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JACOB cried to God for help. It was given him. And the angel said to him, "As a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. . . . And he blessed him there." Jacob's great longing for God's blessing brought him into that relation to God where it could be bestowed upon him. Prayer is not designed to bring God near to us, but bring us to that place where He can bless us. Prevailing prayer can only be offered by one who longs for God's blessing as the hart longs for the water brook. God's promises are abundant and complete; but those to whom they are fulfilled "must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." It is diligent seeking that brings us so near to God that he can answer our prayers.

I heard one of God's great soul winners tell this story: In his early ministry he held an evangelistic effort which was well attended. Many agreed that he presented the truth, yet they would not take their stand for it. He and his wife decided to continue in fasting and prayer until the truth should triumph in the hearts of those who acknowledged it. After days of thus seeking God, he made an appeal to his audience. Men and women were convicted by the Spirit. Fifty arose, came forward, and signed the covenant to "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." His prayers had prevailed.

Israel was beset by her enemies. Joash, king of Israel, came to Elisha for help. To typify victory Elisha told him to take arrows and shoot, and then to take the arrows and smite upon the ground. "And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice." We often receive but little result in our soul ingathering because we do not plead with God as do God's great soul winners. We are too content with few and formal prayers. The Holy Spirit is God's agent for convicting of sin. He is sent in response to our heart-longing prayers—our constant, not thrice repeated, prayers. If the third angel's message is given to China in this generation, it will be because believers in this message prevail with God in prayer that zealous workers will accompany them into the harvest field that the ripened grain may be reaped.

Israel was at war with the Hagarites and others. They were sore distressed, but God delivered their enemies into their hands, "for they cried to God in the battle, and He was intreated of them; because they put their trust in Him." The severer the battle against Satan, the greater our need of crying to our only Helper. We must ask great things, great victories, of Him. If we receive little, it is generally because we ask little. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

## Spring Council Resolutions

### RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE

"THOU crownest the year with thy goodness."

WHEREAS, In spite of disturbances in the China Division during 1936, which at times seemed destined to become major national crises, God has held in check all hindering causes to His work, giving peaceful working conditions and a degree of prosperity to the church commensurate with the efforts and sacrifice invested by His people; and

Realizing that Heaven's richest blessings have attended the workers and constituency during the period, we would

Acknowledge with sincere gratitude these precious blessings of peace, protection, and prosperity, and in council assembled do herewith lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise to the Gracious Dispenser of all these mercies, and further

*Resolved*, That unreservedly we make rededication of our lives to God for greater and more consecrated service, as anew we plan for more glorious victories of grace, and the triumphant completion of God's work in this large portion of the world field.

### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

As we assemble in this Spring Council of the China Division, our hearts are solemnized by the absence of one who has been with us on similar occasions for many years, and whose presence and wise counsel we now sadly miss,—our esteemed and devoted division secretary, Pastor C. C. Crisler, who laid down his life for the cause he loved, while on an itinerary in the Northwest. We are reminded, also, of other faithful workers who, in the providence of God, have laid down their labors since we last met together; namely, Professor G. G. Hamp, principal of the North China Training Institute; Pastor T. K. Ang, a veteran worker of the Swatow Mission; Pastor Y. W. Tien, one of the leading evangelists of the Honan Mission; Miss Wang Hsu Hsiu of the Yen-cheng Sanitarium and Hospital;

and Charles Hamilton, of the Shanghai Sanitarium.

To these esteemed fellow-workers we pay our tribute of love and respect. Their sacrifice challenges us to carry to completion the work they have laid down, and to this end we pledge ourselves to deeper consecration and more faithful service. And further,

*Be it resolved*, That we hereby express to the relatives of these fallen workers this tribute of our respect, and our sympathy with them in their loss of a loved one.

### EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

We, the delegates in attendance at this first annual council since the recent session of the General Conference, desire to take this occasion to express to the General Conference officers and committee the gratitude of the workers and believers in the China Division, for the liberal support which has been given to the work in this field during the recent difficult years of depression, and for the generous appropriation that has been granted for the year 1937.

While we thus join in grateful appreciation for this assistance, we are reminded of the fact that such gifts to the work in China are possible only because of constant devotion and unstinted sacrificial giving on the part of many, and we would therefore the more gratefully accept the help, and pledge to our believers in North America that we will endeavor to use these funds for the best interests and advancement of the work of God in this field, and shall constantly seek wisdom from above, that the blessing of heaven may so rest upon these funds and their use, that the work accomplished therefrom may be greatly multiplied beyond all finite expectation.

We request the General Conference representatives present, Elders McElhany, Cormack, and Williams, to convey this expression of our appreciation to the General Conference Committee and to our brethren and sisters in the homeland.

