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“QUIT YOU LIKE MEN”

It would appear from what the apostle Paul says of himself, that he was not a strong vigorous man physically. We would judge that he had poor eyesight and did not have an impressive physical appearance. But he had the heart of a brave warrior. This is manifested throughout his writings. He continually compares the soldier serving an earthly government with the Christian serving his heavenly government. He enjoins us to “put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Our loins are to be girt about with truth; we are to have on the breastplate of righteousness; our feet are to be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; we are to take the shield of faith that we may quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; and we are to have the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit. Our warfare is not one of flesh and blood, but it is “against the rulers of the darkness of this world.” Being thus equipped with the weapons of spiritual warfare, Paul, this great soldier of the cross, admonishes as follows: “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” The church is compared in the Scriptures to an army. It is to go forth “clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners,” conquering and to conquer. The organization of God’s army, the church, is necessary for successful service. But the purpose of the organization of the army of God is different from the organization of the army of the worldly governments in this: It is inspired by love and not hate; it seeks to save life rather than to take life. God has given to His church here in China a superhuman task. It is to tell every soul in China that Christ loves him and has prepared for him an eternal home in heaven to which He wishes soon to take him. Each person in China is to be told of Christ and urged to accept Him as a Saviour. Indeed it is a superhuman task that has been given the church. The church cannot accomplish this great task save by the divine power which Christ, the Head of the church, gives to it. It is when men feel their helplessness that God can do His greatest work, when each places himself in the hand of God as the tool is placed in the hand of the carpenter or the shield or sword in the hand of the warrior. When the Christian is directed by the Holy Spirit he will serve where he is placed and will proclaim God’s word in such a way as to win men to Christ. It is thus that we quit ourselves like men. It is given us to choose, and it is given God to work. It is only by watching our Commander, listening for His word and direction, choosing continually His service that we are able to quit ourselves like men and be strong. There is no limit to the good that can be accomplished by even the weakest who is wholly under the direction of Jesus as his Commander. The joy of such service is inexpressibly great. We may be “troubled on every side but not distressed; . . . perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.” It is our privilege in this warfare to be always victorious, “that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” It is given to us at the end of our work to exclaim with Paul, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.”

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

PRIVILEGES OF SONSHIP *

BY W. E. NELSON

We are told that "as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Sometimes we are inclined to apply that to the world and not to ourselves as followers of the Lord. I have read again recently the account of the flood and the Lord's instruction to Noah to build an ark, and how he carried out God's plan. That ark was of immense size for that day, almost as long as the "President Coolidge," and yet there were only eight persons—Noah and his wife, and his sons and their wives—saved in it. Would eight persons be able to build an ark as large as some of the boats that ply the waters to-day? Without modern machinery, I believe it would be absolutely impossible. "Then," you might say, "Do you not think that Noah built the ark?" I certainly do. There is evidence on every rock that there was a flood and that the account in Genesis is accurate. "Then, how do you suppose the ark was built?" I think Noah was the master builder and his sons the superintendents, and that they had a vast number of workmen to cut down the timber and bring it in, hew it into shape, and to serve in various ways in the construction work.

We are told that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. No doubt he spent much of his time going from place to place preaching that a flood was coming. No doubt the program of building and preaching went on together. The Spirit of prophecy explains that Noah and his family put everything they possessed in the ark. They did not have anything left when the ark was completed. I suppose he had an employment bureau, or a committee on distribution of labor, or whatever you wish to call it, and he assigned workmen to various responsibilities in the building task.

It is said that when Noah began to preach there were many who were much interested in the ark, and thought it might be possible that Noah was right in his plans, but they did not embrace the message. Let us just digress for a moment and think of the beginnings of this advent message. You have all studied of the great spiritual awakening throughout the world in 1844 and previous to that time. There were thousands and tens of thousands who were awakened and very much con-

cerned about the coming of the Lord. It was being proclaimed in the United States, in Germany, and England, in Scandinavia and perhaps elsewhere that Jesus was coming, but as it was in the days of Noah, when the Lord's coming was delayed, they fell away. Now we are in this great second advent movement, preparing for the Lord's coming. We profess to believe that He is coming in this generation, just as Noah preached that the flood was coming in his generation. Whether he preached that in 120 years or in fifty years or forty years or ten years or one year the flood was to come, as the years passed by, I do not know. I can, however, picture out there on dry land the most strange thing that had ever happened in the world up to that time, a man building an ark on dry land. Our message that we are preaching, friends, is very similar. It is just as absurd from a human standpoint as it was for Noah to build that ark. The thought of the Lord Jesus Christ coming in the clouds of heaven to take us away from this earth to heaven defies all the laws of science that we know to-day, but Noah *believed* God and he went about His work, which *demonstrated* that he *did believe* God.

What about the other people who helped in the building of the ark? Methuselah helped Noah on the ark while he was living on this earth, but I think of those vast numbers of men and women who were hired by Noah. They were paid, I suppose, a living wage so they could have the necessities of life, and I can imagine them saying, "Well, Noah is just a little off, but his money is just as good as anybody else's, and why should we not work on the ark? There may be something in his theory, so let us stay by Noah, and we will get our living just the same as though we were working for any one else." But they were only carpenters; they were not sons. And only the sons of Noah went into the ark. All carpenters—and I suppose there were hundreds of workmen who failed to accept the message Noah gave—found that the ark was not a saviour to them. When the Lord shut the door Noah and his family were on the inside, and the others were on the outside.

I want to draw a lesson from the fact that it was only the sons of Noah that were saved. God calls us not to be mere servants, not

to be carpenters in the advent movement, but He calls us to be sons and daughters of His. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." We know not what we shall be, "but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as He is." It is true there will be a transformation of the saved at the coming of the Lord, but I am inclined to believe that that transformation will be largely physical. The spiritual transformation that must take place before we can stand before God, must come into our lives from day to day before the coming of the Lord.

In Romans it is clearly outlined what it takes to become a son of God. Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." It seems to me that the great longing of our hearts should be to have the Spirit of God control us and lead us, that we may be "sons of God." It is possible for us to be the children of God to-day right here in the beginning of 1938. If we are sons of God, what is our station in the great economy of the universe? "Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Wonderful thought! We can say, "Our Father." It is true He is our Lord and Master, but I like to think of that more endearing term, "Our Father." He loves us. He cares for us. We are His children. We can look up into His face with confidence.

