left for work. Remember us in your prayers that we may have strength and be faithful to the trust given to us in this field."

## Progress In Mongolia

OTTO CHRISTENSEN

UNDER the present circumstances it seems almost an antithesis to speak of progress, when all the young men are in the army, war clouds are hanging low, and passage to and from the field is almost closed. Yet we know that God is leading, and what may appear to us to be a deterrent, may, after all, be just the thing that will eventually make for real progress. What may have taken years to stir by evangelism may be stirred in only a few months by war and distress. It is sometimes the only way a self-satisfied people can be awakened to realize that there is something better for them than they have ever yet tasted. God knows, and we must leave it in His hands to work out in the best way. In the meantime we are going ahead hopefully with our plans for advancement.

During the summer months a compound was built of sufficient size to accommodate a small school and industry. On account of the political situation, it is difficult to get materials. For that reason, the building was finished too late for the school to open in the fall; and on account of the severity of the winter in Mongolia, school will not open until in the spring.

We have purchased a wool comb, made a cleaning machine, and have wool ready for washing, combing, and making into padded quilts, as well as for yarn and knitted goods. Later, by using local raw materials we hope to develop other articles from wool, and gradually to develop a local market. In this way the young boys will be able to earn their expenses and this is necessary; for there is no one in Mongolia yet able to pay money for getting an education. This is all a new experiment for Mongolia.

We are looking forward to a doctor joining us in the field this coming year.

During the cold winter months further literature is being made ready. Recently we have been able to get out a hundred mimeographed copies of a simplified translation from the English of Johnson's Bible Doctrines. A new grammar in the Mongolian language is being mimeographed,—the first of its kind to be put out in the Mongolian tongue. The Mongol children have nothing whatever in the way of their own language, and yet their language is very rich in grammatical forms.

Our annual meeting was canceled this fall because of the political situation. At present we are working under a very difficult situation, and can only pray that the hand of God will stay the threatening war, or whatever might hinder His message from going forward. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Here is an interesting word from H. W. Christian of the organizing of a new church at Wu Ting in the Shantung Mission, now under the leadership of Brother R. M. Cossentine. These two brethren were together on this itinerary.

"Yesterday, Sabbath, was a day to be long remembered. Our believers in Wu Ting, forty odd, have been calling for the organization of a church. So while we were there, we had the privilege of organizing them into the blessed union. The local evangelist and Brother Wang, one of the older members, were ordained as the church elders. Deacons were also ordained, deaconesses, a church clerk, and a treasurer were appointed. All seemed so happy over this new organization and entered heartily into the meetings which were held from Thursday evening until the night after the Sabbath."

## Home Missionary

### Work for the Illiterate

By MRS. FLORENCE E. WOOD

Many opportunities for service are overlooked because the ones who might render them do not sense the need. We desire at this time to call attention to a great need which exists in almost every station where we have believers. It is for definite steps to be taken toward teaching our illiterate members to read. If they must always depend upon someone else to read the Bible to them, they will be deprived of the blessing which is obtained only through frequent, personal study of God's word.

In some places, a splendid work is done by the Bible women who, in addition to giving Bible studies, teach the women to read, and help those who have difficulty in doing so to study the Sabbath school lessons. However, the number of those in need of such help throughout the field is far greater than can be compassed by these few workers.

Ideal material has recently been prepared for use in teaching the illiterate. The simplest, which of course should be used first, is "Elementary Reader" Number 1, and may be obtained through your Tract Society, at five cents each. After that, the following could be used in the order named:

"Elementary Reader," No. 2 . . . \$.05 each  
 "Elementary Bible Outlines" . . . \$.005 each  
 "Gospel Primer" . . . \$.10 each  
 "Introductory Lessons in Bible Doctrines" . . . \$.05 each

With this excellent material available, what is needed now is someone at each station to take the initiative and see that classes are organized, a teacher provided, and the necessary supplies ordered. In many places, it would be time well spent for the evangelist himself to conduct such a class,—especially if he is the only one in the company who is qualified to do so. In other places, there may be some lay member who would be willing to undertake this task as a missionary enterprise. If one who has a desire to win souls can be

secured to lead out in this work, others besides our own members and inquirers could be allowed to join the class, and thus a favorable contact made with our work which would open the door for further soul-winning endeavor on their behalf.

