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A WORLD-PROCLAIMED MESSAGE

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BECAUSE of the extensiveness of the proclamation of the three angels' messages which are to be given to "them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people;" and because of the masses of humanity here in the great Orient who have not so much as heard of Christ's soon coming, we very naturally think of our message as of very unusual magnitude and difficult of fulfilment. However, we must recall that the work of God has never been finished in obscurity, and that we have record upon record in the history of God's work where His name has been proclaimed among all the nations, and the marvels of His power made known to all that dwell upon the earth.

When Moses and Aaron were called of God to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, as they were about to approach the fulfilment of God's purpose for Israel's deliverance, this instruction came to Moses: "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me." "For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth . . . that my name may be declared throughout all the earth." Ex. 9:13, 15, 16. The news of Israel's remarkable deliverance went abroad to all the nations of the earth.

The conflict between David and Goliath occupied only a very short time, yet what a widespread influence this exerted! David stated the ultimate object of this encounter was: "*That all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.*" He further says: "All this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." 1 Sam. 17:46, 47.

Neither was the mission of Daniel and his companions hid in a corner; for as a result of their faithfulness in Babylon, the king made a decree commanding "every people, nation, and language," to respect the God of the Hebrews, saying: "There is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Dan. 3:29.

Every missionary and laborer in the China Division is constantly confronted with the fact that we have accomplished only a little of what must take place in China. Language difficulty, the travel question, the few trained laborers, the meagerness of funds, the perils of travel, the vast areas of China, the multitude of tribes people living especially in the western limits of our field, all present problems requiring much time, means, and effort to overcome. Yet, when the times of refreshing shall come from His presence, how easy it will be for God to bestow His Holy Spirit in such measure, and use consecrated talent so powerfully, that this whole earth in a short time will be lightened with His glory.

We were encouraged as we listened to the report on evangelism given at the West China Union biennial session. At the end of the first twelve years one hundred had been won to the message, while eight times this number have come into our church during the past four and one-half years, until now the membership has passed the nine hundred mark. Should the advance of the message continue in West China at this ratio, it will require only a few years until the people of the West China Union will have heard this closing message; and we are prepared to admit that when the work can be finished in the West China Union it can easily be finished in all the world.

Biennial Sessions—North China, Manchurian and West China Unions

NORTH CHINA UNION MISSION BIENNIAL REPORT 1929-1930

GEO. J. APPEL

(As rendered during the biennial session,
Peiping, May 15, 1931)

It is with reverence and gratitude to God through Jesus Christ that we meet here during this seventh biennial meeting, to recognize and to consider the great responsibility that rests upon us to bring this message to the 85,000 of the North China Union.

At the close of our last biennial meeting a few changes were made in our working force. We released for editorial work in the Signs Publishing House, Brother Goh Chiao Eo, who had been carrying four departments in the Shantung Mission for several years. Pastor W. J. Harris was called from the Shansi Mission to take the directorship of the Shantung Mission, which position was left vacant by Brother L. H. Davies having been released to connect with the North China Bible School. Pastor Harris will submit a report of what God has wrought in the Shantung Mission during the past two years. Pastor C. I. Meng was asked to take charge of the Shansi Mission. He will tell us of how God has gone before the workers in that field, of their great need of laborers to answer the many calls coming in, and of the plans of his loyal band of collaborators to win one hundred souls for Christ during the present year. During the spring of 1930 Brother C. B. Green was invited to lead out in the work in the Hopei Mission, where he has the support of all those associated with him. We are very sorry that Brother J. Henry White has not found it possible to return after his furlough. Brother D. C. McFeters has been invited to come in his place, and will arrive in Peiping before the end of the present month. Brother H. N. Brodersen and family have been released in response to a call from the Manchurian Union. A call has been placed with the General Conference to secure a man to come and carry the union treasury work.

At the time of the Far Eastern Division Spring Council last year the territory of Mongolia was added

to North China, and the workers who had learned the Mongolian language were transferred to this field from the Sungari Mission. Kalgan was made the headquarters of the new Mongolian Mission. We wish to welcome Pastor Otto Christensen and family, who, since their arrival early this year, have been studying the Mongolian language. Work has also been opened up in Kalgan for the Chinese. The Hopei Mission released Brother Wang Tzu Yuan to act as evangelist for this new chapel. Thus another one of the formerly unentered provinces has been entered, and we rejoice in the good news that a number are keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism in this new field. We are now laying plans to move out into Mongolia from Kalgan.

We rejoice that at last we are soon to have a medical unit. Land has been purchased in Kalgan, and a hospital building is now under course of construction. Dr. and Mrs. Coulston have been with us since last September studying language, preparatory to connecting with the hospital. The Lord has wonderfully blessed and led out in all the plans for medical work.