There is no limit to the wealth of our Father in heaven. We sing about it: "Our Father is rich in houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full,—He has riches untold." You all know that joint heirship means on an equal footing. If there are three or four children in the family, and the parents die and leave their fortune jointly to the children, they are all joint heirs; they will all receive an equal share. It is almost too good to believe, it is hard to realize, that we are joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe it is possible for us to go along with this movement day after day without enjoying the relationship of sonship with God, and with Jesus as our elder brother. Some people are hanging on in this work because there is a living in it. I do not believe that is the right motive. There must be that vital relationship of being children, sons of God. And we can have that relationship

* Extracts from a sermon delivered at a devotional hour of the Spring Council.

now. I want to emphasize again that the scripture says we are *now* the sons of God. It is not at some future time. If we put off gaining that relationship until the coming of the Lord, it will be too late. We are told by the Lord that many will come to Him in that day and say, "Lord, Lord, open to us. We have worked for you. We have done missionary work for you. We have fed the hungry. We have taught in Thy streets. We have been associated with the movement that was proclaiming Thy coming." But they were mere hirelings, and the Lord says, "I do not recognize you as a son, depart from me." It seems to me that the most bitter experience that could come to any individual, the most bitter disappointment that could ever enter the human breast, would be, in that day when Jesus comes and those who are sons and daughters are ushered into his kingdom, for us to be cast out because we have not acquired the relationship of sonship with God.

We do not have to exercise as much faith as did Noah, because we have all the history of the dealing of God with His children from the day of creation until now. We have seen His marvelous workings, how the flood came, how He sent the plagues into Egypt, how He led out the

children of Israel and brought them into the land of Canaan. We have all that to give us assurance that God's word is true. Noah did not have this, and yet he believed God and was a preacher of righteousness. It is marvelous that Noah believed, and yet when I think of God's plan to entrust weak human beings as we are with the message for the world of His second coming, it seems a very risky thing. We do not want to fail the Lord in doing our part, for He has put His trust and confidence in you and me. He hasn't any other plan but to use us to prepare His way for the second coming.

God is tremendously interested in the salvation of the world. He has paid an infinite price for our redemption, and He has given us, friends, the opportunity of laboring together with Him to get the world ready, and I had rather be a son of God than a mere servant or carpenter. I would know now that I am a son of God, and my prayer is that each one of you here this morning may enter into that sonship experience completely, and daily renew that relationship with God. I believe that it is your purpose to do that, for your being here testifies that this is your supreme desire.

EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

BY CLAUDE CONARD

CHRIST used many parables in His teaching. He used natural objects to teach great spiritual truths. We, too, must endeavour to link up the things of daily life with Bible truth. We recognize the value of clouds in the natural world in giving us rain, shielding us from the sun, in modifying temperature. There are many references to the use of clouds in the Scriptures. The special text that I use as the basis of study is Job 37:21, "And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds." Some see only the cloud. The speaker in this chapter and in the chapters preceding, is upholding God's dealings and work at a time when there was a possibility that Job might be questioning God's way with him. God's dealings are not always clear. He veils His plans and purposes. Clouds sometimes cover the light, but behind and beyond these clouds there is brightness. The nations of to-day are in perplexity. They see not what the student of prophecy sees. They

are groping in the dark, feverishly preparing great armaments for fear of what the future may bring. Many people to-day see only the clouds of war and strife, and do not see the light beyond. Let not clouds of doubt or uncertainty obscure our vision. Look for the bright light in the clouds.

Remember Joseph in the Egyptian dungeon, unjustly accused. He saw beyond this dark cloud. He suffered physically and mentally, but did not lose sight of the true light. On the way down to Egypt he had strengthened his heart with a strong determination to be true to God. Those that we count the best psalms of David were written while he was in exile. Paul wrote some of his best epistles while in prison. The clouds were pressing in upon him, but he, too, saw the bright light beyond. Job was placed in the hands of Satan to do with as he pleased, only his life must be spared. He stood the test. He says, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." It is a wonderful experience to be able to see the bright light in the clouds. "Count it all

joy when ye fall into divers temptations." And again, "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy, for behold your reward is great in heaven." This experience would only be possible because one can see the bright light in and beyond the clouds.

The song writer, Cowper, was subject to great depressions. In one despondent experience he decided to take his life. He drove in a cab to the London Bridge, intending there to end it all. The cab driver lost his way, driving in a circle, and finally they found themselves back again at Cowper's own door. He was impressed that God had worked for him in this cloud of fog. He sat down and wrote the beautiful song that begins, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform: He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm." Another stanza is, "Ye faithful saints, fresh courage take! The clouds ye so much dread, are big with mercy, and will break in blessings on your head. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face."

There are some precious promises in "Desire of Ages," page 30, where we read that "In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing." And again in "Desire of Ages," page 368, "The work is God's, and if we would bless others, His plans must be followed. Self cannot be made a center; self can receive no honor. If we plan according to our own ideas, the Lord will leave us to our own mistakes. But when, after following His directions, we are brought into strait places, He will deliver us. . . . Often we shall be surrounded with trying circumstances, and then, in the fullest confidence, we must depend upon God."

In "Prophets and Kings," page 578, we read, "God has a purpose in sending trial to His children. He never leads them otherwise than they would choose to be led if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose that they are fulfilling. All that He brings upon them in test and trial comes that they may be strong to do and to suffer for Him." May we all know how to exercise faith and to see the bright light in every cloud.

* Synopsis of a talk given to missionary workers in Hongkong, January 5, 1938.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE SPRING COUNCIL—JANUARY 11-20, 1938

Resolution of Gratitude

WHEREAS, In spite of the fact that during many months of 1937 the China Division has been greatly affected by war conditions,—even to the extent of the closing of some of our large and important institutions and the loss and destruction of much property,—we believe that God in His mercy has had a tender care for His own and for His cause which we here represent; and realizing that though torn and troubled, His church and workers throughout the field as a whole have been richly blessed of God so that progress has been made and many new believers added to our number; therefore,

Resolved, that today, as members of this Division Council, we acknowledge with sincere gratitude our heavenly Father's blessings of guidance, sustaining spiritual power, and grace, and render thanks to Him for His protection over us and His church during these distressing and dangerous times; and be it further

Resolved, That we at this time rededicate our lives to consecrated service for Him this coming year, to advance in spite of difficulties, to achieve greater spiritual victories individually and as a church, and to carry the gospel quickly to every part of the territory of the China Division in this our generation.

Resolution of Sympathy

As we meet in this annual council of the China Division, we are called upon to pay a tribute of love and respect to a number of faithful workers and believers who have fallen at their post of duty since our last Division Council. As special representatives of those who have departed from us we mention the names of N. P. Keh, pioneer worker in the South China Union; W. C. Lee, beloved Home Study Institute worker; Tao Fang Cheng, faithful Miao evangelist of the West China Union; Mrs. Liu Fuh An, wife of the field secretary of the Northwest China Union; Li Bao Gwo, field secretary of the Shantung Mission; and Hsu Cheng Kwan of the Signs of the Times Publishing House; together with Mrs. Hwang Yao Cho, Mrs. Hsu Bao Shen, Mrs. Swen Chang Yu, and the daughter of Ging Chung Mei—all members of Press workers' families—who lost their lives in the terrible bombing incident in Shanghai last August.

We thank our heavenly Father for the influence of these consecrated lives and for their de-

votion to the cause we all love, and we here pledge anew our devotion to the cause they served so faithfully, and consecrate our energies to the finishing of the gospel work on earth, thus hastening the coming of the Life-Giver, who shall reunite these broken families and parted friends in His everlasting kingdom.

