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THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY AND UNITY IN THE CHURCH

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OF Christ it is said: "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." Eph. 4:8. These "gifts" refer to the Holy Spirit and His work in the church. The text states what was well known when Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus; namely, that different and numerous manifestations of the Spirit had been witnessed in building up the church after the descent of the Holy Spirit.

One of these special gifts was the Spirit of prophecy. This was one of the most esteemed because of its usefulness in building up the church and cementing it together. While all the gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 are to be cherished and sought for by a godly life and by prayer, yet it seems evident that there are degrees of usefulness in the gifts of the Spirit; for we are exhorted to "covet earnestly the best gifts." 1 Cor. 12:31. Paul follows this exhortation with the words: "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy." 1 Cor. 14:39. It must be understood that in the gifts of the Holy Spirit the gift of prophecy ranks high, and should be desired and sought for.

The gift of prophecy is not merely the ability to foretell future events; it is like the gifts bestowed on the prophets of old, who taught people knowledge of right and wrong, basing their instruction on what God had revealed to them. The Holy Spirit may reveal light and truth as He sees fit. He expects

one who has the gift of the Spirit of prophecy to make known to the church the right way, not alone in doctrine and morals, but also in service and advancement.

The church is the body of Christ, Who is the head. The membership of the church come from all stations in life and from many peoples. Something must unify this body of believers. This unifying power is a correct interpretation of the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All members do not have the same gift of the Spirit, nor do all who have similar gifts have equal power to make known the teachings of the Spirit. But the gift of the Spirit of prophecy as manifested among the advent people has been a means of unifying and spiritualizing the membership from the beginning. It has kept the body "fitly joined together and compacted." Eph. 4:16.

All through the history of ancient Israel, it was not alone the law of Sinai, or the ritual and the law of Moses, that held the people together; it was also the Holy Spirit manifested through seer and prophet, who again and again came with messages of warning and entreaty to turn the people from their idolatry and sin. By speaking frequently to the people, reminding them of what God expected, and warning them of what sin would do for the transgressor, the Spirit preserved in Israel a remnant, true and faithful.

As with ancient Israel, so God

has dealt with the advent people from the time when a few took their stand on the binding obligations of the law of God. Through the Spirit of prophecy, messages have come to this people warning them of the dangers of apostasy and backsliding, and to the preachers, exhorting them to higher standards of Christian living and deeper devotion. When schisms on points of doctrine or working policies have seemed about to divide good men into opposing groups, the Spirit of prophecy has spoken, and shown the better way. Those who heeded the exhortations found increased spiritual power, while those who rejected the light generally stumbled and lost their way.

Sometimes plans and policies have been recommended which seemed right and wise to those suggesting them, but which, had they been followed, would have led the church into a wrong course and confusion. Then the Spirit of prophecy would speak and show the right way. So the church has held together and kept united by walking in the light that has come to it through the gift of the Spirit of prophecy. It unified our faith in the beginning, it held us together before we had any system of organization, and it has kept us united though we are scattered among many nations and peoples. What we are under God, we owe to the gifts of the Spirit, among which is the Spirit of prophecy.

EAST CHINA UNION MISSION

By W. E. STRICKLAND

FOR almost two years this once prosperous and progressive union has been passing through untold hardships. Much of our territory still is being affected by warfare, and large portions of two missions have been flooded by the waters of the Yellow River. Hundreds of our church members have had to leave their homes either because of war or flood, and are today suffering untold hardships. Many face starvation. Scores have lost their lives.

Yet in spite of all these troubles, cheering are the reports that come to us of the faithfulness of our people as a whole. Their courage has not failed. Wherever possible they have returned to their homes, gathered together what remained of their meeting places, made temporary repairs and are now gathering week by week in worship and praise to God.

In a few places the workers have started active evangelistic work. Four efforts have been held in Shanghai since the war began, one recently in Nanking. In many districts public meetings are decidedly discouraged, if not forbidden. Our greatest concern, however, is the shepherding of the flock.

Baptisms and Membership

The following table will show the yearly increase in church membership during the past four years. Since January 1, 1935, 1581 persons have been baptized and added to

the church, giving a net increase of 534. The total membership at the end of 1938 was 153 less than at the end of 1936.

