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The Blessedness of Service

MRS. E. G. WHITE

MANY a worker sends out into the world messages of strength and hope and courage, words that carry blessing to hearts in every land; but of the results he, toiling in loneliness and obscurity, knows little. So gifts are bestowed, burdens are borne, labor is done. Men sow the seed from which, above their graves, others reap blessed harvests. They plant trees, that others may eat the fruit. They are content here to know that they have set in motion agencies for good. In the hereafter the action and reaction of all these will be seen.

“His servants shall serve Him.” The life on earth is the beginning of the life in heaven; education on earth is an initiation into the principles of heaven; the life-work here is a training for the life-work there. What we now are, in character and holy service, is the sure foreshadowing of what we shall be.

In our life here, earthly, sin-restricted, though it is, the greatest joy and the highest education are in service. And in the future state, untrammelled by the limitations of sinful humanity, it is in service that our greatest joy and our highest education will be found;—witnessing, and ever as we witness learning anew “the riches of the glory of this mystery,” “which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

General Articles

LEAVES ONLY

(Matt. 21:19)

The Master came
With hope unto a tree;
The Master came
For fruit. What did He see?
Leaves only!

The Master came
And "hungered" on the way.
The Master came
And mourned to find that day
Leaves only!

The Master came
With pangs of hunger torn.
The Master came
And found that fateful morn
Leaves only!

The Master came
For fruit He knew should grow.
The Master came
To find the tree could show
Leaves only!

When Jesus comes
To my pretentious tree;
When Jesus comes
Will He in sorrow see
Leaves only?

—Adlai Albert Esteb.

Peiping, China.

1937 MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

D. E. REBOK

I LIKE that little story about Robert Moffat. You remember how as a lad in his early teens he had decided to leave his old home in Scotland, and go out into the big world to make his way and his name. The mother, an earnest, godly woman, escorted him down the path to the big road which led to the city—and opportunity—for many a lad.

Before parting she said, "Robert, promise me one thing." After a little hesitation he looked up and promised his mother without knowing what her request might be; for he had confidence in his mother and knew that she would ask nothing but for his own good and hers. "Will you promise to begin each day with God, and close each day with God?"

Could he? Would he? Should he? Yes, it was that promise which held him in many a youthful battle—struggles between good and evil. It was that promise which later wrote his name on the page of fame for his service in the Dark Continent.

Will you "begin each day with God"? The Morning Watch will help you. This year 10,210 Morning Watch Calendars are in the hands of our people in the China Division. I know they are used and appreciated.

Good news has come for 1937!

The Signs of the Times Publishing House has agreed to our request. You remember the request I am sure:

Voted, "That we request the Press to print two styles as was tried out this year—a de luxe gift Morning Watch Calendar, and an ordinary New Year's Greeting Morning Watch Calendar.

"That the price of ten cents for the de luxe edition include a suitable mailing envelope for each calendar, and the price of five cents for the ordinary edition include a suitable mailing envelope for each calendar."

The Press agrees to do this if we can sell an edition of 15,000 copies. The usual tract society discounts will be allowed on these prices. We wish each mission superintendent, director, department secretary, school principal, and all Missionary Volunteer officers to begin at once to promote the sale of the Morning Watch Calendars for 1937.

The new manuscript has just arrived from the General Conference, and it is just what we need as Christians. We hope to have the calendars printed by September 15 and ready to send out, so they will be in every field in time to use for New Year's gift cards. If each mission uses half again as many as were used for 1936, our goal can be reached very easily.

Remember — 15,000 Morning Watch Calendars in use in China in 1937!

April 27, 1936.

OCCUPATION OF THE BORDER LANDS IN NORTH CHINA

R. M. COSSENTINE

Just at the close of the World War, outside of work just begun in Peking, we had no work in all the present North China Union except in the Shantung Mission.

