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A MISSIONARY HYMN

*SAINTS of God! the dawn is brightening,
Token of our coming Lord;
O'er the earth the field is whitening;
Louder rings the Master's word:
"Pray for reapers
In the harvest of the Lord."*

*Feebly now they toil in sadness,
Weeping o'er the waste around,
Slowly gathering grains of gladness,
While their echoing cries resound:
"Pray that reapers
In God's harvest may abound."*

*Now, O Lord, fulfill thy pleasure,
Breathe upon thy chosen band,
And, with pentecostal measure,
Send forth reapers o'er our land,—
Faithful reapers,
Gathering sheaves for Thy right hand.*

*Ocean calleth unto ocean,
Spirits speed from shore to shore,
Heralding the world's commotion.
Hear the conflict at our door,—
Mighty conflict,—
Satan's death-cry on our shore!*

*Soon shall end the time of weeping,
Soon the reaping time shall come—
Heaven and earth together keeping
God's eternal harvest home.
Saints and angels
Shout the world's great harvest home.*

— Henry Smart

For Our Encouragement

HOLD FAST AND GROW

H. W. MILLER

No truer picture could be drawn of the obstacles, as well as the opportunities, before the growth of the church today than is related by the Saviour in the parable of the sower, as He sat in a boat by the seashore where a great multitude were gathered. He described four different kinds of seed-sowing.

That which is sown by the wayside is quickly snatched away by Satan. It is not allowed to have a part in influencing the life. It represents our first response to do the right thing, to take the right course, to decide for the right. But counter influences seem too strong. One may lack courage or else he may have habits well formed, and natural desire overcomes him.

Other seed is sown on stony ground, and while this brings forth response, it is not lasting. Here are those who at first overjoyed and zealous find they cannot stand up against criticism, affliction, or opposition. They endure but for a time, due to a disposition to go the way of least resistance. Christianity does change the life and opens before one a changed program, but not everyone is willing to battle for his conscientious convictions.

Still other seed fell in thorny ground. The ground was good, but three things are mentioned as starving out the spiritual life and uprooting Christian faith. Could we avert the apostasies in the church through the three traps of Satan's here represented we should save many to the fold. The three snares are: The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusting after other things. Inasmuch as Jesus so clearly points out the reasons for the failure of so many, it would seem the part of prudence that every worker of the church guard well against these several causes.

How encouragingly the Lord ends this parable! Some seed fell into good ground and bore fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixtyfold, and some an hundredfold.

It is indeed a happy privilege, to see a brother or a sister come into the church, bringing with him or her a large company of believers. One such soul brought into the fold is worth the effort of a lifetime; but we may gather many such to our ranks; and when we do we shall see a remarkable growth in our China church.

"On to Lhasa"

D. E. REBOK

It is not the "ready made" toy nor the finished game which appeals to children and youth; but rather, it is the making of the toy and the playing of the game which both interests and benefits. Neither is it the actual being in Lhasa, but rather the "On to Lhasa" which provides our young people with pleasure and satisfaction.

This "On to Lhasa" movement has not only challenged the Missionary Volunteers of China, but it has captivated the interest of the General Conference and our young comrades across the seas. They are watching with unusual interest our progress in this mighty undertaking for Prince Emmanuel.

How far have we gone? How much money have we raised on our M. V. Goal of \$500? Who are the favored volunteers to be on the way to Lhasa? These are some of the questions which I hear now and then.

To begin with, we must remember that it is a long, long way to Lhasa. There are many mountain to be crossed, and many valleys to pass through. Many and careful preparations must be made for the safety of the pioneer workers, and for the welfare of the work.

Pastor John Oss, Mrs. Oss, Pastor Wilkinson, and Treasurer H. R. Dixon are this very day on the road somewhere between Chengtu and Tatsienlu. They should arrive in Tatsienlu before long. The literature has already left the publishing house in Shanghai, and today it, too, is on the long road somewhere between here and Lhasa. The two workers to blaze the trail to Lhasa are in preparation, and soon they will be joining up with some Tibetan caravan to make their way slowly to a "new nation," a "new country" for the Master.

Such an undertaking calls for money. Our Missionary Volunteers in China are responding with their means to meet this call. Up to September 1, 1936, we have received in the Division Treasury the following special donations for the "On to Lhasa" fund:

Central China Union	\$.68
East China Union	57.98
North China Union	37.90
China Training Institute	219.92
	\$316.48

I know there is more of this fund in the treasuries of the various local missions and unions. Please send it *all* in to the Division office at your earliest convenience. The men and the literature are on their way. We must support them with our offering for this great and worthy undertaking.

Just recently this good word came from the South China Union Missionary Volunteer secretary: "Hongkong has a good society now. They hold their meetings Friday night, have a good interest and good attendance. They have set a goal of one hundred dollars for offerings for the opening of the work in Tibet." That is good news; for we have learned from past

experiences that the Hongkong church accomplishes what it sets out to do, and reaches its goals in every line of work. No doubt there are other Missionary Volunteer societies in China at work on their "On to Lhasa" goals, and we know that by the end of the year 1936 our Missionary Volunteers in the China Division will have gone far beyond the \$500 which we set out to get as our part in opening up the work in Tibet.