Year	Baptisms	Membership
1935	616	4219
1936	475	4484
1937	129	4413
1938	361	4331

Tithes and Offerings

Tithes and offerings were good till the time of the war. Since then with so many driven from their homes, churches demolished, workers fled, and means of livelihood destroyed, there has been a marked decrease. Our receipts year by year are as follows:

Year	Tithes	Offerings
1935	\$20,949.92	\$38,043.67
1936	28,518.74	35,546.11
1937	24,437.13	20,370.02
1938	20,603.60	20,979.01

These amounts do not include the tithes on foreign workers' salaries, but do include their offerings. They do not include offerings for local church expense.

Budgets and Receipts Comparison

Tithes and offerings totals make a rather interesting comparison when laid alongside the union Section One Budgets for the respective years.

Year	Section One Budget	Tithes and Offerings
1931	\$73,989.70	\$53,578.68
1932	71,664.30	60,336.61
1933	55,098.30	57,662.06
1934	47,013.44	54,525.72
1935	47,013.44	59,093.59
1936	40,048.23	64,064.85
1937	42,579.75	44,869.15
1938	41,635.44	41,582.61

I BELIEVE IN GOD

"I believe"—but do I? Am I sure?
 Can I trust my trusting to endure?
 Can I hope that my belief will last?
 Will my hand forever hold Him fast?
 Am I certain I am saved from sin?
 Do I feel His presence here within?
 Do I hear Him tell me that He cares?
 Do I see the answers to my prayers?
 Do no fears my confidence assail?
 Do I know my faith will never fail?

"I believe"—aye, do I? I believe
 He will never fail me, never leave;
 I believe He holds me, and I know
 His strong hand will never let me go;
 Seeing, hearing, feeling—what are these?
 Given or withheld as He shall please.
 I believe in Him and what He saith;
 I have faith in Him, not in my faith;
 That may fail tomorrow, or today;
 Trust may weaken, feeling pass away,
 Thoughts grow weary, anxious or depressed;
 I believe in God—and here I rest.

—Annie Flint Johnson.

Mention should most certainly be made of the untiring efforts put forth by our field man, T. A. Shaw, to secure a working force of colporteurs and keep them in the field. Shanghai has been almost the only place open for literature work. Practically all the \$9,000 worth of literature sold was sold in Shanghai.

The leadership of our Home Missionary and Y.P.M.V. work, L. E. Reed, has been both untiring and inspiring. He has braved the dangers of war and passed through lines of opposing armies to visit churches and stations in North Kiangsu and Anhwei. Recently, traveling by bicycle from Pengpu to Yingchow and back, he visited practically every station in the North Anhwei District. His report of conditions in that part of the mission is distressing. War and flood have wrought havoc. Hundreds of thousands are homeless. Many of our own people are destitute, having been reduced to begging. Yet letters received from the places he visited tell us that come what may the believers in those parts intend to carry on and be faithful to God and His truth.

Big Week and Harvest Ingathering returns since 1935 are as follows:—

Year	Big Week	H. Ingathering
1935	2,131.62	\$19,441.06
1936	2,444.16	18,884.95
1937	2,490.56	4,363.23
1938	1,402.77	9,275.66

In addition, hundreds of dollars have been collected for welfare work, and much time and effort spent in refugee and uplift interests. For some months our people were caring for the medical interests in three refugee camps, where our doctors and nurses were assisted by some of our lay brethren; and for almost a year the Refugee Maternity Hospital was under our control. Members from all our churches, Chinese, Russian and foreign alike, have had a part in some line of welfare endeavor, which, though at present greatly reduced, still goes on.

Our needs are many, but chief among them is the need for a better-trained and stronger ministry,—men who are filled with the Spirit of Christ, who love the Lord and their fellow men. Men of vision, and of spiritual power. Men who will not shun the path of trial and sacrifice, but who will face obstacles with courage. Men who are true and loyal to God's standards. That, we say, is our greatest need. May God give us then this kind of men, and still remember our other needs,—of courage, of wisdom, of grace, of love, and of power to advance in spite of difficulties. This is our prayer.

BEE HWA TRAINING INSTITUTE

THE Bee Hwa Training Institute, situated on the island of Kulangsu, Amoy, and serving the South Fukien Mission, recently closed a very profitable school term. During the year 265 students were registered in all grades from the first to the tenth. This, the largest enrolment we have had in several years, enabled the institute to reduce its debt at an approximate rate of \$200 each month.