The class could meet at stated times and definite work should be covered at each period. Classes could be held every day or evening for a certain length of time,—or once, twice or three times a week, as circumstances indicate. Let us not delay, but take this step at once toward solving the problem of illiteracy among our members.

### Bible Women's Work in Shantung

THE blessings accruing to our mission work through the labors of consecrated Bible women are set forth in a recent letter from Pastor R. M. Cossentine to Miss Hazel Shadel. A portion of that letter is herewith published by permission.

Mrs. Ren passed through here last week end on her way from the eastern part of the Mission where she has been laboring in Tsingtao and Wei Hsien for the last two months, to the western part where she will labor in the Dung Chang and Dung Ah districts the remainder of the year. Even with this help from you we are able to maintain only two Bible women, and we have had so many calls for help that we are having Mrs. Ren circulate around at present. We wish we could take her to pieces and send a piece to each of our stations all at once. She is in great demand from every station, so you may know that the funds you are sacrificing to support her are being used to good advantage.

Mrs. Ren was at Ping Yuan in the North during July and August. This was the first time a Bible woman had ever been located there, though Ping Yuan is our largest church in point of membership. At the end of August, nineteen were baptized where only three were baptized last year and I think four the year before. I am going up again Thursday for another baptism when it is said practically an equal number will be ready again. Most of those baptized in August were women and girls, and probably many of those now preparing will be also, for the evangelist recently sent in an S O S call for Mrs. Ren to come back and help the candidates in their final preparations. As she had other appointments we sent our

other Bible woman from Tsinan to help out. Mrs. Ren is not only a fine Bible woman, but a very efficient Big Week and Harvest Ingathering worker, absolutely fearless, and with considerable successful colporteur background. All in all I consider her the best Bible woman in North China at present and our Tsinan worker is a close second, so we feel that what we lack in numbers we have in quality. Mrs. Ren rides her bicycle everywhere whether in city or country work, but unfortunately she is not of the large, robust type and I know you will pray that she may be given strength for her labors. The prospects for women's work in the west are very bright and her strength will be taxed to the utmost to meet the demands on her efforts.

### West China Harvest Ingathering Notes

By JOHN OSS

ACCORDING to the latest word received from West China, the Yunnan Mission has received over \$1,100 Mex. in Ingathering funds. It is hoped that \$200 more will come in from the western section of the field from which reports have not yet been received.

The West Szechwan Mission is working hard to reach its \$1,000 goal, and according to word received from Pastor Buzzell, the prospects look encouraging.

In the East Szechwan Mission Brethren Wilkinson, Guild, and their Chinese associates are finishing work in the city of Chungking and will next work the outlying districts. This mission has received about \$1,300.

Recent reports have come from the East and West Kweichow Missions stating that earnest efforts are being made to secure funds. Two hundred dollars has been reported to date.

Pastor Johnson of the Tibetan Mission has been conducting an evangelistic effort at an outstation, but has returned to Tatsienlu and will resume the soliciting work begun at that place some time ago.

Our brethren in the West China Union are striving earnestly to reach their Ingathering goals this year, and are determined to do all in their power to gather needed funds to forward the growing work. Up to the present the Union has collected about \$4,000.

### Harvest Ingathering in South China

By A. L. HAM

WHILE spending the month of October in the North and South Fukien Missions, in Harvest Ingathering work, I have been greatly impressed with the possibilities for good in this plan.

In both missions we found our Chinese and foreign friends greatly interested in our program in China, and also somewhat surprised at what our mission is doing in various ways to help the Chinese people. Many times we have been led to thank God that we can be connected with a work that He is so signally blessing.

I wish to pay a tribute to the faithful and loyal support given this year's campaign by both Chinese and foreign leaders. Our teachers and students in the Foochow school took goals and labored hard to reach them.