OPEN DOORS IN THE NORTHWEST

HAROLD SHULTZ

It is evident that in these closing days the Lord is preparing the way for the message of present truth to be brought to many that heretofore we have not been able to reach. In the city of Sianfu there is a prosperous company dealing in national produce only, whose staff is composed entirely of Christians. They have invited us to conduct services for the staff on Sabbath mornings, as they realize that the seventh day is the true Sabbath. After closing hours on Friday evening they hold a vespers service which Pastor Shao at times has led. An interesting feature of their organization is that they close their store on Sabbath, recognizing that Sabbath, and not Sunday, should be the closing day.

Sianfu is growing rapidly. Many Christian Chinese from other parts of China are moving in and are looking for church fellowship. They are not averse to joining us in worship.

You will remember my telling of the baptism of our first Tibetan family in Choni recently. No unfavorable reaction of any kind has come as a result. Our Sabbath school is just as full of children as ever; and when weather and field conditions permit, many of the parents come also. How I wish we could fulfil General Yang's request for a real school and hospital in that place!

Recently some Tibetans going to T'sai Shan passed through Sianfu and stayed with us over the Sabbath. One of them, an influential man from Kumbum, promised us much assistance when we come to Sining. Pray for us as we begin work in this part of the field.

FAITH

FAITH is a grasping of Almighty power. The hand of man laid on the arm of God—
The grand and blessed hour
In which the things impossible to me
Become the possible, O Lord, through Thee!

From Field Workers

OUR WORK IN SHANGHAI

O. B. KUHN

SHANGHAI is the largest city in Asia, and in many respects one of the world's most important cities. According to statistics recently compiled by the Greater Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Public Safety, the population is 3,757,170. Of these, 2,568,371 were born here; 591,192 are from other cities of the Kiangsu Province; 529,668 are from 18 other provinces of China; and 67,939 are foreigners.

As a shipping center, Shanghai ranks fourth among the world's greatest ports, and vessels from all parts of the globe are constantly arriving and departing from this commercial metropolis.

Shanghai is an important center for missionary work and administration, and is the business headquarters for many missionary societies and enterprises. According to reports of the three Bible societies, whose main offices for China are here, more Bibles are printed in Shanghai than in any other city in the world. It is one of the greatest centers for religious work in all the world, and is frequently visited by religious leaders from all parts of the world.

Here we have five organized churches; Central, East, West, Frenchtown, and the Russian. The membership of these churches is 702, of whom 118 are Westerners and 77 Russians. The Sabbath school membership is 893. Here are located the headquarters for the China Division, the East China Union Mission, and the Kiangsu Mission. Here also are the Signs of the Times Publishing House, the Shanghai Sanitarium, the Sanitarium Clinic, the Home Study Institute, and the Far Eastern Academy.

Engaged in evangelistic work in this city are Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell, Pastor and Mrs. K. D. Karallashvili, and Mrs. B. Miller. There are one Chinese ordained minister, two evangelists, and six Bible women. One of the evangelists and one Bible woman devote their time to the Clinic, and one Bible woman is employed at the Sanitarium. There are four resident colporteurs.

In addition to his work as chaplain of the Sanitarium and Clinic, Pastor Hartwell gives Bible readings in the city to those who become interested in the gospel while at our medical institutions as patients or guests. We recently saw a printed announcement of a religious meeting to be held at the Navy Y. M. C. A., where Pastor

Hartwell was to speak. He also gives radio lectures regularly at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays, over station X.M.H.A., one of the most powerful broadcasting stations in the Far East. Pastor Hartwell's lectures on present truth and vital religious topics, known to the public as the "Timely Messages from the Word of Truth," have aroused interest not only locally and in other parts of China, but also in far-off New Zealand and Massachusetts, as letters received from these distant places reveal. A prominent Chinese business man in Shanghai, who is an interested listener, sent \$20.00 and requested that literature be sent to him. The medical lectures, which are broadcasted by our Sanitarium physicians on alternate Sunday mornings over the same station, are greatly appreciated. Editors of two prominent Chinese newspapers requested the privilege of printing one of the health messages given some time ago.

Overcoming, in the strength of the Lord, many great difficulties and much opposition, Pastor and Mrs. Karallashvili are working unceasingly and untiringly for the Russians, and are having success in winning souls for the Saviour and in shepherding the flock. Thus far this year nine have been baptized, and others are preparing for this sacred rite. Beside financing several local enterprises connected with their church, our Russian brethren and sisters gave in 1935 \$901.20 tithe; \$766.10, Sabbath school offerings; and \$425.30 Harvest Ingathering.

In spite of her advanced age, Mrs. B. Miller, who has done Bible work in Shanghai for the last 26 years, is as busy as ever and is working beyond her human strength, even during this hot weather. Strengthened by prayer and trust in God, every day early in the morning she goes forth on her round of mercy, sometimes to the Clinic, sometimes to some luxurious home, sometimes to the bedside of some poor person in need of physical and spiritual help. Through the heat and all other kinds of weather she toils away with the gospel of Christ in her heart to pour out to others. Frequently in the mornings just before she starts out for the day's work, we hear her phonograph playing her favorite song, "Speak Lord, for I hear Thy voice." May God bless her for many years to come.

The Kiangsu Mission is highly favored by having in its territory the China Division headquarters and institutions. These greatly assist in furthering all departments of the work, and they make possible the reaching of high financial goals, which greatly enhance the Kiangsu Mission statistical reports. The Shanghai churches put into our local mission treasury last year \$12,305.40 tithe,

including \$2,131.19 from foreign lay members, and \$901.20 from the Russian church (The tithes from foreign workers salaries do not come to the local mission); \$9,031.53, Sabbath school offerings; \$14,055.46, Harvest Ingathering and \$1,161.80, Big Week offering.