The institute is operating two paying industries in which a fine group of young people were able to earn all their school expenses. The dairy farm has employed seven students with full time work and in addition has made appropriations from its income, amounting to approximately \$200 each month to the general operating fund of the school. It has been able to do this in spite of the fact that feed for the cows has been abnormally high in price. We experienced much difficulty in securing hay for the cattle during the winter months. The Chinese farmers on the mainland were not permitted to bring in the hay as in former times, and it was necessary for Pastor G. L. Williams and myself to make several trips into the country to purchase the much-needed hay.

We have also conducted a very profitable market garden, which has given employment to eight students. At the present time this garden is supplying a real need in the community. Because of the blockade of the International Settlement no food stuffs are permitted to enter, and we are supplying a large portion of the fresh vegetables being used in the settlement. Prices are extremely high and it seems only a question of time until conditions become very difficult for a great many people.

During the year the institute has supplied class-room space within its old administration building for three hundred refugee children. This school, operated by the International Relief Committee, has been under the general supervision of the institute. It has provided a splendid opportunity for the Missionary Volunteer Society of the institute to hold Bible classes and Sabbath school meetings. These little refugees are the children of fishermen who have been denied the privilege of continuing their occupation.

The spring week of prayer was conducted by Pastor G. L. Williams.

At the last Friday evening service, many who had never made a profession took their stand for Christ, and at the church service on the Sabbath still others expressed their desire to be on the Lord's side. A baptismal class was organized and for two weeks special studies were given to those in attendance.

On Sabbath morning, June 17, seventeen persons were baptized by Pastors G. L. Williams and C. Y. Hung in the quiet waters of the bay bordering our mission compound. Ten of these were students, several of whom have been with us for many years, but for some reason had never taken this important step. Three were members of the senior class. It is good to know that before these young people leave our school they have given themselves to the Master.

On June 15 the graduation exercises were held. Nineteen students received diplomas from the primary department and six were graduated from the junior institute work. All six are planning to continue their education in preparation for future gospel service.

J. G. MACINTYRE,
Principal.

Figures that Speak

IN the Chinese hymnbook there is a song that reads, "The false gods have gone and the true God has come." Pastor Lindt came to the Kirin Mission a year ago and held an effort in the city of Kirin. Early in the meeting a family by the name of Hu began attending every night. They sat in the front row and their children came also. Before ten days had elapsed they had decided that their false gods must go. It was a very happy experience when we went to their house and after a short service took the false gods down from the walls.

Last year in the Kirin Mission, our baptisms, although not so great in number, reached to 33% more than those of any year in the past. The membership is double that of four years ago. The title of the members has increased 500%. Places of worship where members meet regularly for Sabbath services, have increased two and a half times over what they were four years ago and the *Signs* magazine is going to more than twice the number of homes. The number of students being sent to the training institute at Mukden is three times what it was four years ago. This is sufficient to show that the Lord is blessing our efforts in the Kirin Mission.

R. F. COTRELL.

MEDICAL-RELIEF UNIT AT CHUNGKING, SZECHUAN

THE following is taken from a personal letter from Dr. Herbert Liu, now stationed in Chungking, and connected with the medical relief unit in that city.

"We all understand that the medical relief work in Chungking is of a temporary nature; all plans are laid with that in mind. Nevertheless it is felt that although the work is temporary, the impression made on the people should be lasting, and that whatever we do should properly represent the message we proclaim.

"The main relief hospital opened its doors on March 22 with two patients. From that small beginning the patronage has gradually grown until at present there are 74 patients in the hospital. The out-patient clinic has grown to 60 patients a day. There was a time when we had 100 patients in the hospital; but that was too many to care for properly in our limited space. Many are waiting for opportunity to come in.

"The over-crowded conditions in the city, the frequent air raids with destruction and burning of houses, have multiplied many fold. This institution was certainly established at the right time.

"The income of the hospital is also gradually improving. During the month of March we took in about \$1000. During the present month, June, we have collected a little over \$10,000. There are at present 37 persons in our employ.

"We thank God for His blessing on the institution. He has protected us in many dangerous situations. Many times our nurses have gone out in the midst of air raids to do emergency work, and lives have been saved through their efforts. We are grateful for this opportunity to relieve human suffering and thus to serve the Master. We constantly pray that patients who come to us for physical help may receive also spiritual blessing. Remember us in your prayers."

THE CENTRAL CHINA UNION MISSION REPORT FOR 1939

By G. J. APPEL

LAY MEMBERS AT WORK

By E. L. LONGWAY

THE period covered by this report of the work in the Central China Union has been one of the most perplexing ever experienced in this part of the field; yet in spite of perplexities there have been many encouragements to strengthen the faith of the workers and believers. We are especially grateful to the Lord for His protecting care.