We recommend, That the division secretary pass on to the relatives of our fallen brethren and sisters this token of our deep sympathy, and express our respect for those who have given their all to forward the cause of God in China.

Appreciation to the General Conference

WHEREAS, During 1937 the General Conference has shown its deep interest in the work of the China Division, through its generous support and its kindly and sympathetic consideration of many of our pressing problems; therefore,

Resolved, That we authorize the officers of the division to pass on at this time to our brethren of the home board our grateful thanks for all their assistance, both in men and means, and our sincere gratitude for the help given at this council by the presence of Brethren Nelson and Conard; and further

Resolved, That the Mission Board be requested to pass on for us to the brethren and sisters abroad our heartfelt appreciation for their sympathy and prayers during these our days of distress, trial, and perplexity brought on by the war, and for the wonderful response at the time of the Annual Offering in North America, which has made available to our division, funds greatly needed for rehabilitation and relief.

Greetings to Elder and Mrs. I. H. Evans

As we are assembled in this Division Council we are frequently reminded of two former respected leaders, Elder and Mrs. I. H. Evans, whose years of faithful service, wise leadership, and careful, far-sighted planning have left an indelible impress upon our work in this land, which we know is still dear to their hearts. In token of our love and esteem, be it hereby

Resolved, To pass on to Elder and Mrs. Evans the greetings of this council and the assurance that we cherish the memory of their friendship and their service among us, and that our prayers and best wishes are ever with them.

Greetings to Dr. H. W. Miller

WHEREAS, Our medical department secretary and beloved former China Division president, Dr. H. W. Miller, has found it impossible to leave his work as medical superintendent of the Wuhan Sanitarium to be in attendance at this council; therefore,

Resolved, That we pass on to Dr. Miller through our secretary the greetings of this council and our regrets that he is unable to be with us at this time; that we assure him of our deep interest in the medical work, and our appreciation of his excellent report, which was presented to us by Dr. Herbert Liu, and which called forth an animated discussion of ways and means whereby we may carry out an aggressive program of medical missionary and health education work in many places throughout our field; and that we further express to Dr. Miller our sincere appreciation of his six years' leadership of this division, and give him the assurance of our support and earnest prayers that God will give him strength and wisdom for the heavy burdens he is bearing.

Sabbath Observance

WHEREAS, The Sabbath, from ancient times, has been ordained as a sign between God and His people of his sanctifying power, and we are commanded plainly to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"; and

WHEREAS, The people prepared for translation at the coming of Jesus in the clouds of glory will be characterized as those who "keep the commandments of God"; and

WHEREAS, There is urgent need of definite reform in the matter of Sabbath observance by both workers and laity,

We recommend, (1) That all division, union, and local mission workers be urged to make earnest effort to refrain from travel on the Sabbath day, and that wherever possible itineraries be so arranged as to allow workers to reach their place of appointment before the Sabbath begins and to remain with that church or the churches in the district until after the close of the Sabbath, thus avoiding offense and setting forth a consistent example of faithful Sabbath observance, even though it may entail some inconvenience and delay.

(2) That workers who are stationed in any particular place spend some time during the latter portion of each week in visiting

among church members and baptismal candidates, reminding them of the approach of the Sabbath, and helping them to plan and arrange their work so as to guard the edges of the Sabbath.

(3) That we encourage our believers to assemble with their families in their private homes, or in church, or chapel, or institution, at sunset on Friday and Saturday evenings, for short vesper services—the singing of hymns, reading or repeating of scripture, and prayer—and that church officers be encouraged to lead in promoting this phase of worship.

(4) That the China Division Committee appoint a committee to give study to the preparation of a booklet, composed of extracts from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy and from the Scriptures emphasizing the blessings of Sabbath-keeping and giving instructions on proper preparation for and observance of the Sabbath day, looking to the use of such a booklet in the vesper services of home and institution.

(5) That in all our medical, educational, and other institutions thoughtful study be given to the arrangement of the labor program so as to allow as many as possible the privilege of attending all Sabbath services, and to avoid all unnecessary labor on the Sabbath day; and that the same care be exercised in our homes.

(6) That our church paper, *The Last Day Shepherd's Call*, be asked to provide for a series of articles on "Sabbath Observance," suggesting that some of these articles be prepared by our experienced Chinese pastors.

(7) That the home missionary department give study to a change in the form of the "Sabbath Calendar," looking to the preparation of a calendar device which will bring special attention to the matter of the "preparation" and Sabbath days.

(8) That mission workers teach our church members and inquirers the importance of so planning for their daily needs as to avoid making purchases upon the Sabbath, even of food, water, or other necessities.

(9) That we encourage our believers to refrain from the use of the radio, and from the reading of newspapers and other secular literature, upon the Sabbath, and that heed be given to the instruction in the Spirit of prophecy teaching us to place out of sight all such literature before the beginning of the Sabbath.

Evangelistic Advance and Plans

WHEREAS, The fast fulfilling signs of the times, the appalling

darkness that covers the unwarned millions, and the solemn events transpiring about us, all unite in pressing upon us the urgency of moving into every opening providence and shouldering our responsibilities in a great evangelistic advance that will enlist the support of every soul within our ranks, and extend to the utmost limits of our field,

We recommend, (1) That Sabbath, April 30, be appointed as a day of fasting and prayer, for all our church membership to cry unto God in behalf of the great evangelistic advance we desire to see brought about throughout our field.

(2) That union committees arrange for special offerings for evangelistic work in all the churches within their territory, and also that such special offerings for this line of work as may be arranged by controlling committees, be taken at the time of annual or other general meetings.

(3) That each union and local mission make provision in its budget for adequate funds with which to foster this evangelistic work.

(4) That every mission superintendent and director be urged to personally conduct at least one evangelistic effort of several weeks' duration each year, thus gaining valuable experience and showing a worthy example to the working force under his charge.

(5) That the union and local mission committees study the maps and communications of their respective fields, determine the cities and localities in which priority of effort should be expended, lay out a definite campaign of work to raise up believers in these places, and then plan the program of each member of the working force so as to accomplish definite results each year toward covering the territory within their borders.

(6) That as far as practicable every church and chapel be utilized for holding two or more evangelistic efforts each year, thus energizing the members and bringing the truth to those in the surrounding localities.

(7) That in every large evangelistic effort a number of inexperienced workers be brought together and a training class be held for them, at the same time assigning them such duties in connection with the effort as may be commensurate with their ability.

(8) That where shortage of funds or other circumstances forbid the holding of a large effort, leading brethren be urged to adopt the plan used with success in other

fields; that is, securing in the city to be worked a number of locations where cottage meetings can be conducted, assigning to each a worker to lead out, and if possible one or more talented lay members to assist, gathering the group together each morning to plan the day's work and to prepare and study the topic to be presented in the evening, and engaging in prayer for God to bless the seed thus sown.

(9) That in connection with each effort careful plans be laid to follow up the interests awakened, to conduct Bible classes for the learners, and to indoctrinate and establish them in the fundamentals of this gospel message.

