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Welcome to Our New President

By O. A. Hall

AT THE time of the General Conference session held in San Francisco last May, Professor Frederick Griggs was elected vice-president of the General Conference for the China Division. Since his election he and Sister Griggs have spent the months that have elapsed in the homeland on regular furlough, but during this time Professor Griggs has been frequently in counsel with the General Conference officers regarding matters pertaining to the work of the China Division. He has also been in regular correspondence with those bearing responsibilities in the field, giving counsel and advice on many questions.

Recent messages received bring the information that Professor and Mrs. Griggs secured passage on the "Asama Maru" arriving in Shanghai February 24.



This is indeed welcome news, and we look forward with pleasure to the day of Professor Griggs' arrival to take charge of the work in this large division of our world-wide organization. We extend to our new president a most hearty welcome.

We take this opportunity to express to the members of the division committee and to all the field workers our deep appreciation of your hearty cooperation and untiring efforts in pressing forward every line of mission endeavors while our division president and other department and field workers have been absent.

Professor Griggs is not a stranger to most of the workers of the China Division nor to the needs of the field. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome and earnest cooperation.

News from the Field

If an unkind word appears.

File the thing away;

If some novelty in jeers,

File the thing away;

If some clever little bit

Of sharp and pointed wit

Carrying a sting with it—

File the thing away;

If some bit of gossip come,

File the thing away;

If a scandalous, spicy crumb,

File the thing away;

If suspicion comes to you

That your neighbor is not true,

Let me tell you what to do—

File the thing away.

Do this for a little while;

Then go out and burn the file.

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Good Tidings Out of the North

BY D. E. REBOK

SOMETIMES we are like the servant of Elisha. When problems and difficulties and obstacles present themselves and surround us on every hand, we are prone to exclaim, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?"

Then some good Elisha will arise and answer, "Fear not: for they that *be with us* are more than they that *be with them*." The prayer of the prophet for that young man might well be the prayer for our workers today, "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see." See the wonderful resources of heaven at our demand! See the unlimited power of heaven at our command! See the mighty works of God in our most unlikely places!

God's word to us in all these places is to "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee."

This is just what our workers in the North are doing. Brother Brewer, the Manchurian Union Superintendent, himself sets the example, and sets aside at least one full month each year when he takes his tent and goes into some city for an evangelistic effort. He preaches every

night, and the glory of God's truth shines into many darkened hearts and lives.

Each local mission director 'rises' and 'shines' in the same way. Each evangelist and many teachers conduct these evangelistic efforts in many places.

The result?—"And the Gentiles shall come to thy light." Yes, in the year 1936 there were 412 of them who came to the light of the gospel and were baptized.

Then there is that mighty Gideon's band of fifty regular colporteurs in the Manchurian Union. They, too, 'rise' and 'shine'. They carry their light into every village in every *hsien*. Think of it! 20,000 subscriptions for the Chinese *Signs* and 3,000 more Korean and Japanese *Signs* going into that many homes each month. Over 100,000 people are reading the message in those silent messengers of peace and hope. In more than 20 *hsiens* those printed preachers are going into *every village*—those located back from the beaten trails—out on the edges seldom reached by the living preacher.

In the Fengtien Tract Society alone over \$20,000 worth of literature was sold last year without a single had account,—no colporteur debts; but on the contrary, nearly every colporteur had a deposit or savings account with the tract society. The "workman is worthy of his hire," and when he works well, God pays well.

Joy filled my heart to overflowing as I sat and listened to the story of God's work in Manchuria during 1936. How my heart beat within me as Brother Wang Fuh Yuen, director of the Pinkiang Mission, told of the special seasons of prayer and earnest study by our people up there as to how they might win 60 new members—the goal for their mission—and reach their goal of \$600 for the church membership tithe. After those earnest seasons of prayer and study, that director did exactly as bidden by the Spirit of prophecy and urged by the General Conference Autumn Council in 1936.

"Conference presidents have been admonished 'to see that the elders and deacons of churches do their work in the churches by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury,' and elders of churches are admonished to 'labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse.'"

Brother Wang did that very thing. He went to each of his churches and companies, and visited the home of each church member. He not only taught them the tithing doctrine, but actually showed them how to figure their tithe on last year's income. In one place where there were but three families of church members, their tithe amounted to over \$150. In another church the tithe was a little over \$270. Think of it! With a church membership of about 200 in that newly established mission, \$1042 tithe was returned to the Lord last year. On the same basis for our China Division membership of 16,000 members, our tithe for members alone would be over \$80,000 a year. This is something for church members in every mission and church to *think* about, and *pray* about, and *study* about.