In the days of the apostles, a record was made of the work of the church at the time, and in summing up their work there is recorded this wonderful testimony, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as would be saved." The 259 souls during the past two years have been the result of the faithful efforts of both workers and believers. These are 104 more than were baptized during the former biennial period, or a gain of 60%. The membership of the union at the beginning of this year was 695. Our membership four years ago was 350. We just lacked five of doubling our membership during the quadrennial period. We failed in reaching the goal we had set, of having "Eight hundred fully converted and baptized believers by the end of this period." We must confess that had we lived as near to the Source of all power as we should have lived, this would have been possible. God is expecting greater things from us in the little time we have left to finish the work. Shall we not set our goal at 1,200 baptized members by the end of the present biennial period?

We praise God that we can report advancement in the work of all departments. Not only has the work been strengthened in every station, but seven new stars have been added to our map as new lights in formerly unentered portions of the field. Our literature has been scattered like the leaves of autumn, until practically every hien in the union has been entered by our colporteurs. Several have accepted the message as the result, and a number of new interests have been created. Almost everywhere we go, *The Signs of the Times* has gone before us, and the mention of the name of this truth-filled magazine gives us favor with the people. Our union departmental leaders will report of how the Lord has blessed in their several lines of endeavor and the treasury department will submit a report that will encourage our hearts. We wish to thank our believers for their loyal support in making it possible to show a good gain in tithes and offerings. There is still room for improvement, and we should continue to encourage our laity to be more faithful in giving of their means that the work may be pressed on until it is finished.

When the Saviour gave the command to go and make disciples of all nations, He made provision to fulfill every need to carry out that command. We should not be discouraged by a cut in our budget, but may ever realize that God is giving us sufficient to carry on and finish the work. Our great need is more faith, more power, more of the Holy Spirit.

In closing, I wish to thank you all for your co-operation that has made this report possible. With you I dedicate my life anew to the Master Workman and His cause, until He shall say, "It is finished."

THE WOMEN'S WORK

LUCY A. ANDRUS

(Synopsis of report of the women's work in the North China Union, during the years 1929, 1930.)

THE women's work cannot be spoken of as a department; rather it is a helping hand in every department to win women to Christ and to deepen the spirituality of the women

already in the church, leading them to a fuller understanding and execution of their responsibilities. Although the progress in this line of work is slow, yet we can see a steady and sure development throughout all China, including the North China Union.

One cause for courage is the number of foreign Bible workers who have come for work in various parts of China during this biennial period. Other marks of growth are the increasing strength of Chinese Bible workers, and the definite interest in work for the women shown by colporteurs, teachers, and evangelists.

Two years ago this spring, we voted to hold a four months' union Bible training class for women, the students to be carefully selected from the three provinces, and the number limited to seven. In September following, the class was opened in Peking. Six of those who entered this class received at the end of the period certificates for completing the work outlined. The course included adapted studies in the following subjects: "Bible Doctrines," "Old and New Testament History," "Denominational History," "Methods in Bible Work," "Hymn Singing," "Hygiene," -- with a few lessons in "First Aid," and "Hydrotherapy." The afternoons were given to practical missionary work.

The number of women members in North China at the end of 1930 was 230. In about 80 families both husband and wife are church members. Thirty-six per cent of those baptized during the biennial period were women.

We now have in North China seven Chinese Bible workers -- one in Shansi, three in Shantung, and three in Hopei. Half of the church school teachers in Hopei, and two-fifths of those in Shantung are women teachers. Three girls from this union are in attendance at Chiao Tou Djen, and two are in the nurses training class in Shanghai.

May Jesus, who came to seek and to save the lost, regardless of race, age, or sex, draw the women of China out of darkness into His marvelous light; and may He enable those who have responded to His call, to do acceptably their part in the home and in the church.

"The cause of God may hold its ground only by great exertion and continual sacrifice, yet it will triumph finally." -- *Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 71.

HOPEI PROVINCIAL MISSION

C. B. GREEN

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor C. B. Green, director of the Hopei Mission, during the biennial session for 1929-30, held in Peiping, May 14-23, 1931)

DURING the past two years fairly peaceful times have been enjoyed in the province of Hopei, and we thank God for His blessings to us during this time. Our membership nearly doubled during the past four years. At the beginning of 1927 it stood at 161, and at the close of 1930 at 306.

Tithes and offerings show an increase over the previous two years, and we hope our people will form the habit of giving, because a giving church is a growing church.

Three new stations were opened during 1929-30, but I am very sorry to report that three months ago we had to close one of these because of the heavy decrease in the budget for 1931.

All the departments are playing their part in the Hopei Mission evangelistic program. We have been pleased to note the strong work carried in the women's department, and wish to thank the Lord for His blessings upon this work, and we pray that more homes may be entered this coming year and that whole families may turn to the truth.

May the Lord help each one of us to let our light so shine before men that greater results will be realized in the work of warning the vast numbers of the Hopei Province is our prayer. May it be yours!

NORTH CHINA SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

H. N. BRODERSEN

(Synopsis of report rendered at the North China Union biennial session May 14-23, 1931)

WE are all familiar with the statement that "The Sabbath school is the heart of the church," and the Sabbath school may also be called the door to the church. If the Sabbath school is a live and growing Sabbath school, the church membership will continually grow, as every church member is first a member of the Sabbath school.

