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## A VISIT TO HONGKONG

BY W. H. BRANSON

**E**ARLY Sabbath morning, February 11, we were welcomed at the Kowloon wharf by Pastor and Mrs. Ham and a large group of workers connected with the South China Union, the Northwest China Mission, and the China Training Institute. Pastor Ham had worked out a busy program for the day, and we were soon speeding off toward the temporary location of the China Training Institute, some ten miles out of the city, where we met the faculty and students of this institution and spoke to them during the Sabbath school hour. By eleven o'clock we were back in Kowloon, where we met with the church in their chapel in Mongkok.

A joint meeting was arranged for the afternoon in the Hongkong chapel, and a meeting of the South China Union Committee for the evening. We were very happy indeed for the opportunity thus afforded of meeting so many of our people in the Hongkong area and of becoming acquainted with the many interests of our work centered in that vicinity.

Some days were spent in council with the South China Union Committee, the China Training Institute Board, and the representatives of the Northwest China Mission. Many matters vital to the interests of our work were given consideration.

Pastor Ham and Brother Williams led out in a plan to liquidate the entire indebtedness of the various organizations and institutions in the South China Union during this current year, and to this end every member of the union committee agreed earnestly to strive. The brethren in South China believe the statement in the Spirit of prophecy that "debt eats as doth a canker," and they are determined entirely to free their respective organizations of this blighting influence.

Plans were laid by the committee for an aggressive evangelistic campaign to be carried forward during 1939 throughout the union, and the prospect for a splendid increase in membership this year is very good. A union evangelistic company was formed for the purpose of working some of the larger centers in the union where exceptionally strong talent is required.

It was a joy to visit the new union school site and to see the excellent way in which the grounds have been laid out, and the substantial type of buildings being erected. Surely this school is "beautiful for situation," and we question whether a more

lovely spot could have been found in China for such an institution. Much of the funds the brethren are investing in the building up of this new school plant are being donated by influential men in the city of Hongkong who have become interested in the type of industrial education that our church has been developing in China during past years.

The Pioneer Memorial church building is nearing completion, and it, too, is going to be a credit to our work in that important city. It is most encouraging to see memorials of this character established in these large centers. The building is of stone dug out of the mountain on the side of which it is to stand, and is sufficiently large to provide a church auditorium, Sabbath school rooms, and quarters for a church school. This building will meet a long-felt need, and we congratulate the Hongkong church on this splendid achievement.

Pastor Ham and his associates are giving strong leadership to the work in South China, and we expect to see great advancement throughout the union during this year.

We found President Quimby and the faculty of the China Training Institute apparently happy and courageous in their work, notwithstanding the many handicaps under which they are laboring. Their quarters are poor and inadequate, their student body is scattered, and their facilities meager in the extreme. Yet we found an apparently happy and satisfied student body and were convinced that strong training work is being done despite the almost unsurmountable difficulties facing both faculty and students. We trust, however, that the time may soon come when this important institution can again have an adequate plant for the carrying on of its task of training workers for this large division.

We found Brethren J. H. Shultz, L. H. Davies, and N. O. Dahlsten, from the Northwest China field in Hongkong visiting their families. Pastor C. B. Miller, newly-elected director of the Northwest China Mission, had come down to join these brethren in counsel regarding the work in that field.

While these workers were together it was decided that their families should return to their homes in the Northwest immediately after the Division Council. Plans were laid for the securing  
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## MISSIONARIES ATTEND THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BY S. L. FROST

THE winter term of the graduate school at Washington is now over. A few of our China missionaries, namely, Mrs. T. A. Smith, N. F. Brewer and the writer, have enjoyed the privilege of this twelve weeks' period of study, which closed February 14, 1939. We testify to it as a period of hard mental application and a valued opportunity for intellectual research and spiritual communion.

Students from nine of our world divisions were in attendance: Africa, China, Central Europe, Far East, Inter-America, North America, Northern Europe, South America and Southern Asia. Six unions of the North American Division were represented. The group included evangelists, ministers, editors, Bible teachers, principals, union superintendents, Bible workers and secretaries. As we consider this representative enrolment, we are impressed with the international character and influence of the institution. We have one message to give in all the world. One great final gospel movement is in operation in all lands. Does not this institution, perhaps as no other can, have a great and important work to do in molding and uniting, in quickening and stabilizing, that in all lands the trumpet may be given a certain sound by God's workers?

If we were to sum up briefly some of the benefits and advantages which should commend to our workers, wherever possible, a period of study at the Seminary, the following might be mentioned: First, that for a worker to come apart for a special season of Bible study, prayer and thoughtful preparation for better service, is in harmony with God's instruction. Have we not been told that one is to "feel that there rests upon him an obligation to reach the height of intellectual greatness?" "Gospel Workers," p. 279. While one may never feel that he has attained to this high goal, yet he may know that a period of study here has aided in girding up the loins of his mind, and that there has been a quickening of the intellectual and spiritual faculties.

Second, kindly and serious direction is given to one's study and research by loyal and consecrated faculty members. These men have, through experience and extended study, attained special fitness and qualifications for leadership in the fields in which they excel. This personal direction and

help does much to make the stay at the school profitable.

Third, the chapel lectures and devotional exercises, led by members of the General Conference Committee, crystallize in one's mind outstanding world issues, and also the definite needs that confront every leader in this cause, and at the same time emphasize the privileges and blessings that come from a knowledge of this message. For workers to keep abreast of these issues and to discharge the duties of leadership requires careful and progressive study and research.

Fourth, in the Seminary, General Conference, and Review and Herald libraries, where our best denominational literature is found, there is opportunity for extended research. Added to these are the

wonderful libraries of the city of Washington, where access is available to millions of volumes of the world's best books.