As Brother H. N. Broderson reported the results of the tent and other special evangelistic efforts of last year, and I heard that 231 persons had been baptized in the Fengtien Mission alone, I began to do some mental arithmetic and arrived at the astounding figure of 8,778—if each of our 38 local missions in this division had done as well.

But suppose that our seven unions had each baptized 412 last year, we should have added 2884—if the Manchurian results had been duplicated in the other fields.

Surely the Lord is with the work in Manchuria. Today is our day of opportunity there. The brethren are pleading for another big tent in order to double the results they have been getting with the *one* now being used. Is there a greater need in all the division than that? Can we make any other investment of six or seven hundred dollars that will bring more souls saved than for an additional tent for Manchuria? Why not give them two or even three more tents and see a *thousand baptisms* next year in that field?

Our Work in Sinkiang

BY LIU FU AN

THE Spirit of God has certainly begun working in the Northwest. For the past few years every department of the Lord's work in that section has been blessed. Though the lack of communications and the divergence of language used in the borderland have presented many problems, nevertheless we have seen wonderful progress.

One of these problems has been the lack of workers and funds, in the face of cries for help from the different parts of the field. However, the workers with different tasks in hand are following the example of Paul, each in his assigned territory, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward unto those things which are before." It is this spirit that encourages them to go over desert and plain in order to search out the missing sheep and bring them in safety to the fold.

Suchow, where the temporary headquarters of the Sinkiang Mission is located, 2,170 li away from Lanchow, is the eastern gateway to Sinkiang. This is the central market place of Mongolians, Tibetans, Chinese, and Mohammedans.

In 1935 Pastor and Mrs. Dahlsten and Mr. and Mrs. Shigley moved to this place, and here they have been laboring under difficulties. On August 21 last year five persons were baptized. There are others who will later be ready for baptism. They request to be remembered in your prayers.

Our Russian Work in Shanghai

BY O. B. KUHN

ABOUT 30,000 Russians are living in Shanghai. In the French Concession there are 20,000, and in the International Settlement and Chinese City, 10,000. Because of political and economic conditions in the north, every year sees a substantial increase in the Russian population of Shanghai.

For the last six years our work for the Russians has been under the care of Pastor C. D. Karalashvili and his wife, who with the faithful cooperation of the church members are laboring earnestly to care for the flock and to build up the church. The status of this work is here shown:

Year	Membership	Baptisms	Tithes	Sabbath School Offerings	Harvest Ingathering
1932	40	9	\$519.02	\$479.14	\$200.00
1933	55	10	639.32	581.43	271.30
1934	63	7	988.00	674.65	215.00
1935	67	2	901.20	758.18	426.14
1936	80	12	1,272.49	775.25	404.69

Three boys and three girls are receiving a Chinese education in our training institute at Chiaotou-tseung. These young people, who speak Russian, Chinese, and English, are grateful for the privilege of obtaining a Christian education, and of being trained for the service of God.

Finding in the Lord much comfort, courage and hope, many of our Russian brethren and sisters, who have been through much trouble, and who are struggling for a livelihood, rejoice in the love of God, are steadfast in their knowledge of the truth, and are hopeful in the expectation of the Saviour's soon-coming.

Notwithstanding their poverty, they are faithful in returning to God the sacred tithe, and are liberal in their offerings. Considering the needs of the poor and afflicted among their own oppressed people, who have fled to Shanghai for refuge, they share, as they are able, their little with others. A soup kitchen is maintained in the rear of the chapel, where many who beg on the streets and receive ten-cent tickets from benevolent persons who purchase these from the kitchen management, are given nourishment.

One brother, who earns but sixty dollars a month, in addition to supporting his family, pays his daughter's schooling expense at Chiaotou-tseung. This earnest believer is a teacher in the Sabbath school, and desiring to give the class all the spiritual help possible, purchased an English copy of the lesson help, "Desire of Ages," at a cost of over \$10 Chinese currency, making payment to the tract society of one or two dollars a month.

To the Russians belong the genius of song. When engaged in the public worship of God, our Russian brethren and sisters, out of their experience, sing praises and thanksgivings unto the Lord with their whole being. (Ps. 104:33,34) Sacred music to them is a very important part of divine worship, and it is truly inspiring to hear them sing, with the spirit and understanding, the songs of Zion, expressing their faith, joy, peace, and trust in the Redeemer.