In the Bee Hwa Training Institute in Amoy an exceptional interest was shown by both teachers and students. Their goal was \$500. The teachers took \$300 of this amount and divided it among bands of from two to three teachers each. They raised \$349. The girls section had a goal of \$100 which was divided among groups, each group gaining its goal. They raised \$228.10. The boys' section had a goal of \$100, divided in a similar way among the bands. They raised \$141, which makes a grand total to date for the whole school of \$718.80, or more than two hundred dollars over their goal. Prof. MacIntyre and his loyal teachers have made a good record. They and their earnest, faithful students are to be commended, and God is to be thanked for His rich blessing.

I believe this signal success will react favorably throughout the South Fukien Mission. To date this mission has received more than last year, and most of the outstations are yet to be heard from.

The opportunities in the South Fukien Mission for ingathering of funds are greater than in North Fukien where our brethren must work long and hard for what they secure. Two of our sisters had brought in nearly \$100 before I left, and were determined to reach the \$100 mark. The field and home missionary secretary has been especially active in this work.

Our brethren in Kwangsi under the leadership of Pastors Annofsky and Hansen, are meeting with success in their campaign. Canton and Nanning Sanitariums are also having good results, the former having reached its goal of \$300 when last reporting.

Pastor Thomas and Brother Wimer are at the campaign for the Hakka Mission.

Pastor Larsen and his helpers in Hongkong have gone way over their goal. We are hopeful that, notwithstanding special difficulties this year, South China Union will reach its goal.

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## Educational & Y. P. M. V. Depts.

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### South Chekiang Training Institute

By ALFRED FOSSEY

THE South Chekiang Training Institute opened for the current term on September 8, with an enrolment of one hundred students, fifty-two of whom were in the intermediate, twenty in the higher primary, while there are twenty-eight kiddies in the lower primary.

Pastor Chen is principal. We were glad to welcome back Brother Chiang Da-sen as language teacher. Chou Hsing-djiu from the China Training Institute teaches mathematics, and has charge of the farm, from which we have obtained two good crops of rice this year, besides various kinds of vegetables, tomatoes, and blackberries.

The Harvest Ingathering field day was held by the school on November 12. Although the city had been quite thoroughly worked for six weeks before the campaign, the student bands did fairly well, and in the evening were able to report that their goal had been more than reached.

The Ingathering work is still in progress. Some parts of our field have been troubled by bandits and communists, so very little can be expected from these sections. To date, about \$450. has been received, which is a little over one-half of what was obtained last year. We are still of good courage, and will continue to work for more donations until the end of the year.

### 1937 Missionary Volunteer Programs

By D. E. REBOK

THE Missionary Volunteer programs for 1937, as outlined by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department and adapted for our China Division use, will be found in a separate little book containing 52 programs with much suggestive material. This takes the place of the old plan of publishing the programs week by week in the form of the *China Gazette*. We are mailing from our office five copies of this program book to each of our larger Missionary Volunteer societies throughout the Division, and three copies of the program book to each of the smaller societies. These books become the property of the society, and should be kept by the society for use during the whole year of 1937. Thus they are not the property of any individual. There are no more of these books available so it will be necessary for each society to protect very carefully the copies supplied at this time.

For the convenience and information of our church officers, evangelists, and teachers where we do not yet have a Missionary Volunteer society organized, we are sending out one copy to each of these respective workers. It is our hope that you will become so interested in the Missionary Volunteer work through reading this booklet that you will at once organize the young people in your charge, and help them to receive the benefit from these society programs.

In harmony with the practice of the Young People's Department an effort has been made to touch the various phases of the growth and experience of youth in order that they may grow into well-grounded Christians. The topics chosen are of vital interest to our young people. They were selected with a very definite purpose. If each society will follow the programs as outlined, it will be found in the end to be much better than to arrange another set of programs of your own. We are anxious that every society use this book and profit by the excellent material which has been prepared. This method of sending out program material is not a new one. It has been used by other young people's organizations for many years. Let us give it a good trial in our work here in China during 1937.

### "On To Lhasa" Meeting At Yencheng Sanitarium

By R. J. BRINES, M. D.

A VERY interesting and unusual meeting of the hospital young people's society was held on Friday evening, November 6, 1936. The leader Wang Bao Deh, a nurse in the third year training class, had planned a very good program. The room was decorated with banners of colored paper, on many of which were written important mottoes, and quotations from the Scriptures and the Spirit of prophecy. After the opening hymn and the secretary's report, a hymn written specially for this meeting was sung by the audience. The words breathed forth the hope and desire of this earnest body of young people.