The present North China Union was organized in 1919, embracing the provinces of Shantung, Hopei, and Shansi, but for another decade the organized work of the Union was confined to Shantung and Hopei. In 1928 workers were sent to Shansi and the mission organized. God has greatly blessed the labors of His servants in this mission, which except for the first year has continuously been under Chinese leadership, and the baptized membership is now nearing 500. This is approximately the same as the combined membership of the Shan-

tung and Hopei Missions at the time when the Shansi Mission was organized. Many doors of opportunity for extending the work in Shansi are wide open, but because of budget shortages Shansi has been compelled to drop several workers this year in order not to overdraw its funds.

Mongolia—the territory of the once terrible Genghiz-Khan, whose fierce Tartar hordes overran the far east from the Arctic Ocean to the Indian, and from the Pacific to the River Dnieper, the most far-flung Empire history records—was next to be opened by the heralds of the third angel's message. In these times there remain of this once conquering race only about 2,000,000 nomads, moving their felt tents about over the widespread grasslands in search of the best pasture. They are unclean, disease-ridden, illiterate, priest-bound. So far only a few have been baptized, but bases for growth have been established. There are many obstacles to be overcome. It is now desired to open a school for training workers and a medical station with a physician from America far up in the grasslands. Funds are urgently needed for this advance move, and we look to the overflow from the Thirteenth Sabbath offering to supply a portion of these funds.

Next in order the Cha-Sui Mission,—comprising the provinces of Chahar and Suiyuan was organized with Chinese leadership. Five stations have been opened and the membership is over fifty. There is need for many more centers of work, and funds are necessary to provide the workers to man them.

The Jehol Mission is the last field to be opened in North China. Being almost entirely mountainous, and with practically no railways, here travel is arduous. The director and his assistants travel over the mountain paths on bicycles searching for souls. In this mission as in the Cha-Sui Mission the use of opium is widespread. On a recent trip from Peiping to Chengteh, the headquarters, the travelers were never out of sight of poppy fields. The opium habit is almost impossible to overcome; and many who otherwise would accept the gospel are unable to do so because of unwillingness to give up this evil. Three stations are now open in Jehol and there are one or two home Sabbath schools besides. Many calls are coming for help, as the result of seed sown by faithful colporteurs. Shall these calls go unanswered? The answer will in part depend upon the liberality of our Sabbath School members around the world on the thirteenth Sabbath.

Vacation Schools

MAKING THE SUMMER VACATION PROFITABLE FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

BESSIE MOUNT

SPRING days are rapidly passing, and soon the schools throughout the land will be closed for their summer vacation. Hundreds of our boys and girls who are now attending our church schools and other schools will no longer be called to their books morning after morning by the sound of the teacher's bell. While they will welcome the freedom for longer hours of play, they will miss the association with other boys and girls in worthwhile endeavor, together with many of the joys of school life. Moreover, these long days of idleness may prove a snare rather than a blessing, for Satan is ever on the alert to lead into wrong paths the unwary feet of our children and youth, and he will make his strongest attacks at a time when their minds are not employed with worthwhile things.

To parents and to the church comes the question, What can we do to safeguard our boys and girls during the vacation period, and to make the time a profitable one to them? The Daily Vacation Bible School is the answer. True to its name, this is a school that is held when other schools are having their vacation, and is in keeping with the spirit of the right kind of vacation. Without binding the boys and girls to a tiresome routine of study of the more difficult subjects of the school curriculum, it gives them an opportunity to join together in suitable games and physical exercises, the activities of the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society, singing, the study of Bible and reading, and other pleasant exercises that may sometimes be crowded out of the regular school program. It is held three hours a day, for a period of four or five weeks during the summer vacation.

These schools are under the general supervision of the Sabbath School Department, and an outline to guide in their conduct has been prepared by the department. Last summer vacation schools were held in connection with our church work in about thirty different places in the China Division, and approximately one thousand boys and girls were in attendance. Not only did these schools prove a blessing to our own boys and girls, but they also offered an opportunity for bringing in boys and girls from homes not of our faith, thus

making contacts that may be the means of leading both children and parents to a knowledge of the truth. They likewise proved a blessing to the church and the Sabbath school, helping to maintain the Sabbath school attendance during the summer months; and they provided an excellent opportunity for missionary service to the young people and others who served as teachers.