(10) That the church administration secretary, in conjunction with mission leaders, plan and put into effect the holding of church officers' institutes for the strengthening of our church organizations and the selection and training of local talent to carry church responsibilities, thus releasing the paid employees of the mission for active evangelistic work in behalf of those outside the fold.

(11) Further, that the Ministerial Association and the home missionary department be urged to hold training courses for lay evangelists, thus preparing and sending forth the lay forces of the church, thereby greatly increasing our efforts without adding to our expenses.

(12) Further, that in connection with evangelism we continue to definitely and enthusiastically promote the "Win One" campaign, emphasizing as heretofore the joys of soul-winning, the whole family in Christ, the personal prayer list, the use of literature, visiting of friends and neighbours, and by the daily life witnessing to the sanctifying influence of the gospel; that on the special day of fasting and prayer, April 30, 1938, an effort be made in all our churches and companies to enlist every member in the "Win One" campaign, enrolling their names on the covenant cards and prayer lists furnished for that purpose.

(13) That the mission administrations and the home missionary department workers endeavor to organize, promote, and complete the financial campaigns within the assigned dates, so that workers may not be hindered in their other evangelistic efforts nor have any excuse for failure to carry out the evangelistic advance program.

(14) That mission leaders advise and counsel with field

missionary secretaries and col-porteurs, helping them to so prosecute their work that their efforts shall contribute the greatest possible help in evangelistic advance.

(15) That our church papers give emphasis to this evangelistic work by publishing articles dealing with methods of work, a list of efforts being held and scheduled for several weeks in advance, and reports of the success of such efforts; and that our publishing house issue literature and material with a view to promoting this important line of work.

(16) That the Sabbath school department continue to foster the branch Sabbath school plan as an evangelizing agency in every church and Sabbath school, and wherever possible organize and conduct training classes for Sabbath school leaders in connection with the institutes and training classes mentioned above.

(17) That our educational and young people's departments organize the teachers and young people of our schools and churches in summer evangelistic campaigns and service, such as suggested in the report rendered by the department secretary this year.

Shepherding the Churches

WHEREAS, Our responsibility in carrying out the great commission is to bear much fruit, and that our fruit "might remain," and

WHEREAS, Constant care is needed in order to safeguard our membership during these testing times, and hold them firmly in the message until the end,

We recommend, (1) That all organizations concerned give careful and prayerful study to the proper and effective shepherding of the flock, and that a strong "seek and save the lost" campaign be carried on throughout our ranks.

(2) That our churches be more thoroughly organized and officered in order that the most effective work may be carried on for the strengthening of the membership.

(3) That plans be laid by every local mission for the holding of strong revival efforts annually—and more often when possible,—in every church and company, with the object of constantly reviving the spiritual life of its members and leading them to faithfulness in every phase of the truth.

(4) That we endeavor to keep our churches strong and active by annually holding district conventions for church officers, and that these conventions give proper instruction in the best and most

effective ways of carrying on all lines of church activities, that our members may be more thoroughly prepared for Christian living and service.

(5) That preceding each quarterly communion service a special effort be made to get in touch with each member, by personal visitation if possible or by correspondence, and invite him to the service; and that at every quarterly service there be a roll call of members, and all be accounted for so far as possible.

(6) That church records in all our churches be studied quarterly with the view of ascertaining where help is needed, and that every possible effort be made to save the backslidden, by personal effort and revival efforts, before they are dropped from church membership.

Ministerial Association Plans

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Association is the logical center from which to promote the contemplated evangelistic advance, and

WHEREAS, Much careful planning and effort will be needed to create the proper stimulus and prepare the proper materials for such a mighty work,

We recommend, That sufficient help be provided for the Ministerial Association to enable it to meet the demands of this broad field of service; and further

We recommend, That the activities of this association be directed to the prosecution of the following or similar projects:

(1) Preparation and issuance of mimeographed or printed promotion sheets somewhat like the *Arsenal*; the same to be supplied in both English and Chinese, giving facts, statistics, illustrations, cuts, quotations, charts, diagrams, reports, suggestions, and outlines suitable for use in evangelistic work; that the same be issued as often as a sufficient amount of such materials is at hand.

(2) Provide materials for holding workers' institutes, and send representatives to the same, preferably in places where, simultaneously with the institute, an effort may be held in which the workers attending may observe methods and assist in carrying responsibilities commensurate with their talent and experience.

(3) Lead out each year in holding at the China Training Institute, preferably just before or just after the annual constituency meeting, a strong ministerial institute of several days' or a week's duration.

(4) Work in close cooperation with our publishing house in

giving counsel concerning, and assisting in the preparation of, materials for the evangelistic campaign; such as posters, broadsides, charts, and literature both for rural and for general distribution.

(5) Keep in touch with the publications of other societies, with a view to utilizing so far as practicable all helpful materials they put out.

(6) Make suggestions concerning slides and projection apparatus, and provide the same at minimum cost to our workers, keeping in mind the needs of the fields and the opportunities for using such equipment.

(7) Develop sample advertising copy for evangelistic efforts, and give counsel as to the use of the same in the most efficient manner possible with a minimum outlay of funds.

(8) Cooperate with the union and division training institutes, and the Home Study Institute in the preparation of suitable lesson materials, so that workers and students both night and afar off may quickly prepare themselves, either at a school or in their homes, for a place in this work.

(9) By personal contact, and by the help of our institutions and mission organizations get into correspondence with young men who may be turned toward the ministry. Send them inspirational reports and other matter that will be useful in turning their lives definitely into the channel of this great work.

(10) Promote a noontime prayer league in which workers and evangelists and all who are willing to join, may engage either singly or in groups in a short season of earnest prayer at noon each day, for God's blessing upon evangelistic work.

Sabbath School Field Leadership and Promotion

WHEREAS, We are instructed that "the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ"; and that "the influence growing out of the Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church"; and that "the Sabbath school should be the place where, through a living connection with God, men and women, youth and children, may be so fitted up that they shall be a strength and blessing to the church"; (TSSW, pp. 20, 29, 92) and

WHEREAS, There is need for greatly increasing the efficiency of our Sabbath schools in order that they may more fully accomplish

these God-given tasks, and contribute their part in our program of evangelistic advance,

We recommend, (1) That our union Sabbath school departmental secretaries be sufficiently freed from other responsibilities to devote at least half their time to the interests of the Sabbath school work, carrying on an active promotion of Sabbath school plans and methods, both from the office and in the field, instructing the local mission Sabbath school secretaries in regard to the duties of their office and assisting them in the holding of Sabbath school conventions and institutes, and leading out in an aggressive effort to train Sabbath school officers and teachers, and to raise the standards of the work done in our Sabbath schools.

(2) That in our local missions capable secretaries be selected or developed for this important line of work, and that they be free to visit the Sabbath schools throughout their respective fields, and to give time, earnest thought, and persevering effort to strengthening each phase of our Sabbath school work; and that in general these secretaries be not burdened with more than one other department.

(3) That frequent changes of successful union and local mission Sabbath school departmental secretaries be discouraged; and that when such changes are necessary, we endeavor to effect them by exchanges between fields, and not by transferring efficient Sabbath school secretaries to other lines of work.