A proverb from India says: "A faulty diamond is more valuable than a perfect pebble." So in God's estimation believers, in spite of their faults, are more valuable than unbelieving moralists. Though this is true, let perfection be our ideal! —Illustrations p. 142, No. 365

A Cry From the Roof of the World — Our Dispensary

BY TSAI SHU SHENG

ONE day a man came to our dispensary begging for some medicine. As we couldn't understand what he said, and also were not sure just what was wrong with the patient, we told him that we must see the sick man before giving out any medicines.

Three days after, this man came again with a big bundle. With tears in his eyes, he said, "The patient is very sick and cannot come. Please give him some medicine immediately." While he was unpacking his bundle, we were very much surprised to see a man's arm among the contents. The man told us that this was the patient's arm. He said that they had been seeking aid from the Lama temples, but nothing seemed to help.

We gave him a little medicine immediately and told him how to use it and how to care for the sick man. We also promised to call at his place a little later to see how the patient was improving.

A month later the patient came to our dispensary, and expressed his gratitude for the help given him. He also introduced a number of sick people for treatment at our place.

There are many people coming to our dispensary every day, and Mr. and Mrs. Shultz are busy treating them. The number seems to be increasing every day, and our medicines are getting less and less.

THE readers of the REPORTER will be pleased to know that the earnest prayers that have been offered in behalf of our workers in the Northwest have been heard and answered. Brother and Sister Hughes and their daughter have left their mission station in Sianfu and are now at our Honan Mission headquarters, at Yencheng, Honan. Brother Hughes writes:

"We reached Yencheng on the twentieth, ahead of the telegram I had sent. Here we received a most hearty welcome, but were so tired from the strain and loss of several nights' sleep that we were almost dazed. We have greatly appreciated the prayers and the concern of the brethren for our welfare during recent weeks. We have felt the Lord's sustaining grace, though in the weakness of the flesh we have allowed the strain to wear on us

somewhat; for humanly speaking we had every reason to believe that the local authorities would not let us go but keep us for protection from and restraint upon the opposite side which hostages might afford.

"Our two schools in Sian were closed and the students sent home on December 13. Two days later the roads were closed and other students from other schools than ours were turned back at the Wei River."

Letters and telegrams from Lanchow also bring good news of safety, and kind consideration and courtesy extended to our workers there and at Sining. After outlining in detail the happenings of the past months Brother Davies says, "Our buildings are all intact. The sanitarium is full of patients. We are grateful that God answers prayer and that so far conditions are no worse than they are."

It will be fully realized that our workers in that union have been under severe strain, and those still there are not out of danger; but we all shall pray continually that angels which excel in strength may guard and keep until quiet and peace is again restored and our work allowed to proceed as before.

Work Done During the Disturbance

BY GIAO WEN LI

At the beginning of 1936, in planning how to conduct our work for the year in Shansi, I hoped that the work done would surpass our former records. But communistic trouble came in February, lasting for three months; and the people during that time were much restricted in traveling about. Most of the delegates were unable to attend the annual meeting. When the meeting was over, the trouble grew worse until to go anywhere was very difficult. To go through any gate in the town one must possess a pass, and to pass from one village to another was almost impossible. I was reminded of what Sister White has said: "He (Satan) seeks at every point to counterwork the work of the Lord." This is also like what is given in Isa. 60:2. "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." Yet in spite of difficulties the Lord's work has been advancing right along.

After the annual meeting, the delegates, including our evangelists, colporteurs, and other workers of the mission, left for their fields with inspiration and courage. They met with many difficulties under the circumstances; not a few were put into prison, but finally they gained their freedom. The Lord's work not only suffered no ill consequence, but the result of the first six-months period also proved much better than that of the same period the year before last. The number baptized was fifty-eight. The total offerings received for the first half of 1936 has increased over the same period the year before last by \$150. The amount of literature sold also went over the former figure by more than \$100.

This is exactly fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The Lord shall arise upon thee and His glory shall be seen upon thee." (Isa. 60:2) I feel, therefore, if we put more trust in God's promise to advance this cause regardless of difficulties, the Lord will guide us to victory. Though the situation during the first few months was unsettled, this is insignificant compared with what we may expect in the future. In "Testimonies" Vol. 9, p. 228, we read: "Soon there is to be trouble all over the world. It becomes every one to seek to know God. We have no time to delay. With earnestness and fervor the message must be given." May our church members and co-workers be encouraged by the foregoing passage to persevere in the face of trial and difficulty.