Finally, there are the lasting impressions made through a period of study and association with workers from all parts of the world. This Christian fellowship is something to be greatly prized. The foundation principles of the message through re-examination are found to be impregnable, unshakable, eternal—sure. The Word of God grows more precious. Our wealth of spiritual literature is more deeply appreciated and revered. All these advantages commend to our missionaries and workers the importance and value of a period of study at the Theological Seminary. By all means, avail yourself, when opportunity affords, of this privilege, that there may be gained new mental and spiritual stimulus, and with it a broadening, deepening and settling of your knowledge of and faith in this blessed message.

## THE NORTH CHINA UNION

BY W. J. HARRIS

SPEAKING of King Hezekiah's service, the Scriptures state, "He did it with all his heart, and prospered." The Lord delights to prosper the efforts of His servants when they labor with loyalty and faithfulness under His direction. The report that we bring at this time is made possible because of hearty, loyal cooperation on the part of our group of workers and the accompanying blessing which the Lord has been pleased to add. The four years covered by this report represent a period of turmoil and change; yet through it all the Lord has kept His hand upon His work and it has prospered.

In January, 1935, the membership of the North China Union stood at 1,630; our membership at the close of 1938 reached 2,120,—a net gain of 490 souls.

These 2,120 church members are organized into five local missions, having 37 mission stations and 66 Sabbath schools. The total laboring force is 85 evangelistic workers. The four years have brought many changes to our working force. A number have left for other fields; others have come in to take their place: Miss Josephine Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Holley; Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Randolph; Dr. and Mrs. S. May; Brother and Sister Ismond. These workers have brought strength to our field.

During the period, \$94,215.34 worth of gospel literature has been

sold. When we note the conditions that have prevailed in this union in this time, we marvel that the Lord has so blessed our faithful colporteurs. It is worthy of note that two colporteurs sold nearly \$4,000 worth of literature in the scattered and bandit-infested area of the Cha-Sui Mission during 1938. May the Lord bless the thousands of pages of truth-filled literature scattered by our colporter evangelists.

The Harvest Ingathering and Big Week activities have enlisted the hearty cooperation of a large per cent of the church members. There was raised in the Harvest Ingathering campaign \$23,246.42. Truly this is cause for rejoicing.

The Union Training Institute at Fengtai has weathered the storm very well; and although we have had to change principals five times in the past four years, we find the school today prospering. Pastor Ismond and Brother Goh, with their staff of teachers, have the school well organized. The school industry gives thousands of dollars worth of labor to the student group year by year, and the present year's records bid fair to exceed all previous ones.

The Sabbath School Department is again showing an upward trend. Under the able leadership of Pastor C. B. Green we note an excellent growth and development in

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## THE FIRST TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN MANCHURIA

BY D. E. REBOK

**T**WENTY-FOUR teachers and department secretaries met in the Manchurian Union Training Institute from February 24 to March 4 for the first teachers' institute to be held by our mission in the territory of the Manchurian Union. Even though the time was very limited, the teachers and departmental secretaries greatly appreciated the privilege of meeting together and studying the principles of Christian education and the work of the church school, along with the more technical side of church school administration.

The program included an hour each day for the study of Junior Missionary Volunteer work. Brother R. F. Cottrell, the union department secretary, carried on a very enthusiastic study group in methods of work for our children. Brother A. J. Robbins conducted an hour each day in the study of Christian education. The writer carried through a series of study on the professional side of the church school teacher's life and work.

In view of the fact that the Manchurian government is insisting on the Seventh-day Adventist Mission carrying out the church school program as was outlined several years ago, impetus was given to our work which helped us to study most carefully our plans and program for the Christian training of the children of our people.

Another hour each day was devoted to the study of a model

church school and to the actual fitting up of a church school room as it should be. All the teachers and secretaries took an active part in gathering together the necessary furnishings and equipment, and a practical demonstration was given as a pattern for these teachers to follow when they return to their various schools.

Still another hour was devoted to round table discussions of teacher and school problems. A very interesting feature of the institute was the recess period, when various church school teachers gave demonstrations as to how the recess period should be utilized by the teachers in connection with physical education and supervised play.

The accompanying picture shows the group of church school teachers. They were so much interested in the work of the one-week institute that a request was sent through to the union committee for a special teachers' institute of six weeks to be conducted during the coming winter vacation. One very practical result of this teachers' institute was seen in the Beh Men Li and the Beh Shih Chang churches' setting to work to remodel their old school rooms by painting the walls, putting in proper blackboard space, painting and varnishing the furniture, and supplying some much-needed teaching material. With such quick and practical results, it is to be hoped that similar teachers' institutes may be arranged for each union in the China Division.

## THE NORTH CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE

**D**URING the fifteen years of its existence the North China Training Institute has filled a real need in the China field, by supplying workers not only to the North China Union but to other unions in this Division. Many of its former students are today filling responsible positions in the work.

For the current school year, 1938-1939, the enrolment has been only 54. This is considerably less than we have had in former years and is due to difficulties of travel and disturbed conditions generally. But although the enrolment is small, every province except Shansi is represented, Hopei leading with twenty students; Shantung has ten, Cha-Sui four, and Mongolia one.

The grading for the first part of the school year has shown gratifying results, 30 per cent of the students having attained 85-100 in their final tests.

The teachers as a body recognize the responsibility resting upon them in the training of these young men and women, and have unanimously agreed to make the work of the institute spiritual in character. The Lord has richly blessed their labors and answered their prayers; for thirteen of the young people are attending special classes each Sabbath in preparation for baptism. Over fifty per cent of the students have expressed their desire to prepare themselves for evangelistic work. Tithes and offerings during the school year have ranged between \$80.00 and \$100.00 each month.

Notwithstanding the fact that we had to suspend, to a certain extent, the work of our factory, owing to the hostilities, we have gradually been able to make contacts with patrons, and sales to date have reached almost \$9,000 since July, 1938, with over \$6,000 worth of orders yet to be filled. Students have received for their labor almost \$1,300 during five months of the school year. In this, surely, the Lord has manifested His special care; for while other enterprises are suffering enormous losses, we have been able to operate with good results. He has enabled us to give work to almost every student who has come to us; and thus it has been possible for them, with little means at their command, to obtain a Christian education.

