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THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

BY W. H. BRANSON

OUR 1939 Harvest Ingathering Campaign has had a very auspicious beginning. By reference to the chart in the center of this issue, the reader will see the result of the first three weeks of effort according to reports received at the Division office.

The East China Union leads with \$11,300. The report of \$7,000 from South China represents only about one and one half weeks of effort. Three unions had not been heard from at the time of going to press, but they will no doubt give a good account of themselves in the next issue of the REPORTER.

We greatly appreciate the splendid way in which all our workers and many of our people have taken hold of this work, and we have no doubt that every union in the Division will reach its full goal.

As we press on toward the finish with this Ingathering work, let us bear in mind the following earnest message which comes to us through the pen of inspiration:

"From... China and India" yes "from every quarter of this world of ours comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love. Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God or of His love revealed in Christ. It is their right to receive this knowledge. They have an equal claim with us in the Saviour's mercy. And it rests with us who have received the knowledge . . . to answer their cry.

"To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher, and child upon whom has shown the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, 'Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"—*"Education,"* p. 263.

From the things we see transpiring in the world today the realization is forced upon us that our time for work is exceedingly short. Only yesterday a great American statesman, Senator Pittman, made the sobering statement that the world today faces the greatest crisis of all time.

We to whom God has revealed the light of the prophetic word know what this means. We have reached the crisis of the ages—the end is at hand. What we hope to do for God must be done soon, very soon, or it will be forever too late.

WHAT WE MAY KNOW OF COMING EVENTS

By E. H. EMMERSON

AS one meditates after listening to the news flashed from the many radio stations in these days of distress and perplexity, he can but question what is to be the outcome of it all. He seriously asks, "What does the future hold in store for us?"

We may not be able to outline the exact course of the various nations in the present dilemma, but one thing is certain: we need not be in darkness concerning the coming events. We are "children of light." For as a "light that shineth in a dark place" the rays of prophetic instruction light up the pathway of the future to each and every one who diligently studies the instruction God has given through His word and the Spirit of prophecy. The Bible prophecy outlines in general the experiences before us, while the Spirit of prophecy unfolds them more specifically.

We marvel that the disciples, in the light of the Saviour's plain prophecies, were unprepared for the closing scenes of His earthly ministry. That we are imperiled by the same dangers today is made plain in "Great Controversy," page 594, in the following words:

"In the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. *The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.* (Italics mine) But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready."

We Need Not Be Ignorant

Do we know these events and the experiences needed in preparation for the close of probation as it is our privilege to know them? Or are we allowing ourselves to be dupes to Satan's devices so that the time of trouble will find us unprepared?

We need not be ignorant concerning the future events or the preparation needed; for God has instructed us more earnestly now than ever before as the following statement clearly shows: "In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. *In these days He speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more ear-*

nently than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 661.

If Not, Why Not?

Are we availing ourselves of the privilege that is ours? Do we possess the various books in which the instruction concerning the future experiences of God's people are clearly presented? If not, why not? Or if we possess them, are we diligently studying them in order that we may not be in darkness concerning the impending conflict and the preparation needed to stand victoriously through it all?

The two books that present the most direct and detailed account of the coming events are "Early Writings" and "Great Controversy." Through these books we may understand much about the part our own government will take in the experiences which will bring about the great crisis to God's people. They clearly present the union of civil and religious powers, and what such a union will mean to those who stand firm for God's revealed will. Within their pages is outlined in no indefinite language, the place spiritism with all its deceivableness, signs, lying wonders and miracles will hold in the great scheme of the adversary of God's truth and people. There we shall find clearly revealed just what the image to the beast is and when and how it is formed, the work it will accomplish and what our personal relation should be to every device contrived to accomplish our downfall.

But more than this, and even more important to us, is that in these two books is clearly presented what we should be doing *now* in this time of apparent peace, in order that we can be ready to stand as victors in the trying days before us. Vivid pictures of the final outcome both to the sinner and the saint are portrayed in these two important and wonderful volumes.

The Coming Crisis

The following statements quoted from "Great Controversy" will help us realize the importance of knowing what God in His compassionate love has given us in view of the closing scenes of the controversy:

"The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger,—a faith that will not faint, though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time."—"Great Controversy," page 621.

"Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any subsequent time. The case of all such is hopeless."—*Id.*, page 620.

"Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible, and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life, and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief."—*Id.*, pp. 625-26.

Shall we allow Satan so to arrange our affairs that we shall not take time to read and study the words of counsel and warning God has so graciously given us in His word, and in these books which shed such detailed prophetic light upon the experiences of the future?

Harvest Ingathering— A Privilege

By A. FLOYD TARR

HAVE you ever thought of Harvest Ingathering as a privilege? Perhaps you never have; yet from two important angles it is.

All service in the Master's cause is a privilege. True, some kinds of service may, on first thoughts, seem more important than others; yet every kind of service is honorable. And, one might ask, what service could be more important than that which provides the means by which the work of God is to be advanced? Harvest Ingathering provides thousands of pounds each year for the furtherance of the work of God in the Southern African Division. Is it not then a privilege worthy of appreciation to have a share in the gathering in of those funds?

Harvest Ingathering is a privilege for another reason! It opens an avenue for the funds of non-Adventists to augment the gifts that Adventists themselves are making. As in ancient times heathen kings gave gifts for the service of God, and it was counted a privilege to receive them, so today it is a blessed privilege to accept gifts from those not of our faith, and to pass them on for the support of God's work.

The time may soon be here when the privilege of Harvest Ingather-

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DEDICATION OF THE CHINA PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

(Read by Pastor J. P. Anderson, director of the Cantonese Mission, at the dedication service.)

IT is altogether fitting that the China Pioneer Memorial Church should be located in the beautiful city of Hongkong. Here Protestant missions in China first took root. Here the pioneers of Seventh-day Adventists started ship colporteur work. Here in 1887 Brother Abram La Rue settled to do self-supporting mission work. He sold, loaned, and gave away thousands of gospel-filled books. He even had some tracts translated and printed in Chinese.

To Hongkong in 1902 our Mission Board sent its first representatives in China. In harmony with the action of the General Conference in 1901 to begin active work in this field, Elder J. N. Anderson and wife and Miss Ida Thompson arrived in Hongkong in 1902. Here the first nine Seventh-day Adventist converts in all China were baptized. As time has gone by, this small beginning has grown until we now number our church members in South China alone by several thousands. And here, across this beautiful valley, in the cemetery lie resting from their labors some of the early workers in this cause.

It has been felt for many years that we should have a suitable place of worship in this "Pearl of the Orient." Pastor Ham, while director of the Cantonese Mission, was probably more instrumental than any other single individual in

working up enthusiasm for this project.

Official permission to build was given when the China Division Committee took the following action in 1936:

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the South China Union to prepare an appeal to be presented to our church members throughout the China Division, through the medium of the church paper, and that we designate August 29 as the date on which an offering for the Pioneer Memorial Church shall be received in all our churches.

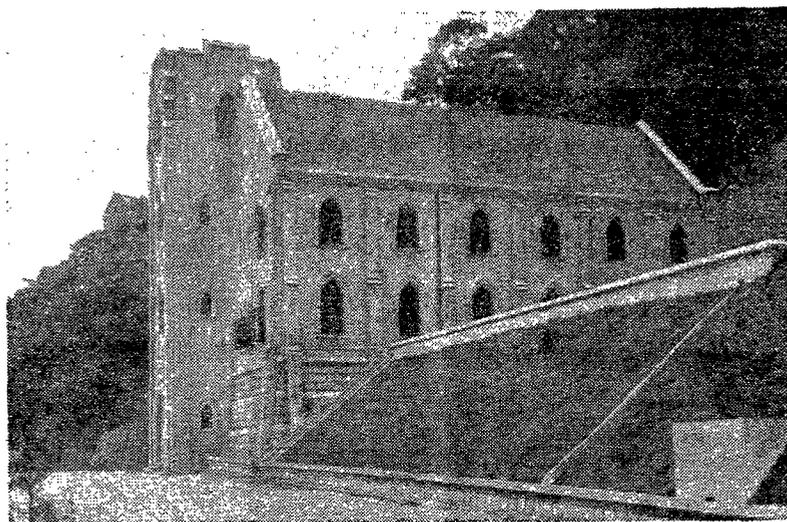
Our Chinese and foreign church members throughout China have given of their means to help erect this building. Gifts have been received even from far Tibet, from Mongolia, and Manchuria, and from the Hainan tribes. These gifts have been liberally supplemented by appropriations from the General Conference, so that it has been possible to carry to completion the plans for this beautiful structure.