Pastor White gave a talk about Tibet and told some of his personal experiences in meeting these people while he lived in Yunnan. Pictures were shown of the country and of the types of people inhabiting this isolated land, whose need of the gospel of Christ is evident from the low state of morality that exists.

A mixed quartet from the school then sang a beautiful hymn. Miss Fang Hwei Lan then told us why each one of us should be interested in helping to hasten the gospel message into this ancient land, so that these people also may have the blessings of heaven which we enjoy, —blessings which have been purchased for them and for us all by the death of Christ.

The members of the society were very desirous of showing their interest in Tibet. While they could not go themselves, they knew they could help by sending money. The names of donors were placed on the blackboard, and in about twenty minutes this society of about thirty members had raised \$31.00 to help in the "On to Lhasa" movement. Each one present did something to speed on the message into this hitherto closed land.

We are also happy to report that one of our third year men nurses has volunteered for work in Tibet. His heart is deeply impressed that he should devote his life to the people of this distant land. With the practical training received here he can do a great deal of good. Our Chinese youth must take the lead in entering this land, where other foreigners cannot go. An interesting poem composed by one of our members was read to close this inspiring and practical meeting.

## Reading

With the beginning of each new year we have formed the habit of beginning our reading course work. There is no question but what everyone should read books—good books, well chosen books, books which pertain to one's special line of work or interest.

None of us can buy many books at a time nor in any one year, and since there are so many thousands of books published in one year, it is well to follow some line of reading course. The denomination has endeavored to outline quite a number of courses and each year these courses are announced in our church papers and in a special folder.

For 1937 the China Division would like to recommend the following books in their respective courses. We are publishing this list at this early date so that all may be able to order the books and thus be able to start on the first of January.

### Teacher's Course (Chinese)

- "The New Leaven," by Stanwood Cobb
- "Coure," by Edmondo de Amicis
- "Buried Treasure," by Lucas A. Reed
- "The Junior Missionary Volunteer Handbook"

### Junior M. V. Course (Chinese)

- "The Junior Missionary Volunteer Handbook"
- "Coure," by Edmondo de Amicis
- "Evening Drum" or "Bed-time Stories"

### Senior M. V. Course (Chinese)

- "The Junior Missionary Volunteer Handbook"
- "Buried Treasure," by Lucas A. Reed
- "The Faith of Famous Men," by Cheng Ren-ping
- "Training for Efficiency," by O. S. Marden

### Home Commission Course—Advanced (Chinese)

- "The Christian Home," by Marcus Cheng
- "The Modern Parent," by Garry Myers
- "Christ Our Saviour," by E. G. White
- "How to Live," by Joseph May
- "Family Worship Tract," by E. G. White

### Home Commission Course—Elementary (Chinese)

- Elementary Bible Readers 1 and 2
- Ephesians Chapters 1 and 2
- "Commoner's Hygiene," by Daniel C. Fu and C. L. Kao

## READING COURSES IN ENGLISH FOR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS:

### Senior M. V. Course (English)

"Kerala, the Gem of India" G. \$	.90
"Discovering London"	1.25
"Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War"	2.00
"Our Wonderful World"	2.50
"Valley of Vision"	.75
Complete Course Price	5.45

### Junior M. V. Course (English)

"Bells of the Blue Pagoda" G. \$	1.75
"Jack's Adventure"	.75
"Meadow Wings"	1.75
Complete Course Price,	3.15

### Primary M. V. Course (English)

"Child Life in Peking" G. \$	1.00
"Mrs. Humming Bird's Double"	1.00
Complete Course Price,	1.65

Place your orders through your Tract Society at an early date and get started on your reading for 1937.

—D. E. Rebok

## Announcements

### Signs Press Notices

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the *Signs* magazine are still steadily climbing upward as the year comes to its close. All unions, with the exception of two, show gains for the month which encourages us to believe that our colporteurs everywhere are making a supreme effort to finish the year with as high a record as possible. It would be a wonderful thing for us to close the year with at least 80,000 subscribers on our list. We are now only 7,000 short of this figure. Can we reach it?