During the last two years our Sabbath schools in North China have made good advances in membership, attendance, and offerings.

At the time of our last biennial meeting we had just opened work in the Shansi Mission. Today we can report the opening of work in Chahar Province, and a Sabbath school in the Mongolian language. In the fall of 1930 we opened work for the Chinese in Kalgan, and we now have Sabbath school classes in that city in Chinese, Russian, and Mongolian. We have also added a Russian Sabbath school in the city of Tientsin, so we are now conducting Sabbath schools in North China in three languages.

The past two years have shown a gain in the Investment Fund work, as now nearly every Sabbath school reports some Investment Fund Offering. A great deal has also been done in the opening of home Sabbath schools, thus helping to encourage and strengthen the isolated members. Let it be our aim to make each Sabbath school a model Sabbath school, by personally supporting and promoting the five Sabbath school goals, to the end that each member may attain to:

Higher ground in study,
Higher ground in experience,
Higher ground in service.

SHANTUNG PROVINCIAL MISSION

W. J. HARRIS

(Synopsis of report of Shantung Provincial Mission, as rendered by Pastor W. J. Harris during the biennial meeting held in Peiping, May 14-23, 1931)

"This good news of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed throughout the whole world . . . and then the end will come." Matt. 24:14 (Weymouth). Through the providence of God this work of proclaiming the Good News is going on apace in the province of Shantung. We can scarcely keep up with its progress. In spite of determined opposition of the Evil One, God is searching out honest hearted seekers after truth and calls are coming faster than we are able to respond. As we at this time pause to review the Lord's dealings with us, we are led to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" We first desire to express our grateful appreciation for His presence with us and also for the splendid spirit of cooperation manifested by the workers in the Shantung field.

During the biennial period covered by this report the work, under the providence of God, has shown commendable progress; this too in spite of considerable war and disruption of normal conditions.

One of the most encouraging features of the work is the excellent spirit of consecration and cooperation on the part of the Shantung workers. The writer considers it a high privilege to be associated with this group of earnest soul-winners. Scattered though we are, for more than a year we have gathered in spirit through a special morning prayer hour for spiritual communion and mutual supplication. Consecrated, intelligent effort cannot help but produce fruitful results. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

In the last two years this group has brought the message to hundreds and thousands of non-believers. At the beginning of the period our membership stood at 241 and at the close 319, giving a net gain of 79.

God is blessing the efforts being put forth in our various departmental activities. The educational work while passing through somewhat of a formative period is nevertheless becoming well organized for constructive educational work. Our schools are evangelistic, as well as educational, and in nearly every baptismal class there are some from our primary schools.

The Sabbath School Department reports a gain in every line of its endeavor,— more schools, more members, more offerings.

The Missionary Volunteer Department reports ten societies— five Junior and five Senior. The leader of this department is endeavoring to make this work a real soul-winning agency.

The work being done by those engaged in the literature ministry is a source of great encouragement. Literally millions of pages of gospel-filled literature have been scattered throughout the length and breadth of this province. Every one of the 108 *hsiens* of Shantung Province have been entered by the faithful colporteur.

The Home Missionary leader is placing special emphasis upon the need for church members engaging in personal missionary work. The plan for work in connection with Present Truth has been undertaken by some of the societies, still in actuality we are scarcely touching the possibilities of this work with our finger tips. It is hoped that every company will become actively engaged in this "greater evangelism" movement, and that we shall be able to double our membership during the coming biennial period.

With the severe shortage of funds that come from abroad we need to teach, both by precept and example the Christian duty of sacrificing for

God's cause. Let us therefore consecrate ourselves anew to Him; let us go forward expecting great things from Him, and earnestly attempting great things for Him, and then by His blessing the results will be such that He can and will approve.

PUBLISHING DEPT. — NORTH CHINA UNION

GEO. J. APPEL

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor Geo. J. Appel, acting field secretary of the North China Union, during the biennial session held May 14-23, 1931.)

It is with gratitude to the Lord that we render this report of the Publishing Department for this biennial period. We praise God for sparing the lives of all those connected with this important soul-saving agency. While a number of our colporteurs have been behind prison bars and others have had to carry on their work amidst dangers on every hand, God has spared their lives and they rejoice in having had a part in disseminating the printed page. Of all the means we have employed in our field for the winning of souls, we can safely say that none has contributed more successfully than the literature that has been circulated. We could not carry on any of our other departments effectually without it.

During this period \$44,427.90 Mex. worth of our literature was sold, which is even more than the amount sold during 1925-1926 when the amount received from the sale of the "Signs Special" was nearly one-fourth of the entire sales of the period.

