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## BETTER UNDERSTANDINGS

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**T**O SUCCEED as a foreign missionary, aside from a proper qualification for mission work, which has usually been ascertained by the examining board in the homeland, two important considerations are essential in the mission field. One is to learn the language of the people for whom the missionary is going to work, and the other is to learn the thought of the people. We know that both these undergo changes, and such changes have been more marked the past few years. However, there is a wide difference in the manner in which the people of the Orient view, attack, and solve their problems and that of those who come from western lands.

Barring the habit in the Orient of making unreal excuses, which is unworthy of imitating, we generally find the Oriental method of handling the problems of the Orient worthy of consideration. The tendency of the Westerner, particularly when thrown into an environment of ultra conservatism, is to be impetuous and impatient, which is very destructive to the objective we have,—that of the development of Christian character and the exemplification of Christian ideals.

The Lord in speaking to Moses of the attributes of His character refers to Himself as abundant in mercy and goodness and longsuffering. The Lord has but one standard for His children the world over, and those standards are uncompromising and unyielding; but the higher the standard the greater do we need to exercise patience with those whom we are endeavoring to help to the Kingdom.

The China church is growing. We are encouraged with its progress. It will be greatly benefited by the leadership and fostering care of those who have long been in the message, and have had their training in the schools in the homeland to prepare them for workers. Our greatest contribution will be to encourage the working force of the Orient to attempt great things for God, to continually advance their goals, and for each worker to measure out for himself a larger task than he has hitherto been accustomed to. Where there are multitudes of people it is very easy for each individual to circumscribe himself to a few responsibilities and to feel content with small production. We are often appalled at the number of people enlisted for what is often such small accomplishment.

Surely the mingling of these eminent qualifications, the patience of the Orient and the aggressiveness of the Occident, will give us in the church in China a successful leadership, and will enable us to hold what we gain and to go on increasing at a rapid rate.

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### The China Division 1936 Missionary Volunteer Project

D. E. REBOK

AT the constituency meeting in Chiaotoutseng this year Brother Longway gave a very impressive map study on what his eyes have seen of our work entering the various provinces in China over a period of some twelve years. One by one the pieces of black paper were moved from province after province, until all that remained was the black spot covering Tibet proper.

His strong appeal stirred the young people of the China Training Institute. They arose to the occasion and started a movement to send these Tibetan students now at Chiaotoutseng, together with an older, tried colporteur, on a colporteur expedition to Lhasa. They were very enthusiastic and started at once to raise a fund for the purpose.

Naturally, Brother Oss was more than interested in having colporteurs pioneer Tibet as they had the Northwest. He brought it to the Division committee, and it was voted to ask the Missionary Volunteers in all China to rally to this advance move and raise \$500 during 1936 for this project, and to ask that \$500 be granted from West China Border Province funds, making \$1000 for outfitting these two colporteurs, helping them on the travel over those great mountain passes, and assisting their families a little while these men pioneer.

I am sure you will begin at once to see that a special offering is taken up at each Missionary Volunteer society meeting, at the Youth's Congresses, and at annual meetings for this great undertaking. Our young people are "on fire" for our Border Provinces, and surely the Missionary Volunteers should be in the lead on the front lines of our battle against sin and darkness in this division of the world field.

The offering should pass through the regular channels from the local church missions, the unions, and the Division office, where the fund will be held and disbursed by a special committee set up for the purpose.

We are counting on you to see that your Union stands at the head of the list in supporting this great unentered section of the China Division.

Missionary Volunteers never fail in a time of need.

Let us get this under way at once. "On to Lhasa" is our slogan!

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### Tithes and Offerings

O. B. KUHN

SOME workers constantly encourage the believers to be faithful in the duty and grace of giving, but other workers fail to exhort them to return to the Lord the sacred tithe and to be liberal in offerings to further the work of God. Why are some workers so reluctant to teach the people to be honest with the Lord and to liberally support His work? Do they not understand the relationship that exists between spiritual and temporal happiness and faithfulness in the payment of tithes and offerings? Do they think that the people are too poor to tithe their income? Let it be remembered and believed that God promises a temporal as well as a spiritual blessing upon faithful tithe-payers, whether they be rich or poor. Some workers have not reported a dollar tithe from church members and inquirers for a whole year, and others have reported but a few dollars. When the people do not pay tithe they rob the Lord, and when a worker does not teach the people to pay tithe he deprives them of the promised blessings of God. Let every worker realize that it is part of his sacred duty to secure tithes and offerings for the work of soul-winning, and let him constantly keep before the people the blessedness of honest tithe-paying and liberality in offerings.

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### China Training Institute Colporteur Band

JOHN OSS

In company with Brethren Chang Ching Yuan, Hwa Hsiang Kiang, and Hsu Yuan Ching, of the East China Union publishing department, and Brother Liu Fu An, publishing department secretary of the Northwest China Union, it was the privilege of the writer to visit the China Training Institute on February 3 and 4 to assist in the organization of the colporteur band.

After a chapel talk in which the soul-winning aspects of the literature work was stressed, a call was made to join the band. Ninety earnest students volunteered and pledged themselves to make thorough preparation to enter the work for the summer.

A band leader, an assistant, and secretaries were chosen from the band members to lead out in this work. Pastor Meng

Chung-ih was chosen as faculty adviser to assist in carrying on a strong band work.

It was a real inspiration to meet this enthusiastic group of young people who are definitely planning to work with the printed page during the vacation period.

After the band organization, we met with the band leaders and studied with them plans for carrying on the work. Copies of the booklet, "Colporteur Bands in Our Schools," which has been prepared by the Division publishing department, were left with them to be used as a guide in conducting the band work.

As we left the institute for Nanking to attend the East China Union colporteur institute, all felt that we had had a profitable time, and that there will be great fruitage not only in literature sales but in souls won as a result of the work of the students of the China Training Institute during the summer of 1936.

Nanking, China,

February 5, 1936.

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### Persistency

IN these days of increasing difficulties facing every worker, particularly in areas where "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few," it is heartening to read that which has enabled others under like adverse circumstances to advance. The following lines were originally penned by a well known worker in our cause in earlier years in America, who at the zenith of his success, after a quarter of a century of most earnest effort, accompanied the while by the abundant blessing of the Lord, opened his heart to Sister Ellen G. White in a letter addressed her on November 4, 1892, as follows:

"Your letters always come like an inspiration to me, and give me hope and courage when I am sometimes so nearly crushed by cares and anxieties and perplexities, and so completely worn out with work and loss of sleep, that I feel almost as if life were not worth living, and everything looks so dark and discouraging that I am almost in despair. Yet I never give up, even though I am ever so despairing. My childhood training, which I thought was very grievous at the time, but now appreciate as one of the greatest blessings possible, wrought in me the idea of persistency so thoroughly that I find it impossible to give up a thing I undertake, no matter how discouraging the circumstances may be, or how great the obstacle in the way. A thing which impresses me as needing to be done and demanding my attention, haunts me like a spectre until I get it done. I cannot shake it off. It follows me night and day. And so I can do nothing but work on, even though my task sometimes seems a hopeless one; and my constant experience is that difficulties that seem insurmountable in the distance, disappear or dwindle to nothingness when the time comes that they must be actually met and dealt with."

## Lessons in Gospel Finance

### From the China Division Treasury

DURING the recent Winter Council of the China Division Executive Committee, a presentation of Division Treasury items covering the past six years, was made one evening by Pastor C. C. Morris, Treasurer. This study, while given as a rapid survey, left upon the minds of the hearers a clear and vivid comprehension of the financial aspects of our growing work,—the receipts of tithes year by year, the Ingathering returns, the Big Week, the Christmas Offerings, the Week of Sacrifice, the *per capita* for missions; also the lessening budget funds, and the amounts allocated the various union and institutional organizations. Not the least illuminating was the presentation, in chart form, of the relationship sustained by various unions as between budget receipts and net returns in gains in church membership.

The entire presentation was illustrated by carefully prepared charts and graphs, giving perhaps the clearest view of Division Treasury matters that has ever been seen by us at an annual council. Some of the returns in offerings were encouraging; others were lower than in former years, the trend being downward. But this is not always an indication of lessened faithfulness, as pointed out by Brother Morris. One of the main features of his report was the enunciation of the general principle that our constant aim must be to make sure of *faithfulness* in tithes and offerings, whatever the trend as regards the totals. "A downward trend does not necessarily indicate non-faithfulness," he stressed, "but rather that the conditions shaping during these closing days of earth's history are such as to make very difficult the maintenance of former averages. *On the other hand, a lessening of returns may indicate lessened interest and fidelity*; and it is our constant responsibility to make sure that the church members are *faithful* in the payment of their tithes, and that they be *taught to abound* in the *grace of liberality*."

"It is not for the best good of the church to permit of any downward trend that comes as a result of a lessening of our endeavors to encourage and stimulate in every proper way the bringing in of the tithes and the giving of substantial offerings."

