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## “GO FORWARD”

BY FREDERICK GRIGGS

*THIS command of God to Moses should be often repeated; for the need of its lesson of faith is a growing one. Near the close of His ministry on earth Christ uttered two outstanding words, “Come;” “Go.” Come unto Me.” “Go ye into all the world.” The most powerful, the most effective and the most beneficent of all organizations in the earth is the church of God. While it has a good organization, it might not be said to be the most highly organized group of men in all the earth; but its organization is perfect for the work it has to do. The spirit of this organization is the source of its power and efficiency. The true church of God possesses the very spirit of its Founder and Head, Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul well illustrated the motivating power of this spirit when he exclaimed, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” There are absolutely no limits to what God may accomplish through the church when all its members have come to Him, have learned of Him, and have received from Him their measure of “all power.” Trials and difficulties are permitted to come upon God’s people individually and as a church as a means of demonstrating His mighty power and of leading His people to trust in Him. The children of Israel were brought into a rocky defile, the mountains on one side, the sea on the other. There was no way of escape. They were helpless. How easily the army of Egypt could capture them and return them to slavery! It would seem that from the marvelous miracles by which they had been delivered from bondage and brought thus far on their journey the Israelites would have trusted God in this crisis. Again He miraculously delivered them, and in so doing taught His people a lesson for all time to come. The deliverance of the Children of Israel is typical of the spiritual deliverance of God’s people. The Children of Israel had physical battles to fight. The people of God have spiritual battles with the adversary of souls. The lesson of faith and trust is the same for us as for them. They could not have gone forward had God not opened the way. In the advance of this great second advent movement God’s people often come to the place where they cannot go forward unless He opens the way. The lesson is “for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are “mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.” The church of God is compared to an army. Upon its organization, its unity, its spirit, its zeal, depends its conquering power. This last message of salvation is to go to the remotest corners of the earth, and it is to go in the face of the greatest difficulties that have ever confronted the church of Christ. War or persecution will not stop it. There may be Achans, Korahs, Nathans and Abirams in the camp; these all may hinder; but the true-hearted will hear the command, “Go forward,” and will press into every opening with the light and joy of the gospel. “Go forward” is the Lord’s command today to His church in China.*

## Greetings from Elder and Mrs. W. H. Branson

As we near the coast of China we wish to send a word of greeting to our workers and believers in the great China Division. No doubt all have learned with regret that due to Sister Griggs' recent illness the doctors have refused to permit Elder and Mrs. Griggs to return to China. Brother Griggs has been appointed to work in connection with the medical college in Los Angeles, as Chairman of the Board of Managers.

At the time of the Autumn Council we were asked to go out and fill the vacancy thus created in the China Division, until the time of the next session of the General Conference. With our son Jack we left Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, going by car to Los Angeles, California, where we boarded the s.s. Asama Maru for Shanghai. We have had a splendid trip thus far, and are now eagerly looking forward to our arrival in China about the middle of December.

We fully realize, that in the China Division we shall be confronted with many new and most difficult problems, due to the experiences China has passed through during recent months; yet as we contemplate the omnipotence of our God and the splendid force of trained, tried workers in the field, we face the task before us with confidence and courage.

The Master's promise, "Lo, I am with you always; even unto the end of the world," is still good; and so long as the church follows His leadership and trusts fully in His power, she cannot fail in her work. We are told that while upon the earth Jesus assured His disciples that they would never be left alone, and if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence. "He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks,—the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe, and be assured that My presence will be with you even there. Labor in faith and confidence; for the time will never come when I will forsake you. I

will be with you always." "Acts of the Apostles," p. 29.

In a time of stress and perplexity such as our workers and people now face in China, these wonderful assurances and promises from God should form the groundwork of faith and confidence. Though the present difficulties should be multiplied

about us, yet in His strength we can go forward.

It is with keen anticipation that we look forward to meeting our workers and believers in China. Some we have met before; but the faces of many others will be new to us. However, the church of God constitutes one great family throughout the earth, and we know therefore that we shall feel at home among our people in China.