The list of the pioneers who have gone to their rest is a long one. It includes: Abram La Rue, Mrs. H. W. Miller, Dr. A. C. Selmon, Mrs. J. N. Anderson, Miss Ida Thompson, Miss Gertrude Thompson, E. H. Wilbur, who sleeps in Pak Hoi, Dr. Law Keem, Amanda Van Scoy Anderson, R. C. Porter, Esta Miller, C. C. Crisler, N. P. Keh, T. K. Ang,

Pastor Han, and Chan Chuk Ping. Still spared among us are J. N. Anderson, Mrs. E. H. Wilbur, Dr. H. W. Miller, Elder and Mrs. W. C. Hankins, Robert Caldwell, Elder and Mrs. B. L. Anderson, Dr. Bertha Selmon, Mrs. B. Miller, F. Lee and wife, F. A. Allum and wife, Elder and Mrs. I. H. Evans, Pauline Schillberg Guild, H. B. Parker, Brother Tidbury, O. J. Gibson and wife, Elder and Mrs. O. A. Hall, R. F. Cottrell and wife, C. P. Lillie and wife, and the writer; also Pastor Lo Sin Tshoi, Lo Thau Nyen, Liu Chin Pang, Keh Hak Shu, Cheung Shiu Ming, Dr. Wong Shiu Leung, and a host of church members.

These latter, and many others who have labored in the south and in other parts of China, now rejoice that we are permitted to hold this service today. They have not labored in vain. They sowed the seed of which we are now gathering some of the fruits.

As we look back we can truly say, "Despise not the day of small things," and, "Behold what hath God wrought." In these times when there is such a loss in the world of all that is sacred and godly, it is good today to meet and consecrate this building to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel and to the finishing of the work of God in the earth.



The China Pioneer Memorial Church, Ventris Rd., Hongkong.

Thirty-Four Baptized in Tsinan

THE holding of an evangelistic effort in Tsinan was something of an experiment, as we had only just arrived in this city. But we had held large and successful efforts in Mukden, and I was confident that the same thing could be done here. Our church building in the city will not seat more than 100 persons; the effort was therefore held in the old school chapel, which seats 300.

The chapel gate is in a small hutung between two streets. I placed several electric lights in the hutung, and each evening had two or three persons stand in the hutung to invite the people to the meetings. From the beginning we had a full house, and many who came never missed a meeting. Martial law was in effect in Tsinan for a few evenings, but even then fifty or more were in attendance.

After four weeks of preaching the message, we continued the meetings in the form of Bible studies, and these lasted for six weeks. Then there were two weeks of special preparation for baptism. Thirty-four were baptized; and for those who were not yet ready for baptism and for some new inquirers we have continued the meetings every evening since. Of the number baptized several had become interested through village evangelism, and needed only to be further instructed.

The work in Shantung Province is advancing and we are all of good cheer. So far this year there have been 80 baptisms in the Shantung Mission. Our members have been somewhat scattered because of drought and floods and banditry; but we are working hard to keep in touch with all.

H. N. BRODERSEN.

Sabbath School Interests in the Manchurian Union

A LETTER just received from Pastor F. M. Larsen, Sabbath school secretary for the Manchurian Union Mission, contains the following interesting item concerning the missionary activities of the Peimenli church, in Mukden:

"Many of the brethren felt they wanted to do something outside the church. Three of the leading members got together and rented a large house where they have set up a factory for making clothing. Downstairs they have finished a neat little room for a new Sabbath school which will hold nearly one hundred people. This place is now being used every Sabbath. Offerings came from that school in August,—not only Sabbath school offerings but also tithe from the ones who are working there. The brethren have set up this place for no other purpose but to advance the work of God, and we are looking forward to the time when we shall have some baptisms from this effort."

Pastor Larsen also writes that teachers' training classes have been started in many places, as a means of strengthening the Sabbath school work. Of a recent visit to Dairen he says:

"While in Dairen I stayed over Sabbath. What an interesting Sabbath school! The work there seems to be growing stronger every month. It was one of the best and most interesting Sabbath schools I have attended for a long time. The hall was well filled, and it looks as though we shall soon have to make it larger.

"The work at Yinkow is also growing. Some very fine people were baptized there recently, among them a doctor."

BESSIE MOUNT.

