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BEARING HIS YOKE

By W. H. BRANSON

 CHRIST takes each one of His children into intimate partnership with Himself. He shares with them the burden of service here, that they may share with Him the glories of His kingdom hereafter. We are workers together with Him.

But the burden laid upon Christ's followers is not a galling yoke that is grievous to bear; for, said He, "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

For the support of the work of giving the gospel to men, God has distributed to the members of His church their responsibility in exact proportion as He has given His property to man. He has asked a tithe—one tenth—of our substance, as well as free-will offerings according as He has prospered us.

"God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin. In it are combined simplicity and utility, and it does not require depth of learning to understand and execute it. All may feel that they can act a part in carrying forward the precious work of salvation. Every man, woman, and youth may become a treasurer for the Lord, an agent to meet the demands upon the treasury.

"Great objects are accomplished by this system. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 3, pp. 388, 389.

The tithe is "holy unto the Lord." It stands on the same footing as does the Sabbath. The God who requires us to observe the seventh day as holy time, not doing our own ways nor finding our own pleasure nor speaking our own words, also requires of us one tenth of our earthly substance. The tithe is just as holy as the Sabbath, and the breaking of the tithe commandment is no less a sin than is Sabbath-breaking. Both the Sabbath and the tithe are holy unto the Lord.

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me," is the Master's loving invitation; "for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matt. 11: 29, 30.

Not only is the burden which God places upon each of His children "light," but He has pledged that to those who are willing to bear it by faithfully bringing the tithe into the storehouse, the windows of heaven shall be opened, and a blessing so abundant shall be poured out that "there shall not be room enough to receive it." Thus He honors those who share with Him the burden of supporting His work upon earth. His followers are bearing His yoke, and He makes it "easy" by bestowing upon them more in return than they have given Him.

A LIBERAL OFFERING FOR THE ABORIGINAL WORK

By M. C. WARREN

IT was my privilege to be present at the Lodi, California, church when the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was taken for Tibetan and tribal work in west and central China. I was glad to report on the work, needs, and possibilities among the aborigines of China; but my talk was only part of a well-laid plan for a large offering.

The church had set for themselves a goal of \$2,000 for this one offering; and one of the members assured me that they had the habit of reaching their goals.

The Lodi church is willing to sacrifice for missions. Many of its members must come in the class referred to by the Lord as "those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Here are to be found one or both of the parents of the following workers in China: M. E. Loewen, Z. H. Coberly, Mrs. G. L. Wilkinson, and Mrs. F. A. Landis. The sacrifice made by these parents can not be reckoned in dollars and cents.

As I visited in the Loewen home, I realized something of what it means to these parents to have their son and his family separated so far from them. Even in normal times Honan is a long way from Lodi. Now the war has interrupted communications and multiplied

the dangers. They long to see the work of God finished. This thirteenth Sabbath offered another opportunity to increase their gifts to help finish this work. Brother Loewen told the members of his Sabbath school class the amount he wanted to give. Their hearts responded to this liberality and they joined with him in pledging to raise half of the amount suggested as a goal for the church. Many more personal visits resulted in definite pledges. Brother Loewen's business called for a trip east, but he gave up the trip in order to be present and witness the large overflow for China.

The time arrived. The mission talk was given and the offering taken. The officers withdrew to count the offering. Some added up the checks while others counted the cash. Something was wrong with the checks. A brother had promised \$200, but his check was not there. This brought perplexity. His pledge had always been as good as cash. Had he failed this time and caused the church to fall short of its goal? No. Over in the pile of cash were two crisp \$100 bills. The count showed a total of \$2,004.33—the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever given by a single church.

the lovely, the just, the virtuous, and that of good report until we have the habit of thinking on these things. The good student is he who brings his mind back from wandering and keeps it on his lesson until he has mastered it. Likewise in the things of the heart and the spirit; we keep setting our affections until they are fixed.