One of the immediate fruitages of Brother Morris's presentation, was the drafting and adoption by unanimous vote of fresh resolutions on tithes and offerings, and comprehensive plans for promoting the various plans so successful in times past in connection with efforts to increase totals. Harvest Ingathering goals and projects were given attention. Considerable study was made of the Week of Sacrifice plan, and of methods whereby this may be brought to the front as a very vital part of our effort this present year to raise the average of our missions offerings. The Big Week plan, also, received enthusiastic and substantial backing, through the fixing of goals, and the actual placement of orders with the Press for stocks.

A general recommendation was passed, "That we undertake to increase our missions offerings over 1935 by fifteen per cent., in harmony with the General Conference recommendation."

On the promotion and increasing of tithes throughout the China Division, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered spread upon our Minutes as our working basis during the current year:

*Whereas*, A great deal of instruction has been given us regarding the giving of an honest tithe by all, in signal blessing to the givers; and,—

*Whereas*, A faithful tithe-payer is faithful in other matters; and knowing that if all should pay an honest tithe, there would be no lack for funds to carry on our work; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we endeavor to greatly increase the tithe receipts in the following ways:

(a) By continuing the reading of the selection on tithing prepared by the Division, in all of our churches and chapels each Sabbath before the offering is taken at the preaching service.

(b) By bringing new believers the blessings that will be theirs in tithing their possessions and placing the tithe in the treasury of the Lord.

(c) By preaching at least one sermon to make the line tighter each quarter on some phase of the tithing question; and that frequent reference be made by our workers in their sermons and Bible studies to this important obligation as well as to the many blessings which accrue from its faithful observance.

(d) By encouraging all learners as soon as they understand the tithing-principle, and before baptism, to sign the tithe covenant card, thus entering definitely into a covenant with God to be faithful in bringing all the tithes into the storehouse.

(e) By frequent mention of specific instances in which marked blessings have been received as a result of faithfulness in returning to God all the tithes.

(f) By asking our unions and missions to keep before our membership the importance of faithfulness in tithes and offerings, by distributing tithe leaflets, by writing brief articles and letters to churches and isolated members—pointing out the importance of fidelity in this matter.

(g) By using charts and posters in our chapels in order to promote and encourage the paying of tithes. We suggest, however, that the amount of tithe given by individuals not appear on the chart.

(h) That a comparative statement of tithes and offerings received from the local churches be prepared by each local treasurer, and that a copy be sent to each local church and company; the same to be posted in the chapels.

(i) By employing only those who regularly and faithfully practice tithing as workers in our conferences, institutions, and other organizations; and that our churches elect only faithful tithe-payers to hold office in our churches and Sabbath schools, thus upholding the high standard of leadership in our work.

(j) By asking the Division secretary to prepare a small booklet of stories giving instances of special blessings received by Chinese believers who have been faithful to God in their tithe.

(k) By singing the song, "Bring Ye All the Tithe," in our churches and chapels at the time the tithe is taken up week by week.

## The Kiangsu Mission Annual Report for 1935

O. B. KUHN

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor O. B. Kuhn, director of the Kiangsu Provincial Mission, at the beginning of the annual meeting held at the Range Road Central S.D.A. Church, Shanghai, February 17-21, 1936. It will be remembered that the Kiangsu Provincial Mission embraces the territory of only a part of the Province of Kiangsu lying south of the Yangtze, together with seven "hsiens" of northeastern Chekiang Province.)

ASSEMBLED again in annual meeting, it is well that we seriously consider the sacred objects and purposes of our gathering together at this time, and to sense anew the most solemn obligations that rest upon us as workers and believers of the churches of the Kiangsu Mission.

### MIGHTY SOUL-WINNING OPPORTUNITIES

Never before in history, not even in the days of our Lord and His disciples, has there been offered the church of Jesus Christ such mighty opportunities for preaching the gospel as is offered in mission work in China to-day! But we must confess that we have not grasped these wonderful possibilities as might have been done had we had more faith, greater earnestness, more love for God and man, and more urgent desire to save perishing men, women, and children.

### THE WORK OF SOUL-SAVING

Is it possible that at times some of us seem to forget that the great and ultimate object of all our work is the winning of men to Jesus Christ that they may be eternally saved in the kingdom of God? Is it thinkable that we ourselves sometimes do not fully believe that men are lost or saved according as they relate themselves to the Son of God and His high-priestly ministry in behalf of repentant sinners? Why are we so indifferent to the spiritual needs of the perishing multitudes all about us? Why are we so half-hearted in the work of the Lord? Why so slow to give the gospel message to the people who are in darkness, ignorance, and superstition? Can it be that we sorely lack human sympathy and are devoid of divine compassion? "Freely ye have received, freely give," is the instruction of our Lord and Master.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? Even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things." Romans 10:13-15.

### BAPTISMS

One hundred six persons were baptized in the Kiangsu Mission during 1935; but with a membership of more than 800, and with a paid working force of 40, it cannot be possible that any of us are satisfied with so few souls won to our blessed Lord. Let us determine that, with the help of God, a much larger number shall be saved during 1936.

### LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

Literature sales for 1935 were as follows: *Signs Magazine*, \$9,169.90; church periodicals, \$532.76; subscription books, \$5,615.57; trade, \$1,865.09; miscellaneous, \$2,277.68; making a total of \$19,461.00. The colporteurs entered every *hsien* in our territory.

All among us who can read should subscribe to our church periodicals, especially *The Shepherd* and wherever possible, to the club known as the "Big Four," which consists of the *Signs of the Times Magazine*, *The Shepherd*, the *Gazette*, and the *Sabbath School Helper*. The price of these papers is made especially low so that all may receive the great benefit which they bring.

To every believer has been given a work to do in helping to spread the knowledge of the truth. None are to think that the work of preaching the gospel and of distributing literature is to be done only by the evangelists and colporteurs. Every church member and inquirer should tell others of the blessings of salvation, and of the peace, joy, and hope to be found only in Jesus Christ. Our church now has a large variety of inexpensive tracts, papers, and books that are filled with helpful instruction designed to be a great blessing to the people, both spiritually and physically. Multitudes are without this essential knowledge of how to live in this present life and how to obtain the life which is everlasting, and they desperately need the light of truth contained in our publications. Let us all gladly do what we can to circulate extensively our literature.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS

The possibility of greatly multiplying soul-saving agencies is seen in the establishment of branch Sabbath schools. Some of our church members and inquirers have started branch Sabbath schools which meet on Sabbath afternoons, and because of this work they themselves are being blessed, and they are also bringing joy and hope and salvation to many others.

There are 29 Sabbath schools and 12 branches. Membership and offerings are given in the statistical report.

### EDUCATION

Four church schools are being conducted. Seventy-two students are in training at Chiaotoutseng, but as the Institute there can care for our lower grade students but two or three years longer, we should now prepare to restore the Kiangsu Mission middle training institute. A committee should be appointed to find a suitable location for this, and actually carry out approved plans for its re-establishment.

### HARVEST INGATHERING

For the conduct of the regular work of the Kiangsu Mission, in addition to tithes raised locally and appropriations from the General Conference, there will be required this year (1936) \$7,200 of Harvest Ingathering funds. The soliciting work is so planned that church members and inquirers as well as workers may have a part in this good work. In previous years not many believers, outside of our Shanghai churches, have actively engaged in securing Harvest Ingathering offerings, but we trust that this year many church members and inquirers will solicit gifts from their relatives, friends,

and neighbors. It is also expected that every worker will reach the goal set for him and his company of believers.

### HEALTH OF WORKERS AND BELIEVERS

With more regard for the physical laws that govern our being, and with more thought concerning diet and other physical habits, many might enjoy a good degree of health and vigor who now are more or less ill and weak much of the time.

We have much helpful literature on the subject of health and sanitation, and our people greatly need this instruction, but there are but comparatively few purchases of this excellent health literature.

Many still insist on eating highly polished white rice, which lacks so many essential elements of nutrition. The unpolished rice is so much better adapted to nourish the human body. Some say that the unpolished rice requires more fuel to cook it, but if it be soaked over night it may be cooked as easily as the polished rice. A freer use of the soy-bean products would also greatly increase the physical vigor of all.

### IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion, may I express anxiety concerning our present church membership, which now numbers nearly 900. Are we ready for the closing scenes of the time of trouble which we have already entered? Are we prepared to meet our Lord in peace without fear and trembling? Let us never cease to proclaim Christ, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ. Col. 1:27-29; 2 Tim. 4:1-5.

Finally, we thank and praise God for the riches of His grace, love, and mercy toward us all, and we gladly re-dedicate ourselves to Him, as we go forward in His strength, renewed in faith, hope, and courage to finish the work committed to us.

## Increasing Our Colporteur Force

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field is fully manned with self-supporting literature workers.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That this be accomplished by—

(a) Increasing the sale of books among our church members and encouraging them to read the same, thus carrying out the following instruction in the Spirit of prophecy:

"Many more of our larger books might have been sold if church-members had been awake to the importance of the truths these books contain, and had realized their responsibility to circulate them."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 36.

(b) Strongly promoting our literature work in our educational institutions and encouraging student colportage, thus developing a strong group of literature workers.