Speaking of the colporteur work in connection with the finishing of the work, the Spirit of prophecy says, "This is the very work the Lord desires His people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as colporteurs, are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the colporteurs, many would never hear the warning." In Shantung our colporteurs sold some of our literature to a man who had been a worker in another mission for many years. He became convinced of the truth and last year attended the annual meeting. At the close of the meeting he was baptized. Now three of his children are in our schools and he is giving his time to scattering the same kind of literature that brought the message to him. One such family won to this blessed message is worth more than all the silver

and gold in this world and encourages us to continue to place before the people the important truths for this time.

We have greatly missed our Union Field Secretary, Brother Adlai Esteb, who has been away on furlough for more than a year. He plans to be back with us again soon and through his efficient leadership we have high hopes for the future of the literature work in North China.

The present year bids well to be the best year in the history of our work. Encouraging reports are being received from the men now in the field taking subscriptions for the *Signs*.

With our entire field free from civil war which has greatly hindered our work in the past few years, we are planning to push forward into every *hsien* of the union until some of our literature shall have been placed in every village in North China. In all our plans we believe the Lord is mightily working, and we look forward with courage to the future. We solicit the prayers of all our people that God will richly bless those who are scattering the printed page, that the seeds sown may bear a rich harvest in the Kingdom of God.

Manchurian Union

MANCHURIAN UNION MISSION

B. PETERSEN

(Synopsis of report of Pastor B. Petersen, superintendent of the Manchurian Union Mission, at the opening of the biennial session, Changchun, May 22-30, 1931)

TWO years have swiftly passed since we last met in union session, and it is only through the grace of God that we are again permitted to assemble for such an occasion. It is thus fitting that we at the beginning of this meeting remember with gratitude Him whose blessings we have so bountifully enjoyed, and with the Psalmist we exclaim: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:2.

We rejoice that we are permitted to welcome several new workers. Pastor and Mrs. Blandford, who have spent a number of years in China, have recently connected with our force of workers. Brother and Sister Brodersen come to us from the North China Union, and Brother and Sister Smith are uniting with us

after having finished their first year's language study in Peiping. We extend to these new workers a hearty welcome, and trust that God will add His blessing to their efforts that they may see a large number of souls gathered out to meet the Lord when He appears.

The membership of the Manchurian Union at the close of 1930 stood at 842. During 1929-30, 204 were baptized and received into church fellowship. If we now add to this total the membership of the Gien Dao Mission, which, according to recent action taken by the General Conference, has become a part of the China Division, and thus a part of the Manchurian Union, there would be 102 members more, making a total membership of 945. By earnest efforts, we believe our membership can be brought up to 1,200 by the close of another year. Brother Popow writes from the Sungari Mission that already this year twenty have been baptized in Harbin, and before long others are planning to receive this rite. Liaoning reports twenty new believers meeting every Sabbath. They have bought their own place of worship. A worker from the capital of Heilungkiang also reports twenty who are meeting every Sabbath. We expect many of these will go forward in baptism in the near future, when the first baptismal service will be held in that place. From Hailwen in Heilungkiang, a letter signed by seven has just been received, pleading for a worker to be sent to instruct them. They have waited a long time. Other places might be mentioned, but the greatest hopes are expressed by the Gien Dao Mission, where the director states more than fifty are planning to unite with us this year. The way the Lord is preparing hearts should spur us on to greater efforts than ever before.

A gain has been noted in tithes and offerings for this biennial period, and five new Sabbath schools have been added.

During 1930 the literature sales were the best in any year in our history. The year 1929 was surpassed by a gain of 19%. This was undoubtedly due to the fact that great emphasis was placed on "Hope of the World," which had never been sold in our territory. The prospects for the publishing work, we believe, are very good. A larger force than ever before is ready to enter this important branch of work, and we trust the seed sown year by year will eventually produce a rich harvest.

We believe there is cause for encouragement in the Home Missionary Department. Brother Cossentine who was chosen to lead out in this important branch of the work has entered heartily into the spirit of the work, and a recent letter from him indicates that the reporting membership has now reached 50%. We trust that this good work may continue until all the members shall have united their efforts in swelling the message into the loud cry.

The educational work is making progress, though in some places we have been forced to close our schools. The Manchurian Training Institute is proving a blessing to the work. Many of the students are now in active work, and others are looking forward to having a part in the work before long.

A great work lies before us. We desire your prayers that we may have more spiritual power in our lives and may undertake greater things for the Lord.

THE KIRIN MISSION

NILS DAHLSTEN

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor Nils Dahlsten, director of the Kirin Mission, during the biennial session held in Changchun, Manchuria, May 22-30, 1931)

AS we review the biennial period just past, we are truly grateful to the Lord for His protecting care over the work, and for the gains that have been made. 1930 was our best year in soul-winning, thirty being baptized. Several more were ready, but because of adverse conditions throughout the province it was impossible to administer this rite.

The tithes and offerings have shown increases, as has the Sabbath school membership. The last is especially true of the Changchun Sabbath school, where the attendance is three times the church membership. The schools are overcrowded, some having to be turned away. A school for illiterate women and girls has been conducted in Changchun, and last year ten students from this school were baptized.