The total sales of all publications for the ten months of the present year exceed last year by \$18,660.91 which is a splendid record of accomplishment and speaks for the faithful and earnest work being done by everyone in the field. We hope that by the end of the year this figure will be well over \$20,000.

*Sales in Foreign Lands:* We are pleased with the good news that comes to us from places outside of China concerning the sale of our literature among Chinese residents in foreign lands. We have the information that Chang Han Liang is doing very good work among the Chinese in the Philippines. Only a few days ago an order was received for 2,000 copies of "Tuberculosis—The Hidden Enemy," and 150 copies of other larger books to be sent to the Philippines. An order was also received from Burma, where Tan Kai Ou is canvassing, for 200 copies of the "Marvelous Age,"

cloth bound. These are substantial orders and indicate the success attending efforts of these men in reaching their fellow countrymen outside of China. We have every reason to look forward to even larger orders from these and other places in the near future.

May we keep before you the need for sending in your orders early for the Morning Watch calendar—Chinese. We printed more than 10,000 copies, but already the sales have reached almost 7,000 with several parts of the field unsupplied. It should not take long for this supply to become exhausted; therefore hasten to get your orders in now so that you may not be disappointed. The de luxe edition makes a very fine gift to your friends at New Year's and may be the means of encouraging someone in the daily study of the word.

We still have a small quantity of Morning Watch calendars—English, in stock. After this supply is exhausted, orders will have to be forwarded to the States with consequent delay in delivery. Order now and have your copy on hand at the beginning of the New Year. The price is only 16 cents.

Only twenty-nine copies are left of the 1937 Christian Home calendar in English, price 85 cents net. Every foreign worker in China should have one of these on the wall of his home. If you haven't already secured one, place your order now with your Book and Periodical House while delivery can be made from stock on hand.

The 1937 Ministerial Reading Course books are now ready. We shall welcome your orders for the following:

- "Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War"
- "The Answer to Modern Religious Thinking"
- "Historical Studies"
- "Testimonies for the Church" Vol. 4.

H. L. Shull

### Gospel Salesmanship Manual

THE Gospel Salesmanship Manual by Pastor John Oss will be off the press soon. Orders should be placed at once by those desiring to use this Manual as a textbook in teaching Salesmanship in our educational institutions, and by those leading out in the literature work for the coming colporteur institutes. This Manual should have a wide circulation among all our workers and believers.

## Ministerial Reading Course

By O. A. HALL

The promotion material for the 1937 Ministerial Reading course has just been sent out.

I am sure all will agree that this promises to be one of the best courses ever suggested for our workers.

The list is as follows:

"The Answer to Modern Religious Thinking,"

"Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War,"

"Historical Studies," and

"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4 (Nos. 7, 8, 9).

Enrolment cards are already coming in for this course. Would it not be a blessing to our entire group of mission workers if there could be a one-hundred percent enrolment for 1937.

Information has also been sent out to our Chinese workers regarding courses in the Chinese language for the coming year. The books chosen are:

"Triumphs of the Remnant,"

"The New Testament Scriptures,"

"Christian Salesmanship,"

The 1937 Big Week book on Temperance,

Home Missionary meeting program book for 1937, and

J. M. V. Hand Book.

Reports of the completion of the 1936 course are coming in, and we trust there may be a good record for this year.

## Sabbath School News Notes

**MEMORY VERSES.** At the close of the second quarter, a banner was awarded to the youths' division of the Central Shanghai Sabbath school for the best record in repeating of memory verses. Ninety-seven and a half per cent. of this division were able to repeat the memory verses every Sabbath. The primary division was only a little behind with 97 %, and a group of approximately fifty women stood to repeat the verses weekly from their division. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee," said the psalmist, and in "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," p. 10, we have this instruction,—"Let the more important passages of scripture connected with the lesson be committed to memory, not as a task, but as a privilege. Though at first the memory may be defective, it will gain strength by exercise, so that

after a time you will delight thus to treasure up the precious words of truth. And the habit will prove a most valuable aid to religious growth."