We trust that our whole constituency will endeavor to follow out this recommendation and do all in their power to enlarge our force of colporteurs.

And above all else "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Nanking, China,  
February 5, 1936.

## The Shantung Mission

R. M. COSSENTINE

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor R. M. Cossentine, director of the Shantung Provincial Mission of S.D.A., on the occasion of the opening session of the annual conference held at Tsinanfu, February 15-22, 1936. This report covers activities during the year 1935, and also includes the year 1934, inasmuch as no annual provincial meeting was held in Shantung last year.)

Two years ago the delegates to the annual session met in this room and laid plans for the future. To-day we meet to learn how those plans have worked, and to make further plans. It is my pleasure to-day to welcome delegates from all our stations.

We thank the Lord for His good hand over the work and workers these two years. No worker has been removed by death; none have been compelled to retire because of ill health. There were great floods in 1935, but none of our members lost their lives or their buildings. Political conditions have been quiet and communications good. Our evangelists and colporteurs have been able to go about freely.

It is our privilege to welcome into fellowship at this time one new church—Weih-sien. While a young organization, already this group of believers are active in evangelism, as laymen. They have definite plans for providing themselves with a permanent church home.

We are happy to welcome Sister Andrus to Shantung. Already she has given much help, and we know that she will continue to do a large work for the women.

The Lord has given all our workers the spirit of pioneering, and all have entered new territory during each of the two years under review. Many have taken advantage of the Big Week campaign to enter new territory. Especially in 1935 did Pastor Chang in the southwest, Pastor Shen in Chingchow and Brother Yang in Chimi-hsien use this campaign as an "entering wedge." Pastor Chang worked in four new *hsiens*, and two believers have been baptized from that district. In Chingchow seven were baptized. In Chimi Brother Yang visited sixty villages, and found a man who by his own study of the Bible had been keeping the Sabbath for some time. This man and his brother attended our regional meeting at Tsingtao.

Early in 1935, because of lessened budget funds, we were compelled to retrench our work just at a time when we would have liked to expand it. At the end of 1935 we had seven evangelists, one Bible woman, three mission teachers, two departmental secretaries and one Bible House assistant,—the union provides for our director, our treasurer, and Miss Andrus.

But while we have been under the necessity of retrenching in some directions, the Lord has been raising up for us self-supporting workers and providing meeting places without cost to us. At Kwanch'eng, in the west, Brother Chang Tsung Chia has dedicated a building to the Lord for a chapel, and conducts Sabbath school and preaching services there without any expense to the mission. At Fangling in

Chu-fu-hsien Brother Chia Yu also conducts a Sabbath school in his own private school room and leads the other members in worship. At Tsining is a small meeting room privately provided where Sabbath school and worship are held. At Chingchow the believers have provided a meeting place for themselves.

During 1934 there were 114 baptisms; during 1935, 60. The membership at the end of 1935 was 627, a gain of 69 for the two years.

The tithe for 1934 was \$1,939.63 Mex., and for 1935 \$1,427.77, a total for the two years of \$3,367.40. We note with concern the falling off in 1935 of \$511.86 as compared with 1934. Drought, flood, and financial depression all coming together in 1935 may have accounted for some of this loss; but the tithe from the church where there was the greatest flood in 1935 was almost double what it was in 1934, a good year. In one of our churches a certain widow who it was plain to see did not harvest enough grain from her partly submerged two *mou* of land for her own food, paid a larger tithe than anyone else. I believe God looks upon her tithe as upon the widow's mite when Christ was on the earth; for "she gave of her living."

There were 26 schools reporting at the end of 1935. Three vacation Bible schools were operated during the summer of 1935. The offerings for 1934 were \$784.65 and for 1935 \$690.13, a total of \$1,474.78 for the biennium.

During 1935 Bible Readers' Training Classes were organized in each station, and 104 certificates were issued. For three consecutive years the Harvest Ingathering returns have been on the gain. In this work many have shown commendable zeal.

During 1934 our colporteurs entered 104 counties of our mission, and during 1935 they worked in 106 counties,—94.5% occupation for 1934 and 96.3% for 1935. The total sales for 1934 were \$14,063.32; and for 1935, \$11,408.40. On account of the floods several counties were not entered with the *Signs* during 1935. A new development in the colporteur work in 1935 was the use of bicycles, and the more extensive working of the villages as a result.

Because of budget shortages we have been compelled to withdraw support from

nearly all our church schools. This has resulted in the employment of teachers not up in their qualifications. We trust that ere long a way will be found to provide funds so that our own trained teachers may be employed to train our children.

During the school year 1934-35 our Training Institute in Tsinan had a good year and nine students were baptized; but because of losses in the industry and our reduced budget the union advised us to suspend operation until the autumn of 1937, when we are assured provision will be made for reopening in a strong way. Meanwhile our quota of labor students at Fengtai has been increased to accommodate more of our students there.

During the present school year we have five church schools in operation with 68 pupils. We have 19 students at Fengtai and 11 at Chiaotoutseng. We have four students taking nurses' training at Shanghai.

Because of not having our own trained teachers in our church schools, it is difficult to promote the various phases of our Missionary Volunteer program. According to our latest information we have about five hundred young people and children under 25 years of age connected with our church in Shantung; but we have only about one hundred of these in our schools.

During the two years under review we released seven workers to other fields,—nearly all to border missions. We recalled two of our workers who had been temporarily in other fields. Some of our students who had never been employed by us also entered other fields, thus increasing the number of those from Shantung in "foreign" service.

We are now occupying 16 counties out of the 110 in the province. We need soon to extend greatly our occupation. We need to "strengthen our stakes" by providing our own church homes in the places where we are established. The initiative in this will very largely have to be taken by the workers and church officers in each place.

Above all, we need to receive the outpouring of the latter rain to give us the power to finish the work. We may well be of good courage. The Spirit of prophecy declares: "Workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things. . . . We may draw upon His fulness, and receive of that grace which has no limit."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 19.

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## Weekly Offerings

(Schedule adopted during Winter Council, Division Committee, January, 1936)

WE RECOMMEND, That the General Conference method of taking up weekly offerings throughout our churches and companies be followed in the China Division, devoting the—

- First Sabbath Offerings to Home Missionary Work
  - Second Sabbath Offerings to Foreign Missions
  - Third Sabbath Offerings to Educational Work
  - Fourth Sabbath Offerings to Local Church Expense
  - Fifth Sabbath (if there be a 5th) to Poor Fund (or optional)
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## Home Missionary

### Promoting the Sale of Our Smaller Literature

JOHN OSS

OUR leaders assembled at the 1936 Spring Council of the China Division spent much time discussing plans for increasing the distribution of the large amount of smaller literature produced by the Signs of the Times Publishing House. An action was taken, which in part reads:

*Whereas*, The sale of our small literature is an excellent means of giving the message, and affords a training for those who later take up the sale of our larger books or magazines,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That the publishing department secretary in each field join with the home missionary secretary in holding conventions in the churches, taking with them literature for sale, and conducting field days in connection with each convention held;

(b) That those showing aptitude for the sale of smaller literature be encouraged to devote their whole time to this line of endeavor, with a view to entering the work as colporteurs;

(c) That regular institutes be held for those taking up the work, and that they be thoroughly trained in the art of selling small literature.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That inasmuch as there is need of carefully supervising the work of small literature workers in the field, our mission committees give special attention to securing some one to foster the work; and that where the field missionary secretary is unable to care for this class of workers in addition to his other colporteurs, a man be selected to foster this work and carry on his work under the direction of the mission committee and the field missionary secretary."

We appeal to our membership in the China Division to arouse and do more than ever before in the sale of our excellent small literature. The Signs of the Times Publishing House has given special study to the preparation of this class of publications, and a good variety has been prepared.

The Division publishing and home missionary departments are preparing canvasses and selling helps for our smaller literature, which will be a great help to those taking up this line of work.

It is hoped that during 1936 special attention will be given to the sale of this smaller literature. The following instruction from the Spirit of prophecy shows the importance of doing more in this line of endeavor:

"Papers, tracts, and pamphlets that dwell upon Bible lessons, all need attention in the canvassing work, for they are as little wedges that open the way for larger works."—"Manual for Canvassers," pp. 48, 49.

Nanking, China,  
February 6, 1936.

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### Division Conference Report of Home Missionary Work

IN THE CHINA DIVISION FOR QUARTER ENDING December 31 1935

Note—Please fill out this blank in duplicate within sixty days after the close of the quarter. Mail one copy to the General Conference Home Missionary Department and reserve one copy for your loose leaf file.