### APPRECIATION—GENERAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, The General Conference representatives in attendance at this session have labored most untiringly and faithfully in giving counsel and timely spiritual instruction during these weeks that they have spent with us, therefore

*Resolved*, That we acknowledge with sincere thanks the earnest counsel, exhortation, and messages of cheer from Brethren J. L. McElhany, A. W. Cormack, and W. H. Williams, and herewith express to these brethren our sincere appreciation of their faithful labors, their excellent counsel and earnest spiritual messages, and assure them that we shall cherish their instruction, remember their kindly influence in our midst, and strive in every way to put into practice the counsel given. We shall pray that the good hand of our God shall ever be upon them as they leave us and return to the homeland.

### SHEPHERDING THE LOCAL CHURCHES AND COMPANIES

Recognizing the need for diligent and consecrated effort to conserve our membership, and believing that one of the most important tasks before the church is that of caring for the believers in the churches; and

WHEREAS, This can only be accomplished by a work of educating and training combined with consecrated pastoral work for the believers, therefore

*We recommend*, 1. That each union and local mission committee give careful study to its evangelistic personnel with a view to effectively shepherding all churches and companies.

2. That as often as possible mission help be given to assist local churches in the work of training members to carry the responsibilities of the local companies in the strongest way possible.

3. That the resources found in our youth be utilized in the work of shepherding the churches, and that young people be trained to do aggressive work both in the church and also in evangelism for those not yet believers in the message.

4. That strong spiritual help be provided at the time of the

regional meetings for the giving of special spiritual instruction and appealing for renewed consecration, thus making these meetings seasons for establishing the membership in the fundamentals of the truth and the unifying and training of the church for an aggressive missionary advance. That periodically church officers' meetings be convened for the training of an efficient church leadership.

5. That earnest effort be put forth to instruct and educate our members in the standards consistent with a Christian life, particularly stressing proper observance of the Sabbath and principles of healthful living, teaching the obligation and basis of paying an honest tithe, urging the need of a Christian education in our schools for all children, and emphasizing to each family and individual the importance of the family altar and the daily personal prayer life.

6. That candidates for baptism be more carefully prepared for this sacred ordinance.

7. That Sabbath school teachers be urged to faithfully visit classmembers in their homes and through prayer and personal work lead them into a growing Christian experience.

#### TITHE PAYING

WHEREAS, In the establishment of His work in the earth the Lord has in a special way made the tithe the basis for the financial support of His ministers, and by instruction and example in both the Old and New Testaments and by special instruction through the Spirit of prophecy, has urged its importance upon those who believe upon His name; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy tells us that if each believer paid a faithful and honest tithe, there would be no lack for funds in the Lord's treasury; and

WHEREAS, God has promised to take special care of all who willingly give back to Him that portion He has claimed as His own, and to open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room to receive it, therefore

*We recommend*, 1. That all our workers be urged to take a deeper

interest in the tithing system, making sure that they are faithful in the payment of a full tithe on their personal income, whether it be their remuneration for services rendered in mission employ or income from any other source, and that each worker give careful instruction to the members and inquirers regarding the importance and methods of tithe paying, personally assisting them in correctly reckoning the tithe on their income; and further

2. That a proper receipt be given to those paying tithe and that a full report be rendered promptly each month, and copies of this report with remittance be sent to the mission treasurer.

3. That in all our churches, the practice be continued of reading each Sabbath without comment, the designated article on tithing.

#### MAPS, CHARTS, EVANGELISTIC HELPS

WHEREAS, It is important that our evangelistic laborers use charts, maps, and other helps in their work,

*We recommend*, That the Secretary of the Ministerial Association be asked to make a survey of such material available and pass this information on to all our laborers in evangelistic lines.

WHEREAS, There is an ever increasing number of lay members who bear responsibility in companies and Sabbath schools, requiring them to travel considerably, and since there have been requests from the field for suitable recognition to be provided for these self-supporting workers, therefore,

*We recommend*, That the China Division Ministerial Association be asked to prepare a suitable license, somewhat similar to the sample submitted to the secretary, and that the Association be authorized to arrange with the Signs Publishing House for printing a supply of the same, thus making such blanks available for the field as a whole.

#### MINISTERIAL AND CHAPEL RATING CHARTS

*Voted*, That we look with favor on the preparation of a Ministerial and Chapel Rating Chart for use by the Efficiency Commission in

making annual reports; and that the preparation of a blank for this purpose be left with the minority committee of the division and the Ministerial Association.

#### LITERATURE SALES' GOAL

*We recommend*, 1. That each union adopt as its colporteur sales' goal for 1937 an increase of at least 10 per cent over the sales of 1936.

2. That each union apportion its goal among the local missions, and that in each local mission this goal be further divided among the colporteurs; and that a special effort be made by each colporteur to reach the individual goal set.