BROTHER Floyd Johnson, located at Tatsienlu, Sikang, recently wrote of the pleasure afforded the workers in that mission in having Pastor and Mrs. Oss and some of the West China Union brethren in attendance at the general meeting there. At the time of this visit, a five days' journey into the Tibetan country to the west of Tatsienlu was made, and the opportunities now available for carrying the message to half a million Tibetans in this local mission was better understood. "This field," Brother Johnson writes, "is now definitely open to the preacher of the gospel. . . . We have just been holding an effort at Fulin, six days out of Tatsienlu. . . . The Chinese workers are carrying on since I left. In a letter received from one of the workers yesterday he reports that the meeting hall is

crowded every evening, and a church school class of ten has been organized. Fulin is one of the strategic points on the old Chengtu to Yunnan Highway. It has lost a good deal of its former importance because traffic has been shifted to other roads, but it is still the gateway to the Lolo (Nosu) country of southern Szechwan. We hope to build up a good church there. . . .

"There are many opportunities for us to work in that section of the country, but I dislike to leave the Tibetan work and spend time in that area. I have no doubt that there can be had a quicker harvest from that section, but it is surely time that we devote more time and energy to the Tibetans in a definite advance."

Brother Johnson expresses the hope that the request for a new family for that large territory will be granted.

Cries from the North Kiangsu Training Institute

BY SWEN TSUNG GWANG

CHARGED with the task of promoting industrial education, this Institute was established by this mission in the North Kiangsu field, where the people are mostly poor and lands unfertile. There were many calamities and bandit disturbances in the recent years, and we know there are numberless youth who are deprived of an education because of financial reasons. For this reason, this Institute has been trying to emphasize vocational lines so as to enable the students to have work provided for them, thus not only giving a few more chances to the poorer students, but also giving them an education along three important lines—spiritual, mental, and physical—which will make them better fitted for service in the future.

There are so many problems facing us at the present time. We need classroom facilities, dormitory space, etc.. We earnestly hope that the zealous readers will contribute generously so as to make possible our needed expansion.

THE metal factory at Chiaotou-seng has had a busy time for many months. Brother Brett reports \$76,000 worth of goods delivered during the first six months of this fiscal year, and \$60,000 worth of orders on the floor.

Ministerial Project Mission

Recent Activities of the Ministerial Group at China Training Institute

BY K. H. WOOD

THE field evangelistic work in Nanking and Chinkiang was given a real lift during the New Year vacation of the China Training Institute, when series of meetings were conducted in these centers by two groups of ministerial students from the Institute. This work was directed by Pastor P. E. Quimby, head of the Department of Theology, and Pastor Meng. Pastors J. H. Effenberg and L. E. Reed also rendered valuable assistance.

Meetings were held daily in the four places in Nanking, where groups of believers regularly assemble for services, and twice daily in the Chinkiang chapel. Of the sixty meetings held, approximately forty were conducted by the ministerial students, thus giving them some actual evangelistic experience.

During the forenoons, a ministerial institute was conducted, at which time methods, problems and other practical subjects were studied. Many helpful suggestions were also brought out in the discussions. Other speakers at the ministerial institute were Pastors O. A. Hall, C. L. Blandford, D. E. Rebok, B. A. Liu, and the writer.

This series of evangelistic meetings and ministerial institutes were a part of a carefully planned schedule of work for the theological students this year. Among other projects for the group are evangelistic meetings and the conducting of branch Sabbath schools in numerous villages surrounding the China Training Institute. In a recent letter, Pastor Quimby states: "We are endeavoring to give all the ministerial experience that we can to our third year ministerial students before they graduate in the spring. We have twelve efforts going now. Very good results are already coming along. We have a regular conference organization this year. The boys are all doing well in it."