Elder and Mrs. W. H. Branson and Son.

## A Message to the Workers in the China Division

WITHIN the last few days a message of greeting has come from Elder E. D. Dick, secretary of the General Conference, which reads as follows:

"As we have come together here at Battle Creek in conditions of peace and quietness, we have been reminded that many of our workers in various sections of the world field do not enjoy these blessings. We are reminded particularly of the scourge which has come over your country, and the danger which our workers in those fields have faced. As we have considered this, the Council in their opening session voted that I should convey to you and your fellow workers our hearty greetings and assurances of deep appreciation for your willingness to serve in the face of danger, and of our earnest prayer that the Lord

may protect you and prosper you in your work for Him."

As you will see, this has been sent from the Autumn Council held at Battle Creek, Michigan. This message of confidence and appreciation will cheer the hearts of our faithful workers everywhere who are standing by their posts of duty in these days of danger and isolation. Those of us who are located in Hongkong also greatly appreciate the sacrifice and hardships of our brethren in interior places, especially those who are at present cut off from the outside world. I am sure all will join with us in our feelings of gratitude to the Autumn Council of the General Conference for the generous assistance given to meet the emergencies resulting from this terrible war and to bring relief to our national and foreign workers.

A. L. HAM.



A Picture Taken on the Day when Sixty-one Believers, the Fruit of the Evangelistic Efforts of the Beh Men Li Church, Fengtien, Were Received into Church Fellowship.

## Revival in a Mukden Church

BY H. N. BRODERSEN

IN the autumn of 1937 an evangelist in the Manchurian Union was asked to go to one of the largest churches in Mukden to take charge, as this church at the time was without an evangelist, having a Bible woman only to care for its interests.

The evangelist called the church officers together to discuss the possibilities of holding an evangelistic effort in that place.

"Yes," it was agreed; "we ought to hold an effort; but before undertaking this we must learn what the mission can do to help. Winter is coming on; we shall need coal. There will be lighting bills to meet, and advertising expenses."

The evangelist returned discouraged. He was still more discouraged when he was told how little the mission could help; but thinking the matter over he determined not to be defeated until he had at least tried. Returning to the church he laid his plans before the members, and many pledged to help. Soon preparations for the meeting were in progress. The church was decorated and made inviting, and the invitations sent out, with the result that on the first night, and every night that followed, the church was filled, over three hundred attending.

Six weeks later 130 names were received from men and women who requested further Bible study. Of these 85 attended the

study every night; and in February 39 were baptized. Immediately after the first baptismal service, with the help of the new members, the church raised \$120 to be used in necessary renovations to the church building. And when the second effort commenced, it was very evident that a real revival had begun. Every night the church was filled to capacity.

The effort was well organized. Each evening before the doors opened, every usher was in his or her place, each having been delegated a certain number of seats to care for. Places were reserved for those who came regularly. Some were appointed to sing; others stood outside to pass a word of welcome to passers-by. If while the meeting was in progress anyone made signs of leaving, the usher in charge of that section would quietly request him to stay till the close if possible, so as not to disturb the others. In this way many were persuaded to remain long enough to become interested in the subject, and returned the next evening. At the close of each meeting the helpers waited for a special season of prayer and a short discussion as to methods of improvement.

After five weeks another Bible class was formed which later became a baptismal class, and 61 were baptized, making an even hundred souls added to this church as a result of the two efforts.

As the evangelist had now held a meeting every night for eleven

months, he thought to take a short vacation by visiting some of the outlying churches. But the day following the second baptism a delegation of five waited on him asking for another effort at once, as there were many who were not ready for membership, but who still desired to study. Now a third effort is well under way. The church is filled every night, and already there are 130 names for the new Bible class.