These large sums make the Kiangsu Mission more than self-supporting. We greatly appreciate the energetic, efficient, and persevering leadership of Pastor L. E. Reed in the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week work, and in other lines of endeavor as well. There were 53 persons baptized in 1935.

We realize that there are possibilities for the accomplishment of a much greater work in Shanghai than is now being done. We should have ten churches instead of five; there should be a larger number of baptisms yearly; and much more money should be coming into the treasury.

August 12, 1936.

GRADUATION EXERCISES IN AMOY AND CANTON

A. L. HAM

JUNE 22 was the time set for the closing exercises of the Bee Hwa Training Institute, Amoy. It was my privilege to give the Baccalaureate sermon on the preceding Sabbath and to make a few remarks to the classes graduated from both the boys' and the girls' sections of the institute. The mottoes of the graduation classes were very full of meaning and revealed that the life and teachings of Jesus are having their influence on the minds and the lives of the students.

On the previous Sabbath twenty-four candidates were led into the rolling billows of the near-by sea, where they followed their Lord in baptism. This was largely the result of the week of prayer seasons conducted by Pastor Wilcox and the baptismal class work by Professor MacIntyre and members of the faculty. Some came in from the near-by church work. It was a good Sabbath.

The Nurses' Training School, conducted by the management of the Canton Sanitarium and Hospital, held its graduation exercises July 5 in the chapel of the Union Training Institute, Canton. An interesting program was rendered. Pastor L. C. Wilcox gave the class address and Dr. Bates acted as chairman of the meeting.

One young man and five young women received their diplomas. We trust these young people will be greatly blessed as they endeavor to minister to the needs of the people in the name of Jesus, the great Physician.

IMPRESSIONS OF OUR WORK IN MANCHURIA

D. E. REBOK

THE right men, in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing is a combination which is bound to bring good results.

As I visited and studied our work recently on an emergency trip to Manchuria, I was deeply impressed that God had called just such a group of men to carry our work in Manchuria at this particular time. There are most wonderful opportunities for our work in that great, open, lovely, fertile land. On every hand we see great strides in building and all kinds of constructive work. The whole country is opening up through the network of roads and railroads, and the messengers of the gospel, be they colporteurs, or preachers, or lay workers, can now literally "fly" from place to place and carry the special message for this day and hour.

Imagine travelling in the greatest of comfort from Dairen to Harbin in about thirteen hours, or speeding through the sky at the price of a first-class railway ticket. Surely the closing events in our work will be "rapid ones," and governments everywhere are setting the stage in many ways to make this rapidity possible.

My visit was for only two weeks, but in that brief space of time we accomplished many things and heard much about our work in that great field, all of which brought courage and good cheer to my heart.

Our principal interest was in the matter of a Christian or religious training for our Adventist boys and girls. The government is establishing a system of schools for the general or social education of the children, and these are highly standardized through many and greatly detailed regulations. But very wisely and most fortunately they do provide for the "religious education" of our children of the church. A number of countries have not been so far-sighted and considerate of the spiritual life of the minority groups in society.

The "schools of the prophets" are our Biblical models for present-day church-conducted centers of religious and spiritual instruction designed to yield the highest type of character education. The aim of our religious education in Manchuria is to train boys and girls to meet the greatest need of the world at large. That need has been stated by Mrs. E. G. White

in these words: "The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

Just ordinary schools operated on very general scientific lines will not, and do not, produce men such as the world needs and truly wants. It takes more than mere scientific knowledge and general culture to produce men such as that objective sets before religious educators.

I look at our colporteurs in Manchuria. There is a group of real men—ready to face the dangers of interior and out-of-the-way village travel on bicycles, ready to leave the comforts of the cities and the safety of the beaten tracks to go back into the lonely and isolated villages to give those people a knowledge of eternal life as well as the secret to the "Good Life" so much desired by the people of this age, ready to suffer inconvenience and even to sacrifice liberty itself if need be that those in the rural areas may learn to know Jesus, "Whom to know is life eternal."

Three of these colporteurs have raised up companies of believers, built churches, and have shepherded these flocks along with their self-supporting literature ministry. Is it any wonder that the *Signs of the Times* mailing list in Manchuria is the largest of any union in the Far East? Are we surprised that Manchuria leads in the sale of Seventh-day Adventist literature in our whole territory? God is blessing these faithful and honest men in their labors for their fellowmen in Manchuria. Sixty-eight hard-working, earnestly-praying, God-fearing colporteurs in a union are bound to do a mighty work for mankind,—and the end is not yet.

The evangelists in Manchuria, under the worthy example of their union superintendent, have all learned the secret of evangelism. Tent and hall efforts of two or three months duration, accompanied by a systematic plan of visiting and holding Cottage Bible Readings, are finding many honest hearts among the people of Manchuria who are seeking for truth and for the answers to their problems of life.

May I request your most earnest prayers for the work of Seventh-day Adventists in the Manchurian Union.

SOUTH CHEKIANG MISSION

A. FOSSEY

THE farmers in this part of the country, after having planted a crop of rice, allow it to grow about eight inches or a foot high, and then plant a second crop between the rows. Then when the first harvest comes off the land, there is still a second crop coming along for a second harvest in a short time. In like manner the Lord's work is carried forward. While a harvest of souls is being garnered for the Lord's kingdom, there is still a second crop awaiting an impending harvest.