Many more of our churches and Sabbath schools should take advantage of this opportunity to bring blessings to themselves and others during the coming summer. The importance of the work for our boys and girls cannot be over-emphasized, for the impressions gained in childhood influence the whole life and may decide the eternal destiny. Under the blessing of God, the Vacation Bible School may be the means of planting in the heart of your child the seeds of truth that will eventually lead him to Christ. Surely the effort to conduct such a school is small indeed compared with the value of a single soul!

WHAT IS THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

BESSIE MOUNT

The Vacation Bible School is a school conducted during the summer, when the regular school is having its vacation. The plan is not a new one, for schools of this kind have been carried on by other organizations for several years. It was not until last year, however, that our mission undertook this work in China. We were encouraged to do this by the success attending a like effort in Korea, where this plan was launched the previous year. At the end of the summer of 1934 it was reported that vacation schools had been held in forty places where we have churches and Sabbath schools in Korea. Over 1,800 children were enrolled in these schools, which were conducted three hours daily for a period of three weeks. At the end of that time, with appropriate closing exercises, 1,229 boys and girls received certificates for completing the work outlined. The report also showed that 449 children had learned to read the Bible, while 459 had decided for Christ. The teaching was largely done by members of our Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies.

Encouraged by this good report, the China Division Sabbath School Department, in conjunction with the Missionary Volunteer Department, last year outlined a plan for the conduct of Vacation Schools in

the China Division. It is suggested that these schools be held three hours a day, five days a week, for a period of four weeks, sometime during the months of July and August. The teaching outline includes Bible lessons on the life of Christ, Bible stories from the Old Testament, reading, health principles and calisthenics, singing, and Junior Missionary Volunteer Progressive Class Work. Children between the ages of five and sixteen, who wish to attend and will co-operate in upholding right standards in the school, may be accepted, whether from the homes of believers or not. The schools are under the supervision of the Sabbath School Department. They are organized by and are under the control of the local church committee, who select the teachers, and make all arrangements for the proper conduct of the school, arrange for such supplies as are needed, plan for meeting any expense incurred, etc. Since this is a missionary enterprise, it is ordinarily carried on without any tuition fees, and without any remuneration to those who serve as teachers.

Although this plan was launched only last summer, and was promoted in a somewhat limited way, about thirty of these schools were conducted in various places in the China Division. The North China Union reports fifteen or sixteen Vacation Schools, East China nine, Manchuria one, the Northwest China Union two, and West China two—one in faraway Pichieh, Kweichow, and the other in Chungking. Approximately 1,000 children were enrolled in these schools, and about 600 certificates were issued at the close of the term.

Every effort should be put forth to make these Vacation Schools truly help to build character and develop the spiritual life of our boys and girls, and those who do the teaching work should keep this aim very definitely in mind. The plan offers an excellent opportunity for missionary service for our older Missionary Volunteers, who perhaps are at home from our training institutes for their summer vacation, or for any others who are qualified to serve as teachers in schools of this kind. It provides a way to safeguard our children during the weeks when they are not in the regular school, and when Satan is on the alert to lead them into mischief. It offers a means of maintaining and enlarging our Sabbath school membership during the summer months. It gives opportunity for helping boys and girls not of our faith, and forming contacts that may eventually win them and their parents to the truth.

BENEFITS OF THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WM. J. HARRIS

THE plan of organizing Daily Vacation Bible Schools, launched last year by the Sabbath School Department has proved to be a very great help to the work of our local churches and Sabbath schools, as well as to the multitude of young folks who entered these schools last year. As it is not limited to any class or any type of children, we are able to call in many who otherwise might be unresponsive to the gospel message.

The plan outlines the conduct of these schools during the summer vacation period. Thus they are Vacation Bible Schools. The children are at home; unoccupied with their regular school work. Perhaps they are playing in the streets or doing other things that their parents would rather they were not doing. The Vacation Bible School offers them an opportunity to use profitably their hours during the summer months, and many parents welcome such an opportunity. We, too, should also welcome it and utilize it to teach and train these young hearts in Christian ways.