Plans were perfected to open a union training institute to be operated temporarily in the school buildings at Meitsutuan, Changsha, and Pastor C. A. Carter was invited to head up this institute; but by August, the time of Brother Carter's arrival in Hongkong, returning from furlough, the situation in Hunan had become so tense that it was necessary to postpone the opening for another year. The Hupeh and Hunan missions had been operating a combined school at Changsha, but this had to be closed before the 1937-38 school year closed. Arrangements were made for more than thirty of our students to attend the China Training Institute, being conducted in rented quarters in New Territories, Kowloon; but there were many others who were deprived of Christian educational advantages.

Work in the Yencheng Sanitarium and Hospital has gone on throughout the year. The services of Dr. C. E. Randolph, Dr. Herbert Liu and others have been greatly appreciated. Dr. W. G. Nethery and his associates have been more than busy. Part of the time the hospital has been filled to more than its capacity, and the mission workers in the compound have had to assist in taking care of many patients. The influence of the sanitarium is extending throughout the province, bringing many in contact with the truths of the third angel's message. Yencheng has been for months cut off from Hankow, its former base of supplies.

The visits and help of the division brethren and others have been greatly valued. Brother E. L. Longway while in Honan opened the Harvest Ingathering campaign, raising over \$600. In Hankow \$2,860 were raised.

It is regretted that no complete yearly statistics are available, though from the reports received, the mission offerings have been quite steady, and there is every reason to

believe that 1938 had a good gain in baptisms over the previous year. There were gains in mid-summer and Harvest Ingathering funds over 1937. The believers in Sinshang, Honan, gave a thank-offering of over \$300 at the time of the mid-summer offering. Because so many churches were cut off from headquarters and so many members had been evacuated, the Sabbath school offerings, we think, will show a loss.

Pastor E. H. James and family, who for seven years had been carrying heavy responsibilities in the Honan Mission, left for furlough in June, and Pastor M. E. Loewen was transferred to take charge of the work. Class work in the Honan Training Institute is continuing; and while the attendance this year is not so large as last, we are thankful that this one school in the union is able to continue its work. In centers where our workers could get in touch with the churches and chapels, 101 persons were baptized. Pastor Loewen and his associates are working hard to promote every line of work, and there is every prospect that when conditions in the field become normal again, many more will be added to the now 1100 members of this, one of the oldest missions in our work in China.

Pastor J. E. Frick, transferred to Kiukiang to take charge of the work in the Kiangsi Mission, has been entirely cut off. However, Brother Feng Hsien-wu, the Kiangsi Mission treasurer, moved to the southern part of the mission so as to keep in touch with the field, and the union has been able to keep contact with him and that part of the field. Several evangelistic efforts were held, and seven persons baptized. A few colporteurs were in the field and a small amount of literature was sold.

In the Hupeh Mission Pastor Liu Djen-bang, union evangelist, held a strong effort in Shasi early in the year, after which a class of sixty was organized. Other efforts were held at Laohoko, Hankow, and Wuchang.

From available reports, thirty-six were baptized in the Hunan Mission. A week-end workers' meeting was held early in Septem-

THE following accounts of personal witness by our faithful church members will be of interest. Brother Sung Tsun-ming, now a student in the China Training Institute, for several days during the early part of 1937 was a patient in the Peking Union Medical College hospital. While there, through his faithful witness a fellow patient, a Mr. T'sou Li-chien, became interested in the truth. Mr. T'sou is a retired business man who had been interested in Christianity for some years, but had never joined any church body. After leaving the hospital he became a regular attendant at our church services in Peiping. Brother Sung continued to manifest a personal interest in Mr. T'sou, frequently visiting him in his home, and always sitting with him in church. Very soon Mr. T'sou began bringing a friend, Mr. Ma, another retired business man, and a member of a Christian church. These two men studied the truth together for several months and were both baptized last summer and joined the Peiping church. This year Brother Ma is serving as assistant missionary leader of the church, and has recently begun to teach a Sabbath school class.

From another section of the field comes this interesting word: "Around Mokiang we have several large companies with a Sabbath attendance of from one hundred to two hundred. These interests have been created almost entirely by the work of our lay members. Recently 103 persons were baptized. We have had two workers in this district for almost three years, but the beginning of this interest was entirely through the efforts of lay members."