Shortly after my return to Wenchow in February, from furlough, a call came from the southern part of the field, and on this first itinerary many were baptized. Now another call comes from the same place. During May and June, Pastor Wood itinerated in the northern part of the field, where a goodly number were baptized and two new churches organized; now the call comes from up there for more baptisms. A total of eighty-three have taken their stand for the Lord by baptism thus far this year.

Recently Pastors Shen, Chen, and myself were present at the dedication service of a new church building at Va Tsae, which was erected without cost to the mission, and is now entirely free from debt. The members at Ng Pah Oe, near Tie Teh, have also erected a two-story building to serve as a chapel and a school house. We have many church companies who are sacrificing and saving to build themselves a church.

A number of evangelistic efforts have been held at country places this year, most of which have resulted in opening up new stations that need caring for, but which must struggle along without definite evangelistic help. An effort held at Dzang Bu, about 200 li up river has brought fruit in a Sabbath school with an attendance of over thirty. During this effort, a large number of individuals one evening pledged to give up and abstain from the use of tobacco in any form. Other stations have been opened up at Oa Ling Yieh, and Ah Ling Chah. Special efforts held among our believers in the Ngo Tsing section have resulted in the conversion of backsliders and additions of new believers to our churches there. A new church has been organized at Hsiang Shan, in the north, where a company was brought into existence a few years ago. We are glad that the work continues to grow, as it should do, and give all praise to Him who waters the seed sown and gives the increase.

HAKKA ANNUAL MEETING

A. L. HAM

THE political conditions in the province threatened to interrupt plans for the Hakka annual meeting this year. However, a change took place in time to permit our people to gather from all parts of the field for this good meeting. The meetings were held in the church on the compound, where workers and delegates from all parts of the mission joined in eight days of special prayer and Bible study. Pastor Wilcox carried a line of revival meetings similar to those held in Swatow. Hearts were touched by the appeals made for full surrender and renewed consecration and confessions were made and new resolutions formed by many in attendance.

Brethren C. E. Wimer and Ng Ying Wah were present to foster the interests of the Publishing Department.

On the last Sabbath twenty-four were baptized in the church baptism.

A new determination is taking hold of the workers in Hakka Mission to secure the payment of a faithful tithe by all members and to push out into new places with the message, winning souls for the Master. All seem to recognize that we have not long in which to finish our tasks and to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

EAST KWEICHOW

G. L. WILKINSON

At the annual meeting held in Kweiyang August 7-15 about 125 delegates and members were in attendance. Professor Lu Shou Dao, the Principal of the West China Union Training Institute, Dao Bao, Szechwan, Mr. Diao Yang Hwei, the Union Field Secretary, and the writer were in attendance during the latter half of the meeting, heavy rains and resultant high water at the time we were ready to leave for Kweiyang having damaged the road and a bridge or two and made it impossible for us to reach there earlier. We found the meeting well organized and being conducted just as if we had been there.

The trip to Kweiyang can now be made by auto bus in three days where previously it took at least two weeks. About 40 li this side of Kweiyang a bus had been held up an hour ahead of us and four persons killed. We were able to make the trip both ways without any trouble.

A good spirit prevailed during the meeting and goals were set for greatly advancing the work during the next few months. It is planned to open up five more *hsiens* before the end of the present year. Twenty-three candidates were baptized in the cool, clear water of a stream outside the city of Kweiyang.

After the close of the meeting we went by bus to see our school property 90 li into the country, passing on the way many of our believers who were returning by foot from the meeting. God has many precious jewels among these dear people in Kweichow. A fully consecrated ministry will enable us to win many more of them for the Kingdom.

SUMMER NEWS ITEMS FROM EAST CHINA

K. H. WOOD

SPECIAL evangelistic meetings have been in progress in a number of cities, among which were Hai Djou and Hsu Djou in North Kiangsu; Nanking, Beng Pu, Hoi-fei, and Ning-kuo-fu in Anhwei; and Chi-Kou in Chekiang, the ancestral home of General Chiang Kai Shek. An extended series of meetings in our Russian church in Shanghai has just been held, at the close of which eight converts were baptized. Seventeen Chinese believers were recently baptized at the Central Shanghai church, where a series of meetings has also been held.

During a recent two weeks' trip, it was my privilege to conduct baptismal services in five places, four of which will soon have organized churches. Among those baptized at one place was a lady eighty years of age who, upon her conversion, removed from her home the ancestral shrines as well as the idols which she had formerly worshipped. These, together with much incense, spirit money and other articles used in heathen worship, which had been prepared for her funeral, she publicly burned as a witness to her faith in Christ. Instead of this material being used at her funeral, it was used to celebrate her birth as a child of God.

The possibilities in summer Vacation Bible Schools are being realized by an increasing number of our workers and members. Approximately thirty of these schools are being conducted in East China this summer. Nanking with four schools, perhaps, has the largest number in any one place.

Brethren L. E. Reed and W. E. Eberhardt, and a few others, have already begun soliciting for this year's Harvest Ingathering Fund. A good beginning has been made toward securing the first thousand dollars. This we regard as a presage for a successful campaign this fall.

Although there is still a month before the opening of our schools, yet many enrolments have already been made, and applications are coming in almost daily. We are hoping to see these schools filled to capacity the coming term.