**FIVE-STAR MEMORY WORK.** A choice selection of texts which every Seventh-day Adventist would do well to memorize is found in the Five-star Memory list No. 2. The scriptures contained in it include the ninety-first Psalm, and ten references each on the following subjects: God's love to man; the Sabbath; the second coming of Jesus; and the Home of the saved. Since the references contain from one to five verses each, it is not a simple task to commit them to memory as many can testify from personal experience. Fifteen members of the South Chekiang Mission Sabbath schools finished this work last quarter, and received certificates.

**CENTRAL SHANGHAI SABBATH SCHOOL REACHES GOAL.** The Central Shanghai Sabbath school has reached the goal of 15 % increase in its Sabbath school offerings for the first six months of the year. The secret of its success is revealed in the fact that it has had 100 % increase in its Investment offering over the first six months of last year. Its total offering for the first two quarters was \$1,380.85, being \$186.67 over the goal. Three cheers for Central Shanghai!!!

**ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE SABBATH SCHOOL.** The Frenchtown Shanghai Sabbath school is small, but it sets a worthy example in at least two particulars. It has conducted a branch Sabbath school for the past nine months, and its Investment offering for the second quarter was \$24.60, largely obtained from the sale of books and knitted sweaters.

**THIRTEENTH SABBATH OVERFLOW PLAN.** At the recent General Conference, a change was made in the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Plan, whereby the field which benefits particularly from the offering, will hereafter receive G \$2,000 on the first \$60,000 received, and 20% on all above this amount. Thus twice as much will be passed on to the field as under the old plan.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS.** Reports from the Vacation Bible schools conducted the past summer are very encouraging. One worker states that through this means, the attendance and interest in the children's divisions of the Sabbath school have been kept up all through the summer.

The largest number of which we have heard in any one place was in Nanking, where there were four schools with an enrolment of approximately 175 pupils. In addition to the Chinese school conducted by the Central Shanghai church, one was held in English for those who could not understand Chinese. This school was attended by Filipino, Russian, and English-speaking Chinese children. The songs learned in the singing class have gladdened the heart of the sick, and this class has rendered special numbers in three different Sabbath schools. Many fine children from the homes of relatives, friends and neighbors of our members attended Vacation Bible schools in various parts of the division during the summer. The possibilities for soul-winning through this medium are apparent. Not only are our own children cared for and given additional Bible instruction, as well as helpful training in various lines, but favorable contacts are made with those not of our faith. After the school has closed, outside children should be encouraged to continue to attend Sabbath school, and every effort should be put forth to make the Sabbath school an attractive place for them. Their parents and other adult relatives should be visited and invited to attend our services as well.

**A CHALLENGE FROM AFRICA.** Reports from Africa tell of wonderful results in the soul-winning activities of our Missionary Volunteers in that field who, without remuneration, go forth during the summer, taking the gospel to those who have not heard it. China has as many and as precious souls as has Africa. With the same effort and consecration, we should see as great results in souls won here as there. Vacation Bible schools and branch Sabbath schools afford avenues for soul-winning which, if entered with heart and soul, would add thousands of members to our Sabbath schools in the China Division in a year. With the great awakening in Africa before us as an illustration of what our young people and other lay members can do, is it not incumbent upon us as leaders to promote the Vacation Bible school and branch Sabbath school work as a direct means to this end?

Professors B. A. Liu, F. A. Landis, and R. A. Brett have all made short business visits to Shanghai recently. All report the school work in its various features going forward satisfactorily.

## China Division Reporter

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Pastor P. E. Quimby was a recent visitor in Shanghai from the China Training Institute. November twenty-eight, the evening after the Sabbath, he gave a stereopticon lecture on "Palestine" to the Far Eastern Academy students, and on the Sunday evening following gave the lecture to our East Shanghai Chinese church. These lectures and pictures acquainting us as they do with the scenes of Christ's labors and the places where his earthly history was made, should bind our hearts a little more closely to the Man of Calvary, and as these additional facts reveal a little more of what our salvation has cost our dear Saviour, should kindle within us new inspiration and determination to follow Him more closely. These lectures were sincerely appreciated by these audiences.

Inspiring meetings were held at the school's twenty-sixth anniversary at Chiaotoutseng, November 15-17. Pastor O. A. Hall led in a consecration service on Friday evening. Dr. H. W. Miller gave the sermon Sabbath morning. Professor D. E. Rebok led out in the afternoon service for the young people, and in the evening gave a stereopticon lecture showing some school and missionary scenes in China and elsewhere.