For many years our Sabbath schools have experienced during the summer months of July and August an undesirable slump in membership, attendance, offerings, and other lines of Sabbath school interests. By careful promotion these Vacation Bible Schools can enable us to avoid that usual summer set-back. From the experience we have had in just one summer of the Vacation Bible

Schools we have been able to reduce that "summer slump" to a very insignificant loss.

Sabbath schools may greatly increase their contribution to the spiritual welfare of the children and youth in our churches and chapels all over the land.

The Vacation Bible School plan also affords us another opportunity of missionary service. Active missionary work is the secret of a living Christian experience and is also the secret of a successful missionary society. A missionary society meeting from week to week where there is but little missionary work to report will soon cease to be a missionary society. How many missionary societies have floundered on the rock of inactivity—endeavoring to continue their existence by mere meetings and programs of empty form. Here is a work, outlined, organized, and ready at hand provided with a definite work plan awaiting your undertaking. It affords an opportunity for service, it fills a real need, and it may accomplish a world of good for multitudes of children and young people all about us.

Let us therefore plan early for Vacation Bible Schools in connection with our churches and Sabbath schools wherever possible, and bring the benefits of this plan to the children and youth who are in need of this type of assistance. Let the officers of the church, the missionary societies, and the Sabbath school, begin now to put this plan into operation. By careful planning, under the blessing of God, it will produce abundant fruitage for the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

An Opportunity for Missionary Volunteer Service

D. E. REBOK

SCHOOL has closed, and boys and girls are at a loss to know what to do. For nine months or more they have gotten up early in the morning, and after the necessary health habits have been performed, off to school they ran.

What fun it was to meet the school friends each morning, and run and play outside the school house before the teacher rang the bell! Then came the joyful singing and the Bible verse for the day with a prayer by the teacher or one of the pupils for the Lord's blessing on that day's work.

The Bible classes were always good, but sometimes the pupils had to think very hard on the arithmetic problems, and scratch their heads over the language and composition. But it was all fun and they were as happy as could be.

Now—the hot summer days are here. The teacher's bell does not ring, for he has gone to the Summer School. The school house is closed. The door is locked—and oh my! there is *nothing* to do.

What is this I hear? Some one is speaking. What does he say?—A Daily Vacation Bible School! What is that?

Sure enough, the older students from the Training Institutes are home for the summer and they are talking about a new kind of school. They say it is lots of fun, and we go to school only three hours a day, five days a week, for



Youth's Congress assembled at C

a period of four weeks. That sounds good. I hope they have one here in this place.

What will they do in a Daily Vacation Bible School?—"It is not like other schools—it is better."

Listen! the young man is talking: "The subjects taught include Bible lessons on the life of Christ, singing, stories of Bible heroes, reading, Missionary Volunteer progressive class work, simple health principles and calisthenics."

That sounds good to me. Now I can work on my "Friend" requirements, and really do some missionary work. The Junior Society meetings are all good, and I can do what I like to do for once in my life.

"How many will be glad to come to our Daily Vacation Bible School and help make it a real success?" is the question asked by the young man.

"I will" was my reply before I really knew what I was saying—and of course I want to go to such a school, for I have nothing to do in the summer time.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AGENCIES

"WHEN we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are laborers together with God. Whatever our position,—whether presidents of conferences, ministers, teachers, students, or lay members,—we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies He has ordained for use is the printed page. In our schools and sanitariums, in our home churches, and particularly in our annual camp-meetings, we must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency."—Mrs. E. G. White.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE YOUTH'S CONGRESS

Held at Chiaotoutseng for the East China Union

I APPRECIATE that a wonderful privilege has been mine in connection with the history of this message in China. I have been associated with the beginnings of a good many lines of our work: first, with the work of our mission in China at its very beginning; later, in the beginnings of our publishing work. Following this, I had the privilege of having a part in the beginnings of our medical work when our first little institution was built up on Mokanshan. When we opened our first training school for workers in Honan, I was a member of the faculty. In the autumn of 1925, I was present at the opening exercises of the China Training Institute at Chiaotoutseng.