The report of missionary evangelistic work done by the ministerial group during the first semester of school includes the following items:

PERSONAL WORK

Missionary interviews	2745
Prayer with individuals	1101
Bible Studies given	348
Individuals brought to meetings	284
Visits to sick persons	518
Christian help work, occasions,	484
Missionary letters written	193
Missionary books loaned	105
Missionary calls	838
Gospel leaflets distributed	9256
Tracts distributed	1369
Tracts mailed	92

PUBLIC WORK

House to house calls	3663
Bible studies given in homes	431
Gospel portions sold	169
Sermons preached in chapels	68
Sermons preached in open air	259
Bible studies in chapel	57
Meetings held in homes	95
Home Sabbath schools conducted	21
Evangelistic meetings led	49
Sabbath Schools led	142
Prayer-meetings led	47

This is not only a good report, but it reveals something of the possibilities for service in our youth. While I was reading it, the following familiar statement from the Spirit of prophecy came to my mind: "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! How soon might the end come,—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" *Education*, p. 271.

May this intensive training of our young people for both personal and public evangelism continue, and may it inspire them with an ever-increasing burden for souls.

China Training Institute Ministerial Project Mission

BY P. E. QUIMBY

AT the beginning of the school year last fall we felt the need of a good organization in which to train the fifty young men who had come to the Institute to prepare for the ministry. Having been assigned the territory about the Institute in which to conduct ministerial activities, we decided to carry out the principle of "learning to do by doing" and create a real mission organization in which the ministerial students could do systematic and supervised work. After much thought and planning an organiz-

ization called the "Ministerial Project Mission" came into existence. This name fully indicates the nature of the work. It is a mission in that there is an organization, the activities of which are controlled by a written constitution, and administered by duly appointed officers chosen from among the most advanced ministerial students.

This organization at present has fifteen definite, supervised soul-winning projects in operation in the near-by towns and cities. These projects vary in size from small companies gathering in private homes for Bible study to larger groups in city halls.

All the ministerial activities in this organization are planned, organized, and administered by the Ministerial Project Mission Executive Committee, under the strict supervision and counsel of the head Bible teachers. This committee is made up of the chairman of the "Project Mission," the secretary, the treasurer, and the leader of each of the fifteen project centers.

This plan of leadership and experience is a great advantage both to the individual student and to our mission. These positions of responsibility are given chiefly to the third-year students. This is their last year in training, their last opportunity to receive direction and supervision in soul-winning work from their teachers before graduation. Therefore this experience is a distinct help to them. They find themselves, as it were, in their life work of the ministry before leaving the school.

The personnel of each project is composed of one third-year student who is the leader of the group, one second-year student, and one or two first-year students. The latter do miscellaneous tasks, helping out in general, and observing how the work is done. Thus the entire body of ministerial students is gaining an experience in keeping with their grade and ability to work. They are, while right here in training, learning to work in an organization, which, in the main lines of operation, is similar to that which they will find when they graduate and enter into full-time service.

Many extra-curricula phases of training and instruction are fostered for these ministerial students. A lecture course has been planned, which will cover the main features of all our denominational endeavors. A series of lectures on "Expression" has just been given them by one of the Institute teachers,

who has specialized in this line of study. Other courses and drills are planned, such as parliamentary rules, music conducting, etc. According to present plans all ministerial students will finish the 1937 Ministerial Reading Course before the summer vacation.

The group that has received our greatest attention has been the third-year students. We have been desirous of helping them as much as possible before their graduation. In studying what additional experience might be given them, a plan to utilize the New Year vacation time for larger city evangelism was thought of. Plans and schedules were formulated and then discussed with the students. Even though they had been looking forward for a long time to the vacation, they willingly gave up their plans and favored the New Year vacation evangelism project.

After getting permission from the local board of the Institute and the East China Union to go to the cities of Nanking and Chinkiang for the vacation period, all the third-year students, with Pastor Meng and the writer, entered most enthusiastically into the work. Four contemporary efforts were conducted in Nanking, and one in Chinkiang. These meetings lasted for ten days. Our halls were filled nearly to capacity at every meeting. The students presented the message with real power. According to their own testimony they received a life-long inspiration, and said they had had the best kind of vacation. On returning to the Institute they began to enquire what our plans were for them during the summer months in similar evangelistic work.

In all these features that are being emphasized, the goal is to give the students a fully rounded-out training in all special denominational habits and activities while they are here with us. Some one has said, "A chain is as strong as its weakest link." We know that this principle will be true with these students when they leave the Institute to enter into their ministerial work. One unobserved weakness in their training might ruin their life work in the ministry. Therefore, we are endeavoring to give due consideration to as many phases of their education as is humanly possible, so as to strengthen every link.