Now the things of this earth are temporal, but the things of heaven are eternal, and it is given to us to set our minds upon the things of heaven. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and eternal vigilance is also the price of perfection of character. We are in the midst of a world of "confusion worse confounded." On every hand are philosophical voices and counter voices. Cries of "Lo, this way" and "Lo, that way" are continually dinned in our ears by those who would point the way of peace. In the midst of all this confusion of thought there is a secret place of peace known to him whose dwelling is with the Most High. He who has this experience is he who can speak comfortably to Jerusalem. He carries with him an atmosphere of cheer and good will that brings the very breath of life to the fainting ones. This is the experience of him who sets his affections on things above.

MASS EVANGELISM

YES, mass evangelism is still, and always will be, effective. It is God's appointed way of reaching the people.

An attempt is being made, backed by the Liberal element in the churches, to choke it. As a result, the spiritual mercury is at zero, and faith's wings are being clipped with the scissors of indifference.

The prophets appealed to the masses. So did John the Baptist, and the multitudes rushed into the wilderness to hear him.

Jesus appealed to the masses; so great were the crowds that they trod upon each other. They were hungry for the truth. . . . The church will never reach the spiritual position held years ago until it returns to mass evangelism....

Every great religious awakening that has moved cities has been brought about by mass evangelism. Martin Luther, Savonarola, Edwards, Finney, Spurgeon, Moody, Jones, Gypsy Smith; it is as settled as the laws of gravity; Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever.

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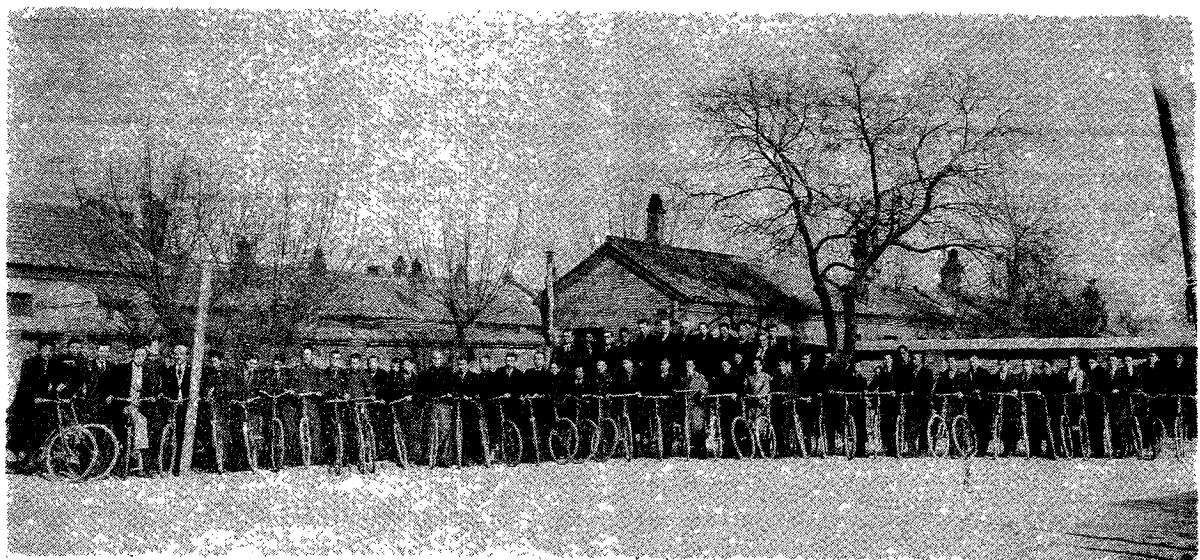
SET YOUR AFFECTIONS

By FREDERICK GRIGGS

GOD has made it possible for us to control our affections. Our affections are not to be matters of whim and fancy, but are to be based upon fact and reason. We are to love the persons and things for whom we hold affection because they are worthy of our highest esteem. God has endowed man with reasoning faculties, and because of this man is a responsible being. He is responsible because it is possible for him to control his thoughts. Hence God has given him the command: "Set your affection on things above, and not on things on the earth;" and this is reasonable and just.