#### General Information

a. Number added to the division since last report as the result of missionary work of lay members	148
b. Number of churches and companies	578
c. Number of churches and companies sending in a report	331
d. Number of unions sending in a report	31 Local Missions 7
e. Number of churches holding first Sabbath missionary service	207
f. Number of churches conducting fifteen-minute church missionary service	206
g. Number of churches holding a weekly missionary service other than the fifteen-minute church missionary service	130
h. Number of churches organized into working bands	169
i. Number of churches operating literature depositories	136
j. How many of the following classes and special bands are operating in your division? Bible Training 138 Home Nursing 20 Home Bible Study League 190 Home Foreign Dorcas 28 Literature 94	
k. Total amount of offerings during the past quarter for local missionary work, including Missionary Volunteer's	426.22

	Adult Members	M. V. Members	Total
NUMBER REPORTING MISSIONARY WORK	4,621	2,602	7,223
Report of Missionary Work			
a. Number of Bible reading or gospel meetings	89,636	19,506	109,142
b. Number of missionary visits	98,602	21,755	120,357
c. Number of persons taken to Sabbath school or other services	20,938	8,077	29,015
d. Number of persons given needed help	23,136	14,820	37,956
e. Number of treatments given	39,114	6,918	46,032
f. Number of articles of clothing given to the needy	3,359	1,576	4,935
g. Number of books, missionary periodicals, or tracts distributed	172,753	61,667	234,420
h. Number of missionary letters written	5,675	3,897	9,572
i. Hours of Christian help work	16,658	8,373	25,031
j. Baskets of fruit or flowers given away	353	228	581

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THE CHINA DIVISION REPORTER

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STATISTICAL REPORT of the CHINA DIVISION MISSION, Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1936

中華總會一九三五年第四季統計表

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1 Number of Missions 教會數	2 NAME OF MISSION 教會名稱	3 Number of Missions 十位數	4 Number of Missions 十位數	5 Number of Missions 十位數	6 Baptical Member 十位數	7 Baptical Member 十位數	8 Ordained Ministers 牧師		9 Licensed Ministers 牧士		10 Licensed Missionaries 傳道士		11 Bible Women (not including column 10) 女傳道士		12 Book and Periodical Circulators 派書員		13 Total Evangelistic Laborers (including those licensed elsewhere listed) 傳福音的工人總數			14 Medical Workers (including those licensed elsewhere listed) 醫道部工人		
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3	East China	6	192	107	4219	191	8	13	2	30	10	99	2	37		32	20	14	209			
4	Manchuria	6	49	23	1441	74	5	4	3	8	12	25		9	1	30	2	12	78	6	39	
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6	Northwest China	6	33	18	745	69	5	2	1	5	8	17		2		9	7	10	35	4	5	
7	South China	8	107	57	3466	100	10	16	5	36	16	63	1	24	1	35	27	10	152	7	100	
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4	20	108	514.75	1176.69		1691.42	346.75	117.97														
5	18	129	437.32	1048.26		1485.58	427.35	73.00														
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2	3025	370.53	61.90	432.43	227.13	1281.94	40	43485.60	5170	26	639	31										
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\*Adjustments in these amounts have been made to bring union and departmental reports into uniformity, while at the same time holding to audited grand totals as given by the respective treasurers.



Strengthening Our Student Colporteur Work

JOHN OSS

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COLPORTEUR WORK

CHINA DIVISION

FOR THE MONTH December 1935 民國 24 年 12 月份 (MEXICAN DOLLARS)

We have reached the time of year when definite plans should be laid for the students in our educational institutions to enter the colporteur work during the vacation period.

Whereas, Our colporteur work gives an excellent training to those preparing for the work of God; and,

Whereas, There is need of strengthening our student colporteur activities,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That strong colporteur bands be organized in our schools and that the booklet "Colporteur Bands in our Schools" be used in conducting the band work.

(b) That more attention be given to studying the book or magazine the student plans to sell, and that emphasis be placed on mastering the printed canvass and the proper use of selling helps.

(c) That special precaution be taken in the selection of the literature to be sold and that each student colporteur planning to enter the work be carefully advised to select a class of literature he is capable of selling.

(d) That in connection with the conducting of colporteur bands and classes in salesmanship, our schools be asked to arrange for practical sales experience by appointing of field days, and where practical arrange for regular colporteur work for band members as a vocational feature by which students may not only receive experience, but also assist in meeting expenses while securing their education.

(e) That careful attention be given to the selection and placing of student colporteurs in their territory, and that as far as possible they be grouped, and the company plan be followed.

(f) That our field missionary secretaries give close attention to supervising the work of student colporteurs in the field, endeavoring to assist each colporteur entering the work to make a scholarship and thus be able to return to school.

The need of a thorough preparation to sell our publications and of combining the work in our institutions of learning with that of colportage is expressed as follows in the Spirit of prophecy: "Canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the book upon present truth which the people need. . . . Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by His Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write." —"Colporteur Evangelist," pp. 22, 23.

Table with columns: 聯合會及堂 (會) 名號, NAMES OF UNIONS AND MISSIONS, 售書員人數, 雜誌, 售書項目, 定額份數, 實際份數, 雜誌價值, 售書價值, 總計價值. Rows include Central China Union, East China Union, Manchurian Union, North China Union, Northwest China Union, South China Union, West China Union.

1. Total Sales Same Month Last Year Gain 137 2. Total Number Colporteurs Working Same Month Last Year Gain 137

JOHN OSS

Again we read: "Let those who have been in school go out into the field, and put to a practical use the knowledge they have gained. If canvassers will do this, using the ability which God has given them, seeking counsel from Him, and combining the work of selling books with personal labor for the people, their talents will increase by exercise, and they will learn many practical lessons which they could not possibly learn in school. The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education." —"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 24.

Nanking, China. February 6, 1936.

Increasing Our Colporteur Force

JOHN OSS

ONE of the greatest needs of the China Division publishing department is to increase the number of faithful colporteurs who can carry the printed page to all parts of the Middle Kingdom.

Realizing this need, the 1936 Spring Council of the China Division placed on record the following recommendation:

Whereas, There is great need of increasing our colporteur force; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That each union and local mission continue its recruiting efforts for colporteurs until every section of the

(Concluded on p. 4, col. 3)



## Educational Dept.

### The Far Eastern Academy

(Synopsis of Proceedings, Annual Constituency Meetings, Jan. 20-30, 1936.)

ACCORDING to appointment, the annual meeting of the Far Eastern Academy constituency was called at the academy chapel on Monday at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 20, 1936, with Doctor H. W. Miller in the chair.

The report of the principal, Prof. H. H. Morse, was received, together with a general financial statement and balance sheet as audited. Special committees on plans, on finance, and on nominations were appointed, and after a general consideration of some of the major items proposed by the principal in his report, the sub-committees proceeded to give study to these and to shape up policies and plans for the coming school year. At a later meeting of the constituency the various committees brought in their reports.

Among the major items decided upon were: (a) Closure of the current school year in time for those going on furlough to sail by April 28 for the General Conference session; (b) fixing of the coming school year as for Sept. 6, 1936 to June 12, 1937; (c) the reelection of the present faculty with minor adjustments; the principal being authorized to issue later a calendar for the school year 1936-37, in which are to be included the policies and plans for the conducting of the institution as revised, together with announcement of the faculty as finally arranged, courses of study, and other information such as may be for the helpful guidance of patrons and prospective students.

The general financial situation is such as to make impossible any material increase in the plant, although it is recognized that further effort should sometime be made to strengthen the industrial departments.

In his annual report the principal outlined the steady development of the school from an enrolment of 37 during the year 1927-28, to the current enrolment of 81 for the year 1935-36; and he further stated that a careful survey of possibilities throughout the Far Eastern Division brings to light the fact that the constituency must plan for increases

in the enrolment for some time to come, as several children still in the union fields will soon be ready for grades 7 to 12.

In view of the great increase in enrolment, the recent addition of a boys' dormitory, accommodating 26, has brought about some relief in the extremely crowded situation into which the students had been thrown the past three or four years. Even yet there is a lack of classroom space and of proper housing for the industries.

In matters financial the fluctuating exchange situation has brought about many perplexities. For example, students paying in gold for supplies purchased in the States by the academy at \$3.35 pay back to the academy \$2.85 for that which has cost \$3.35. This causes the academy a loss in these items alone of fifty cents, Mexican, on every dollar of foreign supplies purchased by the management. This could be rectified if the parents themselves were securing their own supplies under the general arrangements allowable in such cases. Some of these matters arising from problems of exchange have been carefully adjusted already, and other adjustments are in process. These efforts have brought about a cessation of the adverse tide which set in a year ago bringing to the school some loss in operation; and now slight net gains are being realized. The incoming local board must give close attention to these problems in order to make sure that a proper balance be maintained between costs and charges, and that no deficits be created.

In the instructional department students are in every one of the grades 1-12; the number in the higher grades being as follows: ninth, 17; tenth, 15; eleventh, 7; twelfth, 11. Professor Morse spoke appreciatively of the cooperation and helpfulness of the faculty, and reported many encouragements in connection with the religious activities.

Among the items pressing for attention as set forth by the principal, may be mentioned the call for a definite course of study leading to the acquirement of credits which will be acceptable in the matriculation of those desiring to enter our junior and senior colleges in other lands later. It is thought that courses may be planned for those residing a year or two additionally on this side, approved credits sufficient to represent one year of col-

lege work. However, a vital element in connection with such an extension of the school's institutional work is the strengthening of the library, for which at present there is no suitable space provided, unless perchance the present chapel be turned into a library with some classroom space. However, such a provision would necessitate the erection of "a chapel-recreation room, of the most simple construction, but of sufficient size to take care of chapel and entertainment activities, and also function as a place where definite physical education might be undertaken."