(4) That our local mission committees unite with the Sabbath school departmental secretaries in planning to reach every Sabbath school or group of schools with a Sabbath school convention, institute, or officers' council at least once each year; it being suggested that district meetings of this nature be arranged to alternate with similar work to be done in connection with the annual meetings.

(5) That far greater emphasis be given to the Sabbath School Officers' and Teachers' Training Course, by organizing training classes in each Sabbath school, in so far as possible, for the purpose of developing capable officers and teachers who will improve the work done in our regular Sabbath schools, and who will be qualified to lead out and direct in the conduct of many branch Sabbath schools of a high order, as an evangelizing agency.

(6) That more careful attention be given to the illiterate members in our Sabbath schools,

by conducting reading classes among them, and by a much wider use of our Simplified Sabbath School Lessons and the Key Thought Posters.

Method of Handling Sabbath School Supplies

In order to secure greater efficiency and economy in the handling of Sabbath school supplies,

We recommend, That hereafter all our regular Sabbath school report blanks, record blanks, offering envelopes, honor cards, etc., in Chinese, be stocked by the division Sabbath school department, and supplied to the fields without charge; it being understood that this does not include Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies, Memory Verse Cards, the *Sabbath School Helper*, or any other supplies ordinarily purchased by the local schools.

Lessons for New Sabbath Schools

WHEREAS, A need is felt in the field for a series of Sabbath school lessons especially suited for use in newly organized schools,

We recommend, (1) That sympathetic consideration be given to providing a permanent series of lessons adapted for use among those who have no background of previous Bible knowledge; and

(2) That the Chairman appoint a committee to give study to the content of such a course, the length of time it should cover, the form in which such lessons should appear, and necessary plans for publication; and that this committee report to the Division Executive Committee for final action. Committee appointed: Bessie Mount, N. F. Brewer, H. C. Shen, Elsie Liu, R. H. Hartwell.

Sixtieth Anniversary Membership Campaign

Recognizing the importance of bringing every missing church member into the Sabbath school, as well as working for the conversion of the unsaved already in our Sabbath schools, and desiring to take full advantage of the opportunity offered in the world-wide membership campaign that is being promoted this year in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the General Conference Sabbath school work, in harmony with our action of November 22, 1937,

We recommend, (1) That for the China Division the dates for this campaign be April 30 to October 29.

(2) That Sabbath, April 30, be set apart as a day of prayer and fasting in behalf of our missing members and for the conversion of

souls, as well as for a deeper consecration for ourselves.

(3) That the February 15 issue of the *Shepherd* be a special number devoted largely to the interests of enlisting our church and Sabbath school officers in this endeavor to win the missing members and to work for the unconverted; and that it contain material suitable for use in a special rally to be held in our churches and Sabbath schools on April 30, for the purpose of enlisting the efforts of our members in this campaign.

(4) That 20,000 copies of the leaflet, "Are You a Member of the Sabbath School?" be printed in Chinese in abridged and adapted form, for use in connection with this campaign.

(5) That a colored four-page insert in behalf of this campaign appear in the February issue of the REPORTER.

(6) That in every church a careful check be made of church and Sabbath school membership lists, and that all names not found on the latter constitute a special list to be made the subjects of prayer and personal work on the part of officers, teachers, and consecrated members; and that a thorough search be made for every missing member and for all the children of our believers and learners, with the definite object of bringing every one into the Sabbath school and into vital contact with the message.

(7) That during this campaign each Sabbath school superintendent report monthly concerning its progress in his school, to his local mission Sabbath school secretary, who will report to the union secretary, and he in turn to the division.

(8) That the Sabbath school department provide material for a special service for October 29, as a climax to this campaign.

We further recommend, That all our workers lend their hearty support to this effort, leading out in organizing our forces for an effective campaign that will not cease while one "missing member" remains unaccounted for; and that from the standpoint of the Sabbath school this campaign also be considered a fitting way to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival in Hongkong of Abram La Rue, our pioneer worker and first Sabbath school member to come to this land.

Sabbath School Offering Goals for 1938

Resolved, That all our Sabbath school members be urged to increase their individual weekly Sabbath school offerings during

1938 by at least ten per cent over what they gave in 1937; and further,

We recommend, That the Sabbath school offering goal for our workers and their families be five per cent of the total family income, it being suggested that they set aside this amount at the beginning of the month to be used in this way; and that our members be encouraged to follow the same practice, and in so far as possible to give a like per cent of their income.

Increasing Tithes and Offerings

WHEREAS, It is God's plan that the tithe—ten per cent of the income of His believers—be used for the support of the ministry, and since the great work of evangelizing China must be quickly done in the short time left; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures emphasize the blessings that come to all who are faithful in paying their tithe; and

WHEREAS, We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that if all would be faithful in the payment of tithes, there would be no lack in the Lord's treasury for the support of the ministry,

We recommend, (1) That every worker pay a faithful tithe on all his income including salary, properties, interest received, etc.; and thus by his good example as well as Biblical precept, impress the laity with the importance of faithfulness in tithing.

(2) That our union and local mission committees impress more strongly upon their workers and church officers the solemn responsibilities of urging the entire church membership to covenant with the Lord to pay an honest tithe, that our evangelistic work may be constantly advanced until the gospel has been preached throughout this division.

(3) That we ask the division treasury department to provide a tithe pledge in the form of a neat bookmark that can be signed by our believers and kept in their Bibles as a constant reminder of their covenant with the Lord.

(4) That in all our churches we continue to read each Sabbath, without comment, the selections from the Bible and "Testimonies" on tithing, thus allowing the Holy Spirit to work upon the hearts of the people.

(5) That a special sample tithe envelope with a space for the name, date, and amount be prepared, and that these envelopes be provided by the unions and passed out at the time of the offering and used by the members for the payment of their tithe.

(6) That local workers, mission directors, departmental secretaries, and evangelists be encouraged to labor and pray with believers who are not faithful in fulfilling the sacred duty of tithing, and that special effort be made to assist them in figuring what their tithe should be.

(7) That for the promotion of the tithe among the churches, we ask the division treasury department to prepare suitable posters and pictures that can be used by our evangelists, and also that interesting tithe stories be gathered from the field and printed in the *Shepherd* from time to time.

(8) That in all our training institutions students be urged to faithfully pay their tithe on all their income whether received from labor or other source.

(9) That in order to increase our tithes and offerings, and to acquaint our church members with the income and expenses of their local church, and in this way keep before them their responsibility of supporting God's work, a monthly statement be placed on the bulletin board in the church where it can be seen by all.

(10) That the local mission treasurers send out a monthly statement to all churches and companies in their respective fields, showing the tithes and offerings of each church and company.

(11) That the treasury department of the division in conjunction with the Ministerial Association be asked to prepare on standard loose-leaf sheets items of interest on tithing to be sent out from time to time to lists of workers—names supplied by unions and division institutions.