No experience has impressed me more in connection with the history of our work than the opening of the Youth's Congress, called together at eight o'clock the evening of March 11, of this year. To look into the faces of and to have the privilege of speaking to, an audience of 500 Seventh-day Adventist young people full of abounding hope, and in the process of preparation for the extension of our work in this land, was a most pleasant as well as a thrilling experience.

So impressed was I with the great value and benefit of such a meeting to organize the youth for definite service for the Master, even before they have completed their training, that I returned to my office to write letters out to the field of my happiness in seeing a new era developing in our work. It has constantly been stressed that the burdens of this work must more and more fall on the shoulders of the youth. We hope in future years to see many similar gatherings, until the interests of our young people throughout our division are tied to the one objective of gathering souls for the kingdom while we are in the harvest time of the world.

H. W. MILLER.

The Youth's Congress, just held at Chiaotoutseng, was certainly a success... The spirit of the meeting was distinctly missionary, and real enthusiasm has been aroused in the 1936 "On to Lhasa" movement. If time lasts I trust that more and larger gatherings of this kind may be planned for.

R. H. HARTWELL.

The Youth's Congress was very good from beginning to end. Many now have a new idea of the young people's work. As one delegate expressed it: "Before I thought the young people's meeting was just an hour to be spent in a meeting with a song, a prayer, and someone to talk, but now I have a different idea. I believe we as young people have a great responsibility in these last days, and we must awake and do our duty."

MRS. R. H. HARTWELL.

At the first Youth's Congress held in the China Division at the China Training Institute, there were present about one hundred and thirty delegates from the East China Union, together with the four hundred students in training at the Institute. There were young people at the college to represent every union in China.

It was inspiring indeed to see so many of our Chinese youth gathered to discuss young people's problems and aims. When the opening song was announced on Wednesday night, the chapel was full. Never, I believe, had the school auditorium held such an audience.

The program showed much forethought by these in charge. There were many interesting talks on the subjects pertaining to our youth, as well as a revival service every morning. Each day's program was enlivened with special selections in addition to the congregational singing from the new book containing some of the songs found in the J. M. V. Song Book. One unique musical feature was a cantata entitled "The Nazarene" given by the college chorus under the direction of Mrs. Frost.

A splendid spirit of courage and advance was noticed among all present. We were told by Professor B. A. Liu that the entire student body and faculty were willing to answer the call "On to Lhasa," which is the project undertaken by the youth of China for the year 1936.

I believe this Congress is the beginning of bigger things to be done by our youth of China. Let us pray that God's spirit may be poured out in greater measure upon them.

A. R. BOYNTON.

The Youth's Congress conducted at the China Training Institute has been a great inspiration to me. Young men and young women with a purpose, a message and a vision are being called of God to do a mighty work for Him in taking this message not only to their own people but to those beyond. I believe we are entering into the greatest period of expansion and development of our work in China that we have ever experienced.

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG.



Chiaotoutseng, March 11—15, 1936

It was a privilege as well as a pleasure to be in attendance at the first Youth's Congress held in China. Subjects of vital interest to the youth were presented and discussed. There was instruction in health principles, as well as in the principles of Christian living.

The active interest of the young people in these meetings, and the responsibility which many are already carrying in the religious activities of the Training Institute, and in the various churches of this field are indications of what the Lord may accomplish through them when heavier burdens are laid upon them.

As I think of this fine group of young people, and realize that the majority of them are already engaged in some branch of the Lord's work, or are in definite training for this purpose, I am reminded of the exclamation of His servant in "Education," p. 271:

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"

Let us pray for these young people that they may be kept from the snares of the enemy and may accomplish the great work God desires them to do.

FLORENCE E. WOOD.

The East China Union's Youth's Conference, held at the China Training Institute, was one of the most inspiring meetings I have attended for some time. The outstanding impressions of the Congress were: the practical nature of the program, the seriousness of the young people as they studied their special problems together, and how they might grow in Christian graces and be of help to others.