We are not to set our affections

on temporal things. They are to be permanently bestowed upon heavenly things. This setting of them must be a fixing of them. They are to be placed in such a way that they will remain in an enduring manner. One of the greatest laws of the mind is that of habit. The sum of our mental habits determines our character. We form mental habits as we do physical habits. We learn to write from much painstaking effort. A good penman has to observe the copy closely and to study the form of his letters until he has formed a good writing habit. It is the same in habits of thought. We fix our minds upon the pure, the true,



ONE OF THEM WAS NOT PRESENT

By E. L. LONGWAY

THE colporteur-evangelists of the Manchurian Union are a serious group of men who are in earnest about the work they are doing. Their attitude toward their responsibilities and the degree of success attending their efforts are only the outward manifestations of their inward spirit.

The accompanying photograph gives an idea of the caliber of these men who make up the colporteur force of the Manchurian Union. Including field secretaries and tract society workers over forty were in attendance at the union institute held at Wenkuantun last February.

But one member of the force was not present at that meeting. Wu Tung-liang and his partner, Li Hsueh-fah, were high-record salesmen in the Pinkiang Mission during "endeavor month" in Manchuria last fall. Brother Wu had been present at the Hshinking institute the year before, and I was eager to see him again. On the second day of the institute I inquired for him and was told that Brother Wu could not be with us this year. And the reason for his absence is an interesting sidelight on the colporteur work in Manchuria.

Toward the close of last year, Brethren Wu and Li were working on the lower reaches of the Sungari River. One day they visited a military official in a small city.

This official is a Christian of another denomination. He welcomed our brethren, bought their literature, and arranged for Bible studies in his home. The longer he studied the deeper became his interest.

Soon our colporteurs had finished their work in that city and were about to move on to another center. The military official said to them, "You must arrange with your mission officers to send a minister here to instruct us further in the truth."

"That will not be possible," our brethren answered; "for we have only a few evangelists in the mission, and every one of them has more than he can do to care for the interests of the church right where he is."

"Then one of you must stay here and teach us," said the man. "We will not let you leave until you have taught us all you know about the Bible and about this wonderful truth of the soon-coming of Jesus."

Our brethren explained that they had no salary from the mission but depended on the income from literature sales to pay expenses and to care for their families. The work in that city was finished, and they must move on to other places.

The officer, however, was in earnest. "All right," he said; you figure up what you have made from

your work thus far this year. I'll pay you a monthly wage equal to what you have earned, and you stay with me until I know as much about the Bible as you do."

And that is why Brother Wu Tung-liang could not be present at the colporteur institute. Brother Wu's Christian name, Tung-liang, matches his character and the work he is doing; for truly he is a "light of the East."

Brother Wu and his fellow-workers took over 25,500 subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* in Manchuria last year. Over \$1,600 of colporteur tithe was paid into the various missions of the union. As a result of their work last year several people have already been baptized and many interests aroused that are awaiting development. In the whole union there were no losses from bad accounts, and no colporteur debts were carried unpaid into the new year. The union tract society was able, from operating gains, to set aside a substantial sum for the salary and expense of an extra field man for the northern part of the union. These men have set their goals for just under 37,000 subscriptions for the current year. They work under difficulty, often suffering much hardship and privation, but they are doing a mighty work for the Master. Let us remember them frequently before the throne of grace.

NOTES ON EVANGELISM

AT the time of the North China meeting in February, definite study was given to the need for public evangelistic efforts in several of the large cities of this field, and plans were accordingly laid for series of meetings to be held in Peiping, Kalgan, Tsinan, Suiyuan, and Taiyuanfu. It is hoped to add Tsingtao and Tientsin to this list before the cold weather sets in.

These efforts will be conducted on a larger scale than any formerly undertaken in the North China Union, running from sixty to ninety days. Plans are already under way for the Peiping effort in a large mat shed tabernacle, to begin in mid-August and run through to late October. The effort in Tsinan is already proceeding, and another out on the Mongolian plains is soon to begin. We should see a large ingathering of souls in North China as a result of these meetings. We ask you to remember this work in your prayers.