THE FACULTY

## NOTES ON EVANGELISM

**A**T its recent committee session, the North China Union laid plans for an aggressive evangelistic campaign for 1939. Five large city efforts are being planned for as follows:

Pastor W. J. Harris, superintendent of the North China Union, in Peiping; Pastor Tuan Yung-chien, director of the Cha-Sui Mission in Kalgan; Pastor Liang Reh-ho, of Manchuria, in Peiping; Pastor H. N. Brodersen, director of the Fengtien Mission, in Tsinan; and Pastor Otto Christensen, director of the Mongolian Mission, with Pastor P. V. Rodionoff, of Mongolia, in Suiyuan.

Some of these efforts are to be conducted in tents, some in halls, and others in large pavilions constructed of poles and mats. Several additional efforts are also being arranged for in smaller towns throughout the union. It is stated that this is the largest evangelistic program ever launched in the North China Union.

We learn that South China has arranged for a union evangelistic company to conduct meetings in some of the Union's most important centers. At a recent South China Union committee plans were laid for nineteen public efforts to be conducted during the spring and summer of this year.

Efforts are being made to secure the loan of a strong evangelist from America to conduct a series of meetings in the city of Shanghai for the many thousands of English-speaking residents of this city.

Brother Ho Tien-ming, of Mukden, Manchuria, who conducted a continuous church effort in that city during 1938, resulting in the baptism of more than one hundred persons, is at it again in the same place. His large church auditorium is filled each night, and prospects are good for another harvest of souls this year.

The Manchurian Union is planning for an aggressive evangelistic campaign the current year, but we have not received the details of their plans. We understand, however, that Pastor K. H. Wood, the union superintendent, is to lead his forces by personally conducting a large city effort.

It is expected that these series of public meetings will continue nightly over a period of three or

four months, thus giving time for those attending to become well established in the faith.

Of evangelistic activities in the East China Union Pastor R. H. Hartwell reports a series of meetings now in progress in Frenchtown for the Russians and another to be opened shortly at Wayside and Broadway, both led by Pastor Karallashvili. Others at Ningpo, conducted by Brother Fang Kwei-ching; at Yuyao by Brother Yang; and at Ninghai, by Brother Fang Ping, are also in operation. Still other efforts are being planned for.

Radio lectures are being conducted daily in the Shanghai dialect over one of the local stations by Brother Shen Tien-ran, to be followed up with a series of public meetings as soon as suitable accommodations can be secured.

Pastor C. B. Miller, director of the Yunnan Mission, who with Pastor G. B. Wilkinson has been visiting the stations in that area and holding meetings with the several groups, reports 124 baptisms.

A letter from Brother M. Lee, of the Mokiang station, tells of rapidly developing interests among the tribespeople of that hsien, and of many calls from the various tribes asking that the gospel be preached among them.

W. H. BRANSON.

## RECRUITS AT WORK IN MOKIANG

**W**E wish to thank the China Division committee for sending Brother and Sister Ling Chung-hsi to be co-laborers with us in the Mokiang district of the Yunnan Mission. This indicates a great sacrifice on the part of those at headquarters who released them to our work.

Brother and Sister Ling have taken an active interest in the Mokiang church since their arrival. Already they have a lively Sabbath school in progress, with a weekly attendance which averages over one hundred. Brother Ling has organized a Junior Missionary Volunteer society among the tribal children, which gives its program each Friday night. To the society, singing, health and gospel bands have been added. These meet other nights in the week. The young people's work, together with weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies, gives Brother Ling a full program of evangelism.

Mrs. Ling's efficient service in the dispensary is a valuable asset to the medical phase of our endeavor here. She is making the best use possible of meager facilities, and is learning the Western dialect rapidly.

It is a real satisfaction to know that, when we are called to labor in other sections, the Mokiang interest can be left in such competent hands. Those of our friends who, by self-denial, made this appointment possible should feel duly rewarded.

MILTON LEE.



Mr. and Mrs. Ling Chung-hsi, recruits to Mokiang, Yunnan.

## LITERATURE WORK IN THE NORTH CHINA UNION

BY L. R. HOLLEY

"COME and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul." Ps. 66:16.

As we consider the blessings that have come to each one of us, and particularly to our literature work, during the past year, we thank the Lord for all His goodness. In the autumn of 1937, the Publishing Department of the North China Union did not have so much as one colporteur in the field. The work that had been built up through the former years by toil and sacrifice had been temporarily destroyed by the war; and in the spring of 1938 we began to build again a new foundation.

During the year guerilla warfare and banditry rendered more than two-thirds of our territory unworkable. As a result, colporteurs had at times to work under the most trying circumstances, more than once at the apparent risk of life. But these faithful workers were not dependent on mere human protection. The promise is that as the colporteur "puts his trust in the Lord as he travels from place to place, angels of God will be round about him." Today we witness the fulfilment of this promise; for every one of the regular colporteurs, with the exception of two who will be with us later, are present on this occasion. They rejoice together over God's protecting care, and for the privilege of serving our blessed Lord in the proclamation of His message to men.

In addition to this group we have with us a goodly number of other colporteurs who have been unable until just recently to get out of the interior. Still others are recruits who, even with the prospect of unusual hardships and difficulties in their future labors, have determined to dedicate the remainder of their lives to the literature ministry. With such a group of colporteurs we have every reason to believe that real advances will be made in 1939, and that ground that has been lost will be recovered.