The missionary spirit of East China's youth was admirably shown at the Sabbath afternoon meeting when they responded liberally by giving over \$152.00 to the "On to Lhasa" movement.

It is my conviction that this gathering brought to all greater unity of purpose, a deeper Christian experience, and an enlarged missionary vision.

JOHN OSS.

The Congress recently held at Chiaotou-tseng was an eminently successful rally of our youth to the high social, educational, and religious standards of the denomination.

None but the most casual observer could believe that this epoch-making convocation was the result of mere man's planning and devising, for the marked presence of the spirit of God was evident throughout the meeting; the quiet, earnest, dignified, efficient, and harmonious conduct of the Congress, and the sympathetic and sustained interest in all that was said and done witnessed to the divine will and leadership.

As the merits of the Saviour were exalted, many among the several hundred persons who attended the meetings were led definitely to give themselves to Him. As our denominational aims and work were set before them, many subscribed to these high moral purposes and religious endeavors and as the pathetic spiritual and physical needs of multitudes of people, who are still without the knowledge of the gospel were presented, many unreservedly dedicated their lives for preparation and service in the closing work of God for the salvation of lost men.

That this, the first Youth's Congress held by our people in China, will mean much in the rapid extension of the Advent message and work in this great land, none who attended the meeting can doubt, for many were led to exclaim as did youthful Isaiah, "Here am I, send me!"

O. B. KUHN.

This Youth's Congress marks a new milestone in the onward progress of the three-fold message in its march through this great field. It was a good meeting and a great one. First, it was great for what it completed; namely, the implanting of a new courage and confidence in the hearts of the delegates and those in attendance regarding the vitality of the Advent Movement and its certain triumph. Second, it was great for what it started, namely, a wave of enthusiasm and activity

which will bear fruit in more and better such gatherings, more and better Young People's Societies, and finally, more and better effort on the part of all imbibing this influence for the salvation of the lost. May God bless the good seed sown at this time and grant it a bountiful harvest in the kingdom of God.

S. H. LINDT.

In every age, in every land, God's call to youth has met with an enthusiastic response. The spiritual, the intellectual, the moral, and the missionary service appeal of Christianity has called out and developed young people into powerful witnesses for Truth, and has produced the remarkable leadership which has carried the Gospel of the Kingdom into every part of the world.

The Youth's Congress in East China leaves no doubt in my mind but that God has hundreds of youthful witnesses for Him in this great country of China. By their testimony and consecration, by their enthusiasm and unbounded energy, by their willingness to serve, and their courage to do and dare for the Cross of Christ, I am convinced that the Advent Movement in Eastern Asia will not lack for pioneers, for consecrated leaders, for faithful followers,—yes, even for willing martyrs.

As I sit to-day in reflection of the events of the past few days my heart is full of gratitude to God for the spiritual blessings, for the inspiration of the music, for the talents displayed in our youth, for the latent energies and potential powers of leadership wrapped up in that group of five hundred Adventist youth.

My prayer is, "Oh God, send down the spirit of truth and power; stir those youthful hearts and minds; open doors of opportunity for service before each one of them; win them, save them, keep them, and use them in the glorious consummation of this great Advent Movement!"

D. E. REBOK.

S. S. "Wenchow"
On the Yangtze.

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That tuberculosis is responsible for more deaths than any other single cause?

That tuberculosis is preventable?

That tuberculosis is curable?

That tuberculosis may be wiped out?

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The Colporteur Work

OUR COLPORTEURS AS CHURCH BUILDERS

JOHN OSS

WHILE in attendance at the annual meeting of the Pinkiang Mission, held at Harbin a little over a year ago, Colporteur Dung Hung-lich told that while canvassing in the *hsien* city of Lin Tien, west of the city of Harbin, he had met a man named Chu, who had become much interested in the advent faith. This man, his wife, and their daughter, after accepting Christ as their Saviour, gave up the opium habit, and endeavored to live the truth out in their lives.