A word as to other blessings that have accrued. Before this series of meetings we had one evangelist and two Bible women. We now have ten lay evangelists and two Bible women. Only two of these persons are in mission employ. Three others are giving their full time and are being assisted by the lay members. Six are spending at least two hours each day in visiting church members; six others are spending an equal amount of time in working for the interested ones. This experience has taught us that when church members are taught to work, they are glad to help.

Dear fellow workers, what has been done in this church can be done in others. More and more we must depend upon the labors of our lay members; and a working member is also faithful in other matters. May the Lord help us to lay plans for a far broader evangelistic work, in which we shall enlist our church members in the giving of Bible readings, in caring for the sick and the poor, and in working for the unconverted.

## Encouraging Report from the East China Union

BY W. E. STRICKLAND

A BRIEF report from the East China Union at this time may be of interest to the readers of the REPORTER. We wish that we could write that conditions are normal once more, the workers all back at their stations and carrying on their work successfully; but while this is not possible, we are glad to tell you that the Lord is blessing His cause in East China.

This morning there came to my desk an envelope from Hsing Luh Gi, one of the outstations in North Anhwei. There has been trouble a plenty in this section of the field; but here is the third quarter's Sabbath school report, showing that through the quarter in spite of all the troubles of war and flood there has been a Sabbath school membership of 80 and an average attendance of 66.

Another letter recently received tells of the faithfulness of our members in Yingchow, who in face of untold danger and hardships are carrying on. They have repaired their church building, damaged through bombings and heavy rains, and though still in the danger zone, are meeting each week for the Sabbath services. These two reports encourage us to believe that the same kind of work is going on in other parts of the field from which we cannot at present hear.

One of our evangelists with his family has at last made his way back to Nanking. He reports an attendance each Sabbath of over twenty at the Shen Ping Chiao church in that city. He writes for tracts and tells of plans for aggressive work in that important though badly disturbed center.

From Beng Pu comes the word that while the property there has been badly damaged, one of our evangelists is now on the grounds, and is proceeding with the repairs, hoping to have the church in proper condition soon, so that the local believers can meet.

Pastor Wu Tsang Shan reports 87 baptisms in North Anhwei for the first half of the year, and word just received from Pastor Swen Tsung Gwang says that 88 have been baptized in the North Kiangsu Mission. Pastor Swen has been working under great difficulties, and we rejoice with him over

these precious souls won to Christ during these hard and dangerous times.

Pastor L. E. Reed, with Mr. Yen, his secretary, visited the North Kiangsu section of the union last month, and reported distressing and pitiful conditions. The whole country is flooded, and this will mean starvation to thousands unless some means of succor is forthcoming. Yet, in spite of all this, there are many evidences of faith and courage among our people in that part of the field.

From South Chekiang comes the report of a large number of baptisms, and of a good attendance at the Junior Training Institute at Wenchow. The enrolment there is around 100. Pastor H. C. Shen, union educational secretary, has just returned from a four weeks' itinerary through the South Chekiang Mission, and brings back an encouraging report.

Pastor R. H. Hartwell, superintendent of the Kiangsu Mission, together with two of the mission departmental secretaries, is now visiting the churches in the southern part of this mission. His plan is to remain in the field until all the stations have been visited.

Conditions in Shanghai continue somewhat as usual, though in our work there are a few indications of a return to normalcy. Steps have been taken in opening up the Range Road Clinic. The doctors and other members of the sanitarium foreign staff have taken up residence at Rubicon Road. Work on the new press building on Ningkuo Road is proceeding, in the hope to have it ready for occupancy some time in February.

Harvest Ingathering this year has been entered into with enthusiasm by both workers and members, and the results have been gratifying. While we have not yet reached the \$10,000 goal, we are well past the \$8,000 mark, with most of the churches over their goals. So all in all, we are of good courage. Conditions look rather gloomy at times; but though the difficulties pile up and the obstacles increase, the workers in East China are not discouraged. Rather, we are grateful to God for what He has done in our behalf and desire to be just what He would have us be through all these days of stress and perplexity. If we can but live from day to day the lives that He would have us live, the results will be the strengthening of His kingdom in this union and the hastening of His return.