The sales report for the past four years in the North China Union is as follows:

1935 .....	\$28,703.01
1936 .....	31,907.49
1937 .....	22,912.43
1938 .....	13,024.03

(Report rendered at the ninth Biennial session of the North China Union, Peiping, February 7-14, 1939)

It is evident that during the last biennial period there was a tremendous drop in sales. This we deeply regret. It is equally evident from the following summary of this biennial period that we have cause for rejoicing:

	1937	1938
Av. No. Book Cols.	7	3
Total Book Sales	\$ 5,748.40	\$ 2,988.50
Av. No. Mag. Cols	23	7
Total Mag. Sales	17,164.03	\$ 9,879.50
Total Hours	18,000	6,409
Total Av. No. Cols.	35	10
Total Sales	\$22,912.43	\$13,024.03

The average number of colporteurs for 1938 is less than one-third the number for 1937; yet the total sales for 1938 are over half of those for 1937! I believe there are two reasons for this. First, in time of calamity and general uncertainty the hearts of men and women respond more readily to spiritual appeal. They sense the weakness of humanity, and are willing to turn to God for help. Second, difficult circumstances cause the colporteurs to feel their need and to depend more fully upon God. They grow more humble and reveal a deeper devotion to the cause.

This fact may be illustrated by reference to the sales record of two of our Cha-Sui colporteurs, Chao Fu-tung and Pai Yu-lin. During the nine working months of 1938 these men averaged the following for each working day of the week: 7 hours, 15 canvasses, 13 subscriptions and \$21.63 in sales. This splendid record is the more remarkable when we consider that in their travels they often found themselves just ahead of or just behind a marauding band of guerillas or bandits.

I believe that the brightest days for our publishing department are just before us. We know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. He is using these very difficulties to awaken in the hearts of the multitudes a sense of their soul need, their need of the truth. We have set our sales goal for 1939 at \$25,000. It is our hope that the accomplishment of this aim may mean the saving of many precious souls for the kingdom of heaven. Verily, "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth."

## DJAO FAH AND DJAO MIN

BY E. L. LONGWAY



AMONG the many heroes of the printed page in North China are the brothers Djao Fah and Djao Min. These brothers are members of the Kaiping church, and are truly worthy of the title, "colporteur evangelist." They are young in years, but not young in experience. For the past six years they have labored in the two counties of Fengyun and Tsunhwa, in eastern Hopei.

Year by year the number of *Signs* subscriptions taken in these two counties has shown an increase. Year by year the total of book sales has advanced. But best of all, year by year the number of those interested in the truth has kept pace with the growth in literature sales.

A year ago, at the time of the workers' meeting in Fengtai, the Djao brothers reported a number of interests that had sprung up as a result of their work. One doctor, head of a large Chinese hospital, had begun to keep the Sabbath. On the last Sabbath of the meeting at Peiping, last February, the Djao brothers had the joy of seeing this doctor baptised into the faith.

As these Djao brothers are tried and faithful workers, some of us were eager to have them agree to part company this year, and each of them lead a new colporteur to work with them. But they most earnestly requested that they be left to labor together for at least one more year, as they have taken a vow to see a church established in each of Fengyun and Tsunhwa counties before they part company or be assigned to other territory. Thank God for such faithful "colporteur evangelists" as Djao Fah and Djao Min. May they soon realize the goal they have set for themselves,—a church established in each of two counties.

## THE SHENYANG CLINIC, MUKDEN

BY J. E. MIRACLE, M.D.

**A**S I make my report for the Shenyang Clinic for 1938, I can truthfully say that I am glad to have been connected with this work during 1938. There have been during this period many evidences of God's guiding hand, and ample proof that we have not yet begun to understand the power of God. And surely there has been every indication that we are living in the last times and that we are giving God's final message to the world.

Thanks are due to the workers in the Shenyang Hospital. Their loyalty and their unstinted Christian service has been largely responsible for the fact that so many of our patients have been brought into contact with the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists. Most of our patients have gone out from the institution happy, and with some knowledge of present truth.

We give here a few figures for 1938, which I am glad to report has been the most successful year since the founding of the institution. We had 19,696 out-patients in 1938 as against 9,889 in 1937; 14,737 patient days as against 13,482 in 1937 (the latter is not a large increase because of the fact that we can not take in more patients for lack of space); 682 operations in 1938 as against 351 in 1937. Financially the institution shows a big improvement; we hope to make a better hospital this year from the gains of last. The religious influence it is hard to estimate.

Although we progress from year to year in our medical work in Manchuria, yet we are far behind what we should be doing. We hope to establish small dispensaries in a number of the cities of this country, and we sincerely desire that the influence of our medical work shall aid the work of evangelism throughout the land. This year, with the coming of Miss Edith Johnson, we shall have better supervision of our nurses, and hope to organize our Bible classes in such a way that our nurses may learn to combine their medical ministry with practical evangelism.

In closing I appeal for help to rebuild what we now are forced to call a hospital building into a real hospital. We need to make it better in every way. Our nurses need space in which to hold their classes and chapel services. We need more sanitary conditions to be made possible. We need more space. At present we have to refuse admittance to many patients, and they

go away to die. We also need another doctor in order to give adequate attention to our ever-increasing patronage. We believe it is possible to have all these necessary improvements and still finish the year without debt.

I earnestly desire your serious consideration of these requests. And in return we pledge a more efficient medical attention for 1939, and closer cooperation wherever cooperation is called for. We ask your earnest prayers in behalf of the Shenyang Clinic, that it may do the work for which it was established.

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this important branch of the work.

As we view conditions in the world about us we must realize that the end of all things is near. We have at best but a short time in which to carry this message of salvation to the millions in our field. We have long understood that the work left undone during prosperous times must be done under stress and great difficulty. Yet it is encouraging to note the promise given through the Spirit of prophecy that we have nothing to fear from the future only as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us in the past.

I should like to see us set our goal for a membership of 2,500 in the North China Union by the close of 1939. In all the planning for our varied mission activities let us remember that soul-winning is to be our great objective. Let us take up again the advance into new hsien. We still have in the North China Union over 300 unentered hsien. A great door of opportunity is open before us here.