Later a letter was sent to Pastor Wang Fu-yuan, the director of the mission, calling for some one to come and instruct the inquirers at Lin Tien further. Pastor Wang visited Lin Tien and found a fine group of people keeping the Sabbath and endeavoring to live the truth as they saw it. He told these new believers that the mission had no means to assist in opening the work, but these earnest believers told him that they would be glad to provide a meeting place and furnishings if the mission could only send them a worker, suggesting that Brother Djou, the colporteur, be sent. Mr. Chu, the former opium smoker, gave his buildings to the mission to use for a period of ten years, and donated a plot of land on which later to build a church. At the meeting in Harbin a year ago, it was voted to send Brother Djou to Lin Tien to follow up the interest he had created.

Last week while visiting the union headquarters at Mukden, I was made happy to learn more about the work at Lin Tien. As Brother Djou began his evangelistic work there during the month of May, 1935, more became interested, and during September of last year, when Pastor Brewer and Wang visited this company of believers, twelve were baptized and joined the church. One of these was a doctor. This man has left his medical profession and entered the colporteur work, taking the place left vacant by Brother Djou.

This experience reminds us again that "the canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time;" also that "canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls."

Shanghai, China,
May 1, 1936.

INTO THE COUNTRY AREAS WITH OUR LITERATURE

JOHN OSS

DURING my recent visit to Mukden, I met two of our colporteurs, Wei Shu-kwei and Li Chun-ho, who were following out the action of the Winter Council in selling our literature in the country areas.

These energetic brethren had ridden their bicycles from Liaoyang *hsien*, where they were working, to Mukden to secure more literature and attend part of the institute that was being conducted for the students.

In making inquiry regarding their work, I learned that in the Liaoyang *hsien* about 200 yearly subscriptions for the *Signs* had been placed during 1935, but the goal for 1936 was 700. After the regular institute held some weeks ago, they started working in the country areas leaving the *hsien* city and larger places until later when it would be more difficult to travel the country roads, due to rain and other hindrances. Of the eleven *chü*, or districts, in the Liaoyang *hsien*, five had been worked, and over 300 subscriptions taken. Brethren Wei and Li have faith to believe that they can place at least 700 yearly subscriptions in this one *hsien*.

It is men like these, working energetically in the country districts, who are raising the *Signs* list in the territory beyond the Great Wall, and who make it possible for this field to hold first place in *Signs* magazine distribution.

It is hoped that all our unions will follow out the action of the Winter Council, and that aggressive work will be done in placing the *Signs* in the villages and country areas.

Shanghai, China,
May 1, 1936.

REACHING THE 1936 SIGNS SUBSCRIPTION GOAL

JOHN OSS

THE *Signs* magazine goal as outlined by the 1936 Winter Council of the China Division is as follows:

South China,	20,000
North China,	20,000
East China,	17,000
Central China,	16,000
Manchuria,	14,000
West China,	8,000
Northwest China,	5,000
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The Division Committee suggests that these goals be reached by the following methods:

(1) That the *Signs* goal in each union be apportioned the local missions, and that in each mission this goal be further divided among the colporteurs and that they be encouraged to put forth a special effort to reach the goals set; and that in addition to the usual way of working, they give special attention to the following:

(a) Having *Signs* subscription quotas for each province, *hsien*, city, and district, and putting forth special effort to reach these quotas;

(b) Putting forth a special effort to place the *Signs* in homes;

(c) Placing special emphasis on working the villages.

(2) That our field missionary and Book and Periodical House secretaries cooperate in assisting the colporteur in re-working territory when the subscriptions come due, and that a special effort be put forth in securing renewals of subscriptions, and that a careful record be kept in each Book and Periodical House, showing the date of expiration in each territory.

(3) That all territories in each mission be systematically worked with the *Signs* during 1936.

(4) That the club of three magazines be strongly promoted among our people, thus giving the *Signs* a wider distribution.

(5) That our workers and believers be encouraged to take club orders for the *Signs* to use in their missionary work.

(6) That a special effort be put forth to secure subscriptions from our church members and inquirers.