Our faithful colporteurs are endeavoring to spread the truth through the printed page, and we are glad to report our sales for this biennial period were the largest in the history of the mission.

We thank God for what has been accomplished in the past, and pray that He will help us to draw nearer to Him so that He may use us as He will to win souls for His kingdom.

THE SUNGARI MISSION

M. POPOW

(Synopsis of report of Sungari Mission, as rendered by Pastor Popow during the biennial meeting held in Harbin, Manchuria, May 29 to June 3, 1931)

IT is with gratitude to our heavenly Father that we can render this our biennial report, with a brief sketch of what has been accomplished since the organization of this Russian mission.

Ten years of effort have been accompanied with victories and blessings as well as hardships. The Lord has permitted this mission, at the beginning like a grain of mustard-seed, to grow into a vigorous young tree. We have 441 believers; and had all who were brought into our church, remained within our territory, we might have had as many as 800. Many have gone away to other countries, and we believe that the majority of such will remain faithful.

During the recent past we have suffered much from the destruction of cities and villages along the border on the West, when war threatened. Some of our people were cut off from all communication with us, for many weeks; some lost all their property. But the Lord gave them some lessons of trust in Him, and they have grown in faith and in love for the third angel's message. We have received during the past biennial period, tithes and offerings to the amount of \$36,038.28 "local currency," now worth about six to the dollar gold (in "Harbin notes"); book sales Mex. (Harbin notes) \$7,732.73.

During the past two years, as the result of many sacrifices on the part of our believers, another church building was put up in Harbin; this now stands as a monument for God. The two-year period saw 134 baptized. We rejoice in the privilege of service, and give ourselves anew to the task now devolving upon us as never before, of carrying the warning message quickly to all within our borders.

Y. P. M. V. — MANCHURIA —
1929-30

R. M. COSSENTINE

During the biennial period of 1929-30 our young people's societies in the Manchurian Union were increased from eight to thirteen. Our membership Jan. 1, 1931, was 235. We recognize our youth as "the hope of the Church," and know that when they are unitedly at work they may become a well-nigh irresistible force for good.

West China Union

WEST CHINA UNION BIENNIAL SESSION

H. W. MILLER

IN many respects the West China Union is not so favorably situated as are some of our unions; the dangers and difficulties incident to travel, the bandits and revolutions, seem greater obstacles to our work in this union, and because of these hindrances only four union biennial sessions have been held since the beginning of the work in this field in 1914. The biennial session held June 26 to July 5 was the best attended of any gathering ever assembled in the far West of China. With the exception of Pastor D. R. White, from Yunnan, who could not come on account of his children, all the foreigners were present. Including Chinese and foreigners, more than a hundred were present, half of whom were delegates.

This was my first privilege of visiting the West China Union, and it did my heart good to see the spirit which prevailed among the workers. Brother Scharffenberg, the other representative from the Division, and Brother Miller, the director of the Yunnan Mission, left Shanghai July 10 by boat, but because of pressing duties in Shanghai, it was impossible for me to get away before the 18th, which made it necessary to make the trip by air in order to reach Chungking in time for the meeting. The airplane up to that time went only as far as Ichang (a city on the Yangtze River four days by boat from Chungking), where I arrived one day ahead of the brethren who were coming by boat. The brethren joined me there, and we proceeded up the river together.

Seventeen years ago the first of our workers—Brethren F. A. Allen and M. C. Warren—entered this field. At that time the trip was made by houseboat, requiring twenty-six days from Ichang to Chungking. It was not an easy journey, as the current in these rapids travels at the rate of seventeen or eighteen miles an hour, and many boats are being wrecked continually when going through the Gorges. Brother Warren has remained in this field from the first, and the Lord has blessed the work he and his collaborators have done. Today we have a membership of nine hundred in this union, and it is still going at a phenomenal rate.

The West China Union Mission is one of the largest in size as well as population in the China Division. It is divided into six local missions, the one farthest to the west being the Tibetan Mission, while the one farthest to the south is the Yunnan Mission. Many of our workers were on the road from ten days to a month coming to this meeting. The methods of travel are by chair, wheelbarrow, and boat, but most of our workers walk. These people appreciated the meetings and were in their seats at the beginning of each meeting, listening attentively all through. One young man in attendance had been beaten until prostrate and his back raw and bleeding for selling our literature. In this condition he was carried twenty-six miles on a stretcher. However, after spending several months in the hospital, he went back into the colporteur work. He expressed his joy in having a part in this closing work.

Fifteen years ago Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Andrews entered the Tibetan Mission as our first missionaries to that province, making their headquarters at Tatsienlu. During the years these workers have distributed more than 80,000 tracts among the Tibetans. Recently Dr. Andrews translated into the Tibetan language a small book on the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventists and the health message. This should help materially in the winning of souls. Brother Bartholomew and wife gladly assented to their assignment to the Tibetan Mission, and Dr. Andrews, who had come out preparatory to leaving for furlough, has gone back with this family to get them started in the work in that mission, while his family have come on down the river to Shanghai, to await the arrival of the Doctor.