With Our Bookmen

COLPORTAGE IN NORTH CHINA

ADLAI A. ESTEB

THE success of the colporteur work always brings great cheer to our people. Moreover, into whatever nation the third angel's message has gone the progress of the work has depended in a large degree upon the success of the efforts in circulating the printed page. Because of this our people have always put forth special effort to increase the circulation of our denominational literature. And when these efforts have produced results, it has always brought great encouragement to the advent believers.

It will therefore bring rejoicing to our entire membership, and especially to the workers, in China to learn that notwithstanding the present perplexing situation in North China these have not been able to stop the colporteur work. Indeed, our literature sales *actually show a gain every month this year so far*. To be specific I might mention that the gain for the last three months (May, June, and July) over the same months of last year, total over \$4,500.00.

This success however has not been easily attained. It has actually demanded the spirit of the pioneers to endure the many hardships that have come. Our colporteurs have been arrested, or driven from their territory; some have been beaten; some have lost all their belongings through banditry; some have spent many days in prison. One of our field secretaries in sending in a monthly report added a new column to the report blank as follows:

No. of days colporteurs in jail . . . 64.

One colporteur was driven from his territory three times, but each time he returned. When for the third time the soldiers led him to the border of his territory and told him to leave, he wrote a very touching letter to the office. "They have driven me out of my territory for the third time," he said. "What shall I do? I am determined to finish my territory. I will not go home or return to the office until I have covered my territory and made it a 'Shu Lu Hsien'" (an expression which means placing literature in every village as was done in Shu Lu Hsien). He wrote to the capital of the province and was able to secure a letter from the governor's office recommending his work and requesting military and civil officials to assist him. Armed with this document our faithful colporteur returned to his territory for the fourth time and has done wonderful work in that field, selling many times more the amount of literature than had ever been sold in that territory before.

Nothing can stop the work of God when His workers have a spirit like that. And perhaps our brethren and sisters and fellow-workers throughout China will be able to see in these experiences the secret of the large increase in sales in North China this year. God has stretched forth His hand to finish His work, and to cut it short. Let us all stay by the work whatever our difficulties and labor on until that glorious day when God will say, "It is finished."

Our Sanitariums

A DAY AT THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM CLINIC

DOWN in the poorer section of Shanghai one finds a very fertile field for medical work, and right here is located the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic, a dignified six-storied structure from the outside of which one would scarcely imagine the round of activities going on within. One day of these inside activities might prove an interesting bit of data, so we pass on to you the observations of a day at the Clinic.

At six o'clock in the morning the place begins to pulsate after the lull of the night; the nurses are doing their last checking over, finishing up their charts, tidying up, and leaving the orders for the day nurses. But hark! What is that music that comes flooding down the corridor? We hear the strains of a familiar hymn:

"Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear
My voice ascending high."

Worship is in session. It is not easy to catch all the words; for this is an international group and they sing in different tongues. But they all praise the self-same God. There is a short study of the Sabbath school lesson or some portion of Scripture and a prayer for God's blessing upon the institution and help for the day's tasks.

Even before the worship hour is over, in the hall outside may be heard the click of wheel chairs. For what purpose are they lining up? "Just a moment, please," says Miss . . . ; and then in the order that they come they are loaded high with linen, each chair to be taken to its respective floor. It really is no small item to supply linen for one hundred fifty beds, not to mention such busy departments as the Obstetrical and the Operating Room.

Just around the corner on the stair landing of the first floor are three persons, all wearing masks, one with pad and pencil and the other two very much absorbed in their work. "Ninety-five sheets," says one; "Sixty-seven bath towels," another; "One hundred ten face towels,"—and we realize that we are standing close by the linen chute and that these stacks of linen are the accumulation of one day.

The bell buzzer brings us to attention. Two short rings. The head nurse is wanted; for the Doctor has arrived and it is time to make the rounds. Not only does the head Doctor but all the assistants and interns make this morning round together. A waste of time did you say?

"Five hundred and four, bed 2, is not doing too well. See that fluids are pushed—give glucose intervenously three times a day and keep ice bag to heart." The head nurse with pad and pencil writes all orders so that everyone carries "504, bed 2" on his heart that day and the staff make him a special subject of care. We follow this group as they go from patient to patient, looking at a wound here, changing a dressing there, reading a chart or giving an order. Interesting, too, it is to see the response of the sufferers, most of whom manage to smile a greeting.

Eight o'clock, and surgery is in full swing. Seven blue slips on the pick indicate a full morning's work; but the nurse in charge remarks: "Not so bad today. There are only two majors. The rest will go quickly." They did: for we watched to see, and by nine thirty, five of them were finished, the other two being left until after clinic hours.

When the big door opens downstairs at nine o'clock, all the nurses are in their places—in the Children's and Women's

departments, the Men's department, the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat departments, and the examining rooms—all ready for the onrush for truly it is that. More than a hundred strong they come, with but a small space in which to wait. One wonders how personal attention can be given to each one of such a crowd; but by eleven o'clock they have had their clinic instruction, been treated or examined and with their record cards, properly marked, are ready to be sent on to the various departments for further check, or else have had their prescriptions filled or their dressings changed, and gone home.

Quiet reigns again in the dispensary until two p.m., at which time we find a repetition of the morning's activities. But what has happened to all the patients who have come for the first time? Some, of course, went back home to think for awhile over the problem of an operation or X-ray, but thirty-four went into the laboratory for blood check, five to the X-ray department and fourteen were admitted to the hospital as inpatients.

One of the very busiest corners of the dispensary is the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat department. The hall was filled with patients waiting their turn. Seventy-two had been treated in that department the day before, and on this day it looked as though there would be even more.