W. J. HARRIS.

Baptisms In Shanghai

Thirty-one candidates were baptized at an impressive ceremony conducted on April 24, in Shanghai. A kind friend had given us for the occasion the use of his beautiful swimming pool, situated in a delightful garden. Nine of the candidates, being from the Shanghai Sanitarium, were baptized by Pastor Schroeter. Those who followed their Lord in this rite were from several churches, including the central, west and Frenchtown churches in Shanghai, and from Pehtsai and Nanmatou, in Pootung.

R. H. HARTWELL.

In South China

The missions of the South China Union are planning to hold a large number of evangelistic efforts this year. A recent letter from G. L. Williams, of Amoy, Kulangsu, states, "You will be glad to know that we are conducting five evangelistic efforts of at least six weeks' duration this spring, and possibly others in the autumn." Pastor J. P. Anderson writes of meetings to be held in Hongkong and other places, and Brother Leung of Hongkong reports some very fine people who are about to go forward in the rite of baptism.

Pastor C. H. Davis reports a good interest in the effort being conducted at Foochow, and Pastors T. M. Loi and K. T. Khng of Kwangsi and Swatow give encouraging news of efforts in progress in those cities. Let us join in praying God's richest blessing upon these efforts for the winning of precious souls. A. L. HAM.

Among The Tribes People

Last summer a worker in Yunnan who had attended the training school in Da Bao, Szechuan, decided to do some summer evangelistic work. With one of the tribes believers he went to an unworked section of the Yunnan province, and the two men began holding meetings. In connection with these meetings they visited all the homes and did Bible work. As a result of this and later efforts, ninety-one families have burned their idols. When I visited this company in March of this year, three hundred persons attended the services; and at that time they presented the mission with a new church building.

These two brethren later went on to another section of the province, where, as a result of their labors, forty-four families have turned from heathenism and are ready to study the truth. These 135 families are all direct from heathenism. G. L. WILKINSON.

Efforts In Honan

Two evangelistic efforts, in Hsintsa and Shihchiao, have already been held in Honan this year, three others, in Shuitsai, Chwinshui, and

Chougiako, are now in progress. As a result about fifty inquirers have joined the baptismal classes. At Loho fifty women have begun studying. An additional fifty women throughout the mission have been organized into reading classes. Already many of these have joined the baptismal classes.

It is planned to hold at least fifteen efforts in the Honan Mission this year. One church member, whose business has been especially prospered, has given an offering of \$200 for the holding of efforts in unentered places. With this spirit possessing the church, surely great blessings will be poured out.

M. E. LOEWEN.

Lay Evangelism In South Chekiang

In the South Chekiang Mission, in the Bumang section, a Brother Mai Ka-djung became interested in a fishing village. After working there for nearly a year, in addition to caring for two other stations, Brother Mai has raised up a company of interested people. These believers have now collected sufficient money among themselves to erect a church building, and are asking that we send them an evangelist.

At another place, Lingchi, an effort has been conducted the past year, and we are expecting baptisms there in a few months. Evangelistic work for this locality was made possible by the generosity of a sister church in the mission, its members releasing their pastor for the purpose and substituting his services with help from the church school teacher. A. E. FOSSEY.



Group of candidates baptized in Shanghai.

NORTH CHINA UNION

THE HOPEI MISSION

By W. J. HARRIS

"**A**LL these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee. if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field." Deut. 28: 2, 3.

The promises of God are always sure; and this promise of blessings to "come on thee, and overtake thee" has been wonderfully fulfilled in the Hopei field. The blessing of God specified for both city and country find special application to us under the present political conditions, when there has been a very definite separation between city and country work. Baptisms, offering increases, and literature sales are about equally divided between the two areas, with a slight advantage for the city grouping.

Activities have now extended to seventeen *hsien*. Political conditions have prevented a strong aggressive work being done the past year in all these *hsien*; but in spite of disturbances our organization as a whole is intact, and plans are being laid for a steady advance. Our membership has grown during the period from 695 to 695—a net gain of 90 souls.