With Our Bookmen

North China Union Publishing Department Convention

BY JOHN OSS

THE North China Union mission directors, union officers, field missionary and Book and Periodical House secretaries met at Peiping from January 21-28 to study ways of increasing literature sales and making the work of the publishing department a greater soul-saving agency.

The morning devotional meetings were led by the mission directors. Excellent spiritual studies were given, which helped to make the convention a strongly spiritual gathering.

Much of the meeting was of a round-table nature, and a very free discussion was had on the different topics considered. It was felt by all present that these discussions were most helpful, interesting, and instructive. Separate meetings for the field missionary and Book and Periodical House secretaries were held each afternoon, when the former group studied specific field problems and the latter group problems relating to the office.

During the evening reports were rendered by the field missionary and Book and Periodical House secretaries. These reports revealed that many providences had attended the work of our North China Union colporteurs during 1936 and that the work had in a special way been blessed of God. The total sales (publishing house sales) for the union amounted to \$31,155.64, as compared with \$28,198.46 for the previous year. We rejoice that it was possible to make this gain in spite of many obstacles encountered during the year.

The reports given by our book leaders revealed deep earnestness on the part of our faithful colporteurs. One secretary told of a colporteur who endeavored three times to enter a certain territory and each time met with failure, but finally succeeded in placing two hundred and fifty-four subscriptions for the *Signs* in this territory where only sixty-four subscriptions had been placed during the year 1935. This colporteur did excellent work and covered three and a half *hsiens* during the year. He placed literature

in every village. Another colporteur working in the same area did excellent work in placing our literature in the war zone.

One of the field missionary secretaries reported that in addition to the large book and magazine sales made, small literature workers had sold over eight thousand small books and distributed many copies of *Present Truth* as well as a large number of tracts in over five thousand villages, besides laboring in many of the larger places in the province.

Another secretary reported that two colporteurs worked every village in three *hsiens* during 1936 and sold over \$1,660 worth of literature.

One of the interesting accomplishments of the publishing department in the North China Union during 1936 was an itinerary made by some of our colporteurs who went by camel caravan into southwestern Mongolia.

It was most encouraging to hear the many experiences our colporteurs were having, and of the many developments as a result of the faithful work done.

During the last day of the meeting we went to the North China Training Institute at Fengtai near Peiping and met with the faculty and students, where plans were laid for the work of the colporteur band and for the colporteur work during the vacation period.

It was the opinion of all who attended the publishing convention that this was a most profitable gathering, which will contribute much to the success of our literature work in the North China Union during 1937.

Literature Work in the Borderlands

BY LIU FU AN

BROTHER Liu Fu An has supplied us with a picture of two colporteurs with their bicycles. (This picture will probably be used in the Harvest Ingathering magazine.) These colporteurs have been distributing literature in the Northwest. One of the young men, named Wang, traveled 2,170 li or about 725 miles to Gwǎngchow and Suchow, selling \$1,000 worth of literature on the way. He met many difficulties and passed through great dangers but finally returned safely.

The other young man, named Shen, started from Lanchow, going westward, and covered 3,150 li, or

about 1,050 miles, carrying literature over mountains and deserts in the far away borderlands. Brother Liu writes:

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.' (Heb. 12:11, 12) I often think that this is spoken to colporteurs. The hardest places for colporteurs are the borderlands; for there communications are not convenient and the dialects are strange. Moreover it is hard to get food and water in the borderlands. But I thank our Lord that He has blessed those who trust in Him, and made their work successful."

Colporteur Tract Distribution Plan

BY JOHN OSS

THE China Division Publishing Department, in harmony with plans followed during the past two years, is again encouraging our colporteurs in a special way to distribute tracts as they carry on their work.

The Signs of the Times Publishing House has just printed an edition of 200,000 copies of the colporteur tract for 1937. It is called "Good News and Benefits for You" and explains the work of the colporteur and the purpose of our publications. An appeal is made to study the literature put out by the Signs Press. The copies of last year's tract still on hand, called "The Perfect Man," have been sent to the different missions, and also a supply of the first mentioned tract, with envelopes or holders for carrying them.

In addition to these tracts for general distribution, the publishing department is encouraging each colporteur to carry a selected group of tracts on different doctrinal topics to give to any who may be interested in definite subjects.

It is the hope of the publishing department that all our leaders and colporteurs will rally to the tract distribution work as never before, and that our colporteurs in the China Division will be able to distribute at least one half million copies of our truth-filled tracts during the year 1937.