A visit through third floor gave real pleasure; for it was the noon hour, and seated at two low round tables on little stools were six convalescent children, as happy as though they were with their parents at home. And so clean! Others, too sick to sit up, were being fed by nurses and helpers, and the ward where the small children were was quite noisy. Some were playing, some eating, and one little fellow crying said, "Ask that lady if my mama is dead." He stopped crying, however, when we told him his mother had gone to dinner. Six little bundles were in the push wagon being distributed from bed to bed and room to room; for it was feeding time for the infants also.

A visit to the kitchen next! Here over two hundred meals are served three times every day; and on inquiry we learned that these meals are served and the dishes cleared within an hour and a half. No fumes of meat! How good the food smelled. Of course, being clinic, one couldn't expect dainties. The diet kitchen on the third floor looked more appetizing, for that is where all the special diets and children's food were being served. This went out in trays, while from the main kitchen it went out in kettled carts.

Afternoon brings visiting hour, when all the patients look forward to seeing some one from home; and somehow those who had no caller beside the beds make us feel sad.

One experience that came with the day I shall not soon forget. A dear old country lady had brought her grown-up son for a tonsilectomy. She looked very frightened; and when the nurse wheeled him down clad all in white clothes and cap, she was sure his end had come. Trembling, and wringing her hands she cried, "Oh, they are going to cut. He will die. I'm much afraid." The nurses seemed helpless to quiet her; but suddenly a patient came hobbling from his bed and shook her, saying, "See here, my abdomen they cut; my throat they cut; this place on my neck they cut, and I'm almost well. Your boy's cutting is nothing." She gazed at the patient with open mouth while he smiled at her, and soon all was quiet in the hall again.

The bell buzzer is calling two shorts again. It is an ambulance, and an emergency is entered. Buzz again! This time it is the doctor who is wanted. A lady has swallowed her earrings and gold bracelet. This according to Chinese tradition is certain death, but an X-ray reveals no pin points sticking outwards. She is ordered bulky foods, castor oil and a wait in bed.

The fifth floor, the men's floor, is always full, we are told. The head nurse pointed out several interesting cases. One in particular was an old man recovering from asplenectomy. The doctor had given him up to die and had permitted his people to take him home; for according to Chinese superstition one must not die away from home. But this man lived through the night—and the next day and night. The second morning saw him much improved; therefore he was brought back to the hospital, where he has been making a steady gain much to the joy of every one.

That little, pale, sick-looking woman in bed 30 looks well now compared to a week ago. Two days after her baby was born she had a sudden rise of temperature and in general was a very sick patient. She had a high leucocyte count, pain and vomiting. The doctor operated and found the appendix slightly inflamed, but not sufficiently so to cause so much trouble. An exploratory examination revealed a kidney full of stones with broken down tissue and pus. Contrary to rule, this was removed through abdominal incision. Now her chart shows a gradual drop in temperature. She eats well again. We expect to see her up and out in another two weeks.

The hour is growing late, but there is plenty still to see and do in the Clinic; for here is a continuous round of duties, varied only by the difference in the temperament of the patients, the nature of the diseases and the patients response to the treatment given.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

A VISITOR

GRADUATION EXERCISES, SHANGHAI SANITARIUM

THE tenth annual Commencement exercises of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital were held in the Sanitarium chapel, September 4-6, Dr. H. W. Miller speaking at the consecration service on Friday evening, September 4, and Pastor Shen delivering the baccalaureate address on the following day. Professor Scharffenberg addressed the graduates at the Commencement service, on September 6. A fuller report of these activities will probably appear in a later issue.

An interesting feature of the class constituency was referred to by Dr. Miller in presenting the diplomas; namely, the wide territory drawn upon for its enrolment. Of the twenty graduates, four came from four different provinces of the Philippine Islands; two from lower Burma; one from Penang, Straits Settlement; thirteen from six provinces of China, including the island of Hainan.

May the rich blessing of God attend this class of young people as they go forth to their work for the Master and learn the joy of service for Him who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

The Sabbath School

THE INVESTMENT PLAN

FLORENCE E. WOOD

"EVERY member following the Investment plan" is the goal set by the General Conference, and the Sabbath school superintendent who promotes the Investment plan is doing only his duty.

A little enthusiasm will often bring tens of dollars into the Sabbath school offering; for this spirit is contagious. Would it seem strange to hear that an epidemic of Investment fever raged at the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic during the last few weeks of May? It started in this way: One head nurse at that institution was asked to give an Investment talk at the Central Church. She is leader of the English division of this school, and after publicly encouraging others to adopt the Investment plan, she felt she must do something worth while herself. Fancy work and cooking would consume too much time, for she is a busy person; so she cast about to find something else. In one of the offices at the Clinic, she had noticed a pile of books which were still unsold after the Big Week campaign. She asked permission to sell these books with the privilege of giving the profits to the Investment fund. After she had disposed of a few, other workers wanted some of the books also. In a short time, all were sold, and the offering total, not only of the Central Shanghai Sabbath school, but of the China Division as well, will be \$80.00 or \$90.00 higher as the result.

There are many good ways by which we personally might earn an offering, and all that is necessary is to find the *one* thing which we *are* able to do. Not all Investment plans are so productive as the one above mentioned. In fact, we occasionally lose money. Perhaps the devil is trying to discourage us. Even if we realize only a small amount in comparison with the sum we had hoped to receive, let us remember the widow's mite and take courage. Whether our offering is large or small, the getting of it may be real "Investment fun" as a little girl understood the term, if we do our best.