The editors of the *Signs* are putting forth a special effort in the preparation of interesting material and are doing all possible to make the *Signs* a paper that will contain the full message and appeal in a strong way to its readers.

During 1936 the *Signs* will contain a special series of articles by Dr. H. W. Miller on "Seasonal Epidemics, Their Cause and Cure," and the "Happy Homes" section will contain many helpful suggestions.

The circulation department of the publishing house has just prepared a large number of *Signs* prospectuses with the approach folder. These prospectuses also contain two new pages outlining the special series of medical articles and the material appearing in "Happy Homes" section of the *Signs*.

It is hoped that there will be a definite plan in all the missions to greatly increase the *Signs* circulation and that use will be made of the available promotion material.

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OUR REGULAR SABBATH OFFERINGS WEEK BY WEEK

OUR workers and the officers of churches everywhere will recall that the Sabbath offerings taken up Sabbath by Sabbath, are to be for home missionary work on the first Sabbath, for foreign missions on the second Sabbath, for educational work on the third Sabbath, and for local church expense on the 4th Sabbath. If perchance there be a fifth Sabbath during the month, the offering, is for the poor fund or as otherwise arranged by the local church council, or by the provincial mission.

ADDRESSES OF FURLOUGHED WORKERS

BELOW are the addresses of those on furlough from the China Division: G. J. Appel, care M. B. Gibson, Cathlamet, Wash.; W. J. Harris, 242 West Van Buren St., Battle Creek, Mich.; E. L. Longway, South Lancaster, Mass.; Miss Bessie Mount, 2627 Cook St., Cincinnati, Ohio; E. R. Thiele, 404 Oakland St., Holly, Mich.; C. C. Morris, Mount Vernon, Ohio; B. L. Anderson, C. A. Carter, and A. R. Boynton, care General Conference Office, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.; T. A. Shaw, South Lancaster, Mass.; Miss Ivadel Eaton, Rosemary, Alberta, Canada; B. F. Gregory and S. H. Lindt, Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif.

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PROMINENT among the visitors to Shanghai headquarters during the month of April were Elder B. G. Wilkinson, Elder J. F. Wright, President of the South African Division, and Elder W. Muller, secretary, Central European Division, all on their way to San Francisco to attend the General Conference. The reports of these brethren of the progress of the work in far distant fields brought courage and cheer to the Shanghai church.

Dr. and Mrs. Miracle have been voted to the Peiling Sanitarium, Mukden, on their return from the States in January.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Paul, of the Peiling Sanitarium, Mukden, have been transferred to Shanghai to serve the Sanitarium at Rubicon Road during the absence of Dr. H. W. Miller, who it is expected will return from the States the latter part of August.

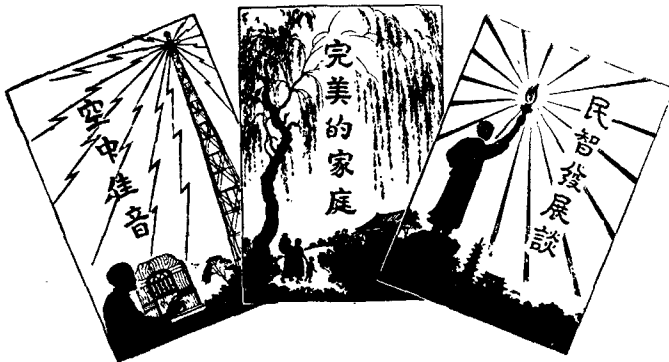
Dr. T. C. NICOLA, of our hospital at Addis Ababa, which was donated to our work by the Ethiopian Emperor, Haile Selassie, has been a recent visitor, while passing through Shanghai enroute to the States.

In meetings held in Shanghai and at China Training Institute, Dr. Nicola gave a vivid picture of the history and geography of Ethiopia, and told much of its people and customs. He related many difficulties encountered, due to the Italian-Ethiopian conflict, which has made the conduct of our work most difficult.

Our workers and believers in the China Division were requested to remember our work in Ethiopia in their daily petitions.

Dr. Nicola left for the States on May 27, per s. s. "Taiyo Maru," to join his family.

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