Our divine commission urges us forward. There can be no stopping under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ; and we can make no claim to faithfulness until we have bent every energy and every power to the accomplishment of our task. We should lay plans at this meeting for a strong evangelistic advance. Let us not allow ourselves to be discouraged by the difficulties and perplexities that confront us, but let us have faith to believe that the prospects are, indeed, as bright as the promises of our Lord.

## EAST CHINA

BY W. E. STRICKLAND

**I**T is not easy to give an encouraging report of the work in the East China Union, for the war has hit our section hard. Our people are scattered; some of them have lost their lives; for many months everything was broken up and disorganized. As the war swept up the Shanghai-Nanking railway line, our people at Nanking moved to other places; so that when hostilities reached that city there was left only one male member of all our group of Nanking churches. This was the gatekeeper of the Gao-lou-men compound.

The war pushed on to Wuhu, and our evangelist there moved on with his family. It passed on to Anking, and the workers there went on in advance. So it went through the provinces of Kiangsu and Anhwei. Later the workers who had scattered went back to the cities; and I am glad to report that we are now hearing regularly from them. Those who cannot get back to their former stations, go to the churches where they can work, and they are doing this in spite of the fact that chapels have been badly damaged and workers' living quarters destroyed or looted. Some write of pitiful conditions.

Yet there is much to encourage. It is encouraging to know that our brethren are taking over the work and carrying on again, that members are returning to their home churches,—in one instance nine tenths of the former membership is restored. A letter from one church elder states that the members are having a new Christian experience. Money has been raised for a new church building, and there is a spirit of service and love for this truth that is urging the believers to hold together as a body and to give the message to others.

While in most places it has not been possible to hold schools, yet in South Chekiang the training institute has had a good year. We have opened two new stations in southwestern Anhwei,—two promising stations. In Beng-pu, where our church and school were totally destroyed, one of the evangelists has returned, has restored the church building, and thirty of the members have moved back and are engaged in church activities.

Another evangelist moved back to Nanking, gathered the members together as they began to drift in, and began regular services. There is now a good attendance at the Sabbath meetings, made up largely of former members. The same may be told of other parts of the field.

The record of new gains for the year is good. The Anhwei Mission

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## "A TRACT A DAY" IN NORTH CHINA

BY E. L. LONGWAY

**A**T the recent biennial session of the North China Union Mission it was proposed that we urge our church members to engage in the "Tract a Day" campaign. But soon someone discovered that it would take several hundreds of dollars to finance such a campaign for the two thousand and some members of the church in North China. And so for the time being the plan was shelved. On one of the last days of the meeting Brother Rebok again introduced the subject, saying, "Maybe we can't afford to send all our members out to distribute a tract a day, but I'm wondering if there is any one here who would be willing to use ten dollars' worth of the series of eight simple tracts, promising to supervise his church members in a systematic door-to-door distribution of these tracts among their friends and neighbors." A number of hands shot up. It was a question as to who was first in responding to the opportunity.

A brother rose and said: "I have ten dollars that I'd like to put to work in that same way, but I want someone to go into partnership with me. If any one will provide five dollars, I'll give five, and in that way my ten dollars will be doubled." This offer was immediately accepted by Pastors Shen and Chang of the Shantung Mission. Then another and another of these "partnerships" was formed, until ten thousand tracts were provided for nearly every church center in the whole North China Union.

In just a few minutes' time something over \$200 was pledged to this good work. North China church members are to be provided with 200,000 tracts to be distributed in this supervised and systematic way in the neighborhoods surrounding our churches and chapels. The plan is for each church member to be supplied with seven tracts each Sabbath day. These are to be given out to seven neighbors or friends. The following week the second tract of the series will be given to these same people. And so on, until the whole series of eight tracts have been distributed. Then the work will be transferred to another neighborhood. While we are not able to reach the goal of "A Tract a Day" by every member of the church in North China, we do rejoice that this very year our church members in that union will bring the message to at least 25,000 homes.

## A FAITHFUL SISTER

BY CHOU HSI-EN

**A**MONG the members of the Kweiyang Sabbath school is an aged sister whose zeal and devotion are a constant example and encouragement to her fellow believers. She was among our earliest church members in the East Kweichow Mission, having been a believer for more than ten years. Though she is more than seventy years of age and has been in ill health for many years, she does not consider her age or her infirmity an excuse for ceasing her missionary activities. Wherever she goes she bears her witness for the Lord, spending much of her time in distributing truth-filled tracts and telling others of the Saviour. Though some oppose and ridicule her, she is "not ashamed of the gospel," but takes joy in telling of the wonderful work of the grace of Christ in her own heart, in the hope that others may be won to the Saviour.

The present situation in Kweiyang offers Sister—a special opportunity. When the air-raid signal sounds, it is customary for the people to flee out of the city for safety, returning only at the sound of the "all-clear" signal. While others are hastily gathering together their valuables preparatory to flight, Sister—is preparing her package of tracts to carry with her to give to all her fleeing fellow townspeople who will accept them. As best she can, she tells them of the prophecies of the Bible and shows how these are meeting fulfilment, and urges the people to make Christ their refuge from the calamities that are coming upon the earth. Her face is aglow with happiness as she returns to the city and reports how many tracts she has given away and how many persons she has told of Jesus.

It would be hard to find anywhere a more earnest Sabbath school member. Not only is she faithful in daily lesson study and Sabbath school attendance herself, but she delights in bringing others with her. During a recent quarter when the Sabbath school set a goal for bringing others to Sabbath school, she determined to bring three persons each Sabbath—and she is carrying out her purpose. Many of the new faces we see in Sabbath school from week to week are there because of her efforts. Moreover, it is she who most often finds our own members and inquirers who come in from other places and helps them find the way to the chapel.