The work of our faithful colporteurs fills us with admiration and courage. In territory where postal and other communications are well-nigh destroyed, where banditry is rife and disorganization hampers every business activity, our colporteurs press right on with their work, and during the four-year period have set up another record for China. Literature sales for this group amount to \$33,784.39. Literally millions of pages of gospel literature have been scattered from one end of Hopei to the other. Under the able leadership of our publishing department secretary, careful study has been given to the thorough working of every village in the *hsien*. Several of the colporteurs have taken as their slogan, "Into every village," as formerly they were saying, "Into every *hsien*." We believe that 1938 shows promise of being a banner year in the distribution of our literature.

Another encouraging feature is the outcome of efforts made to

secure greater faithfulness in tithe-paying among our church members. As a result an interesting growth is observed in both tithes and offerings. Every item in the offering report reveals an encouraging gain, and several items show an increase of nearly 100 per cent for 1938 over 1937. We praise the Lord for these indications of growth and development.

Our working force at the close of 1938 numbered eighteen evangelistic workers and ten colporteurs. With such a group of workers and with the excellent opportunities before us today, we look forward to the future expecting great things from God. May we seek the Lord for wisdom as we go forward in the power of the Spirit to attempt great things for Him.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTH CHINA

By C. B. GREEN

THE interest among the members of the 23 Missionary Volunteer Societies of North China has been well sustained during the past four years, and especially since the Youth's Congress held at Fengtai in the spring of 1936. Activities in general ceased in the summer of 1937, but in the early part of 1938 there began a new advance. The evangelists are placing utmost confidence in our youth, giving them many responsibilities in church and Sabbath school work. A fine group of colporteurs has entered the canvassing field, and these young men have shown a keen interest in all Missionary Volunteer activities.

In the number of societies, we have reached well over ninety per cent of the goal set for each of the two-year periods covered by this report; although the membership has been only fifty per cent. There has been a good interest in study groups and handicraft classes in the Peiping society this year, and the societies at the union school and the union hospital have also done splendid work, particularly in the progressive class work.

A new feature of the department last year was that of village evangelism, which gave our youth a new vision of their privileges in evangelistic work. One group of young men visited fifty villages in the Kaiting district last July, working on the regular plan for this type of missionary endeavor. Two groups in Shantung worked with excellent results.

The Missionary Volunteer Department has a bright future in this union. Our big task is to keep the youth busy, to let them participate in all phases of church activities. They will not disappoint us. Let us not disappoint them.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The church at work—that is the Home Missionary Department. It is gratifying to note that in at least half the items there has been

a gain during 1938 over 1937, notwithstanding the per cent of reporting members compared with church membership shows a very low figure—fifty per cent for 1937 and twenty-four per cent for 1938.

In the Harvest Ingathering campaign the field took up the goal of fifteen visits a day for workers for thirty days, and a total of thirty visits during the campaign for church members. The good results realized this year were a direct result of making more visits than usual. Practically every chapel took part in the campaign, many going beyond their goals. These are the amounts raised during the four years: 1935, \$9,315.23; 1936, \$7,179.42; 1937, \$1,904.70; 1938, \$4,847.07.

The figures for Big Week make a fair showing: 1935, \$615.36; 1936, \$857.82; 1937, \$409.32; 1938, \$351.31. Many of the interior chapels did not take part this year; however, in the campaign for selling the Big Week health book there was a splendid response and excellent results.

In the large centers Dorcas societies have been re-organized, and many articles of clothing prepared and given to the poor. There is great need to promote this work still further. In the Win One movement hundreds signed the covenant to do their best to win one soul during the year.

Our need is for more sympathetic effort, more actual missionary work through members and workers making contacts with those not of the faith, more giving of Bible studies. And here I should like to suggest that we emphasize more strongly the organizing of branch Sabbath schools as one method of holding Bible studies. We need to arrange for more literature to be used in our chapels—free literature. And we should be more thorough in making reports.

May the Lord continue to bless and to use the Home Missionary department to His glory; and may this department bear larger fruit in the year before us.



Young people from the Mongolian plains, at our station at Durban, Hodok.