In conclusion, the principal expressed his conviction that the Far Eastern Academy fills a need in the Orient, and that no reasonable pains should be spared to make it a real training center for our young people, including their spiritual protection and development, all of which involves a careful selection and upkeep of a spiritual-minded faculty. He also expressed appreciation for the helpful cooperation of all having to do with the successful conduct of the academy, and particularly for the advice and counsel of Professor Rebok and others of the board of management.

### China Training Institute

*Synopsis of the Annual Constituency Meetings of the Institute, held at Chiaotoutseng, Kiangsu, Jan. 17-19, 1935*

ACCORDING to appointment, the members of the China Training Institute constituency gathered at Chiaotoutseng, in the province of Kiangsu, on Friday, January 17, in time to be in attendance at the opening meeting of the constituency, a devotional service led by Pastor E. L. Longway, who spoke on the development of the China Division with particular reference to the sending forth of representatives into every province and outer dependency, with the single exception of Tibet proper, which yet remains a challenge to the youth of China and to our entire Division committee. Those in attendance, by rising vote, pledged themselves to a reconsecration to the work of carrying the gospel message to the ends of the China Division field, including the lamaistic stronghold of Tibet Proper.

The Sabbath service brought much of spiritual blessing and refreshing. In the Sabbath school were departmental leaders from

some of the unions, with Miss Mount of the Division also present. The preaching service was conducted by Prof. D. E. Rebok. In the afternoon Dr. H. W. Miller, as Division president, was in charge of the general symposium on the China field, during which representatives from all the seven unions reported concerning their respective sections. The past year has been one of many encouragements, notwithstanding the problems arising because of flood, drouth, war, unrest, and political change, to say naught of the financial depression. The brethren look forward to the year 1936 with large hope.

At seven p.m. the opening meeting of the China Training Institute was held, with Doctor Miller in the chair; and during the evening excellently prepared reports were received from the president, the dean, the acting business manager, the treasurer, the director of the theological department, the factory superintendent, and the physician in charge of the hospital and dispensary. Copies of these reports were handed out to all the members of the constituency; thus comprehensive records of the year's operations were made permanently accessible to those held responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the institute. Committees were appointed on finance, plans, and nominations in order that the business of the coming year might be outlined and adequately provided for while the constituency were together. Later on, during the sessions held on Sunday, these committees reported back to the constituency.

The former personnel of the institute was largely preserved; and new elements of strength were proposed for the coming year, including the bringing in of Prof. and Mrs P. E. Quimby, once more linked with the institute as responsible members of the faculty. While it is recognized that the special services given by Brother and Sister Quimby during the past three years in Nanking have been of large value, yet there is a deep satisfaction on the part of the constituency that these tried workers can once more be brought in direct touch with the hundreds of youth of promise in training at the institute for service.

Several calls were placed with the China Division Committee for working out in the process of time, and announcement of these will be made in due course.

The general policies of the institute are being continued for the coming year, with the exception of

the method to be followed in dividing up the school year, which hereafter is to be on the basis of a more continuous program and work, giving opportunity for students to come in at fixed intervals, with the hope of thus making possible further self help for those under the necessity of earning their way through school; and at the same time of facilitating the early completion of certain of the courses by those who are able to pay their own way and to take a larger number of classes. A general outline of these plans will be made later.

The way has been opened for a through-going summer school to be held during 1936 in Chiaotoutseng, with Professor Rebok heading up the special faculty appointed. A special endeavor will be made during the summer school to accredit several tens of our church school and junior institute teachers who are desirous of qualifying for advanced types of service in the educational field.

Prof. B. A. Liu is continued as president of the institute, and the brethren in attendance at the annual constituency meeting expressed their appreciation of the untiring labors of Brother Liu to keep the school on a high plane of efficiency and usefulness. Appreciation also was expressed for the work of all the other members of the faculty who have stood as a unit in behalf of the spiritual and mental growth of the youth placed under their charge.

As the reports of the president, the dean, the heads of the theological, agricultural, mechanical, medical, and financial departments were spread before the constituency in the form of well prepared statements and analytical summaries, a very clear concept of the workings of the institute in all its many ramifications was gathered by those in attendance.

Great courage possessed every heart. It is evident that the blessing of the Lord has been upon those in charge. The prospects before the institute are brighter than ever before. An endeavor will be made to set forth from time to time some extracts from the presentations on the various phases of the institute's work, in the training of ministerial interns.

The labors of Prof. S. L. Frost at the Institute have been untiring; and while there has been placed upon him an added burden in matters financial because of the inability of Brother H. L. Shull, former treasurer and manager, to return at present to the China field, health conditions in his family necessitating this, yet with further assistance being provided to help in this department, it is believed that with the blessing of the Lord Brother Frost may have strength sufficient to tide over the treasury department until such time as another can be brought out to serve in the place of Brother Shull—who so long bore the heavy burdens of these departments with acceptance. Brother Frost is now the treasurer as well as the head of the agricultural department and a general advisor as one of the senior members of the faculty. Professor Woods has been asked to serve as registrar, and some of the responsibilities formerly resting upon the dean now being assigned the president, who also is to serve as vice chairman of the local board headed up by the president of the Division.

Viewed from every angle, there is much to lead the members of the China Training Institute constituency to express gratitude to God and to the faculty and local board for results accomplished during the past year, and to anticipate that the year 1936-1937 will be the very best ever enjoyed by the China Training Institute.

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## Notes from the Hopei Provincial Annual Meeting

Peiping, Hopei, North China, Jan. 31st to Feb. 8th, 1936

WM. J. HARRIS

ONCE again the workers and delegates of the Hopei Provincial Mission met in annual assembly to review the work of the past year and to plan in an aggressive way for the new year. The departmental secretaries and evangelistic workers presented very interesting reports showing the blessing of the Lord.

Pastor C. B. Green, director of the Hopei Mission, reports a baptized membership of 605. There were 75 baptisms during 1935. Hopei Mission stands well toward the front of all our provincial missions in the China Division in Harvest In-gathering receipts.

The publishing department secretary, Mr Tan Hsin-hsu, reported that whereas in 1935 Hopei colporters reported two *hsien* as having been worked thoroughly by our colporters, every village in these two *hsien* subscribing to at least one copy of the *Signs*, for 1935 there were eight *hsien* of this type; namely, *hsien* in which every village has been thoroughly worked, and every village of the *hsien* taking at least one or more copies of the *Signs* month by month. Mr. Tan reports further that of Hopei's 131 *hsien*, colporters worked 92 of these last year, with sales above those for 1934.

It was interesting to hear the report of Mr. Wang Ya-ju, the Sabbath school departmental secretary. With but one slight exception every feature of the work witnessed a good degree of progress. The total offerings for the year 1934 were \$1,309.82 and for the year 1935, \$1,362.32. A strong effort being made throughout the entire province is to bring the Sabbath school membership up to the China Division goal of 150 Sabbath school members to every 100 church members. Hopei conducted several Vacation Bible Schools in connection with its Sabbath school work last summer, and considerable enthusiasm was shown for this type of work this year also.

Evangelist Keng Chiao-chin reported for the evangelistic work for the Chiang-huang-tao district. The membership of this group is only 27, but the tithe for 1935 was \$218.50,

exclusive of any worker's or colporteur's tithe. The total offerings plus the tithe amounted to \$721.55. This is a very remarkable showing for so small a group of believers.

Evangelist Pai Tze-heng reported for the Kai-ping district. Here a membership of 68 members gave a total offering of \$508.59 which was an increase of \$142.60 over the total for 1934. Their tithe amounted to \$154.07, and it includes no colporteur's or worker's tithe. Brother Pai reported a total of 21 baptized for the year. In view of the disturbed political conditions in this section of Hopei, it is encouraging to learn how fully the Lord has blessed in Kai-ping.

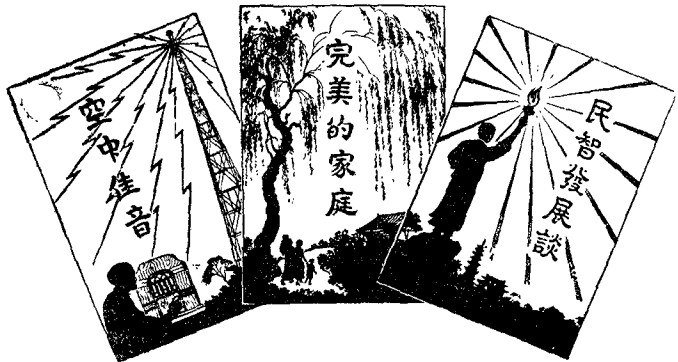
Pastor Keng, of the Tientsin district, presented a very interesting report; of the work in the city of Tientsin. A unique chart had been made showing many features of

progress. Pastor Wang Hsi-yuan, who has been connected with the work in Peiping for the past sixteen years, reported considerable progress for the church in the east city of Peiping. Aside from the work in the city, Pastor Wang has conducted several evangelistic efforts in nearby country districts, and reports a total of 30 baptisms.