Sister—is poor in this world's goods. Aside from a little help re-

ceived each month from the mission, her sole means of support is through the sale of Bible portions, tracts, and small literature. Like the poor widow praised by Jesus, however, she gives in spite of poverty, and never fails to do her part whenever an offering is taken. Her tithe is always faithfully paid, and her weekly Sabbath school offering meets the mission goal of five cents per member. Sometimes she finds herself in very hard circumstances, scarcely knowing how to obtain the actual necessities of life; but her offering is always given. She will do without necessities, or go in debt for them if she must; but she *will* have her offering on Sabbath; and as far as I know has never failed to keep her pledge in this matter. She claims the Bible promise that her needs will be supplied, and her heart is continually overflowing with joy for God's goodness to her. She sacrifices all for the support of God's cause, and He has seen to it that as in the case of the widow of Zarephath, the "barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruise of oil fail."

Every year Sister—brings two birthday offerings. When asked why, she replies that one is given because it is through God's grace that her life on earth is preserved. Formerly she was often ill, but God has strengthened her and given her length of days; and she gives Him a thank-offering on her birthday. The second offering marks the date of her baptism; for on that day she died to sin and arose to live a new life in Christ Jesus.

If every Sabbath school member throughout the world would follow this example of steadfast faith, of willing sacrifice and toil for the support of God's work, and of zeal in leading others to Christ and in confessing Him before the world, there would come into our Sabbath schools a great spiritual revival. All would then accept the burden of the great commission, and the Sabbath school would indeed become "one of the greatest instrumentalities...in bringing souls to Christ" and in quickly carrying the third angel's message to all the world.

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Medical workers at the Lanchow, Kansu, Hospital, report a crowded institution. A large storeroom converted into a woman's ward, an office serving as a nursery, and halls utilized in times of emergency indicate that our hospital workers in that city are rendering much-needed aid.

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## A VISIT TO HONGKONG

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of motor trucks for transporting the four families overland to their respective fields. All seemed happy over the prospect of getting settled once more in their mission homes.

Pastor Davies has been appointed treasurer of the Northwest Mission, and he and Pastor Miller with their families will locate at Lanchow. He will also act as director of the Kansu district. Pastor Dahlsten and family will locate in the Shensi Province, and have charge of the work in that area. Pastor Shultz and family will locate in Chone and continue the effort to develop a work among the Tibetan people.

Pastor Miller took hold of his new responsibilities in a strong way, and we feel sure that he will give splendid leadership to our work in the Northwest Mission.

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## EN ROUTE TO YENCHENG

"SIXTEEN days from Shanghai to Yencheng!" writes Pastor M. E. Loewen. "We missed the train at Tsingtao, as the cases of supplies that we had with us were too heavily packed, and it was necessary to spend a day at Tsingtao repacking. Taking the train for Tsinan the 24th, we spent the Sabbath at our mission station there, and reached Hsuchow on Sunday and Kaifeng the following day. Here another day was spent in getting our goods out of the station and loading them on carts for the overland journey of eight days to Yencheng."

"Then we ran into rain and our troubles began. Our carters went on strike. We reached the Chinese lines to find that we could not get our carts through, and had to spend the night in a ruined temple. Finally, however, everything was arranged and we were able to proceed. The workers here at Yencheng are overjoyed with the supplies we were able to bring them."

## "INGATHERING" OF TWO KINDS

**I**n many parts of the North China field the 1938 Harvest Ingathering campaign was promoted from the standpoint of visiting friends, and not from the angle of money-raising. Even so, the returns from the campaign last year were just about double what was realized from the campaign of 1937. And many of the workers and church members found that this new way of conducting the campaign brought returns of more than one sort.

The Cha-Sui Mission does not have a large membership. The churches are scattered over a wide area, and there are no large, wealthy cities in the territory of the mission. Our brethren there were eager to raise the full Harvest Ingathering goal and at the same time to carry on a strong evangelistic campaign. The results of the Ingathering campaign in Suiyuan city proved that "ingathering" of two different sorts can result from one and the same effort.

Pastor Tuan reported a total of \$944.45 in funds gathered during the campaign last fall. He and his fellow workers, with the church members in Suiyuan city, worked many days, visiting from shop to shop, and from home to home. As they met the people they invited them to attend the meetings being held from night to night in the chapel. Ten new inquirers were found through the Ingathering campaign, and Pastor Tuan reports that doubtless some of these will soon be baptized into full church fellowship. This sort of "ingathering" is profitable; it brings a double harvest.

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## EAST CHINA

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reports 87 baptisms; North Kiangsu, 116; Kiangsu, 49; South Chekiang, 109; making a total of 361. So while there has been trouble and distress and bitter heartache, the Lord has blessed His people with an increase of souls. We give Him the glory. These have been difficult times; but the experiences the church has passed through have had a good effect on leaders and lay members alike. They should teach us many lessons that will be a strength to us and to the cause as we approach nearer the end of all things.

## Annual Constituency and Board Meeting of the Wuhan Sanitarium and Clinic

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Wuhan Sanitarium and Clinic, to be held at Shanghai, April 27, 1939. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m. At this time the annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

W. H. BRANSON, Chairman

Mrs. HAZEL B. SEVRENS,

Secretary.

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## Annual Meeting of the Constituency and Board of Directors of the China Training Institute

The annual meeting of the constituency and board of directors for the China Training Institute is called to meet at Shanghai, at 11:00 a.m. April 27, 1939. At this time the regular business of electing a board of managers, receiving reports, etc., will be transacted.

W. H. BRANSON, Chairman

P. E. QUIMBY, Acting Secretary

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## Annual Meeting of the Constituency of the Signs of the Times Publishing House

The annual meeting of the constituency of the Signs of the Times Publishing House is hereby called to meet at Shanghai, April 27, 1939. The first meeting of said constituency will convene at 10:30 a.m. The usual reports will be rendered and necessary business transacted.

W. H. BRANSON, Chairman

JOHN OSS, Secretary.