BAPTISMS AMONG THE TRIBAL PEOPLE OF YUNNAN

By C. B. MILLER

THE "noise of a multitude in the mountains" is being heard in the province of Yunnan as the "forces of the Gentiles" come to the Lord. Isaiah says, "All they gather themselves together, and come to thee." This is the experience of the workers for the tribespeople in Yunnan. The Spirit of the Lord is being poured out upon many of these mountain people. During the past year hundreds have come to us to learn of the true God. Some of the workers are conducting efforts in five and six chapels. These same workers have calls from numerous other villages, and this is true of our work with three different tribes.

Brother Lung, one of our workers for the Miao people, needs three or four helpers for every one that he has in his district. He has been in this territory for only about three years. During this time he has conducted Bible classes. The attendance has always been very large.

In March of this year Pastor G. L. Wilkinson, superintendent of the union, and I led out in a sectional meeting in the central chapel of this district. On Sabbath there was an attendance of nearly 400. At the time of this meeting we had a baptized membership of only 41.

On Sabbath afternoon we called a meeting of those desiring baptism. Nearly half the audience presented themselves for this rite.

Brother Lung gave me a list of those who had attended Bible classes for a year or more. We accepted these as candidates for baptism and proceeded to examine them. The next day, when we had finished this work and counted the names of those who had been accepted, we found that 103 were prepared for church membership. That afternoon Pastor Wilkinson and I baptized these believers in a small mountain stream near the chapel.

Evangelist Lung has now organized another Bible class of over 100. With the blessing of the Lord this group will be ready to unite with us by the end of the year.

A GENERAL JOINS THE LORD'S ARMY

MORE than a year ago, a general residing at Tsitsihar, Manchuria, accepted the truth for this time. Realizing that his duties as an officer in the army would often conflict with Christian principles, he tendered his resignation, thereby relinquishing a salary of five hundred dollars a month. His aged parents and his wife and children are also rejoicing with him in this blessed hope.

As soon as arrangements could be made, the family returned to their country home several hundred miles from Tsitsihar, and another chapter in General Liu's life was begun. Neighbors and friends were soon listening to the gospel story as told by these new converts.

BROTHER LIU PROVED IT

By E. L. LONGWAY

BROTHER LIU CHU-IH is a member of the Suiyuan city church. In the courtyard of his home there is a flourishing grape-vine. Pastor Tuan had urged the church members in Suiyuan to be faithful in paying tithe, and had quoted the promise as recorded in Malachi. Brother Liu said to Pastor Tuan, "I'm going to test the thing out, and see just what will happen. Last year that grape-vine of mine yielded \$32 worth of grapes. Now I pledge to pay a faithful tithe of the income of that grape-vine; and if the Lord can make it yield \$100 worth of grapes, then I shall know that He has indeed opened for me the windows of heaven."

Soon the grapes began to ripen, and brother Liu proceeded to market them. He began on one side of the vine, and it seemed that the more he gathered, the more there was left for the next gathering. In a little while he had sold \$100 worth of grapes from the same vine that had yielded but \$32 worth the year before.

Then Brother Liu said, "I'm satisfied that the Lord has kept His promise. I'll not sell any more of these grapes, but will give them to our workers, and to the brethren and sisters in the church." But there were still so many grapes that he couldn't give them all away; so he carried the rest to the market. And there was another \$40 worth of grapes from that single vine!

Would that many of us could have this same experience of "proving" the Lord. I'm sure that we should find Him faithful to perform all that He has promised.

A Sabbath school was organized, General Liu and interested inquirers providing a place of meeting with the necessary furnishings. Arrangements were also made for an evangelist to conduct a month's series of meetings, following which nearly thirty persons became regular members of the Sabbath school. During the recent Chinese New Year season, another short series of meetings was held, and at the present time, more than twenty persons are attending the baptismal class, most of whom, we trust, will receive the rite this summer. Thus another light has been kindled in this portion of the field.

K. H. WOOD.

GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE

By D. E. REBOK

WHEN Joshua was about to die, he called the children of Israel together, and recounted to them the promises of God and showed how these had been fulfilled. Surely, the faith of that people must have been strengthened by that rehearsal of God's goodness and blessings.

Joshua concluded with these precious and wonderful words: "Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." Joshua 23:14.