Some in attendance at our meeting in Peiping, reported miraculous escapes from bandits and other dangers. The Lord has indeed blessed, and the workers are returning to their districts with definite plans to press forward in a strong way. High goals have been set. May we not all join in praying that the Lord will abundantly bless and reward this group of earnest laborers as they go forth bearing precious seed.

The last day of the meeting the entire student body from Fengtai attended the services. The young men walked 30 li. This splendid group of consecrated young people brought inspiration to us all. Praise and courage seems to be the keynote of all as they separate and return to their fields.

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### In This Number

It is possible to include in this number of the REPORTER yet another of the union reports given during the Winter Council—that of Central China Union, by Pastor Warren; also reports of three provincial meetings and surveys of activities in these provinces during the past year,—Hopei, Kiangsu, Shantung. One of the outstanding features of the current issue, is promotion of the Big Week Campaign for 1936. Let all prepare for fullness of blessing, and substantial returns.

In forthcoming issues further word will be given of other provincial meetings now in progress; also of proceedings of Constituencies and other organizations during the Winter Council.

The statistical report for the fourth quarter of 1935 is given in this number. It is anticipated that before many weeks the annual statistical number may be sent forth. It is now in the course of preparation.

### Reading Course Books

MINISTERIAL Reading Course books can be made available through application to the Signs of the Times Publishing House, 515 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai. There is ample time yet to order the books, and to undertake to read them through prior to the close of the current year. It does not take so very long for an assiduous reader to make a book his very own, and the volumes offered the present year are indeed excellent.

A circular is being sent out describing somewhat in detail the books offered in the Ministerial Reading Course. Other reading courses are being promoted by various departments. The year 1936 is bringing to us a very good presentation for all members of the family. The Chinese Reading Courses have been strengthened and are being promoted. It is especially helpful to our Chinese laymen to follow closely these reading courses year by year.

### Wanted!

PASTOR J. P. ANDERSON, Nanning, Kwangsi, in endeavoring to complete his reading of the entire ministerial course books, finds himself unable to secure certain of those issued during the years 1914-1922. These are:

"The Monuments of the Old Testament," by I. M. Price;

"The Call of the World Task," by J. L. Murray;

"Victorious Life Studies," by McGuilkin;

"Modern Religious Liberalism," by John Horsch.

If any of our readers having one or more of these books, be willing to dispose of them, or could tell where such may be obtained, it would be greatly appreciated by Pastor Anderson if such information could be sent to him either direct or through the Division secretary.

### In Yunnan

Miss Bessie Mount, who, in company with Pastors O. A. Hall and George L. Wilkinson, reached Kwenming (Yunnanfu) in time to attend the annual meeting held in mid-February in the capital city, writes of splendid times with the delegates, including a goodly number of "warm-hearted Miao believers." She mentions one in attendance who speaks the Na-shi language—presumably a member of the tribal people living beyond the Lisu who in turn live beyond the Miao of north central Yunnan. The message spreads from tribe to tribe, and from range to range of mountains, penetrating the valleys and the places beyond.

Miss Mount refers to another delegate whose home is at Wei-shi, near the Burma border, 23 days' journey away from the capital. It is planned that this brother spend sometime in Talifu with Pastor Feng, and later endeavor to start work in his home neighborhood along the Yunnan-Burma border.

Among the upwards of 40 students in the seven-grade school conducted in Kwenming this year, eight are Miao believers in training for service.

During the annual meeting in Kwenming a baptismal service was held at which six Miao and one Chinese received the rite. Others are to be ready soon for baptism. It has been determined to enter at least five new *hsien*s in the province of Yunnan the present year. c.

### In Sianfu

PASTOR and Mrs. Alton E. Hughes are now settled in our mission compound outside the West Gate of Sianfu, Shensi. Brother Hughes has already gotten into his work as director of the Shensi Mission, and reports every prospect for an encouraging advance. It is especially gratifying to him and to others in the Northwest to learn of the firm foundations that have been laid by those who have gone before in the earlier years of the Shensi Mission. Brother Coberly's ministry has been fruitful, and this is also true of the ministry of some of the Chinese directors and of others in former years.

Pastor and Sister Hughes may be addressed in care of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Outside West Gate, Sianfu, Shensi. The new name for Sianfu is Changan, but to this should be added a hyphen and the letters *she*—Changan-she, indicating that the Changan is in Shensi rather than Chekiang. This may seem confusing but telegraphic communications must be sent to Changan-she, if the old name be written on the message.

### "Sabbath-Day Hospital"

JOHN OSS

SOMETIME ago, as one of our colporteurs was canvassing for the *Signs of the Times* magazine in an interior city in the province of Shantung, he had an interesting experience. On one of the streets he came to a small hospital, and looking at the sign hanging near the door, he saw the characters, "An Hsi Yuan" (Sabbath day Hospital). Our colporteur was attracted by this strange name, and as he met the doctor in charge he spoke to him about this.

"Some time ago," replied the doctor, "a man visited me and I subscribed for a magazine called the *Signs of the Times*." The doctor continued by saying that through reading the *Signs* he had learned of the Seventh-day Sabbath, and was endeavoring to keep it. When the colporteur announced that he was a Seventh-day Adventist and was bringing the *Signs of the Times* magazine to him again, the doctor was made happy. He did not know that there were other Seventh-day Adventists, but was endeavoring to live out the truths he had found in the magazine.

The proprietor of the "Sabbath-Day Hospital" readily subscribed for the *Signs of the Times* magazine for another year. Our colporteur told him more of the special truths for this time, and directed him for further study to our evangelist working in that area.

The *Signs of the Times* magazine does win souls. Its purpose is to make Sabbath keepers and prepare a people to meet the Savior when He returns.

Lanchow, Kansu,  
October 7, 1935.

### From Tatsienlu

CORRESPONDENCE, under date of February 4, from Pastor and Mrs. Floyd W. Johnson, indicates that our friends in Tatsienlu are still in health, and while under most distressing circumstances of uncertainty, are nevertheless courageous and hopeful of a happy outcome of the semi-siege under which they have been suffering for several months. Brother Johnson reports a full hospital most of the time with an excellent feeling toward our work on the part of those receiving medical and other assistance. He had planned to go with Dr. James on a trip on to the Tibetan heights beyond Tatsienlu, but the presence of hostile forces thereabouts made this trip wholly impossible. The brethren are hoping that soon the situation will clear up sufficiently to allow of their going beyond the gates of the city and getting close to the people living beyond. It is very unfortunate that conditions have been so adverse ever since the brethren returned to their station last autumn. Food supplies have lasted thus far, and the prospects are that those at this distant station can succeed in getting through the winter with no severe suffering for actual lack of food. c.

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## The 1936 Big Week Campaign: A Privilege

DR. H. W. MILLER

AS SURELY as another year—1936—comes to us, a Big Week campaign looms up before us, not as a great burden, but as a great privilege.

We are thankful for the results that attended the efforts in all our union fields in 1935. A little help came to a great many enterprises, but that little was just enough to enable us greatly to enlarge the sphere of our influence as a mission in China. In 1935 we exceeded many of our 1934 goals.

Surely, with the experience of the past, and with more favorable conditions for work now existing in practically all parts of our field, especially the bettering of business and financial conditions, and also in view of the special preparations made this year in the splendid booklet that is to be distributed, we ought to be content with nothing less than meeting and going over our goal for this year. Our goals are not high. All that it will take to reach them is the blessing of God and the faithful co-operation of every one.

Nothing gives greater courage to those whom we place in the responsibility of leadership, than to see every one willing to join and share in the privileges and responsibilities of a campaign. Always what a depressing thing it is to get about four-fifths of an entire group, or even nine-tenths, and then find that one or two who have not united with the others, are of a halting or doubting disposition. Some even may keep silent, thus taking a negative position. This is sure to lessen the spirit that otherwise would accompany the campaign. And when some speak adversely, things may go very hard. The best spirit that can be had, comes through a uniting of all in one purpose to do their individual part. And since those forming this Division have in past years been brought to a point of view where they are of one mind and one heart, we may surely anticipate wholehearted co-operation again this year, and a most successful campaign. May I urgently solicit the help and the prayers of all, to this end.

Of benefits bestowed through the Big Week campaign, one is the wide distribution of literature, with ensuing fruitage in the influencing of others to enter into blessings that God is so ready to bestow. Yet another benefit is the bringing in of an income to supplement funds already in hand for meeting the pressing appeals and calls upon us. And still another benefit is the contacts the campaign brings to us, in acquaintanceships formed with those who are glad to learn more of our principles and endeavors. A fourth benefit is the blessing that comes to those who go forth,—the satisfaction that is brought in going forth to serve others.