Harvest Ingathering in Shanghai

By N. F. BREWER

THE Harvest Ingathering campaign in Shanghai started with a rally program held in the Sanitarium chapel and attended by practically all our workers in Shanghai at the time. In an earnest appeal Elder W. H. Branson urged all to enter into the campaign wholeheartedly. The very fact that conditions were anything but encouraging for the gathering of funds made it imperative that all do their best to reach the goal of \$12,000 set for the Kiangsu Mission.

The city of Shanghai was restricted and territory assigned to the different churches, and all went to work. At the end of three weeks \$11,300 had been gathered in. A field day for the press workers netted over \$200. The Far Eastern Academy students' field day brought in over \$1,000.

I have never seen a more sympathetic attitude on the part of the public. What seemed in the beginning almost an impossibility, through the blessing of God and the earnest co-operation of workers and members, has been accomplished; and now, at the end of the fourth week of the campaign the goal set for the Kiangsu Mission has been more than reached.

We greatly appreciate the hearty cooperation of the Division, union, and local mission workers. Pastor O. A. Hall, the Home Missionary secretary of the East China Union, is back from furlough, and is leading out in an efficient way. Many interested persons have been contacted. We plan to follow up the interests created, and look forward to seeing some accept the truths of this message as a result of the Harvest Ingathering work this year.

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ing will no longer be ours. The time is also coming, we know, when all service for the salvation of men will be ended. And how ardently we shall then wish we had worked while still we had the opportunity!

During this Harvest Ingathering campaign let us remember the privilege that still is ours. Let us prize that privilege; let us make the most of it, gathering every penny we can for the furtherance of the work of God.



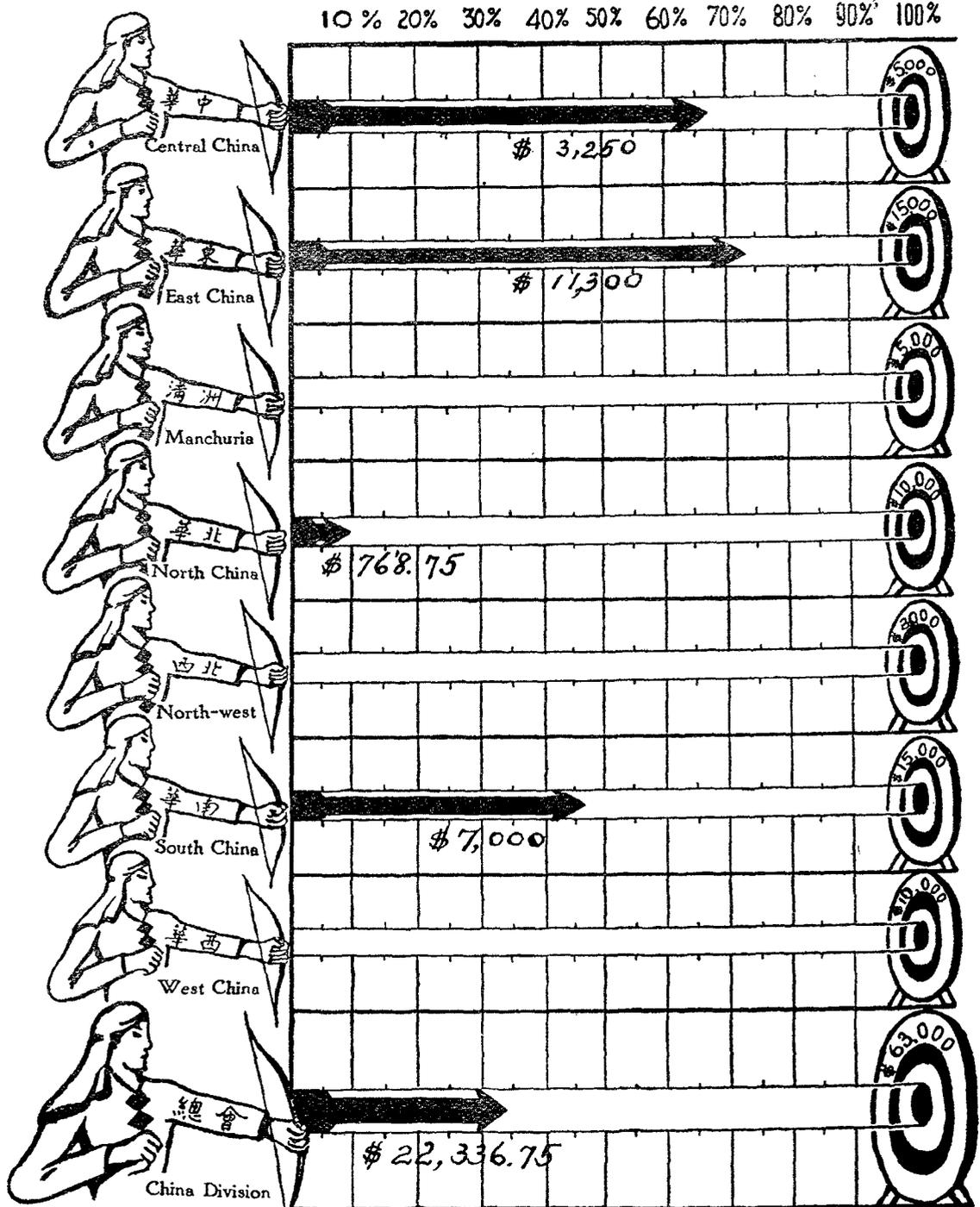
Workers and church members who took part in the evangelistic effort at Tsinan, Shantung.