It does us good to do the same today regarding God's promises to us as spiritual Israel. One of the best of these is found in Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Some faithful Christians here and there are finding out by personal experience that Malachi 3:10 is a promise for them. Listen to a few testimonies that I heard while attending recent annual meetings and see if your hearts do not respond with gratitude, as did mine.

A young brother in the South Chekiang Mission was sent to teach a church school. The mission promised a subsidy of about three dollars a month and allowed him to collect tuitions for the balance of his wages.

The plan sounded good, but the weak point in it was the fact that he could collect no tuitions; for the church people were all so poor that they had no money to pay. However, one brother did have a nice hen, and this he gave the teacher in part payment on tuition.

Brother Ih promised the Lord that if He would make good His promise in Malachi, he would pay one egg in ten as his tithe to the Lord. That is what God had asked, and it was proper that both parties to the agreement should be clear in their understandings. The

Lord had told Brother Ih to try Him on the titling question, and to see if He would not open the windows of heaven and pour him out a blessing; and this young brother promised to do this with the eggs to be laid by that hen.

"Would you believe it," Brother Ih said to me, "that hen laid an egg every day for a whole year; and more than that, on some days she laid two eggs, and on a few days as many as three." One egg had a hard shell, while the others were soft.

This wonder hen became the talk of the town, and people came from all around to see a hen that could lay as many as three eggs in a day. Brother Ih used these occasions to teach the truth of the titling plan and to show how wonderfully God fulfills His promises.

A Bible woman told the experience of an old brother living on an island. He had a melon patch. That year a disease attacked the vines of all that region. One day Brother— found the blossoms on his vine drying up and falling off. He thought his crop was gone. The old brother knelt down right there in his melon patch and prayed for help. He promised his tithe on all the melons. A little later the vine put forth new blooms and in due time produced melons. When his neighbors came to see the strange thing that had happened, this brother told about the Lord's plan in the titling and of His promise in Malachi. When his crop was harvested, he sold \$50 worth of melons off that patch, and paid his tithe of \$5.00.

Have you tried the Lord in this matter in your own personal ex-

TO SERVE GOOD MEALS

THE accompanying picture shows a group of ten girls whom Miss Josephine Holmes and Mrs. Leighton Holley have been directing in various lines of occupational study. The past two winters these young women have interested themselves particularly in the domestic art of cooking, and have been very diligent in collecting recipes of Chinese dishes and testing the merits of these.

At the general meeting of the North China Union, held in Peiping in February of this year, these young ladies served two meals to the visitors attending, one for the local workers and one for the union and division members. In preparation for this meeting also those formulas that had been tried out and proved commendatory had been neatly copied and bound into pamphlet form; and a copy of this was presented to each worker who desired one.

For some months our Chinese church paper, the *Shepherd*, has been publishing each month, as a new note of interest, a recipe that has been proved simple in preparation and wholesome as to content. Thus far these recipes have been supplied by this class of young women in Peiping.

Following the lead of the Peiping class, the Chinese ladies in the Kalgan Dorcas Society have served a meal at a society gathering, and are planning to do this once each month. Their husbands are their guests. This society has promised to pass its recipes on. Are there others that would like to make exchanges, or to send their recipes to the *Shepherd* for the benefit of the field in general?

perience? Many have, and with Joshua they can say that "not one thing hath failed..."



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CHINA DIVISION QUADRENNIAL SESSION

As we go to press, workers from the various unions of the China Division are gathered in Shanghai for the Division Quadrennial Session, dated for April 30 to May 15. It was planned that there be present at this meeting all union superintendents, treasurers of unions, a medical, publishing, and educational representative, and a National delegate from each union. Not all are able to be present owing to difficulties of transport or the pressing demands of field service.

Visitors from the Far Eastern Division for part of the session include V. T. Armstrong, G. A. Campbell, and W. P. Bradley.

In attendance from the General Conference at Washington, D. C., are W. E. Nelson, treasurer; C. Conard, auditor; and E. E. Franklin and H. M. Walton, M. D., of the publishing and medical departments.

With these we welcome also Dr. A. W. Truman and family, who have recently joined the China Division staff of workers. Dr. Truman will take over the office of medical secretary for the field and serve as superintendent of the Shanghai Sanitarium.