"The Shepherd"

BY O. A. HALL

AS THE new year is before us for the carrying forward of the work, our thoughts turn to the members of our churches scattered throughout the field. One means of communication for spiritual help and encouragement is found in our church paper, the *Shepherd*. Just what the *Review and Herald* has meant to our church members all through the years is what we hope the *Shepherd* may mean to the church here. In planning for the leading features for 1937, the following articles will be presented through its columns:

The recent articles in the *Review and Herald* by Pastor French on "True and False Manifestations of the Spirit" are being translated and will appear early in the year.

A series on the work of the Holy Spirit will be presented by the editor.

Pastor Strickland is giving an excellent series on the "Way of Life," which takes up the question of immortality, or life only through Christ.

The Bible and Testimony section has a series on the sanctuary question which is being given by Mrs. O. A. Hall.

Pastor Hwang, of Chiaotoutseng, is to furnish articles on the Spirit of Prophecy.

Pastor Meng, also of the Ministerial Department of the China Training Institute, will furnish us with some articles.

Pastor R. H. Hartwell's radio talks are to run through several issues.

A series of articles on the subject of health reform is to come from the pen of Pastor K. H. Wood.

We have from Evangelist Liu of Manchuria his series of Bible studies for inquirers following his evangelistic efforts.

Other articles of special help for our workers will be featured. Some good material is on hand for the Christian Home section.

The above mentioned and other general articles, in addition to the regular portions of "Desire of Ages," and reports and news from the field, will make the 1937 issues of the *Shepherd* of special interest and lasting benefit to our believers. Every mission officer and worker, we are sure, will desire to see our church paper being read or heard by every member and inquirer. To this end, the cooperation and prayers of all are solicited.

Mission Offerings

A statement of mission offerings raised by the world field, as reported to the General Conference Treasury for the first nine months of 1936, has just been received from Brother H. H. Cobban. Brother Cobban writes:

"You will be interested in going over this statement to note the gains that have been made in fields at home and abroad. We are happy to notice that there is a general percentage increase in offerings of 10.18 per cent for the first nine months of the year, despite the fact that several divisions do not appear to have raised as much as they did for the same period last year. In at least one case the change of our fixed rate of exchange from what it was in 1935 has made it appear that this division has fallen behind in the amount raised for missions, whereas it has raised more money in the local currencies of their field than last year. Each division where this is the case will recognize this.

"It is now too late in the year to say anything about making efforts to change or improve the figures for this year, for by the time this letter reaches most of our committee members, the year will have ended. We do have, however, the year 1937 ahead of us with its opportunities and its perplexities. Let us go forward with courage, knowing that the work in which we are engaged is not our own, but God's, and that He will bless our efforts if we but allow Him to guide us. Let us keep our lives surrendered to Him, that His Spirit may use us and we on our part be able to hear His voice.

The percentage increase in mission funds outside North America is 6.05 per cent, and for the North American field, 12.42 per cent. Taking the world field as a whole, the percentage increase is 10.18 per cent.

Our readers may be interested to see in U. S. currency figures what the rate is per week per member for nine months of the years 1935-1936, as included in this statement from Brother Cobban:

	1935	1936
North America	.215	.230
Australia	.263	.218
Southern Asia	.153	.154
Northern Europe	.118	.111
Central Europe	.057	.073
South America	.066	.068
Southern Africa	.063	.061
Southern Europe	.064	.057
Inter America	.049	.043
China	.028	.021
Far East	.033	.016
	.129	.134

.. Three quarters 1935
.. Six months 1935

As we look at the China Division figures, do we feel satisfied? Can we not raise the per capita figure during 1937?

China Division Reporter

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RECENT visitors to Shanghai include Brethren H. A. Oberg, I. E. Gillis, and Dr. G. H. Rue from Chosen; also A. N. Nelson and C. D. Forshee from Japan, all of whom were enroute to Singapore to attend the annual committee meeting of the Far Eastern Division. Brother W. A. Scharffenberg, a member of the Far Eastern Division committee, joined this group in Shanghai and will attend the council. This committee council is the first to be held in Singapore, the new headquarters for the Far Eastern Division. It is expected that many important questions will be discussed.