## Fifty Families Cast Away Their Idols

BY LO KWEI IH

ANOTHER door of opportunity has opened for the preaching of the gospel among the tribespeople in Mokiang Hsien, on the border of southern Yunnan. During the summer vacation this year, one of our church school teachers and a deacon from the same church visited a place called Yen Tzu Chiao in the hope of creating an interest in the truths of the message, and of opening new work.

In this village dwell the K'ado people. This is a very scattered district, the homes often lying miles apart and the roads being rough and difficult to travel. It was a discouraging prospect at the outset; for in addition to the unfavourable conditions mentioned, the villagers themselves were very indifferent to the newcomers and their purpose.

Despite discouragements, however, the brethren went to work, at first visiting from home to home, and later preaching the word. They told of the God who

made the heavens and the earth, in contrast to the idols of wood and stone which were being worshipped, and declared that this was the God to whom worship should be given.

The hearts of the people were stirred, and like those who listened on the day of Pentecost, they asked, "What shall we do?" One young man, deeply moved, invited the brethren to his home, and there in their presence burned his idols. Then he led them to the homes of his friends, where again and again the brethren preached and the idols were burned.

Another village, hearing of the messengers and their work, sent representatives to Yen Tzu Chiao, asking our workers to come to them also and teach them of the true God. Within ten days 39 families had destroyed their idols and accepted Christ as their Saviour.

The summer vacation ended, the teacher returned to his school; but before leaving he assured the

people that everything possible would be done to send them help. Later the Sabbath school secretary of the local mission visited the place. He reported that six more families had accepted Christ.

Now I have been sent to this locality to follow up the interest. Since my arrival several other families have joined us. At present over one hundred are attending Sabbath school, and fifty families have given themselves to the Lord. Preparations are being made to build a chapel where these believers can gather from week to week to worship the true God.

Should we not rejoice to hear this good news? And shall we not join in earnest prayer that these fifty families may remain faithful until Jesus comes?



*A Group Including Several Family Heads in the Village of Yen Tzu Chiao, Yunnan, Where Fifty Families Have Recently Embraced the Advent Message.*

## Snapshots from a Northern Itinerary

BY BESSIE MOUNT

### Investment Day at Wen Kuan Tun

NEARLY one hundred students of the Manchurian Union Training Institute, with their teachers, are assembled in Sabbath school, and are conducting a very interesting Investment program. They bring their Investment offering, totaling about \$20. As Sabbath school reassembles for closing exercises, you will note on the front wall an Investment chart that is bright with stars. It contains 105 names, and 91 gold stars indicate that only 14 of the members have failed to bring an Investment offering. And I was told that some of these would bring theirs later.

How did these students, most of them poor, secure their offerings? Here are a few of the ways: selling vegetables; doing laundry work for other students; shining shoes; cutting hair; selling flowers. One little girl had earned 85 cents by preparing grapes and beans for canning, and another earned money polishing silverware.

### Thirteenth Sabbath at Beh Men Li

The Beh Men Li church, Mukden, is crowded to the doors. One look inside will convince you that this is a special day; for the walls are hung with mottoes and slogans proclaiming the blessings of the Investment plan, while overhead is a canopy of beautifully colored streamers, clustered around a group of "love" characters in the center of the ceiling

and extending to the walls. Flowers and plants tastefully arranged, add to the beauty of the scene; and across the front of the chapel is a row of artistic characters announcing that this is Investment Rally Day. So the day is doubly "special," for not only is the Thirteenth Sabbath offering to be received today, but the Investment program is to be rendered, and the Investment offering received.

Interest runs high as the congregation assembles for the Investment service—which follows the Sabbath school session—and the announcement is made that the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering totaled \$105 (only \$20 of this amount was given by foreign workers). This, with the Investment offering of approximately \$70, brings the quarter's total Sabbath school offerings to \$290,—\$40 over the goal. This church is fast earning an enviable reputation for the spirit of zeal, devotion, liberality and service that characterizes its members. One hundred members have been added thus far this year, with prospects for thirty more baptisms before its close.