A symposium, covering the school's progress and development, in which Professor B. A. Liu and Brethren O. A. Hall, D. E. Rebok, F. A. Landis, H. L. Shull, Li Wei Ching, K. H. Wood, R. A. Brett, and others took part, was reminiscent, historical, and prophetic. A musical program followed the evening stereopticon lecture.

May the good hand of our God continue to be on this institution and its work, that through its agency large armies of youth may receive preparation, inspiration, and a way into service for God and man in this closing gospel movement.

Pastor and Mrs. John Oss returned recently from an extended itinerary which took them as far west as Tatsienlu and the grasslands beyond.

They give an interesting report of the trip, the conditions found among the Tibetans, and of the progress of the work in that far-away field. After a stay of about two weeks at division headquarters, Brother Oss has sailed for Hongkong, planning to spend three weeks in the South China Union in the interests of the publishing work.

Pastor A. L. Ham, superintendent of the South China Union, arrived in Shanghai, November fifteen, on the "Empress of Canada." A number of important questions relative to the work of that union were brought before the available members of the China Division Committee for their counsel. Pastor Ham returned to Canton on the Italian steamship "Victoria," November nineteen, in company with Pastor D. E. Rebok, who is spending a month in South China, visiting the school centers and assisting in the Week of Prayer meetings at Canton, Amoy, and Foochow.

Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Esteb and their children, Adeline and Lucile, sailed on the s.s. "Lincoln" November 25, for an early furlough in the homeland. This was made necessary by the serious illness of Brother Esteb, who has spent the past three months in bed at the Shanghai Sanitarium.

We understand that Brother Esteb upon arrival in the States will go at once to the Glendale Sanitarium for treatment.

We regret to see this family leave us and the work here, even temporarily, but shall hope and pray for the speedy recovery to health of our dear Brother Esteb, and for a pleasant furlough for all.

With sincere regrets we record the sailing of Brother W. E. Eberhardt, wife, and children on S. S. "McKinley", December 2, returning permanently to the United States on account of the prolonged illness of Mrs. Eberhart. Our prayers go with this family that they may find satisfactory health conditions and environment in the homeland, and that the Great Healer may be pleased to bring restoration of health to our dear sister.

Pastor V. J. Maloney has been made treasurer of the East China Union, this appointment taking effect upon the return of Brother Eberhardt to the homeland Decem-

ber 2. Brother Maloney has been released from the directorship of the North Fukien Mission and has recently spent two weeks with Brother Eberhardt prior to his sailing, getting acquainted with the work. He has now returned to Foochow to close up his work there and plans to move his family to the East China Union headquarters in early January, 1937.

Dr. Raiph Waddell and his wife passed through Shanghai December two enroute to the Far Eastern Division for service in Siam. We feel sure that the arrival of this new family will bring courage to our brethren in that field, and cause God's work there to show new progress.

Dr. Ezald Karlstron and his wife are now in Shanghai making arrangements to go on to Abyssinia. They are taking the place of Dr. T. C. Nicola, who recently returned to the States.

Under date of November 24 we learn the movements of some of our West China Workers. Brother Wilkinson is spending two weeks itinerating down the river between Chungking and Wanhsien. Brother Guild is in the northern part of the East Szechwan Mission, and Brother Dixon is off on a trip to Kweiyang, Kweichow Province.

Brother Cowan, one of our Australian brethren, who has perfected a method to eradicate and destroy white ants, which do such great damage to wooden buildings, has been spending several weeks in Shanghai. He is endeavoring to work up a business in different cities of the Far East, which will aim at the eradication of these destructive insects. A number of firms and institutions have already given him contracts. We wish our brother success in this new venture.

Pastor L. E. Reed is spending two weeks in the North China Union, helping in the Harvest Ingathering campaign there. Brother Reed's help will be especially appreciated in North China since Brother A. A. Esteb has been unable, because of sickness, to do his usual part in this work.

Dr. M. H. Vinkel writes of the need of maintaining good surgical help at our Lanchow hospital. Difficult cases are brought to this hospital often. Two very serious operations were performed recently. Both operations were successful.