Dr. H. W. Miller left Shanghai January 19 for Canton, where a number of patients were awaiting him at the Canton Sanitarium. From Canton he will proceed to Penang and later to Singapore, attending the Far Eastern Division committee council. On the return trip, he will visit Manila and look after patients waiting for him there. As head of the medical department of the Far Eastern Division, he will promote the medical interests at all these mission and sanitarium centers. In the absence of Dr. H. W. Miller, Dr. E. H. Olsen, who is permanently located in Japan but who is spending a few months in Shanghai, is remaining at the Shanghai Sanitarium. Dr. Miller is expected back in Shanghai before the middle of February.

The Manchurian Union and the Shenyang Sanitarium have released Dr. H. C. James to substitute for a month at the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, while Dr. E. H. Rue attends the council at Singapore.

Dr. P. A. Webber, who has specialized in the study of the soya bean, especially as to its value as a food for man, after spending some time assisting in the Food Nutrition Laboratory in Shanghai, left on January 27, returning to Tokyo, Japan, via Peiping. He spent a few days at Chiaotoutseng and planned to make brief stops at each of several large centers, as Nanking, Peiping, Mukden, and Seoul. His work and the lectures given here were much appreciated.

Brethren C. W. Lee, teacher of the ministerial group of students at Seoul, T. H. Chae, director of our Central Chosen Mission, and S. E. Lee, principal of the Chosen Union Training school at Soonan, Chosen, have recently spent about two weeks in Shanghai, Chiaotoutseng and Nanking, making an educational survey. The Japan and Chosen unions are looking forward to having a full sixteen-grade school for the young people in those fields. These brethren returned to Chosen via Japan February 3.

The China Division president, Professor Frederick Griggs, and his wife are expected to arrive in Shanghai by the "Asama Maru" on February 24. The China Division workers will be most happy to hear this word, and will welcome Professor and Mrs. Griggs heartily to the work of the China Division. Professor Griggs will probably have about two weeks to remain at the Shanghai headquarters, then with Brother W. H. Williams, of the General Conference Treasury Department, and other China Division representatives, will attend union committee meetings and visit the main institutional centers prior to the Spring Council, now set for May 5-18, 1937.

On January 18, we were made happy to receive word that the foreign families in Sian, Shensi Province, were being evacuated, among this group a family of Seventh-day Adventists by the name of Hughes. Later a radio message from Brother Hughes himself said "Safely through." Brother and Sister Hughes and Arlene have had more than a month of anxiety and suspense with serious danger threatening. We can well imagine their relief when they had safely passed the danger zone between the two contending armies. Being evacuated by truck, they were able to bring out clothing and bedding sufficient for their comfort during the winter months. They are now at Yen-cheng, Honan.

(Note: Conditions in Sian have improved to such an extent that the Hughes family are now able to return to their field.)

Latest word from Pastor George L. Wilkinson reports a total Harvest Ingathering for 1936 of \$5,844, which is about \$875 more than was received in 1935.

Pastor S. H. Lindt and family are located at College Place, Washington, for the school year. A recent letter from Brother Lindt tells of a profitable time last summer in the Advanced Bible School, and a pleasant visit among relatives and friends.

During the summer months Pastor Lindt has prepared a Ministerial Manual manuscript, which Brother Wang Yung Yao has translated for use in China.

Brother Wang is enjoying his stay at Pacific Union College, and his diligence and faithfulness in work and study has endeared him to the people at the college.

Pastor and Mrs. V. M. Hansen, with their two children, sailed on the "Taiyo Maru" from Hongkong, January 20, for the States.

A recent letter from Pastor G. J. Appel, now located at Gaston, Oregon, tells of an eight weeks' itinerary in the Lake and Central Unions following the Fall Council. He visited ten academies and colleges and a large number of churches and finds "our people fully behind the world-wide mission program." He writes: "It is marvelous how they can give as they do in some places, for in some parts of Nebraska they have had no crops for three years. In some places they have had to move their fences, for the dust piled up so high in the fence rows that the stock could walk right over. In North Dakota, where the drouth was the worst, our people had nearly reached their Harvest Ingathering goal, and it was still early December when I was there. No doubt they have gone "over the top" before this. Here in the Oregon Conference, where the goal was \$20,000, Gold, the members lack only a few dollars of raising \$30,000."

At the time of writing Pastor Appel was preparing an article for the coming Big Week campaign, and hoped for \$2,000, Gold, from the overflow for Mongolia and Tibetan medical work.

About noon on February 11, the following message was received, "Brother Hamp passed away 7 a. m."

Brother Hamp was ill only two days when he passed away, having had pneumonia and scarlet fever. An obituary will appear in the next issue.