一九三九年各聯會善運比箭圖

“你們磨尖了箭頭，抓住盾牌。” 耶利米 51:11.

ARROWS OF THE 1939 HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

“Make bright the arrows, Gather the Shields.” Jer. 51:11



[註] 九月九日至十月六日之統計

In Anhwei Province

BY L. E. REED

SEVERAL impressions received while on a trip into Anhwei Province after the hostilities had passed over that section, have remained with me. I wish to note them here. The first was the truth of that question of the Saviour's, and His answer: "Who is My mother? and who are my brethren? And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold My mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother."

These words were brought home to me with special force on that journey into desolated Anhwei. You know how it is with a mother. She may be suffering with illness herself, or she may be overwhelmed with trouble and anxiety; nevertheless she is always thinking of the needs of her family and forgetting herself in ministering to them. Some of our church members I found with nothing to eat but food that is ordinarily given to animals; yet these people seemed more anxious over the slight inconveniences I was experiencing in making this journey to visit them than they did over the fact that they had nothing to eat themselves. They manifested the solicitude of mothers and brothers and sisters.

Another impression was that God has a care for His work. This province had passed through a baptism of fire and war and flood. In some parts a whole city had been destroyed, sometimes only part of a city. Yet in these places I found the Sabbath schools going full force, with goal charts hung up and offerings being received. In one of these cities an evangelistic effort was in progress.

A third impression: "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." This terrible experience of war has brought our brethren and sisters closer to God. They appreciate more than they ever have the privileges of church and Sabbath school.

One young man in his straitened circumstances had taken a job where he must work on the Sabbath. One day he came to me saying that he wished to consecrate his new-born son to the Lord. Would I offer prayer when the child was consecrated? I told him I should feel a little more certain in asking God's blessing if he were keeping God's Sabbath commandment. He went away to think the matter over, and after a time came back and said, "I am going to keep the Sabbath. I will confess my sin to

the whole church. If I lose my job, I lose it; if I starve, I starve."

He gave this testimony in the church that Sabbath. The same night we were holding a special meeting of the church. At about eleven o'clock this young man came in and told us that the principal of the school where he was teaching, and to whom he had gone to explain why he could no longer teach, had said, "You may go right on with your work and we will make other provision for Saturday." That infidel professor received an entirely new estimate of this young man when he learned that he would obey the dictates of con-

science even if he lost all.

And how eager these church members were to hear about the progress of the message! They would sit and listen as long as one could talk to them when we spoke of how this gospel of the kingdom is going in all the world. I wish you might have seen, as I did, their faces light up as I related the experiences of our brethren and sisters in Shanghai and other places; and when I would tell them that their fellow-believers in China and in America were praying for them, a new light of joy and appreciation would come into their eyes.

Here, at least, is one way in which we can help them. Let us not be stinting in our prayers for these brethren and sisters who are so isolated and so despoiled.

THE TIBETAN MISSION AND MISSION HOSPITAL

By H. E. JAMES, M.D.

THE following report will outline the work done in the Tibetan Mission Hospital for the year 1938 and to the end of July, 1939. The year and a half in question has been a very busy period for all concerned. There have been difficulties and trials, but there have also been blessings, and we have seen the workings of Providence in many ways.