Pastor L. E. Reed gives us a picture of conditions in the Anhwei Mission, and tells of the faithfulness of our brethren in witnessing for the Master there during these difficult times. "On my trip north," he says, "I took pains to call at the homes of our church members. I was pleased to note how often they would lead us to visit some neighbors they had been bringing to Sabbath school and church services. Most of these people have lost their all, even an opportunity for livelihood, but their witness for the truth and their faithfulness in attending church show that they have held true."

During a recent trip through the West China field I heard like stories

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from the East Kweichow and the East Szechwan tract society secretaries, who are unable to keep supplied with Bibles and hymn books; for as our refugee brethren pass through these centers they re-equip themselves with Bibles and song books, often remarking that they can get along without other belongings, but must have the Word and our gospel songs. In at least three places in the West these faithful refugees have gathered a company of interested ones about them, and are holding services regularly on the Sabbath.

REFUGEE-EVANGELISTIC WORK AT WUHAN, HUPEH

THE thousands of refugees who came to camp on the Wuhan Sanitarium grounds brought many problems such as arranging for food, sanitation, organization and medical care. They also presented a wonderful opportunity to the sanitarium workers for soul-winning effort.

A sanitarium worker began visiting the refugees and holding public meetings daily. Later Pastor Buzzell was released by the union to give full time to evangelistic work there. Bible study groups for men and women were formed. Later the Hupeh Mission arranged for Pastor Fan to give his full time to this work. Daily meetings with regular classes for men and women are still in progress and many interested ones have been in regular attendance.

Mrs. Sevrens, with several of the young women nurses, has been very much interested in working for the women and children. It was good to see the first and second year nurses gathering in a hundred and more children each Sabbath to attend Sabbath school in the forenoon and a meeting for Bible stories and the learning of gospel songs in the afternoon.

The sanitarium chapel has been filled to capacity at both Sabbath school and church services.

At present we can not tell what the fruitage will be, but much seed has been sown through public meetings, personal visiting and tract distribution. We believe the Spirit of God will water the seed that has been sown in love and earnestness; and we hope and pray that as a result of the efforts some souls will find a home in the earth made new and freed from refugee conditions.

THE MINISTERIAL TRAINING GROUP, CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE

THERE are thirty-two students in training this year at Shatin in the ministerial group. Of this number twenty-two are there as recipients of the financial help granted through the ministerial scholarship plan. The other ten are self-supporting students who are able to provide their own expenses.

Only three of our union fields are well represented in this group, and of these three fields South China leads with an enrolment of thirteen. Central China is second in the list with nine students, and North China follows with seven. East China has only two students this year and these come from the Wenchow field. West China is represented by one Tibetan student, no Chinese having come from that field this year.

Pastor Meng Chao-i has led out in the field work done by the students this year and has kept them busy in various phases of missionary activity. Two evangelistic efforts were conducted, one in Kowloon, and another in Taipo. In these efforts a number of the teachers assisted the students in meeting people and organizing the work. Since the public efforts there have been Bible classes formed which are meeting regularly for study and preparation for baptism. President Quimby has enthusiastically supported this work and taken part in it frequently as opportunity offered. While handicapped by the Cantonese dialect in this district, yet the students have taken hold in good earnest, even though they had to work through translators. Much good seed has been sown, and we trust that a harvest will be seen in the Kingdom.

S. H. LIND

NORTHWEST CHINA UNION

By C. B. MILLER

THE present territory of the Northwest China Union is about as great in extent as the original eighteen provinces of China. The distance from its farthest north-eastern chapel to its farthest north-western chapel is nearly 1200 miles. The Suchow chapel marks the most western mission in China; but territory of the Northwest Union still stretches far to the west.

No all the people of the Northwest are Mandarin-speaking Chinese. We do not know how many languages are spoken in this territory, nor do we know all the tribes of people living there. But the Lord has been blessing the work in this great field. Because of isolated conditions within the field many of last year's reports have not yet come in. However, we have word that there were one hundred baptisms last year and that there is a membership of about one thousand in this union. When at the end of 1932 this field was separated from the Central China Union, it had a membership of only 150. Thus during six years there has been an increase of 850 souls. Surely the Lord has blessed our missionary endeavors in the northwest.

A notable achievement marks the work of the past year in this union. This was the journey to and return from Lhasa accomplished by colporteur Feng Yeng-sen. Now, it seems, the road is open for us to go westward. As we enter this great, almost unknown field, we feel sure that the prayers of God's people will attend our efforts.