### A Birthday Offering Snapshot from Harbin

Mrs. Wang Fu Yuan, Sabbath school secretary for the Pinkiang Mission, is a woman of great faith and devotion, one who does not leave a known duty undone. On one occasion, while her husband

was away, her money for buying supplies ran very low. As she counted it and found that she had less than two dollars in the house, she recalled that birthday offerings were due from certain members of the family. Some of us might have waited until later to give these offerings, excusing ourselves on the ground that we needed the money for other things; but not Mrs. Wang.

After the birthday offerings were given, only a few dimes remained in the family treasury; but before these were exhausted a letter came from a friend containing a gift of three dollars, which provided for their needs until Pastor Wang's return. This friend had never sent money before. Was it a mere coincidence that it came just when it was needed? Mrs. Wang does not believe so; and this makes yet stronger her trust in a God who knows our every circumstance and is able to provide in every emergency for those who make Him first in everything.

### Branch Sabbath Schools in Tsinan

It is Sabbath afternoon. The session of the main Sabbath school in Tsinan, together with the church service, each with some two hundred in attendance, is over; and little groups are scattering to different parts of the city to conduct Branch Sabbath schools. We accompany one group of three or four to a neat little chapel outside the city gate—a chapel in a private compound, prepared by a Christian gentleman who is interested in the spread of the gospel. In response to his invitation, our people hold

a Sabbath school there each week, with an attendance ranging from fifteen to twenty. Those present give close attention to the study of the lesson and to the other exercises of the Sabbath school, as well as to the short service that follows.

From here we go with the same group of leaders from the main Sabbath school to another Branch Sabbath school, this time in the humble, earth-floored home of the poorer class. Poverty does not shut out the presence of God, however; and I am sure He takes note of the little group of men, women and children who have come together here to study His word today. Members of the Tsinan Sabbath school are conducting five Branch schools each Sabbath, with a good interest in each place.

#### A Faithful Blind Brother

For nearly an hour our rickshaws have been rolling through the streets of Peiping,—out through Ta Fang Chia Hutung to Hatamen, and on through the wide streets of the more modern section of the city to narrow streets and lanes that change but little with the passing years. And now we alight, find our way into a modest courtyard and enter one of the humble homes facing thereon. It is the usual one-room home of the poor; but as we visit with the inmates of this home we realize that though they may be poor in this world's goods, they are rich in the possession of the precious truth of God.

Here we meet Mr. Sung Wen Fa and his parents. Mr. Sung has been blind since he was three years old. The third angel's message came to him some years ago, and this year he has found a happy channel of service in leading a little Sabbath school, which meets in his home. Each week some one comes from the main Sabbath school in the city and reads the Sabbath school lesson to him from the Simplified Chinese Sabbath School Quarterly, adding the texts in full. As he listens, Mr. Sung patiently writes out the lesson story and the texts in the Chinese Braille. In this work of writing the lessons he keeps at least two weeks ahead of the lesson schedule, and thus has plenty of time to study the lesson thoroughly and to memorize the texts, and thus be prepared to teach the group of ten or more who attend his home Sabbath school.

In addition to writing the Sabbath school lessons, Mr. Sung



*Sung Wen Fa, the Blind Brother Who Prepares a Lesson Sheet in the Chinese Braille.*

has also written out in Braille the hymns in the old edition of our Chinese hymn book, and has memorized most of them, together with their numbers. One has only to mention the number of a familiar hymn, and he is able to strike up the air with his violin and lead out in the singing.

Here are two little girls, living in the same courtyard, who are learning to read from the simple little readers published two years ago by our publishing house. See how proud the mother is of their accomplishment! Can you doubt that the influence of this blind brother and his parents is being felt in this Chinese compound? Or that it will be the means of leading others into the light of this precious truth?