... In campaigns such as the one upon which we shall be entering during Big Week, our entire experience goes to demonstrate that many can take part with advantage. The campaign is not for the few who are thought to have many friends, or who may be regarded as more able to place literature than are others. The Big Week campaign is so planned that all can have a part; all may go forth, all may enter into the joy of service with their Lord; all may receive an experience bringing to their hearts joy, gladness, satisfaction. And so, just as we are admonished to let no man take our crown, intended by the Master for us individually, let us not this year fail of doing our part in lifting heavily in behalf of this Big Week campaign; for thus we may receive a reward even at the time we are meeting with friends and neighbors in the sale of the booklet; and in the day of final awards the commendation of our divine Leader who shall say to His faithful ones, "Well done; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

## WHAT OUR EDUCATIONAL WORKERS CAN DO FOR BIG WEEK THIS YEAR, AND WHY WE SHOULD DO IT

D. E. REBOK

*Educational Secretary, China Division S.D.A.*

THE other day a union home missionary secretary said, "Most of what is done in Big Week in our union is done by the students and teachers in our schools."

Naturally that made me feel very happy, and I rejoiced to think of our boys and girls, young men and young women throughout China, throwing their strength and vigor into the united movement which belongs not only to China but to the whole world.

The old familiar proverb that "Many ants can move 'T'ai Shan'" is true in our general church campaigns—the Big Week and the Harvest Ingathering; for when every worker and every church member gets under the burden of this work, greater things will be accomplished than ever before.

A double blessing attends this Big Week work. The one who buys the truth-filled book is blessed with a saving message, which may result in his joining the church; and the one who sells the books is blessed with pleasant experiences,—a feeling of satisfaction over having done a duty, and a sense of having brought in some additional means with which to extend the work we love so dearly. May this double blessing be enjoyed by every student and every teacher this year as the Big Week comes around.

Perhaps if we first look at the list of good things we hope to accomplish with the funds secured through the Big Week this year, it will become so apparent to us as school people that we shall not need any urging whatsoever to go out and do our part in the "Great Campaign."

Some years ago the funds from the Big Week were used almost entirely for the better equipping of our publishing houses. Later these benefits were extended to our medical institutions and schools.

Now we find that the publishing house in China is well equipped, that our sanitariums and hospitals are in excellent condition, and from the list of projects for this year's Big Week we see that it is largely for the benefit of our training institutions and church schools.

Take the East China Union as an example. The committee there felt that nothing was of greater importance nor more closely connected with the personal interest of the church members everywhere, than the church schools to which their own children go almost every day.

Therefore, \$2,000 of East China's Big Week funds are to go to the proper equipping of several church schools in each of the five local missions in that union. Plans have already been worked out by the educational department for the approved essential equipment of a model church school. The purchase of this equipment, and the arranging of the church schools selected in each mission, will be done by the union and local mission educational secretaries. Then the best teachers we have in each field will be placed in charge of those model schools as a demonstration to our people of what real Seventh-day Adventist church schools should be. No doubt this work of improvement will then go forward year by year, until our educational centers will be as well equipped and as efficient as are our publishing houses and hospitals.

Who would not rally to such an appeal? Who would not respond to help in such a need? Who among our 365 teachers and 6,296 students in China would not help in a Big Week campaign when such uses are to be made of the money secured?

Time and space do not permit me to mention one by one the items listed for each and every union and local mission. But suffice it to say that the educational work is to be helped in a special way this year, and so all educational workers and students should rally to the call to *help ourselves* in this Big Week campaign.

As usual, we should arrange for our field day,—but why not make it two field days this year instead of one? Work the territory more thoroughly, and put more groups of workers into the campaign. Visit just as many people as possible; make as many contacts for the truth as can be made in each community; and let everybody have a part in the good work.

It might also be arranged for groups of students with colporteur experience to assist nearby churches in their field days, thus getting more and more of our church members into the Big Week movement.

No doubt you will all think of some special plan as to how you can make the 1936 Big Week the "Biggest Week" in the history of our work in the China Division. Why not?





*Foochow Training Institute Big Week Campaigners*

## FOOCHOW TRAINING INSTITUTE:

### 1935 Big Week Field Day

WANG EN-POH

*(A student in the  
Foochow Training Institute.)*

"IT'S HERE, it's here!" Brother Yeh, the publishing department secretary, joyfully announced.

"What's here?" the students asked in unison.

"What else if not the 'Big Week' field day?" answered Brother Yeh.

And as the school bell rang, the students of the junior training school came crowding into the chapel, fearing to be late for the meeting. And there on the platform sat our good field secretary, Mr. Yeh, his face wreathed in smiles.

Just then one of the students piped up, saying, "How do you think we can conduct a successful field day during this business slump?" Brother Yeh proceeded to tell us of proper methods, such as "The Approach," "The Demonstration," and "The Close."

"Courage, faith, and the determination to succeed will surely bring success," said one experienced campaigner, thus trying to bring courage to the inexperienced.

"Try! Try!! Try!!!" This was the watchword as we organized into bands, three or more workers to a band, and appointed definite territory to each group. A few

exhibition canvasses were given, and after a word of prayer the meeting was dismissed.

The next morning at daybreak these campaigners were up, and after breakfast gathered at the chapel door. As the bell rang, the workers separated into groups and passed into the chapel to receive a supply of books for the day's sales. Then, with an earnest word of prayer, the bands marched out to work.

It was a pleasant, sunny day, and all were happy to visit relatives, friends, and strangers in this good work. Some tramped great distances with no word of complaint to be heard. A few of the experienced students were appointed to visit the leading gentry, merchants, and officials. We certainly did scatter out over the whole of Foochow City that day! At sunset we returned.

Then followed the experience meeting; and while some told of difficulties, Brother Yeh told us how to meet and overcome them, thus renewing our spirits and courage for the second day of the campaign. But on the morning of the second day it was raining! Yet in spite of the rain we were given our marching orders and proceeded to "carry on." Most of the students were out in the wind and rain all day. That evening, when we counted up the total profits, we found that we had \$65 over and above the expense of the campaign.

Don't despise this small sum of money! It was more than for the year before. Some students had never been out in such work before. Under these unfavorable circumstances, to attain such good results, is certainly cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. Let us earnestly pray for the success of this year's Big Week campaign as we visit the people in the many towns and villages of this land!





## ACTIONS COVERING THE 1936 BIG WEEK CAMPAIGN

E. L. LONGWAY

DURING the recent China Division Committee meeting several actions were taken covering the 1936 Big Week goals and projects for the various unions. While these recommendations are much the same from year to year, they still deserve careful study by all, leaders and members. Nearly the entire amounts to be realized from this year's campaign will be used for educational advancement. At the suggestion of the educational department, the number of field days for educational institutions has been increased from a minimum of one day, to two days. Sections (c) and (d) of these recommendations are especially deserving of your attention; for in the full carrying out of these two plans you will find the secret of a real *Big Week*.

### THE MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

*Whereas*, Year by year the China Division educational, medical, and publishing institutions have been greatly benefited by the Missions Extension Fund; and,—

*Whereas*, There is still great need of enlarging and strengthening our many educational and other institutions in the China Division; therefore,—

*We recommend*, (a) That the date for this campaign be set for April 4—11, 1936, thus opening our campaign on the day set by the National Government for promotion of the subject, "Home Training;"

(b) That our Division, union, and provincial training institutes and medical institutions be urged to plan for at least two field days, in which all teachers, medical workers, students, nurses, and nurses in training be urged to take active part;

(c) That special effort be made to enlist all our church members in this Big Week campaign, placing emphasis on the house-to-house canvassing work, thus insuring a wide circulation of the book, "Citizens of To-morrow;"

(d) That a missions extension offering be taken in all our churches and companies on April 11, 1936, and that all salaried workers be urged to make an offering of at least one day's wages, and that our members be encouraged to devote the equivalent of one day's income;

(e) That we urge our colporteurs to take part in the Big Week campaign, donating the proceeds from the largest day's sales to the Missions Extension Fund; and,—

(f) That the 1936 Big Week Goals and Projects for the various unions be approved as follows:

<i>Union</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>Projects</i>
Central China	\$740.00	Dispensary for Honan, Church schools for East Hunan and Hupeh. Provincial Institute Property, Kiangsi. West Hunan Tract Society Operating Fund.
East China	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00 Church school equipment \$1,000.00 Educational Promotion Fund.
Manchuria	\$510.00	\$300.00 Peiling Sanitarium. \$210.00 Liaotung Training Institute Equipment.
North China	\$850.00	Shantung Training Institute Equipment.
Northwest China	\$400.00	Northwest Training Institute Equipment.
South China	\$2,000.00	So. Fukien and Hakka Training Institute Equipment.
West China	\$500.00	West China Training Institute Library
Total Goal for China Division	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	

## THE BIG WEEK AN OPENING WEDGE

R. M. COSSENTINE

IN the Shantung Mission during 1935 several of the evangelists demonstrated that the Big Week campaign opens doors for evangelistic success.