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## Annual Constituency and Board Meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium Hospital and Clinic

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Clinic, to be held at Shanghai, at 9:00 a.m., April 7, 1939. At this time the annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

W. H. BRANSON, Chairman

J. C. SHULL, Secretary.

# The China Division Reporter

BIG WEEK SUPPLEMENT

## RALLY FOR A UNITED EFFORT

BY W. H. BRANSON

THE time is drawing near for the opening of our 1939 Missions Extension campaign, better known among us as "Big Week." The date set is June 10-17. Plans have been laid for the entire Division field to unite this year in an effort to supply additional equipment to some of our institutions in order to enable them to carry on properly the important work for which they have been established. One or more of the institutions in each union mission will benefit from the proceeds of this "Big Week" effort.

The Missions Extension campaign has, during the years past, brought untold blessing to our work in all the world. Printing presses have been established; literature has been translated and published in many new languages; schools have been opened in many places, and medical centers have been created through the building of numerous dispensaries and clinics. If all the buildings and equipment provided through this annual campaign were suddenly taken from us, our work would be left in a very helpless condition. Each year the work of these three departments—the publishing, the educational, and the medical—has been greatly strengthened as a result of the "Big Week" efforts of our workers and people throughout the world.

During the week of June 10-17, which to us is "Big Week," all our workers and people are earnestly urged to take part in this campaign. Never were the needs of the work in this Division greater than they

are today; and as each year brings us nearer and nearer the close of probation, our zeal for and activity in the cause of God should increase.

### THE PLAN

The plan of the campaign is—

1. That as many as possible of our people shall engage in the sale of our books and magazines during the Big Week, turning all the profits into the Big Week offering.

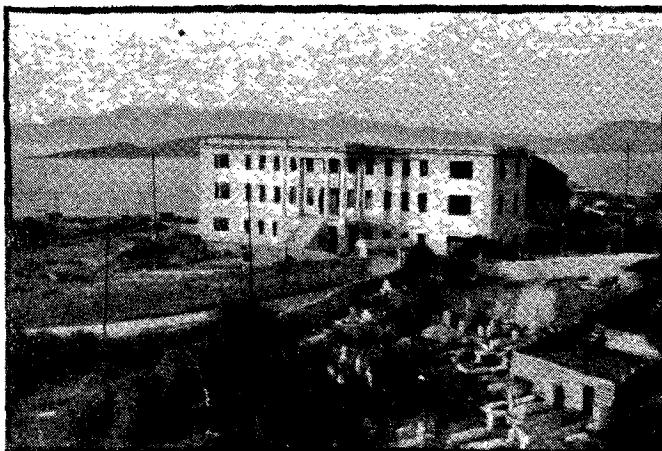
2. That every worker in the Division be requested to contribute to the "Big Week" fund an amount equal at least to one day's wage, and that church members who cannot engage in selling literature be likewise requested to contribute at least one day's income.

3. That our colporteurs be asked to contribute the profits from their biggest day's sales during "Big Week."

4. That all our churches throughout the Division be requested to take up the Big Week offering on Sabbath, June 17, and all be urged to give as liberally as possible.

If all will take hold of this campaign in a whole-hearted way, we can easily pass our modest goal and have a splendid overflow with which to help open new centers of influence or further equip some that are crippled in their work because of a lack of proper facilities.

We earnestly solicit the cooperation of all.



Bee Hwa Girls' School, Kulangsu, Amoy

parents than the training and education of their children,—unless it be the feeding and clothing of them. And since the children and young people are the greatest asset and resource of the church, their training for service and their education for eternal life becomes of vital concern to every church member.

With the thought in mind that Seventh-day Adventists lose 71% of their children who are educated in outside schools, and save 86% of those educated in our own schools, it becomes very apparent to each parent and church member alike that one of the greatest needs for us as a denomination is to provide our own schools, make them the best that we know how to make them, and then see to it that every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl is in one of them receiving a Christian education.

In several sections of our Division territory the government authorities are allowing us to carry on our own church schools (the *Er T'ung Seng Hoh T'u'an*) and training institutes

without insisting upon the special regulations generally enforced; but they are insisting that we conduct them absolutely according to our own outlined plan. Surely we could ask for no better opportunity nor for more favorable terms,—simply to do what we know we ought to do, and do it on a much higher standard as to quality than we have done it in the past.

I thank God for such a providential arrangement, and beseech every Seventh-day Adventist parent, church member, evangelist, and mission director to determine *today* and *now* to put forth the necessary effort to raise the funds required to equip our church schools and training institutes according to our own plans and make them models of neatness and efficiency, which will receive not only the approbation of the authorities, but the approval of God, and will rightly represent the high ideals of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

There is the need. One that is apparent to us all. What shall we

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### THE SOLUTION

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FOR every need that exists there must be at least one way to meet that need. As a matter of fact there are usually a number of ways, and we may choose the one which suits us best. But before such a need is met, it must be recognised as a real need; it must be apparent to those concerned and of vital interest.

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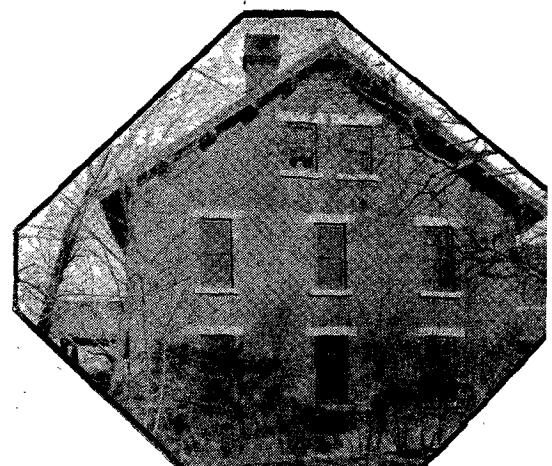
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gn, June 10-17

## VITAL PROBLEM

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do about it? How shall we set about to fill that need?

One of the many ways, and perhaps the best, is through the Big Week plan. We workers in the mission can all give one day's wage, our porters can give the profits from the best day's sales during that week, and our church members can all give the equivalent of one day's income. That will help to an amount of about \$11,000.