PASTOR WANG FU YUAN, director of the Pinkiang Mission, has baptized 86 believers since January of this year. He expects to reach the 100 mark in his mission by the close of the year. The tithe for the first eight months of 1938 shows a gain of \$400 as compared with the same period last year. At one place a colporteur has been instrumental in leading eight persons into the truth, and a Sabbath school has been organized there. Two other colporteurs have created an interest in another locality, and four have been baptized.

#### Gains in Shantung

BY R. M. COSSENTINE

THE Lord has had His hand over the Shantung Mission during the past troubled year, and there has been very little material loss. We are sorry to report the death of one member, when his village was burned. Otherwise, our workers and members have all been spared.

The baptisms in the mission to date for this year are 55. We hope for more before the end of the year. There are some believers ready for church membership in places where we cannot now get to administer the rite.

On September 24, I baptized thirteen candidates at Yenchow, in the south of the mission, where I had not been able to get for eighteen months. At one time our chapel there was entirely surrounded by billeted troops; but the chapel was not entered and our evangelist and his wife remained on the premises and had no difficulty. In the country, eighteen li from the city, we have a fine Sabbath school conducted in a chapel furnished by one of our members there. This group is now raising funds to purchase the buildings and ground for a permanent church home. In this group are ten descendants of Confucius.

In Tsinan we now have five branch Sabbath schools, and prospects for more to be organized. The Tsinan Sabbath school membership report for the second quarter was 292, which is more than four times the membership before the trouble started. Two of our branch schools are located in nice chapels furnished by individuals, the others in homes or schools.

In Tsingtao, where because of the trouble and budget difficulties we closed our chapel last year, the members have now rented a building at their own expense and have started a school as well. This though there is no evangelist there to promote the work.

Our members' tithe and our Sabbath school offerings thus far this year have exceeded those for the same period last year.

While there are many problems arising out of the present abnormal situation, and many of our members have suffered losses and some have had to flee their homes, we praise the Lord for the measure of His blessing we enjoy and go forward with courage trusting in His promises.

## Evacuation of Mission Workers from Waichow

BY A. L. HAM

THE workers at Waichow, in the Hakka Mission, have been under very severe trial during the past weeks. The war around that section broke so suddenly that they were unable to make adequate provision to care for mission interests, either in Waichow or in nearby stations. I have received from Pastor Tshi, associate director of the Hakka Mission, a very full report of the fall of Waichow, the evacuation of our medical and mission workers, and of the experiences through which they passed while making their way to safety. I quote here from Pastor Tshi's letter:

"On the morning of October 12, about ten o'clock, air planes appeared in the sky over Waichow. They did not drop any bombs and left in about an hour. About noon they returned and dropped many bombs, destroying houses, shops, and pontoon bridges, killing many and wounding scores. About thirty of the wounded were brought into our hospital for care.

"As conditions became more tense the people soon began to evacuate from the city. We immediately called a meeting of our workers to plan what to do, and decided that the women and children should leave for Chuen Mei by boat that night. Another group left by special car for Canton.

"On the 13th a large number of planes again circled over the city and dropped many bombs. This kept up through the whole day, with the result that Sui Tung St., where our city chapel is located, was almost leveled to the ground. Some cargo and passenger boats in the river, filled with passengers for Lau Lung, were struck, and instantly were a blazing fire. It was a terrible sight indeed. That night we heard from the government officials that the invading troops were within thirty li of the city. Then instructions were given to the watchman to look after the hospital and property, and all but Dr. So, the physician in charge, and one other worker left for places of safety."

Pastor Tshi tells of the harrowing experiences these people had as they made their way to safety. In several places they found our chapels deserted, as the workers stationed there had already sought refuge in the mountains. Sometimes they attempted to find shelter in bamboo groves and in

sugar cane plantations, but these, too, were machine-gunned. They were without food and proper clothing and bedding for many days and nights before they found a place of comparative safety. During their flight some members of the company lost their way, and there were anxious hours before these were recovered. One of our workers, the secretary of the publishing department of the mission, spent days looking for his wife and children. They were eventually found and brought to safety.