Pastor Chang Chien-kwang, in charge of the work in South Shantung with headquarters at Yenchow, took a supply of books on his bicycle and set out for the southeastern counties of the province, where he knew there were a few interested persons as the result of colporteur work he had done in that section. He spent 48 days on the trip, travelled 1,500 li, preached 77 times, organized two Sabbath schools, and had as many as 20 villages represented at one meeting. Unfortunately the flood coming on through a large part of that area prevented his returning to instruct further these people, but the word is that much of the interest is continuing; two men came from one county, a distance of 400 li over the flood-waters to Yenchow, and after a period of instruction were baptized. One of them is entering the home missionary work, selling small books; and the other returned to be the leader of the interested ones at home. If Pastor Chang can get back to foster the interest, we hope for a new Luanfu development. Pastor Chang sold his Big Week books, too.

Brother Yang Han-chang, in charge of the Tsingtao district, took his Big Week books out into a new area. He visited over sixty villages, conducted a number of Bible studies, and sold 80 books. He found a man who

through his own Bible study had discovered the Seventh-day Sabbath and had been keeping it for about a year. This man, with his brother, attended the regional meeting in Tsingtao in June.

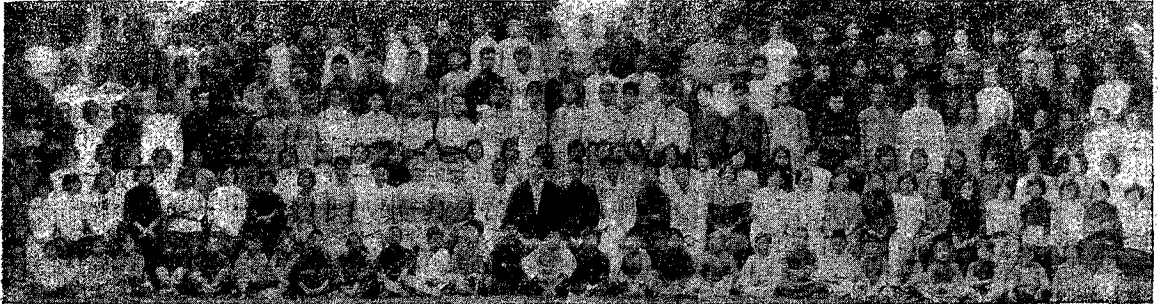
Pastor Shen Chien-p'an and Mrs. Jen Shu-chin, in charge of the Wehsien district, went to Chungchow to do Big Week work. They found people interested in Bible study and followed up the interest, with the result that seven persons were baptized there. A meeting place was provided by the interested persons, and a Sabbath school is in operation. Mrs. Jen went to a place called Fangtze to do Big Week work. There she met Brigadier-General Yun, who helped her, and is now interested in all our work.

There is no question but that the Big Week campaign, conducted in the right way, is an opening wedge for all phases of our work. I am much gratified to see the change in attitude of many of our laborers toward this campaign in recent years. Some years ago many of our evangelists considered the Big Week as a hindrance to their evangelistic efforts, feeling that the people would regard them as commercialists if they tried to sell books. But now many of our evangelists welcome the Big Week campaign as an opportunity to launch out into new territory in search of souls. And God is rewarding this better attitude with a harvest of souls, as recorded above.

*Tsinan, Shantung.*



*Hakka Training Institute, Teachers and Students*



*Future Workers from the Honan Training Institute*

## THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION; OR, REPENTANCE OF THE SWATOW MISSION

K. T. KHNG

*(Director, Swatow Mission)*

JUST a few years ago, when money was plentiful, people did not worry much about how to get it, nor how they should spend it. Some even spent money without seeming to know they had done so. And sometimes they spent unwisely. These amounts help to increase the total sums expended, as revealed in the account-books; but not always have the expenditures been of a nature to build up our cause constructively through the years. This has been true not only in connection with commercial firms, but with our mission organization also, I believe, at times.

But now that the wolf of depression has found his way into our midst, and even into our homes and our missions, many of us are thinking, and thinking hard, as to where to secure needed funds, and also how best to expend funds so as to conserve the interests of economy, and yet make for future development. And as we have meditated, some of us have repented over some of the expenditures of the past. As for the Swatow Mission, we surely have cause for reflection; for during the thirty years of our history, our expenditures have not brought to us material facilities such as could now be used to great advantage, in schools, in houses of worship, in medical dispensaries. Our facilities are very few; our equipment is meager. It may be these can yet be supplied; but it will require wise processes of construction on our part, in order to build solidly for the strengthening of our position for completing our task in the Swatow Mission area.

Grow and increase we must, notwithstanding this time of depression. Our program of construction along solid

lines, must be continued. If we are to finish our task in the Swatow Mission territory, our working forces must be appreciably enlarged. To supply at least some of these, we should undertake and see through to completion the training of more of our youth of promise, within the borders of our own field.

The action taken by the South China Union, providing for the pooling of Big Week receipts for supplying some needed facilities in at least two missions a year, is surely a wise provision; for thus some work may be seen through by way of construction—the building up of a school, for example. This year we are anticipating receiving nearly \$1,000 of the standard currency, to meet the cost of a much needed dormitory for our training school. When our turn comes once more, we shall hope to enlarge and improve still further our educational center. A constructive plan such as this, it seems, might benefit yet other sections of the China field; for thus, instead of spending many smaller amounts in every mission every year, there is a uniting of effort in behalf of larger projects, to the mutual benefit, eventually, of all.

And so we make bold to acknowledge that we repent of former methods, which brought us but little in one year, and now hope to follow methods that will sooner or later bring to us a well equipped training institute of intermediate grade, for assisting our youth to prepare for strong service. We thank God for the Big Week plan, and for the prospect of substantial aid this very year therefrom, through the blessing of the Lord as we go forth and do our part in His name.



## BIG WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AS SEEN BY "A FRIEND"

SINCE the year 1921, when Big Week returns began to flow missionward, two million dollars and more have been realized, in U.S. currency; and of this sum, the China Division has received through Big Week approximately one hundred eighty thousand dollars in U.S. currency.

According to calculations made by those having most to do with the administering of these funds, the amounts coming into the treasury through the years have been used to assist upwards of 120 publishing projects; 175 educational projects; and 140 medical projects.

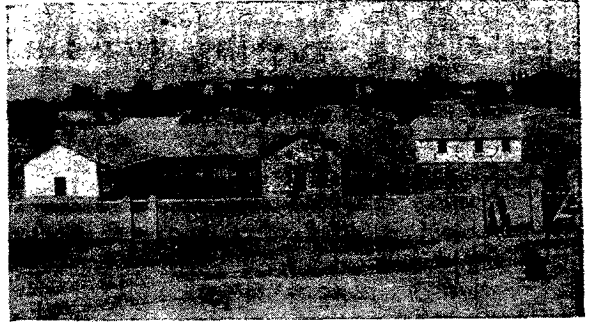
Of the more substantial benefits, not the least has been the gradual placement of our publishing work on a self-supporting basis.

The needs of our publishing work in the China field, however, are so vast and far-reaching, and the time in which we must complete the giving of our warning message in printed form is so short, that we shall still have need of liberal grants of funds, in order to meet without delay the demands upon us for evangelical, educational, health and temperance literature. And as the warning message swells into the "Loud Cry," and our papers and tracts and books go out month by month by the millions where now we count in hundreds of thousands, we shall have added reasons for thanking the Lord and our brethren and sisters for the beneficent returns coming through "Big Week" grants.

That which has been outlined concerning the publishing work, now approaching self-support, may be stated



*West China Training Institute, Main Building*



*The Northwest Training Institute, Lanchow*

with like truth with reference to our educational training-centers, and our medical institutions. Some are well on the way toward self-support; others need additional help in order to be placed on vantage-ground.

Since the year 1925, when the benefits of the Missions Extension Plan were extended to cover educational and medical as well as publishing interests, the China field has benefited in every union mission. Substantial grants have been awarded the Shanghai Sanitarium, the China Training Institute, the medical centers in Tatsienlu, Yencheng, Fatshan, Nanning, Kalgan, Mukden, and Waichow; and to many middle schools in various of the provinces. And this beneficent work is still in progress, opening the way for the establishment of yet further centers of influence and training, and the strengthening of institutions already in operation.

By decision of the Home Board, in China and other foreign lands "the Missions Extension program continues its stated policy of providing for the erection and equipping of publishing houses, schools, hospitals, and dispensaries in mission fields, and of rendering assistance to such institutions already in operation in the mission fields as may be deemed necessary." And, as hitherto (to quote, from Pastor C. H. Watson, president of the General Conference) "the first objective of the 'Big Week' is to place a large amount of soul-saving literature in the hands of the people . . . The Lord 'expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time,' and the people of the earth, in their perplexity and distress, are greatly needing the comfort and the blessing of the truth. Shall we hold back from making a special effort in their behalf at this time?"

"May God bless His people with a mind to serve and succeed in this 'Big Week' and give to them present blessing as they go forth to sow the precious seed of truth."



Cover-page of "Citizens of To-morrow"

## The 1936 Big Week Book:

### "Citizens of To-morrow"

By JOSEPH MAY

#### CHAPTER HEADINGS

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**"Lifting makes the burden lighter; lift, brother, lift!"**