Central China Union

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ber; then plans were laid for the remainder of the year; but much has happened since then, and most of these plans could not be carried out. Several colporteurs were in the field for the greater part of the year, and these did well in literature sales as long as they could work. Hunan more than doubled its Harvest Ingathering goal of \$750. It was a constant wonder that with most of the stores closed and many of the people moved to other places, those who remained were willing to respond

as needs were presented. Pastor Du Shu-ren is leading out in the work in this mission.

The workers in western Hunan report progress among the tribes-people near the Kweichow border. Pastor D. R. White, with a nurse and Brother Wang Chun-hung of Honan, moved out there in the spring. The medical work is found to be the wedge that opens the way to the preaching of the gospel and the breaking down of prejudice. Now that hundreds of thousands have fled to this part of China, new opportunities are presenting themselves. There have been no baptisms, but a number are interested.

IN KANSU PROVINCE

By N. O. DAHLSTEN

UP in the Northwest the work is young and the believers few compared with many other provinces where our mission activities have been in operation; but we feel sure that our numbers will increase as our missionary operations extend. There is an excellent spirit among the believers of Kansu. They are willing to put up with inconveniences and hardships in order to help in the giving of this message. Last year, in very bad weather, I took a young man up to a new station. I asked him if he was not discouraged by the conditions. He answered, "No; I was consecrated to God from my earliest days, and my goal is to give my life for this cause."

A letter received some time ago from some of our teachers, asked for permission to hold evangelistic efforts during the summer vacation. They held four series of meetings, and did very good work. In two of these places the congregations were so large that it was necessary to hold the meetings in the open. Several have been baptized as a result.

It is not only among our employed workers that this spirit of service prevails. One man baptized only last year heard of the frustration of our plan to get into Chinghai. He said, "I'll be free when winter comes. I have friends in there; I'll go and see my friends and take with me a quantity of small books and tracts." That man is in Chinghai at present, and I am eager to get back to the Northwest to hear from him.

Because of distances and bad roads, travel in Kansu has been very difficult. I well remember the first trip I made from Lanchow to Sian. The distance is 450 miles. It took us just 31 days to travel that distance by truck. But during the past two years new roads have been opened and the old roads improved. Now we can make the journey in less than two days by car. Thus as we go forward the Lord opens the road before us and gives us facilities for bringing the message to the uttermost parts of our field.

It was in 1935 that, with Mr. and Mrs. Shigley, I went to Suchow, the most westerly station in our territory. The people there had heard that the Adventists were coming, and held a meeting to decide what they should do about it. Some people said, "Let us drive them

out;" but better counsel prevailed, and when we reached there they received us well. We did not feel very happy when we heard about those threats; but as I recall our experiences in Suchow there comes to my mind the text: "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11.

The people in those parts are very superstitious. When we tried to find a place to live, they were unwilling to rent to us. They said, "No, no; if you worship in there, some calamity will overtake us." But finally we found a place to hold meetings, and the people began coming. Among others who came was a carpenter. Little by little he accepted the truths of the message until he finally decided to keep the Sabbath. One day I went to his home and found that he still had one of his idols on the wall. I said, "Now that you are a believer in Christ, would it not be well to take this thing out?"

He said, "Well, I should like to have it removed; but I don't dare take it down. Would you do it for me?"

"Yes," I said; I'll come tomorrow and put a picture in its place."

The next day Brother Shigley and I went over to his house, and after a season of prayer we took the idol down and put up a picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd. This fall I had the privilege of baptizing this man's wife and son. Now the whole family is in the truth; and every Sabbath he closes the door of his shop and places a sign outside saying that no business will be carried on on that day.

During an evangelistic effort a young man came to the meetings and finally accepted the Saviour. When the tithing question was presented he readily accepted that truth also, and each Sabbath after when he came to the services would bring with him a little bag of money—the Lord's tithe. It was very apparent that paying his tithe gave him great joy. That young man is now in our training school at Lanchow preparing himself for service in this cause.

I recall another man whom we used to visit almost every day, but who did not seem to appreciate our attentions. We had little hope of ever seeing him accept Christ. Last fall when I visited Suchow, as I entered the mission compound a

man stepped up and grasped my hand.

"You don't know me?" he asked. I looked at him and said, "Well, I am not sure that I do."