Appointment of Educational Secretaries

To meet the need of educational secretaries who can visit each church school for the regular inspection work and give the three or four days required for necessary help to the teacher and school board,

We recommend, That at the coming union biennial and local mission annual meetings we urge that men be appointed who are carrying lines of work which make it possible for them to do this much needed inspection and supervision work in the church schools during the time when the schools are in session.

Re-Issuing of Teachers' Certificates

In order to bring our teachers' certificates up to date, and to enable the division department to make up a new and accurate

record of certificates issued as based upon the actions of the union committees, in harmony with our plan of 1937,

We recommend, That each union committee review its teaching force in the whole field, take action regarding the certificates for each teacher, and forward to the division office the old certificates for which new ones will be exchanged, endeavoring to complete this work by September 1, 1938.

Rating Chart for Church Schools

To the end of improving our church schools and raising the standard and quality of work done in them,

We recommend, (1) That the General Conference Educational Department's Church School Rating Booklet be adapted and printed in bilingual form by the division department at a cost of about ten cents a copy.

(2) That the booklet be prepared to hold a four-year record.

(3) That each union pay for the supply needed by its educational secretary to care for present needs and provide for increase in the number of schools during the next four years.

(4) That the plan of annual inspection be carried out in every one of our church schools in the fields.

Entrance Tests for Our Junior Training Institutes

We recommend, (1) That the division department be authorized to prepare a Battery Achievement Test for use as an entrance test for our junior training institutes.

(2) That these tests be supplied to our institutes by the division at cost.

(3) That all new students on entering any one of our junior training institutes be required to take this entrance test, and with the results in the test as a criterion be classified accordingly.

Medical Cadet Corps Training in Our Institutes

WHEREAS, Seventh-day Adventists throughout their history have repeatedly declared their stand upon participation in war to be that of noncombatancy, and

WHEREAS, There are definite forms of noncombatant service by which we may give loyal support to our country in time of war, such as medical service, relief of the needy—especially soldiers' families—and other lines of welfare work, food production, and vocational work,

We recommend, (1) That our junior and senior training institutes, and other institutions when feasible, take steps to provide the facilities and leadership for a one-year course of non-combatant medical training, with one semester hour of credit.

(2) That the division department of education, in counsel with Doctors Herbert Liu, E. A. Wagner, Stanton May, and others, lead out in developing a specific syllabus for guidance in the administering of this medical training for noncombatant service.

(3) That in classes where these courses are given, the principles of noncombatancy, as set forth in the life and teachings of Christ, be carefully studied, special emphasis being given to observance of the Sabbath in times of war.

(4) That if uniforms are used they shall be of our own design and approved by the educational department, and shall be worn by both the instructor and the students.

Regional Summer School for 1938

We recommend, That in harmony with our division policy regional summer schools be conducted in the unions as may be arranged by them under the leadership of the union educational secretaries during the summer of 1938.

Further Training for Teachers in Service

WHEREAS, Many principals and teachers serving in our training institutes feel their need for further training in order to qualify for the required teachers' certificates, especially in the professional subjects, and

WHEREAS, The six-weeks' summer schools are not meeting this need satisfactorily,

We recommend, That institute boards give consideration to making provision for such teachers who have served faithfully year after year, whereby each teacher may be given a full school year every five or six years in which to attend our advanced training school so that they may become more efficient in their teaching work.

Educational Boards for the Unions

We recommend, (1) That wherever possible an Educational Board be maintained, consisting of the union educational secretary, the educational secretaries of the local fields, the principals of the secondary schools or colleges, the normal director, superintendent of nursing education, and the members of the union committee.

(2) That this board have regular times of meeting for the consideration of the educational problems of the union.

Summer Employment for Church School Teachers

WHEREAS, It so often happens that our church school teachers are left with no means of support during the summer vacations,

We recommend, That our missions give consideration to the question of summer employment of their church school teachers, endeavoring to formulate definite plans for appropriate employment beginning with the coming summer of 1938.

Continuity of Service of Church School Teachers

WHEREAS, Continuity of teaching service is recognized as profitable and highly desirable in the work of teachers,

We recommend, That the local church and school board encourage competent teachers to remain in consecutive years of employment.

Workers' Children in Our Own Schools

WHEREAS, We have been instructed that all our children and youth should have the privilege of a Christian education, and

WHEREAS, It is our desire to see this fulfilled as completely as possible, and

WHEREAS, In order to accomplish this we need the cooperation and influence of every worker, both in word and deed,

We recommend, That all mission workers, including teachers, ministers, pastors, and field workers, set an example of confidence in the above instruction by supporting, and wherever possible by sending their children, to our own schools.

Salaries of Teachers

WHEREAS, In some of our fields the wages paid to some of our teachers are inadequate and below the level of other classes of workers of like training and experience,

We recommend, That the wage scale of teachers be set on the same approximate level as for other workers, and that experience and training shall also be considered in setting the rate of wage.

Health Education

WHEREAS, There is great need among our workers and laity for instruction in nutrition, hygiene, and other health principles; and

WHEREAS, There is much instruction given in the Spirit of prophecy regarding the importance of

teaching the people these principles of healthful living,

We recommend, (1) That a series of lectures be prepared and published in tract form, for use in educating our workers and laity in these matters, these tracts to cover the following subjects:

(a) General hygiene.

(b) Nutrition, including recipes for healthful vegetarian dishes made from native products, with particular instruction in regard to the preparation of foods for the Sabbath such as can be served with a minimum amount of labor on that day.

(c) Simple treatments and care of the sick.

(2) That articles on health principles appear from time to time in the *Shepherd*.

(3) That suitable material for talks on health topics be supplied by the medical department for distribution to our evangelists, through the Ministerial Association; and that wherever possible in our evangelistic efforts at least one meeting a week be devoted to the promotion of health principles.

(4) That the medical department be asked to appoint a committee of three to carry out the above recommendations, working in connection with the Ministerial Association.

We further recommend, That one of our nurses be appointed to work in conjunction with this committee, in devising plans for giving the special training necessary to qualify nurses to conduct classes in home nursing and to teach the principles of nutrition and healthful vegetarian cooking—with practical demonstrations—among our workers and laity; and that our nurses' training schools include such training as a part of their curriculum.

Village Medical Evangelistic Work

WHEREAS, There is great need for village medical evangelistic work in this division, particularly in the frontier provinces, and

WHEREAS, This village medical evangelistic work can be effectively used as an entering wedge for the advancement of the third angel's message,

We recommend, (1) That those in charge of our medical institutions constantly keep before our nurses in training the spirit of village medical evangelism.

(2) That our large medical institutions be urged to arrange their nurses' program with a view to developing the needed personnel for this line of work.

(3) That our unions be urged to employ the graduates thus trained for village medical evangelistic work wherever possible.

Missionary Volunteer Leadership in Union and Local Missions

We recommend, That at the coming union biennial sessions and local mission meetings we urge the importance of appointing as Missionary Volunteer secretaries men who can spend their time and effort in the field among the churches, companies, schools, and institutions, working with and for our young people in all the phases of our Missionary Volunteer program.