There was no loss of life. This was marvelous indeed, and an evidence of God's very direct protection and care. Very precious seasons of prayer and thanksgiving were held after each deliverance from impending destruction. These workers are now located at various points in the northwestern part of Kwangtung and are endeavoring to carry on mission work where they are.

Since the receipt of Pastor Tshi's letter, Dr. So has arrived in Hongkong, and has given the following account of his experiences: He with one of the hospital workers was the last to leave. At the time when it became apparent that they would have to evacuate the hospital was full of patients. Dr. So cared for the needs of these people, dressing the wounds of the injured, sending home to their villages those who could leave, and personally taking others to places of safety; then he and Mr. Poon made their escape. After days of travel, part of which time they were compelled to hide in bamboo groves and in the hills, they reached others who had previously left Waichow.

Later, the doctor took a hospital group to near the Kiangsi border, but that was found to be rather a dangerous place also; for the roads were being bombed and buses machine-gunned. There was nothing left to do, therefore, but to seek another place of refuge. This was found in a little town between Lau Lung and Swatow, where this little company is at present. They have been provided with money for their immediate needs and are where we can reach them by mail.

We do not at present know what has happened to the hospital at Waichow but are praying that the property may be spared, and that ere long we shall be able to re-

open this institution which was being operated so successfully when the war broke on the city. At that time it was enjoying the largest patronage in its history.

Surely, when we see what so many of our people are suffering and hear their pathetic stories, our hearts go out in sympathy. We need, as never before, to pray God that He may give us His Holy Spirit to guide in this period of distress and perplexity; and, too, that He may lead us in the rehabilitation of these various institutions whose work has been so seriously disturbed. I am sure that all our believers everywhere are praying earnestly that this war may soon end and that the message of salvation may quickly be heralded to all parts of China.

## Field Day at the South Chekiang Training Institute

BY A. FOSSEY

PLANS for a Harvest Ingathering field day for students and teachers in the South Chekiang Training Institute were carefully prepared; and for two or three days ahead the students drilled on their canvasses and soliciting procedure.

Judging by what was received last year, the students set their goal at \$50 for the school, and entered into the day's work with zest. Imagine their delight when by the close of the day they had raised \$80.

One student called at a hospital where after the doctor had donated fifty cents a sick man who had overheard the canvass came in and without any solicitation whatever gave \$1.00. Other students called at several places where donations had already been given, and in many instances a second contribution was made.

Some of the students decided to go out again, and on the second day brought in enough to raise the total received to over \$100, thus more than doubling the goal.

PASTOR F. M. LARSEN, of the Manchurian Union, writes: "It is really wonderful how the Lord is blessing our colporteurs this year. We have averaged 2,600 new subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times Magazine* each month since our colporteur institute in the spring. We need to average only 2,150 per month for the remainder of the year in order to reach our 25,000 goal."

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### The Chinese Signs of the Times Magazine for 1939

BY JOHN OSS

THE Editorial Department of the Signs of the Times Publishing House in consultation with the division publishing department, press management, and the available members of the board have recently given study to plans for the Chinese *Signs Magazine* for the year 1939. It is desired that our missionary magazine make the greatest contribution possible to our evangelistic advance; therefore special attention is being given to the religious articles to appear in its columns during the coming year. Two series are planned for: one on the general principles of Christianity, and the other on the fundamental doctrines of the denomination. These articles will be written in a way to make a strong appeal to the non-Christian mind.

A series of helpful articles being prepared for the "Industry and Commerce" section of the magazine will cover such subjects as Vision, Courtesy, Honesty, Cooperation, Perseverance, Growth, and Self-improvement. These practical articles should be helpful to our colporteurs in securing subscriptions and will be appreciated by our readers.