"Don't you remember the man to whom you used to give tracts and who didn't appreciate your efforts? You will be glad to know that I am now a one-hundred-per-cent reader and that I hope to be baptized while you are here. Today this man is a church member, and like the carpenter, puts out his sign each Sabbath: "Today is the Sabbath and no business is carried on."

Many such stories might be told of the responses to missionary effort in the province of Kansu. There are many, many honest people there who are looking for light. Let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send workers into His harvest, that all who are honest in heart may be sought out and won.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

THE Ministerial Association can report for the year 1938, in addition to some losses that cause sorrow and perplexity and gains that bring cheer and encouragement, two items that mark definite progress and the filling of long-felt needs.

For years we have talked of publishing a paper in Chinese comparable to *The Ministry* in its aim, to serve the purpose of supplying helps such as illustrations, sermon outlines, charts, etc., to our national ministry. Last year it was voted to publish a 16-page-note-book-style monthly, to be called *The Evangelist*. The first issue came from the press under date of April, 1938, and we are glad to report that this little periodical is meeting with a very hearty reception.

Another of our outstanding needs along evangelistic help lines was for suitable picture posters. This, too, was taken under consideration last year. There are now ready for distribution the first two numbers of what we hope will prove to be a series of twenty. It is the plan to supply tracts suited to the topic of each poster. These will give us picture posters not only valuable as home decorative mottoes but also as evangelistic material for small town and country work. Of each of these two numbers 6,000 copies have been printed and 2,000 extra of No. 2, as a special order before printing. The cost to the field will be low enough to make it possible for all our believers to secure one.

W. E. STRICKLAND.

NOTES ON EVANGELISM

WE are up here in Mongolia and about to begin a tent effort, having rented yurts to live in during the three months we are here.

Three evangelistic efforts are already in progress in the Mongolian Mission, and in each there is a good attendance with prospect of a harvest. From Paotao, the end of the P'ingsul railroad, Brother Hsu Yao-t'an writes that he expects to have a number of candidates ready for baptism later in the summer. From Suiyuan comes the word that there is not sitting room for the congregations, and that several are sincerely interested.

At Tumuerh, Brethren Rodionoff and Li Wen-yuan have been conducting an effort for the Mongols and the Chinese. This is a new work, conducted because of an interest created by Brother Rodionoff as he called at the local mission for the mail which is routed that way. Tumuerh is a Chinese village on the borders of China and Mongolia, being only ten or fifteen li

from the Mongol homes and grasslands and 100 li from Brother Rodionoff's station. Mongols are constantly going to and coming from this town. A number of Mongol soldiers are stationed there permanently. The village is small. The brethren have only a small meeting place with primitive fixtures; but they are doing a good work and the room is filled with forty or more listeners every night, and people standing on the outside. There are several hopeful prospects and we look for good results.

Pastor Shan from Fengtai is arriving in Tatung about June 15 to assist a young worker, Chiang Hsiao-hsien in conducting a two-months' effort in Cholou. Thus we shall be conducting evangelistic endeavors in every chapel where we have a worker with the exception of Kalgan. It has been impossible to secure a meeting place in Kalgan. We are now looking for a lot, where we may build a chapel of our own. Pray for these various interests now in progress.

OTTO CHRISTENSEN.

REAL COLPORTEUR
EVANGELISTS

By D. E. REBOK

THE two young men in the center of the accompanying picture are what we should call real colporteur evangelists. Like William Carey, they make the preaching of Christ their first business 'n life, and sell books and magazines, instead of cobbling shoes, to pay their expenses.

What joy and satisfaction must have filled the hearts of these two faithful workers as they sat down with that splendid group of men and women to have this picture taken to commemorate the keeping of their first Sabbath and the organization of a branch Sabbath school in the North Manchurian Mission.

There is room for this type of colporteur in every mission, and this kind of work to be done in every city and town and village. Our prayer and sincere hope is that God may give us hundreds of such noble workers and such groups of believers to grace His work here on earth and to make up His jewels in His kingdom to come.



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OBITUARY

Lucy M. Andrus, for sixteen years a devoted missionary in China, passed to her rest on Sabbath, May 27, 1939, at the Portland, Oregon, Sanitarium, U.S.A.

Miss Andrus accepted a call to the China field for church school work in Shanghai, arriving in November, 1920. This post she filled most acceptably for five years, meanwhile studying diligently the language with the aim in view of taking up vernacular work when her first term of service should expire.