Organization of Church Missionary Activities

We recommend, That the organization of our missionary work of the church be changed to meet conditions in the territory of the division as follows:

(1) The missionary activities of the church shall be under the Church Missionary Society with a director in charge.

(2) The Church Missionary Society shall be organized and sub-divided as the needs may require into:

(a) The Home Missionary Society under a leader to foster the missionary work of the adult members (those above 30 years of age.)

(b) The Young People's Missionary Society under a leader to promote the young people's program for youth from 16 to 30 years of age, and

(c) The Junior Missionary Society under the direction of a superintendent and a leader to conduct the work for our children from 6 to 15 years of age.

Weekly Program of Missionary Volunteer Activities for Training Institutes

In order to provide for time in our training institute schedules to carry out a complete Missionary Volunteer program of work,

We recommend, That our training institutes endeavor to carry out the Weekly Program of Missionary Volunteer and School Activities as suggested by the division missionary volunteer department, making such adjustments as may be necessary to meet local conditions.

A Youth's Evangelistic Movement for the China Division

In harmony with Sister White's urgent instruction to organize our youth for a mighty forward evangelistic movement,

We recommend, That the China Division Committee perfect a plan for a Youth's Evangelistic Movement, thereby setting into motion a great host of our young people to carry the message of a soon-coming Saviour to towns and villages hitherto unwarned, and

That the China Division Committee in conjunction with the union fields provide a fund to make possible the launching of this campaign.

Missionary Volunteer Membership Plan

We recommend, That the General Conference' Missionary

Volunteer Department plan on Missionary Volunteer membership as prepared by the 1937 council be adopted for use in the China Division. The plan may be outlined as follows:

Each young person who desires to become a member of the Missionary Volunteer Society should fill out the application for membership card.

This application card is to be forwarded to the local mission Missionary Volunteer secretary.

The local mission Missionary Volunteer secretary will issue a permanent membership card with a celluloid fold in which to carry it. This will be sent to the local society secretary, who gives it to the applicant. (A portion of a society meeting may be devoted to a ceremony bestowing the membership cards on the members.)

Membership becomes void in the respective societies by apostasy, death, transfer, or cancellation by the executive committee of the society.

A yearly enrollment in the local society is required. Each member should sign his name on the record of membership which is held in the record book by each local society secretary.

On the reverse side of the membership card, space will be provided for the local society secretary to place his signature each year, together with the date, thus indicating a renewal of society membership yearly. (In case a membership card is lost, a new one may be issued.)

Each local society secretary

Union and Division Missionary Volunteer Goals for 1938

Items	Central	East	Manchuria	North	Northwest	South	West	Division Total
1. No. of Young People Baptized	100	200	160	177	30	200	20	887
2. No. Observing Morning Watch	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
3. No. Bible Year Certificates Issued	300	250	75	225	10	200	70	1130
4. No. Standard of Attainment Certificates Issued	75	200	40	150	10	50	20	545
5. No. Reading Course Certificates Issued ..	200	400	80	392	10	150	20	1252
6. Amount of All Offerings Given and Raised by Y. P. ..	\$2,500	\$7,750	\$145	\$1,550	\$250	\$2,500	\$300	\$14,995
7. No. Societies	50	85	24	30	20	50	25	284
8. No. M. V. Members	1,200	2,350	710	830	450	1,500	350	7,390
9. No. Morning Watch Calendars for 1939	1,250	2,000	1,100	1,250	750	2,000	1,400	9,750

forwards a list of the yearly enrollments in the society to the local mission Missionary Volunteer secretary.

Each local mission Missionary Volunteer secretary records the yearly enrollments and changes in the file of permanent records in his office.

The present age requirements for membership in the Junior society are maintained—ten to fifteen years inclusive. (A Junior may become a preparatory member at the age of six, if he qualifies under the other requirements.)

A Senior Missionary Volunteer should be within the ages of 16 to 30 inclusive.

Our slogan—Every young person connected with the Seventh-day Adventist Church a Missionary Volunteer!

Harvest Ingathering Campaign and Goals for 1938

WHEREAS, The annual Harvest Ingathering campaign has become a part of our world-wide work, and from this source great sums have been gathered for the furtherance of God's work in the earth; and

WHEREAS, This campaign is a suitable method of bringing our work to the attention of those in authority and the leaders in all classes of society; and

WHEREAS, The annual Harvest Ingathering campaign is a practical way to train our church membership in meeting the public, and also has direct results in souls won to the truth,

We recommend, (1) That the Harvest Ingathering campaign be promoted in all the unions of our division, and that division medical and educational institutions, all union institutions, and all workers, join in making this campaign most fruitful in souls won and funds raised for the advancement of God's kingdom.

(2) That the date for the 1938 Ingathering campaign be set for the six weeks' period from September 10 to October 22, efforts being made to confine the campaign to these dates so far as possible.

(3) That September 10 be set as Harvest Ingathering Rally Day, and that the regular Rally Day program be promoted in all our churches and companies on that date.

(4) That previous to the opening of the Ingathering campaign local mission committees carefully district their territory, appoint goals, and arrange for

suitable field leadership, looking toward the training of all our membership in this line of missionary activity.

(5) That goals for the various unions of the China Division be approved as follows:

Union	Goal
Central China - - -	\$ 7,300.00
Honan - - - -	1,500.00
Hunan - - - -	1,300.00
Hupeh - - - -	3,500.00
Kiangsi - - - -	1,000.00
East China - - - -	\$15,000.00
Kiangsu - - - -	10,000.00
N. Kiangsu - - - -	1,000.00
N. Chekiang - - - -	1,000.00
S. Chekiang - - - -	1,000.00
Anhwei - - - -	2,000.00
Manchuria - - - -	\$ 2,000.00
Fengtien - - - -	1,000.00
Kirin - - - -	300.00
Pinkiang - - - -	300.00
Sung Hwa - - - -	200.00
Chientao - - - -	200.00
North China - - - -	\$10,000.00
Cha-Sui - - - -	800.00
Hopei - - - -	5,000.00
Mongolia - - - -	200.00
Shansi - - - -	1,000.00
Shantung - - - -	3,000.00
Northwest China - - -	\$ 3,000.00
Chinghai - - - -	250.00
Kansu - - - -	1,200.00
Ningshia - - - -	250.00
Shensi - - - -	1,300.00
South China - - - -	\$14,500.00
Cantonese - - - -	6,175.00
Hainan - - - -	425.00
Hakka - - - -	1,600.00
N. Fukien - - - -	1,400.00
S. Fukien - - - -	1,600.00
Swatow - - - -	1,600.00
Kwangsi - - - -	1,700.00
West China - - - -	\$ 7,300.00
E. Kweichow - - - -	700.00
W. Kweichow - - - -	500.00
E. Szechwan - - - -	2,500.00
W. Szechwan - - - -	1,500.00
Tibetan - - - -	600.00
Yunnan - - - -	1,500.00
Total for Division: -	\$59,100.00

We further recommend, That the policy be continued of crediting ten per cent to the division of the returns from each union, and that these funds up to \$3,500 be used in financing the Ministerial Scholarship plan in the China Training Institute.