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The Big Week plan not only brings together our own resources without much pain to ourselves, but it also provides through the extensive sale of our small books a way to bring in the help of many friends of our work.

Suppose each of our 1,450 workers, porters, and mission employees should hold himself responsible for the sale of 20 copies of the twenty-cent books; and the 16,000 church members be responsible for the sale of ten copies each. That would bring \$18,000 profits into the Big Week fund, or a total of almost \$30,000 from the two sources.

What would \$30,000 in the Big Week fund accomplish?

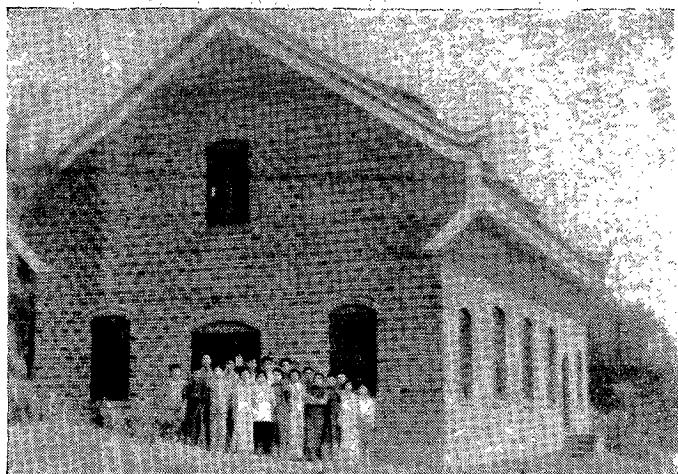
1. It would give \$1000 to each of our 10 Junior Training Institutes for needed equipment in Home-making, General Mechanics, and Science Laboratory equipment.

2. It would put into proper repair and equip 50 church schools

according to our educational department standards at \$392.00 each, or about \$20,000.

Here, then, are the large possibilities in a united effort through the Big Week plan, when the whole church determines to meet a very pressing need and when every one does his part to make the plan a success. Think what such a Big Week would mean to our work in this Division in 1939! Then if we could repeat it for several years to come, we should have a system of church schools and training institutes such as our people would support, which would be a real blessing to our young people and would ensure the future stability of our work in this great field.

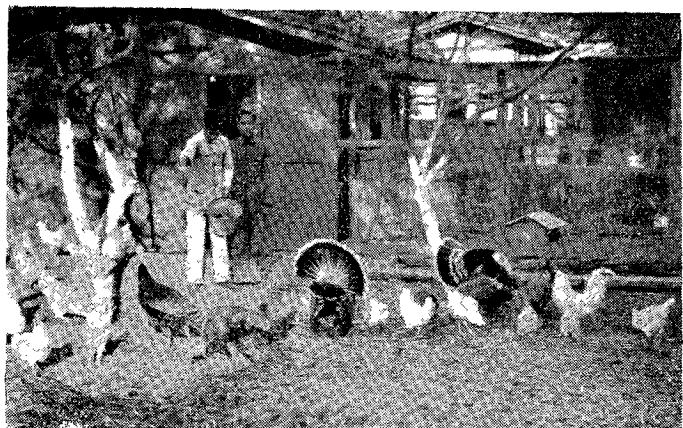
We appeal to each church, to every member, and to every worker to think seriously, think prayerfully, think constructively on this pressing need, and the plan proposed by which it may be met.



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# Big Week Campaign, June 10-17

## SAY IT WITH LITERATURE

BY E. L. LONGWAY

**I**N America, some years ago, the florists hit on a most excellent advertising slogan when they urged the public to "Say It With Flowers." Why should not Seventh-day Adventists "Say It With Literature"? It is true that the gift of a beautiful bouquet brings much pleasure to the one thus remembered; but is it less true that the gift of an attractive book or magazine brings equal joy and more lasting satisfaction? At best, the sweet-scented flowers wilt and die in a few days or hours, and aside from the memory of the kindly thought behind the gift, their ministry ends. The influence of a good book never dies, but remains to cheer and bless. Often it yields to the recipient a service that is eternal in its nature.

Every member of the church, from the youngest to the oldest, has friends and loved ones who have not yet accepted Jesus as their Saviour. What better gift can we plan to give such than some of our truth-filled literature? The fragrance of the message of truth will not pass away from the pages of these books and tracts, but will

be through all the days to come a "savor of life unto life." The giver may not see immediate results from the gift he makes, but he has the assurance that "God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in the books, God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest."

Our tract societies are stocked with a wealth of literature. The store is exhaustless. There one can find something for every class of people, old and young, rich and poor, learned and ignorant. There are tracts that tell the meaning of the troubles through which this poor world is passing. There are small books, such as "The Marked Bible," that give certain phases of gospel truth in attractive story form. There is that wonderful little volume from the pen of inspiration, "Steps to Christ." There is that good and faithful messenger of truth, "*The Shepherd's Call*." There are

volumes, large and small, that deal with all phases of the health question; and this year we are especially blessed in having a most seasonable book, "Contagious Diseases, Their Prevention and Cure," to sell or give to friends and neighbors during the days of literature week.

The church membership for our division of the General Conference now stands at about 18,000. With children and relatives of baptized members, and with inquirers added to this number, there are at least 30,000 people who might have a part in this "Say It With Literature" campaign. Just one piece of literature distributed by each of these 30,000 campaigners for each day of the "Literature Week" would make a grand total of 180,000 silent witnesses for the message scattered over the territory of our Division. If only five persons should read each of these 180,000 pieces of literature it would mean that 900,000 more of the souls for whom Christ died will have learned a little of His love for them.

***The time to "Say It With Literature" is June 10-17, 1939.***

***The place to "Say It With Literature" is right in your own community.***

***The person to "Say It With Literature" is yourself.***

***The reward for those who "Say It With Literature" will be souls won to Jesus.***

***Will you do your share?***