Pastors Ho Ai Deng, director of the West Kweichow Mission, and J. Effenberg, director of the East Szechwan Mission, both told us they could double their membership if they had more funds, but with the cut in the budget their great problem is how to find workers to keep pace with the growth and demand for the spreading of the gospel in new places. Could our brethren in the homeland see the results of the Spirit of God in West China and hear these testimonies and pleas for help, it would indeed stir their hearts to invest more money in souls in this heathen land.

A magistrate in the East Kweichow Mission is very friendly to our work, and wherever he has charge of a district invites the Seventh-day

Adventists to come and preach the message. New work has been opened in several places; as it seems this magistrate is moved quite frequently, but to the last place to which he has been assigned we have not been able to send a worker, though it is a great opportunity. What we need is trained workers! It was decided to secure property and start a junior academy where we may train workers, and Brother C. A. Woolsey was asked to take charge. This takes away our union field man, and thousands of dollars of our literature could be sold if we had a field man to push forward in the book sales.

Never have we been confronted with needs as we were at the West China meeting. With the Lord going before us in such a mighty way, we must believe that He will send us the workers and provide the funds, for we are in the time when God is stretching forth His hand for the salvation of many.

One hundred believers were added to the church during the first twelve years of the operation of the West China Union, whereas during 1929 and 1930 three hundred and ninety-four members were added. The increase in membership for the first six months of this year is one hundred and forty-eight, and the goal set for the end of 1932 is seven hundred and fifty souls, which means they will double their membership in two years.

Five of the brethren were ordained at this meeting, all being devout and consecrated men, one having been in prison for eighteen months for his faith. We believe that the spirit of earnestness that characterizes these workers is the hope under the blessing of God of this work being finished in China, and when it is finished in China, it will have been finished throughout the world.

WEST SZECHWAN MISSION

A. E. HUGHES

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor A. E. Hughes, director of the West Szechwan Mission, during the biennial session held in Chungking June 26 to July 5.)

THE West Szechwan Mission comprises, geographically, the very center of the province of Szechwan, the eastern part forming the East Szechwan Mission and the western part the Tibetan Mission. This vast district with a population of approximately 30,000,000 has one advantage for our work, in that

practically all the people understand Mandarin, even where it is not the spoken language of the people. This mission is now divided into eight districts, in five of which we have workers.

The membership of our mission stands at ninety-six, sixty-one of whom came into the church during 1929-30. Our advance has been gradual, but steady; our difficulties have been manifold, but God has caused us to triumph in them all.

Many of our converts have to meet experiences not unlike those of our believers in other countries. A young school teacher with excellent training and a good position in another mission, accepted the truth. Though she could keep the Sabbath and had everything for which she asked, she felt that she ought to give her talents to the finishing of this work. She was principal of the school and had one hundred and seventy students and several teachers under her control. There she had large brick buildings and almost every convenience. She gave up all this, married one of our mission workers, and together they have been teaching in our little school, where there are no adequate buildings or equipment, and where there is an enrollment of only twenty-two. This takes sacrifice and consecration.

A young man who had studied to be a dentist may be cited as an example of faithfulness. After years of training, and with every inducement from other missions to continue with them in his chosen profession, he cast in his lot with the commandment-keepers and later began teaching in our church school, where he did splendid work. Two years ago he was chosen as both tract society secretary and secretary-treasurer of the mission. He did acceptable work in the tract society, but did not take over the mission books because he felt he was not qualified for that work. He went to Chiao Tou Djen for a year's training in commercial work, that he might take over the treasurer's duties. While he was away he lost one of his children by death, which was very hard on him, yet he remained true to his purpose and is now planning to go to Chengtu to take up this work as soon as this meeting is over.

Our great need is trained workers. There are openings on every hand. We find many people who have already turned from their idols, and are now calling for help from our workers. They are reaching out after God. The Spirit of God is moving on the hearts of men. We

have calls from a large number of places; in one place there are several nurses in a hospital who have again and again requested that a worker be sent to study the truth with them. Thus far we have not been able to spare a worker for this. Time and again we have been unable to answer calls because of lack of workers. Some of these calls are hushed, and we fear we are too late. We have never seen such opportunities as exist today. The time has come for a great work to be done. We pray that the Lord will send forth workers into His harvest.

EAST KWEICHOW MISSION

A. B. BUZZELL

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor A. B. Buzzell, director of the East Kweichow Mission, at the biennial session held at Chungking, June 26 to July 5.)

We have had many causes for praising the Lord since we met here in Chungking two years ago. A wonderful work is opening up before us in Kweichow, which means a great harvest of souls in the near future. There are openings in many places if only we had the workers.

We have four mission stations; four Sabbath schools, and one Y. P. M. V. society. We have tried to place good, strong workers at the head of each outstation, and the two years have brought substantial gains in every line of endeavor. We thank God and take courage; we know that this is His work, and He will bring the increase.