Missions Extension Campaign

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the educational, publishing, and medical institutions in this division field have greatly benefitted from funds obtained through the annual Missions Extension campaign; and

WHEREAS, In all the unions of this division there is still urgent need to strengthen and enlarge the medical, educational, and publishing phases of our work,

We recommend, (1) That the

date of the 1938 Missions Extension campaign be set for May 7-14, and that we unite in promoting the sale of the booklet, "The Decalogue of Health."

(2) That our division, union, and provincial medical and educational institutions be urged to plan for at least two field days in which all teachers, students, medical workers, nurses, and nurses in training be urged to take active part.

(3) That special effort be made to enlist our church members in this Big Week campaign, emphasis being placed on house-to-house work, thus insuring a wide circulation of the book, "The Decalogue of Health"; and if for some unavoidable reason these books do not arrive in time, the field make use of such suitable literature as may be available locally.

(4) That the Missions Extension Offering be taken in all our churches and companies on May 14, 1938; that all salaried workers and members be urged to donate the equivalent of one day's income, and that the home missionary department be asked to provide a suitable envelope for use in collecting this offering.

(5) That the colporteur force throughout the division be urged to take part in the Big Week campaign, donating the proceeds from the largest day's sales to the Missions Extension Fund.

(6) That the 1938 Big Week goals for the various unions be as follows:

Central China - - -	\$ 700.00
East China - - - -	1,800.00
Manchuria - - - -	500.00
North China - - - -	800.00
Northwest China - - -	400.00
South China - - - -	2,000.00
West China - - - -	500.00

Division total - - - \$6,700.00

(7) That the projects to benefit from the Missions Extension campaign in each union be named by the union committee concerned, and approved by the Division Committee.

Literature Sales and Signs Subscription Goals for 1938

WHEREAS, The sale and circulation of our truth-filled books and magazines has always been a fruitful pioneer soul-saving agency, and

WHEREAS, The times and conditions now existing in this division call for intensified activity in the circulation of our books and magazines,

We recommend, (1) That literature and Signs subscription goals for the various unions for 1938 be approved as follows:

Union	Signs	Book Sales	Total
South - - - - -	15,000	\$17,500.00	\$40,000.00
Manchuria - - - -	23,000	7,000.00	41,500.00
East - - - - -	10,000	10,000.00	25,000.00
Central - - - - -	10,000	10,000.00	25,000.00
North - - - - -	12,000	12,000.00	30,000.00
West - - - - -	8,000	10,000.00	22,000.00
Northwest - - - -	5,000	4,000.00	11,500.00
Total - - - - -	83,000	\$70,500.00	\$195,000.00

(2) That the various unions assign these goals to the local missions, and the local missions in turn assign individual goals to the regular colporteur force, giving special attention to assigning goals for *Signs* subscriptions and book sales to each county and incorporated city within its territory.

WHEREAS, The countless villages of China which are not served by postal facilities, as well as the 13,613 places thus served, are a challenge to this denomination to greater endeavor in the circulation of our smaller books, *Present Truth*, etc., and

WHEREAS, The wide circulation of this class of literature should engage the efforts of many of our consecrated laity, thus training them in house-to-house evangelistic activity,

We recommend, That this phase of the literature work be strongly promoted at all our union and local mission meetings during the year 1938, and that where possible union and local field missionary and home missionary secretaries unite in conducting short institutes in our large churches and training centers, closing these institutes with several days of actual field work.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Beginning of Our Work in China

WHEREAS, May 3 of this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of Abram La Rue, our pioneer worker in China, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of our constituency in the China Division should commemorate in a suitable way the beginning of our work in this field,

We recommend, (1) That encouragement be given to the South China Union and the Cantonese Mission to go forward with the plans for the erection of the China Pioneer Memorial Church, and that, if possible, building operations be undertaken so as to be able to hold the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone on the day marking the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of our first

worker in Hongkong; and in case it should be impossible to proceed with building operations, a suitable commemorative service be held.

(2) That we designate Sabbath, May 7, as a special day to commemorate the beginning of our work in China, and that a program outlining the growth and development of our work be prepared for use on that day.

(3) That special fiftieth anniversary commemoration numbers of the CHINA DIVISION REPORTER and the *Shepherd's Call* be prepared.

(4) That correspondence be taken up with the editors of the *Review and Herald* to ascertain if space can be secured in one issue of that periodical to present material on the special providences attending our work in China.

(5) That a committee be appointed to prepare material for this fiftieth anniversary. Committee appointed: John Oss, A. L. Ham, K. T. Khng, Goh Djao O, Bessie Mount, S. T. Wang, E. L. Longway.

News Notes

THE presence of Professor and Mrs. W. E. Nelson at the China Division Council was greatly appreciated. Professor Nelson gave most helpful counsel and instruction. They sailed January 18 on the German vessel, "Potsdam," visiting Manila en route to attend the Far Eastern Division Council at Singapore. Following this meeting they proceeded to India to spend several weeks in that division.

Brother Claude Conard's stay in Hong Kong, where he audited the China Division and Home Study Institute books of account and joined with the China Division Committee in the study of many problems, was much appreciated. He left for Singapore where he attends their Far Eastern Division Council and audits the division books, and then proceeds with Professor and Mrs. W. E. Nelson to India. We wish these General Conference brethren safe and

pleasant journeys and the blessing and wisdom of God as they give counsel in these other divisions.

The following transfers of workers were arranged for at the time of the China Division Council and committee meetings held in January: F. B. Knight, to the Manchurian Union as union treasurer; W. I. Hilliard, from the Manchurian Union to the West China Union as union treasurer; A. B. Buzzell, from the West Szechwan Mission to the Central China Union as the union field missionary secretary; H. H. Morse, from the China Training Institute to be the business manager and treasurer of the Home Study Institute; S. H. Lindt from the chaplaincy of the Shanghai Sanitarium to the China Training Institute as head of the ministerial department; T. A. Shaw, from the Central China Union to Shanghai as the field missionary secretary of the East China Union; C. L. Blandford, from the China Training Institute to the *Signs of the Times* Publishing House as editor of the *Shepherd* and associate editor in the book department.

Mrs. H. N. Brodersen's serious illness has necessitated her return to the States on an emergency trip. It is sincerely hoped that she will be able to obtain the needed medical help and to return soon to the Manchurian field.

Miss Abbie Dunn sailed January 7 for an emergency leave of absence in the States, because of the serious illness of her parents. She hopes to be able to return in a few months' time.

Evacuation from Hankow having been necessary, Mrs. M. C. Warren and children are preceding Brother Warren on furlough to the States. They left Hong Kong January 7, Brother Warren will remain a few months longer in service before taking his furlough.

F. A. Landis and J. H. Effenberg are at present living at Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, looking after necessary emergency repairs and the general interests of our properties. Previously, L. E. Reed and R. H. Hartwell had spent a few weeks at the compound taking a similar responsibility for the properties there.

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