MISSIONARIES RETURN TO STATIONS

A group of workers for the Central China Union who had been waiting many weeks for opportunity to take ship for Hankow, left for that port on Sabbath, April 15. Dr. and Mrs. Stanton May, for superintendency of the Wuhan Sanitarium; H. R. Dixon, treasurer of the union; and Miss Abbie Dunn, union Bible worker, were among the number. It is expected that as soon as arrangements can be made following the close of the council now in session in Shanghai, the families who have been detained in Hongkong for long months by uncertain conditions at their stations, will return to their posts.

MASS EVANGELISM

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Mass evangelism is God's way of attracting the masses; for multitudes are instantly drawn when there is great interest. We are trying to substitute man's ways for God's ways.

As long as the churches have a passion for the salvation of sinners there is no danger of drifting into Liberalism or Modernism and spending our energies on the ethical development of society. In these days of Liberalism and self-satisfied complacency, the church does not want the preacher to emphasize the old-fashioned gospel notes of hell, sin, salvation by repentance and faith in the shed blood of Christ. She wants a man-made humanitarianism, so she digs her own grave and degenerates into a third-rate amusement bureau instead of a lighthouse. I listened to one of these Modernists, and he drowned me in his verbal ocean, but he never launched a life-boat, nor threw a life-line to a dying sinner in Jesus' name. What good is a sermon if men and women swarm up after the benediction and compliment you, but were not convicted to surrender to Jesus as their Saviour?

When Peter preached, people flocked up and said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37. There is a great challenge in this letter which ought to reach the heart of every minister and every church member. God grant it may be blessed richly to the saving of many souls.—Article in "The Presbyterian" by the late William (Billy) Sunday.

"THE SABBATH SCHOOL"

A new book, "The Sabbath School" offers to its readers eighty-five years of Sabbath school experience brought up to date. This manual of Sabbath school counsel will increase the efficiency of every superintendent and every other officer. It will solve their problems and freshen their programs. It will improve the teaching of every teacher and go far to make every Sabbath school measure up to the ideals God has set. Price, cloth edition, \$1.75, gold; heavy paper cover, \$1.00.

This book and the *Sabbath School Worker* comprise the Sabbath School Workers' reading course for 1939.

SOMETHING NEW

Yes, friends, something new; and interesting, too, and worthwhile. For sixteen years a large number of Seventh-day Adventist parents have been studying to learn more about caring for their children, as babies, as growing children, and as adolescents; and many have received great help from their study.

The new features are the corollary subjects. These may be studied with the regular subjects or taken entirely alone. They include brief courses in Story-telling, Social Relations, Healthful Living, Home Nursing, Science of Life, Science of Love, Etiquette, Family Worship, Sabbath-keeping, System, Order and Thrift, Home Occupations, Government of the Young Child, Government of the Adolescent, and several different lines of nature study, such as flowers, insects, birds, trees, stars, etc. There is an outline for each of the five text-books on the Home and also one for the corollary subjects. These will guide the student. They are very helpful and cost only five cents (gold) each. Get them from the Home Commission. General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., U.S.A. And send for free leaflets describing the work.

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THE CHRISTIAN HOME SERIES

The first personal enrolment card to be received from any of our foreign force of workers for enrolment in the Christian Home Series, the course of study being promoted by the Home Commission, for the building of Christian homes, comes from Miss Muriel Howe, of our mission hospital at Lanchow, who sends her order for the complete set of text-books for the five-year course. Miss Howe says, "I shall plan to be a member of the church society when it is organized, and take the course in both English and Chinese."

The texts for this course are as follows: "Makers of the Home" (U.S.\$1.50); "All About the Baby" (\$2.00); "Through Early Childhood" (1.75); "Growing Girls and Boys" (1.75); "The Days of Youth" (1.50). These are uniformly bound in blue cloth, and illustrated. They may be ordered separately. Per set, boxed (including Christian Story-telling), \$9.35. Order through your Book and Bible House, or from the publishers, the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Calif., U.S.A.

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