It was with difficulty we found a place in which to live when we first entered Kweiyang, but as soon as we had a room for the Smiths and one for ourselves fitted up, we started spreading this message. We divided the city of Kweiyang into several sections, two workers to a section. We left a tract in every home in the city, and gave a personal invitation to come to our chapel and attend our Bible school. As a result of this effort, ten were baptized. One of the ladies who was in that class is now one of our Bible workers. Several others are connected with the work in some capacity.

In the spring of 1930, we made our first effort to start work among the tribes' people. One of our workers went to Anping to find a place in which to open our work. It was not long before they found a place where the people seemed anxious to learn of the truth, and one man opened his home as a place in which we could hold our meetings. Soon we had a Bible class organized, and in a few months had our first fruits from the Miao. The work in

this place has grown very rapidly, the membership being about thirty.

At the time the work was started in Anping, our worker made a trip to the Anshun District. Here he found hundreds of people that at one time were members of another mission, but had been left without a shepherd. They are asking that we send a worker to them. When this worker was on his way home, he met a lady to whom he handed a tract, which he always does. He told her that we were living near the end and that Jesus is coming soon. She begged him to come to her village and tell her people the same story. He told her he would be back in a few days to talk to her people. Upon returning to her village, she told the people what this worker had told her and had some one read the tract to her. She said the man wore glasses and that when he came they must hear what he had to say. When he returned to the village, the first man he met asked if he were Mr. Lee, and said they were waiting for him. That night they had a meeting with a full house; Bible classes were started, and in a few months a goodly number were ready for baptism. The work among these people goes very fast because each one tells his friends and relatives, and so it spreads from village to village.

I just received a letter from the worker in that section, and he tells of how one landlord had forbidden his renters to keep the Sabbath or attend our meeting at all. Our worker gave him a tract and a *Signs* magazine to read. When he had read the papers his attitude changed, and the next Sabbath he told his renters to attend the meeting. They thought it strange, and asked about the change. He said: "I know now that this is the true gospel."

We as workers in the East Kweichow Mission know that God started the work in this mission, and that He will finish it very soon. May we all be faithful until that time, is my prayer.

EAST SZECHWAN MISSION

J. EFFENBERG

Read Psalms 23 and you will have the report of the East Szechwan Mission for the biennial period, covering the years 1929-1930.

The Lord has been our Shepherd, and under His blessing at least a small gain has been witnessed in every line of our work.

We ask that you remember in your prayers the work in this field.

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WEEK OF SACRIFICE

We shall soon be facing another Week of Sacrifice, another opportunity of giving a large gift as a special offering to meet a world's need. October 4-10 is the time when every worker and believer will have the privilege of giving the week's income. This, no doubt, will mean definite sacrifice to many of our workers and people. Think of what it will mean to the world field for our people to face toward this earnest appeal with careful, definite planning, practising strict economy in order that we may realize our hope of making this the greatest Week of Sacrifice offering since the plan was launched seven years ago.

Our people do count it a privilege, a joy, to sacrifice for the cause which they love so dearly. This message, swinging forward in all the earth, is built on sacrifice. And the blessing of Heaven is upon those who do sacrifice.

To those who have not yet received these blessings, we would suggest and urge, Join us in setting apart this year a week's wage in behalf of missions.

Because of the lessening stream of mission offerings, due to almost universal business depression and unemployment, we quote the following, taken from an action of the 1930 Autumn Council;

"We earnestly appeal to the believers throughout the world to demonstrate by the spirit of heroic sacrifice, their love and loyalty to the work and service to God in this hour of crisis."

BOBBY MORRIS

About the 25th of June, Robert Morris, son of Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Morris, complained of a headache and backache, which proved to be a severe case of infantile paralysis, causing complete paralysis from the waist down. At present he is receiving treatment at the sanitarium. Many prayers have ascended in his behalf, and we trust the Lord will see fit to restore him to his normal health again.

"INCREASED SELF-SUPPORT"

Special study is being given the problem - and the possibility - of increased self-support in all our missions and institutions. The Lord's blessing has been attending the efforts of mission directors and institutional managers, and our workers generally, in their daily endeavor to increase income and to reduce expenditure. The ratio of increase of income as related to expenditure, is an encouraging evidence of real progress being made in several sections of the China field. If we pay particular attention to increases in tithes and in mission offerings on a sacrificial basis, we shall reap substantial returns that will bring us the most desirable boon of increased self-support.

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ARRIVALS

Pastor and Mrs. P. V. Thomas, of the South China Union, returning from furlough, passed through Shanghai June 30, enroute to Nanning, Kwangsi.

Mrs. R. M. Milne was called home over a year ago because of illness in her family. We were glad to welcome her on her return as she passed through Shanghai enroute to Hongkong on the "Empress of Japan," July 7.