The absence of our mission director has been keenly felt; for as the mission has no resident evangelist all meetings have had to be conducted by the hospital group.

Indirectly, though not actively, we have felt the influence of the war. It has been almost impossible to obtain supplies, for with the interruption of communications in the coastal provinces our local communications have suffered. We are very grateful for the help rendered by some of the Division brethren in bringing needed supplies up from the coast. Without this help we should probably have been forced to close our doors or at least strictly to limit our activities.

The Lord has watched over our supplies in a very wonderful way. Our most valuable shipment for the year was in a caravan which was robbed. Fifty odd loads were thoroughly looted while the one case belonging to our hospital and containing almost two thousand dollars' worth of drugs was left unopened by the roadside, and was picked up after the robbers left and brought on to us.

During 1938 we admitted 179 patients to the hospital for an average stay of eight and a half days, and in the first seven months of 1939, 100 patients for an average stay of six and a half

days. The dispensary registered 2,634 new patients during 1938 with 5,024 returns, a total of 7,658 patient visits and a daily average of 25.6 patients. Registrations to July 31, 1939, were 1,258 with 4,350 returns, or a total of 5,608 patient visits and an average of 33.7 patients daily. The charity work done by the hospital proper for 1938 amounted to \$489.40 and by the dispensary, \$495.50, a total for the year of \$984.90. Other charity work done brings the sum to slightly over \$1,000.

A word as to our needs. Most of all we need a chapel and a resident evangelist. The mission has but one evangelist for its entire field. It is absolutely impossible for one man to carry on the evangelistic work needed. We had hoped this year to obtain property on which to build a chapel, but found the price beyond our financial ability. While this report is in preparation word comes that money for this purchase and for the erection of the necessary buildings may be forthcoming from the Sabbath School Overflow from 1938. This gives us renewed hope.

Sikang is no longer at the ends of the earth. The war which has brought destruction, terror and losses to other parts of this great land has dragged this province from its seclusion and thrust it into a prominent place on the China map. We must have evangelistic workers. We are told that the fields are white for the harvest; but where are the reapers? It is our earnest request that plans be made whereby workers shall be provided for this needy field; and we trust some may be found who will be willing to follow the command of the great Evangelist, "Go ye therefore."



“INASMUCH”

By D. E. REBOK

THE INHUMANITY of man is beyond comprehension, and is hardly surpassed in any other part of the animal kingdom, so callous, so inconsiderate, so hard-hearted is he in dealing with his fellows. It is hard to believe that human hearts could become so cruel; yet the evidence is on every hand. The human suffering is appalling—beyond description. What will be the end of it all? To what further lengths will men go? To what depths of misery must the victims be plunged before man will be ashamed of his own doings?

Study the faces of the people in the first picture. Then look behind those faces into the sad hearts of this group of refugees in the city of Canton. Try to imagine what it means to have lost all earthly possessions,—friends, loved ones, home. For some in this group “home” was a simple hovel, for others a mansion fair; but they are alike now in ruins, with only the ashes to testify of man’s inhumanity to man.

How long! How long will God permit sin and sinners to have sway and to mar the works of His hands and to make a shambles of what He intended should be a happy home for the human family! When, oh when, shall righteousness triumph and the good in man prevail?

Yet even in this dark picture we see some spots of light. Here and there the love of God breaks forth in human kindness and goodwill. The needs of the human heart are not all physical; in every man at some time or other there is a longing for something better,—the recognition of a spiritual need both hard to define and hard to fill. It is met, however, in the gospel of Jesus Christ, that for centuries has brought, and today continues to bring, peace and satisfaction to distraught men and women in this old sin-cursed earth of ours.

In the second picture Pastor J. P. Anderson and his group of workers in Canton are seen ministering spiritual food to the souls of men; and these workers are, in a meager way to be sure, supplying food for their hungry bodies. To these afflicted ones a cup of water, a bowl of rice, do much to make a hard, dark world seem a bit brighter, a bit better.

Hundreds of thousands of people, human beings like you and me, in China and Europe today are just like this group pictured before you. What can you do about it? What will you do for them?