A Generous Contribution

A member of the Russian Shanghai Sabbath school who manufactures musical instruments has donated a new violin to the fund. His wife has given two paintings.

Other Plans

Visitors at the Shanghai Sani-

tarium laundry may be curious to know the reason for the Investment tin which stands in a conspicuous place not far from the Chinese newspaper. A copper is dropped into the container daily by every reader of the news.

A Chinese sister of the Central Shanghai Sabbath school brought an offering of \$22.00 on last Investment day. "How did she obtain such a goodly sum?" do you ask? Several months ago when the price of rice was low, she purchased a quantity which she later sold at a profit. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

A Bible woman has taught several of her friends to make various saleable articles to increase their offerings. Her own Investment plan is the preparation of "mock goose." For many years, a dentist has dedicated the income from all prophylactic work done on Sundays to the fund. An inquirer did without a servant for a time and gave the \$10.00 thus saved. A member gives the interest on a sum of money loaned to a friend. Still other plans of which we have recently learned are: knitting; embroidery; sewing; baking bread; making ice cream, cookies and cake; making a hand lotion and perfume; selling soap, towels and other articles commonly used in the home; making charts; doing home barbering; giving money saved when it rains and it is unnecessary to buy water; gleanings from the rice harvest; savings by doing home tailoring, going without certain meals, walking instead of riding; giving the approximate value in cash of certain gifts received; giving the difference between the regular and sale price of foods purchased.

What are *you* doing? Tell us about *your* Investment plan. It may help someone else to find a way.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS IN THE CENTRAL UNION

Of the branch sabbath school work in the Central China Union Pastor C. H. Davis writes:

"On a recent visit to our small church in Siaoan, Hupeh, I learned that a branch school is being operated with seven regular members at a village fifteen *li* from the Central Church. The membership is enthusiastic over this small beginning. The evangelist showed me a letter received from another district over forty *li* distant, and signed by more than ten people, asking that a Sabbath school be opened in their midst.

Our Nanchang church in Kiangsai has organized to do branch Sabbath school work, and has already begun in a village twelve *li* away. In company with Pastor Wang Wen-hui I visited this place and spoke to some thirty people who had gathered for a meeting. When we returned to Nanchang, we called a meeting of church officers and appointed a committee to care for this interest and to open a branch Sabbath school. A later report from Pastor Wang stated that at the next visit an equally good meeting was held. We made plans for the opening of another branch school among some farmers about ten *li* from Ichun."

A HOME SABBATH SCHOOL BECOMES AN ORGANIZED CHURCH

In the village of Djien Djou, 30 *li* from Ningpo, lives an elderly couple who accepted the truth in Shanghai about fourteen years ago. When they returned to Djien Djou, they conducted a home Sabbath school which was attended by members of the family who had not before been privileged to attend our services. Neighbors were invited, became interested and joined the Sabbath school. A son of this couple soon accepted the truth, and is now carrying responsibility in one of our denominational institutions. He is an elder of one of our largest churches. Another son and his wife have recently been baptized, as well as an aged neighbor lady. This woman had accumulated about three hundred dollars' worth of material used in heathen worship, among which was a quantity of incense, spirit money, etc., which she had prepared for her funeral. Before her baptism, she had this all taken out and publicly burned. Others have joined this Sabbath school until now there is a company of sufficient strength to be organized into a church. The lady in whose home this Sabbath school has been held is now sixty-seven years old, and although at the time of her conversion she was unable to read, she now regularly teaches a Sabbath school class, and helps the illiterate members to get their lessons also. We are informed that fourteen members of this school could repeat the twelve memory verses at the close of last quarter.

—Sabbath School Echoes.

FORMERLY AN AMAH, NOW A SOUL-WINNER

FLORENCE E. WOOD

A SABBATH SCHOOL has recently been organized in a village among the salt-drying fields on the Chekiang coast near Ningpo, largely the result of the soul-winning activities of one earnest lay sister. When a worker visited that place a short time ago, he was surprised to recognize in this woman a former amah in the home of one of our Division brethren. While living in the Ningkuo Road compound, she accepted the truth. She later married and moved to this village. We understand that there are now Sabbath-keepers and inquirers for a radius of five miles around her home. Her mother and an old uncle are among those interested in the truth. Another who attends the Sabbath school is a woman eighty-five years of age who walks six miles to church and return every Sabbath. Another old lady walks twice the distance but waits until Sunday to make the return journey. The interest continues to grow and many others are manifesting a desire to learn the truth for this time. Let us remember that the souls of those who serve us in our homes are just as precious as are those who receive the gospel at our chapels through the labors of an evangelist. An illiterate person who is truly converted may be used by God to accomplish a great work for Him.

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ACCESSIONS IN THE NORTH AND EAST CHINA UNIONS

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WORD from the North China Union covering the second quarter of 1936 brings the report of ten baptisms in Charhar-Suiyuan Mission, twenty-one in Hopei, five in Jehol, fifty-eight in Shansi, and twenty-four in Shantung Province, or a total of one hundred eighteen new believers added during this period.

The East China Union reports thirty-one baptisms in the Anhwei Mission, fifty-two in Kiangsu, thirty-four in North Kiangsu, twenty-nine in North Chekiang, and fifty-three in South Chekiang, or a total of one hundred ninety-nine members added during the quarter ending June 30, 1936.