On the "Empress of Japan" arriving July 7 was William Patterson, grandson of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalbey. He will make his home for sometime with his grandparents, here in Shanghai.

FROM YUNNANFU

In a letter received from Pastor Dallas R. White dated July 3, he gives the following report of the work in the Yunnan Mission: "Last Sunday saw the going down into a watery grave of six out of heathenism. One of these was followed in baptism by her convert. Two others - the Miao translator mentioned in the obituary (May REPORTER), and a Mr. Lang, from Likiang - were already Christians bringing the total up to eight candidates; our largest number baptized at any one time. These will be given the right hand of fellowship at an ordinance and welcome meeting tomorrow. So the work goes on in spite of the heart-rending experiences we have been called upon to pass through.

"Since closing the large Bible class and baptizing those who are ready, I have been carrying on a class in special Bible Readings for those who would like to go out and spread the message. Four of those newly baptized are also attending this class. There is a family of four who close shop each Sabbath and attend services regularly and have requested baptism. They attend the Bible class part of the time. When they have been apprised of a few more items of doctrine, these, too, will be given the rite.

"I have just safely nursed my older daughter - Ardyth - through scarlet fever. Today, Jean acts a little as though she were coming down."

DEPARTURES

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Griggs will be glad to know that the Doctor has recovered sufficiently to permit of their leaving for the States the 11th of July on the "Tatsuta Maru." The Doctor was up and around for about a week before their departure, and seemed to be doing very nicely. They will be located in Loma Linda for a time, as it will be necessary for the Doctor to undergo further surgery after he has had opportunity to recuperate more fully.

Professor R. M. Cossentine, of Manchuria, will sail from Japan on the "Tatsuta Maru," July 16, on furlough. His son Allan, who has been attending the Far Eastern Academy, left Shanghai the 11th of July, and will join his father in Japan, from which port they will travel together to the States. Mrs. Cossentine and two younger children left for the States over a year ago, due to health conditions.

July 21, per s. s. "Empress of Japan," Pastor A. E. Hughes and family left for the States, on furlough.

Professor and Mrs. Frederick Griggs who have been here in Shanghai for some time, due to the illness of their son, Dr. Griggs, have returned to Manila. It was a pleasure to have these friends with us again.

"DEH GIU RU MEN" IN TIBETAN

Writing from Tatsienlu on February 9, Dr. J. N. Andrews reported the completion of a translation, with adaptations, of "Deh Giu Ru Men" into Tibetan, and of the printing of this entire work on Bible Doctrines. A copy has recently come through to our Shanghai desk. The printing and binding were done in our own Tibetan Press at Tatsienlu. The preparation of this small volume was attended by many difficulties, not the least of which was a lack of a considerable portion of the Old Testament Scriptures in Tibetan. The Doctor had to translate essential passages in order to make the volume complete.

The Tatsienlu station is one of the most attractive, in some respects, of all our stations in the China field. As the Doctor points out, there they have a "healthful climate, plenty of food, peace and quiet, no robbers or wars or devastation." A physician has been placed under appointment to enter Tatsienlu while Dr. Andrews and family are on furlough. Tatsienlu has been assigned also a family for evangelistic service; and this family was about to sail, when sickness led to the cancellation of the sailing. Those who have long borne on their hearts a burden for the Tibetan Mission, are praying that two families may soon find their way to this somewhat isolated yet beautiful and inviting station, where the headquarters of our Tibetan work have been established for upwards of ten years.

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FROM WAICHOW

Brother J. P. Anderson, director of the Hakka Mission, writes under date of April 28, from Waichow, that they have just held their annual provincial committee meeting. Brother Anderson states: It was about the bitterest I have attended in twenty-five years. We were obliged to cut from our regular work some evangelists and Bible women, and to order a few chapels closed, and to drop some teachers, thus gaining a total of \$1,804 Mexican, which is within \$176 of the cut of our budget for the current year." Brother Anderson continues: "I will visit the churches on foot this year, as we have decided to sell the mission mule, and thus save a little additional of expense."

The brethren of the Hakka Mission plan on doubling their tithe the present year and on gaining in other ways, thus maintaining as much as possible of their regular work.

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FROM BROTHER WOOLSEY

Writing from the Upper Yangtze, near Ichang, Brother C. A. Woolsey, of the West China Union, reports a pleasant trip and comparatively safe conditions enroute. In Hankow Pastor M. C. Warren joined the party, which included Brother and Sister Bartholomew, recruits for West China; and Brother Dzen Fu Yun, of the West Szechuan Mission.

Later: Brother Woolsey when nearing Chungking writes as follows: "We are all well and feel thankful to God for His protection and care over us during this trip. We have had no untoward incident since we left Shanghai - not a single shot fired at us all the way, which is not at all usual. We have seen many human bodies floating down river, showing that all is not peaceful, however; hence we can be doubly thankful to our Heavenly Father for His providences."

BIRTH

Born, July 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bailey of the Shanghai Sanitarium, Shanghai, a daughter, Cleo Mae.