In the "Religious Articles" section of the January issue will appear a one-page article entitled "Additional Bible Evidence." It is planned to give on this page each month scripture references to explain the articles appearing in other sections of the paper. For example, in the January issue the central thought is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy; this therefore will be the subject for the above-mentioned page. We explain what Bible prophecy is, tell of its source, and how it is given, and why we may believe in the surety of the prophetic word. Texts as evidence are quoted in full. We trust that this page will be especially helpful to those interested in further evidence regarding Bible questions. If the plan meets with the general approval of our readers, it may be made a regular feature.

During 1939 we shall continue the plan of issuing the third, sixth, ninth and twelfth months' health specials. We are receiving many expressions of appreciation from our readers for the material appearing in the health specials and in the health section of the regular issues.

The editorial department is cooperating with the division publishing department and the press management in the preparation of a new prospectus and selling helps for 1939. These it is hoped will be ready for the coming colporteur institutes. As heretofore, we shall continue to prepare a canvass and compilation of selling points for each month's magazine. We solicit the cooperation of all in getting these into the hands of the colporteurs as soon as possible after arrival in their respective fields.

### Division Notes

WORKERS returning from furlough in October and November were Dr. and Mrs. Roger W. Paul and daughter, Era Belle, and Mrs. B. Miller, all of whom are cordially welcomed back to the field.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dinsbier on October 30, a daughter, Eleanor.

PROFESSOR D. E. REBOK, returning from the West China Union, reports a most successful Harvest Ingathering campaign in the city of Chungking.

THE month of December marks the return of a large group of workers from Hongkong to Shanghai headquarters after an enforced absence of fifteen months. Of these are the China Division staff and the faculty and student body of the Far Eastern Academy. Workers of the Signs Publishing House will remain in Hongkong probably until February, 1939, by which time, it is expected, the press building in process of reconstruction on Ningkuo Road will be ready for occupancy.

PASTOR E. L. LONGWAY has been working in the interests of Harvest Ingathering in Chengtu, Szechwan and Kweiyang, Kweichow. He is now on his way to Kwenming, Yunnan. His efforts are meeting with excellent success.

MR. AND MRS. W. I. HILLIARD and Mr. Z. H. Coberly, of the West China Union, left Hongkong for Chungking December 6. They go by boat to Haiphong and thence by truck to their destination. They carry with them, in addition to other supplies for the mission stations in that union, equipment

in the form of a small printing press for the West China Training Institute at Da Bao, and an X Ray, the gift of the International Red Cross Association, for a field hospital that is being established in the city of Chungking for the relief of the wounded and the refugees.

Of baptisms in the Fengtien Mission Pastor Brodersen writes: "I have just returned from visiting most of the churches in the local missions in order to administer baptism. There have been 231 additions thus far, and it is believed that we shall pass the 300 mark in new members this year in the Fengtien Mission."

"I HAVE just returned from an extended trip in the western portion of the province," writes Pastor C. B. Miller, director of the Yunnan Mission. "I visited Likiang, where efforts are being made for three classes of people, and where for several years we have had a small Chinese membership. Now there are members from both the local tribes and the Tibetans. On the same itinerary we went still farther west, five days' walk from Tali, where we are now working on the banks of the Mekong. For years we have been looking toward extending our work to the Burmese border; now the Lord has led us on another step.

"From Ewen Ning Hsien, one of our workers, Brother Ma, has answered a call from a hundred interested families still another day's journey to the west. Thus the Lord is blessing the work in this field."

### Obituary

MRS. CHIANG T'SUNG-KWANG was born in 1894 at Fao-Yung, Anhwei, and died, after a short illness, on December 2, at the Kowloon Hospital, Hongkong. Mrs. Chiang received her education in our mission schools. In 1916 she was baptized and the same year was married to Pastor Chiang. She was a devoted wife and mother, laboring faithfully with her husband in various parts of the China field where Pastor Chiang has been called to serve. Of relatives there are left to mourn her husband, four sons and two daughters, a sister and two brothers. Funeral services were held at the Kowloon Christian Cemetery, where our sister rests "until the day dawn, and the shadows flee away."

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