Instead of accepting her first furlough privilege, Miss Andrus chose to give another two years of service before taking her leave of absence on condition that she be released from school work to engage in vernacular work for the women of China. Her request was granted, and in 1926, Miss Andrus was appointed to Bible work for the women of the North China Union; and here for the next ten years she spent her strength in winning these women to Christ and helping them to understand their privileges as members of the church of God.

Eighteen months later, when a widespread anti-foreign movement closed many sections of the field to missionary enterprise, Miss Andrus was furloughed home until the country should open up again to mission work. Always a sufferer from heart difficulty, Miss Andrus was a wonder to all that she could endure with such fortitude and cheerfulness the deprivations of mission life. Few expected that her health would permit her to return for a second term. But a year later, two weeks ahead of schedule, she was again in China and planning eagerly for her work that had been so unexpectedly interrupted. There followed another five-year period, in which she still further endeared herself to the Chinese people.

In May, 1934, she entered upon a third term, broken, however, two years later, when she was sud-

denly stricken with paralysis and invalidated home. Her active labors for the field she loved were ended; but her interest continued unabated. Up till the time of her death, by means of letters and messages she kept many contacts with believers and former fellow workers.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth; that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." The friends and relatives who mourn their loss may well find comfort in the memory of this beautiful life and in their certain hope of a glorious reunion.

DIVISION NOTES

Pastors C. C. Morris, D. E. Rebok, and W. H. Branson recently visited the Manchurian Union for the purpose of joining the union staff in a study of the situation confronting our educational work in that field. Because of certain government requirements it has become necessary for our training school located at Wenkuantun to be transferred to a new location. We are glad to report that satisfactory arrangements have now been made for the purchase of land and the erection of one or two buildings in which to begin school work in new quarters in the near future. The work of this institution will be carried on temporarily in quarters provided without cost to us.

While in Manchuria Pastor and Mrs. Branson, in company with Pastor K. H. Wood, visited our mission in Harbin. Sabbath services were conducted with both the Russian and Chinese churches.

Dr. H. M. Walton, after visiting our mission stations in Kalgan and on the Mongolian plains, proceeded to Mukden and then on to Seoul, Korea, where he planned to spend some time visiting our medical interests in these centers before going on to Yokohama, Japan from which port he expected to sail for America. We have greatly appreciated Dr. Walton's visit, and trust we may have the pleasure of seeing him in China again.

The General Conference has furnished us the following information regarding the early return of workers now furloughing in the States: Pastor and Mrs. S. L. Frost and daughter are sailing August 11 from San Francisco on the "President Pierce," and expect to arrive in Shanghai September 1. Pastor N. F. Brewer and family, of the East China Union, Pastor E. H. James and family of the Honan Mission, and Pastor F. W. Johnson of the

Tibetan Mission will sail on the "President," leaving San Francisco July 28. We shall be most happy to have all these workers with us in China again.

We are also glad to report that the following appointments of new recruits for China have been made by the General Conference:

Miss Thora Thomson, present head nurse and supervisor of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, and an X-Ray technician, has been released from her duties at Skodsborg and placed under appointment for Mukden. It is expected that Miss Thomson will be able to come forward soon.

Pastor P. W. Manuel, of Virginia, is appointed to the directorship of the West Szechuan Mission.

Brother Lloyd Klopfenstien has accepted the call to the work of Educational-Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Central China Union. Brother Klopfenstien will sail with others who are leaving on August 11, if booking can be secured.

Recently Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Lily of Los Angeles, arrived in Hongkong, from which port they proceeded to Nanning. Dr. Lily has come out to relieve Dr. D. D. Coffin and family while on furlough. While Dr. Lily's appointment is only temporary, we trust he may be persuaded to remain with us in China.

Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Reed and daughter sailed from Shanghai for Hongkong July 5. Pastor Reed, who has served in the East China Union for the past years as Young People's secretary of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments, will take up departmental work in the South China Union.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morse, of the Home Study Institute, and Pastor and Mrs. M. Popow and daughter Helen, of the Sungari Mission, Manchuria, sailed for the States on furlough July 17, per s.s. "Empress of Asia." Helen will remain in the States, continuing her studies at Pacific Union College.

On July 20 Pastor and Mrs. M. C. Warren, returning from furlough, passed through Shanghai en route to Yunnanfu. Pastor Warren takes over the directorship of the Yunnan Mission.

Mrs. Thelma Smith and son Herbert arrived in Shanghai July 30. Mrs. Smith, appointed to the treasurer'ship of the Honan Mission, is unable, because of military restrictions, to go forward immediately.