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”



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DIVISION NOTES

W. H. Branson and D. E. Rebock left Shanghai October 4 on the "Empress of Russia" for Hongkong. At Hongkong they will join in counsel with the South China Union and the China Training Institute brethren, following which they will travel by plane to Chungking and Lanchow. While in the West and Northwest China Unions they will attend union committee meetings and a number of local mission annual gatherings in Shensi, Kansu, Szechwan, Kweichow and Yunnan. They hope to be back in Shanghai by December 1. May their eagerly awaited visits to these unions be greatly blessed by God to the encouragement, upbuilding and strengthening of all believers in these fields.

C. L. Bond, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, and F. A. Mote, Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Far Eastern Division, were our guests in Shanghai from October 2 to 5, as they were passing through this port enroute from Japan and Chosen to Manila, the Netherland East Indies and Malaysia. The messages of Elders Bond and Mote delivered to the young people of the Far Eastern Academy and to our Chinese young people in Shanghai were greatly appreciated by all.

Appearing in the next column of this page is a second Missions Reading, which it is hoped will be used in our Sabbath schools in promoting the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow for the fourth quarter of 1939. It is published here because the English Mission Quarterlies for the fourth quarter have failed of reaching us and in the belief that our schools throughout the Division will be glad to use this and any other available means of appealing for a liberal overflow during this fourth quarter for the missionary enterprises of the Southern Asia Division.

CHANGING INDIA*

By A. E. NELSON

INDIA is changing, both politically and religiously. The reason for the political change is due to the changed conception of the relation between holiness and poverty. Some of the religions of Southern Asia associate holiness with poverty. It is, therefore, not uncommon to see holy men everywhere begging for food. In fact, in Burma the Buddhist priests can be seen in the early morning emerging from a monastery and in single file, each carrying a black begging bowl, walk down the road, to disperse later on to their starting points, from which they will begin to beg. Such begging is not considered an obnoxious task. In fact, it provides an opportunity for the faithful to obtain merit.

But a change in the attitude of holiness and poverty has occurred in India. Today there are Indians who see that those who are rich are respected and placed in high positions; consequently a large political party is interested in changing the economic status of its people.

A change is also taking place in the religious life of the people. This may be illustrated by an experience, which is not an isolated one, that occurred in Western India. A group of our workers were holding a general meeting, at the conclusion of which some prominent Hindus approached them with the request that they go to the home of the lawyer who was the spokesman of the delegation. The brethren consented to do this, and on arrival were given a banquet in accordance with Hindu custom. After the banquet the spokesman said that the delegation represented a large number of people who could not be present. This group of people had decided to leave Hinduism and were eager to have us teach them Christianity as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

A change is seen in the attitude of people who for so long have been held in the grip of Hinduism. To cope with this condition we need missionaries and means. Some day we shall see fulfilled the statement made in "Prophets and Kings," p. 189: "In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law."

*Missions Reading

China Pioneer Memorial Church Dedicated

On Sabbath afternoon, September 9, almost 400 persons gathered at the new church building on Ventris Rd., Hongkong, to participate in the dedicatory services of the China Pioneer Memorial Church. Pastor A. L. Ham, superintendent of that union, preached the dedicatory sermon. Others leading out were Pastors J. P. Anderson, S. H. Lindt, T. S. Woo, C. I. Meng, and Chas F. Larsen.

The cut on page three of this issue gives an excellent view of this beautiful little building, which houses the church school, affords a large assembly room for purposes other than that of divine services, and accommodates in the chapel itself over 200 persons.

It is more than two years since the project was undertaken of building in Hongkong this church to the memory of our pioneers. All will rejoice that this is now an accomplished fact and that our brethren and sisters in that city are provided with so suitable and commodious a place of worship.

Relief Funds in the South China Union

The total funds received and reported to the China Emergency Relief Committee by the South China Union is little more than \$1,255. During the same period our missions in this union have received from the Relief Committee the amount of \$1,699.25. The amount our field has benefited from this fund, therefore, exceeds the amount we have given by \$443.73. While appreciating what has been given by some, we feel sure that there are still many workers and members in this union who are daily receiving God's blessing but who have not yet made their pledges or have given to this very worthy cause of helping to find room, clothing and food for those of our faith who are less fortunate. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Calls are coming from certain parts of the union for aid. In one mission request is being made for \$1,000 to relieve those who have lost their all and are now destitute,—without home, food or clothing. What is your plan for rendering help where help is needed? Your answer to this question will be the measure of the response you make to this call.

P. L. WILLIAMS.