May these accessions to the church be greatly increased, and may the statement of the prophet Jeremiah be speedily fulfilled: "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the earth with fruit."

MOVEMENTS OF WORKERS

DURING the latter part of August a number of workers passed through Shanghai: missionaries returning from furlough, or coming to the Orient for the first time, or passing through from one field to another in the interests of mission affairs. Among these were Mrs. G. B. Youngberg and her three children; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Minchin and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Jewkes, all bound for the Malayan Union; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wentland and sons, of Saigon, returning from furlough; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morrison and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ragsdale and daughter, new appointees to the Philippine Union; Miss Ragsdale, of Yencheng, down from Central China to welcome her brother to the Orient and Miss Josephine Holmes, of Honan, here for a few days.

Arriving later in the month was Dr. H. W. Miller, medical secretary for the China Division, returning from the States and accompanied by his two sons, H. Willis and Clarence A. Miller, the latter going on almost immediately to our training institute at Chiaotoutseng, where he has joined the teaching staff.

PRESS ACTIVITIES

The following items are going through the Press at the present time:—

Sales Manual, by Pastor John Oss
Home Missionary Meeting Program book for 1937
Y.P.M.V. Society Program book for 1937
Y.P.M.V. Morning Watch Calendar for 1937
Another 25,000 edition of the T. B. Book
A reprint of "Steps to Christ" to fill a special order
A revised issue of "Steps to Christ"
The Third Quarter's Health Exponent for the Sanitarium
"Meeting Objections" for Colporteurs
Regular issues of the "Signs," the "Shepherd," the "Gazette," the "Reporter," the "S. S. Helper," "Missions Readings," etc.

Four of the best months of the year are before us. We are looking to the Lord for a very special blessing upon the literature work during the remainder of the year. Let us continue to pray for one another and for our Publishing Department work.

O. A. HALL

KULING LANGUAGE SCHOOL

THE second session of the language school conducted on Kuling opened on July 6. The school was conducted for a period of eight weeks this year and closed on the 28th of August. By the end of the third week forty-six had been enrolled and quite a number more were due to arrive on the mountain at the close of July for study during August.

The school was again conducted in the Kuling auditorium. The committee in charge of the auditorium cooperated in every way to assist in making the work a success. A splendid spirit was manifested, and we are confident that many new friends and contacts were made at Kuling this summer. We trust this summer school may become a permanent feature of the Home Study Institute, and we also look forward to conducting similar work at other summer resorts in the future. We believe that more and more of our workers will take advantage of these opportunities to become more efficient in the use of the language.

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS

WOULD you like to know more about branch Sabbath schools? A General Conference leaflet on the subject is now available. This leaflet tells how the branch Sabbath school work is being carried on in various parts of the world, and many interesting experiences given of how souls have been definitely won through this agency. The Branch Sabbath School leaflet tells how to approach the problem of getting started. It tells how to organize and conduct the branch Sabbath school, what supplies are needed, the method of reporting the statistics, and who should take general supervision of this work. There is a suggestive program. In fact, all one needs to know in order to successfully launch and carry on a branch Sabbath school is contained in this leaflet. Order of the Sabbath school Department, 526 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai.

FLORENCE E. WOOD

SWATOW ANNUAL MEETING

A. L. HAM

THE recent annual meetings held for the Swatow and Hakka Missions during the last of July and first part of August were very helpful and encouraging. Pastor Khng, director of the Swatow Mission, had his meeting well organized, and although the delegates were housed in the compound some distance from the church where the meetings were held, they kept up their prompt attendance right to the last. The days were hot and humid, yet with fans in the chapel the temperature was made bearable, and earnest speakers were able to keep up a good interest. Pastor Khng carried a very heavy load, but was ably assisted by his faithful workers. Pastor Wilcox conducted a series of revival meetings which were very inspiring and helpful. Brother Ng Ying Wah bore the chief burden in the Publishing Department interests and also conducted some of the morning devotional meetings.

The regular business sessions were times of profitable discussions on topics of interest to all: plans for advance by evangelistic efforts in new places, methods of shepherding the flock, and goals for the various departments and method by which to reach them.

On the last Sabbath, twenty-six were baptized in the near-by stream. Three students, graduates of the China Training Institute, were employed in various lines of mission work.

Although changes were made in the committee and in department heads a spirit of love and harmony prevailed. The motto "Advance" was kept before the delegates and workers by beautiful large characters extending across the church wall above the rostrum and by frequent reference to it. The Lord is blessing the work in the Swatow Mission and we may confidently look forward to a large harvest of souls. This mission is the first in the South China Union to enter every county.

FOR NEW WORK IN THE BORDERLANDS

AMONG the workers reaching our shores during the early part of September, special mention should be made of Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Lee, appointed at the time of the General Conference to service in Yunnan for new work among the tribespeople. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are well known to many of the workers in the China field where they grew up from childhood. Graduated from the Far Eastern Academy, they went to the States to complete their studies and training for service in this their chosen field. We are most happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lee to our midst again, and wish for them many years of happy and fruitful service for the needy but promising tribespeople of Yunnan.

PUBLISHING HOUSE NOTICES

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR is now being printed, and early orders are desired. The English Morning Watch Calendar should be ordered now.

Do you wish a 1937 Year Book? Let us know at once.

How about the Christian Home Wall Calendar for next year? Every one will wish at least one, and this would be a very helpful present to interested friends.

O. A. HALL