#### THIRTEENTH SABBATH OVERFLOW OBJECTIVE

WHEREAS, The General Conference has assigned to the China Division the Overflow from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the third quarter of 1938; and

WHEREAS, We believe this would be an opportune time to appeal to our Sabbath schools throughout the world in behalf of the numerous needy and responsive aboriginal tribes-people within our borders, as well as for additional needed funds with which to advance our Tibetan work; therefore

*Voted*, That the Central and West China Unions be designated as the beneficiaries of this offering, it being divided on the following basis; one-third to Central China for work among tribes in western Hunan; one-third for work among the tribal peoples of West China; and one-third for our Tibetan work in the West China Union.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE

WHEREAS, The Sabbath was given as one of God's greatest blessings to man—a day of "rest and gladness", and a time of spiritual refreshing—and

WHEREAS, The Sabbath is not only a sign of God's love to man, but also a test of man's loyalty to God; and in true Sabbath observance is evidenced our fidelity to our Creator and our fellowship with our beloved Redeemer; therefore

*Be it Resolved*, 1. That we earnestly heed the admonition of the word of God to "Remember the

Sabbath day to keep it holy", not doing our own work, nor finding our own pleasure on God's holy day.

2. That we dedicate the Sabbath to the worship of God and the uplift of our fellowmen by:

a. Faithfully attending the Sabbath school, the worship hour, and other divine services.

b. Gathering our children into the family pew, thus encouraging reverence for the house of God—the place of prayer.

c. Spending time in personal devotion, in visiting the sick and afflicted, teaching the word of God, distributing our truthfilled literature, or otherwise ministering to sin-sick humanity.

d. Teaching our children the wonders of God's universe and His creative power by often "walking with them in the fields and groves," studying with them the lesson book of nature and telling them of God's wondrous love, thus leading them to consider the Sabbath a blessing rather than a burden.

3. That we pledge ourselves to renewed consecration in the observance of God's holy day by:

a. Sacredly guarding the edges of the Sabbath, having all the preparations fully made before the setting of the sun.

b. Welcoming the blessed day by worship around the family altar at the setting of the sun, and again at the close of the Sabbath, rededicating ourselves and our children to the Lord.

c. Putting aside all secular papers, and refraining from the use of the radio except for proper religious programs.

d. Refraining from unnecessary traveling and pleasure trips.

e. Not engaging in idle conversation, nor in "thinking our own thoughts," nor in "speaking our own words."

#### SABBATH SCHOOL MISSING MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Our Sabbath school statistics indicate that in many of our churches not all members are receiving the blessings of the Sabbath school, a condition which, if continued, is destined to result in heavy losses in church member-

ship; therefore

*We recommend*, That all Sabbath school and church officers, pastors, evangelists, other mission workers, and committees, give careful study to the local conditions responsible for the nonattendance of these "missing members," and that earnest efforts be put forth to make the Sabbath school a vital factor in the spiritual life of all church members, using every possible means of winning these members to active, regular Sabbath school membership.

#### THE BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school is designed of God to be a great soulwinning agency, as well as a means of retaining and strengthening those already in the faith; and

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that the branch Sabbath school is a potent factor in bringing to those who do not know the truth, a knowledge of the gospel as presented in the third angel's message, and of bringing them eventually into the Sabbath school and the church as regular members; and

WHEREAS, Only a very small per cent of our Sabbath schools are actively engaged in this work; therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That we encourage the officers and teachers in our Sabbath schools to plan definitely for this line of endeavor as a part of their regular activities, organizing groups for the study of our Sabbath school lessons on Sabbath afternoons, for the purpose of bringing the truth to those who do not attend the regular Sabbath school.

2. That these branch schools be included in the report of the parent Sabbath school until they develop sufficient leadership, strength, and numbers to be organized in the regular way, with officers and teachers who are church members in good standing.

3. That members of the home division be encouraged to invite their neighbors to join them in study, and seek to develop the home group into a branch or regular Sabbath school.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERING GOAL

WHEREAS, Not all our union fields have reached the 1936 Sabbath school offering goal, as voted by the Division Council in January, 1936; and

WHEREAS, The needs in every mission field seem more numerous and pressing with each passing year, thus calling for additional funds and greater sacrifice in giving; therefore

*We recommend*, 1. That this goal be again placed before our Sabbath schools as their minimum financial objective for 1937; namely, an increase of 15 per cent over our offerings for 1935.

2. That the goal be distributed to our unions on a pro rata basis, as follows:

Central China	\$ 4,982.34
East China	16,586.39
Manchuria	4,767.70
North China	3,623.59
Northwest	1,920.97
South China	9,076.85
West China	3,653.96
China Division	\$44,611.80

3. That inasmuch as this goal was exceeded in the Northwest China Union last year, and almost reached in West China, we suggest to these unions that they adopt higher goals, in keeping with the financial strength of their constituencies.

#### INCOME TAX

*We recommend*, 1. That as a statement of policy, it be our plan to co-operate with the Chinese government in the matter of paying income tax on Chinese salaries, remitting same on our institutional and mission pay rolls, it being understood that individual salaries be charged for their proportionate share of the tax thus paid.

2. That in the case of foreign income tax, the following statement be recorded in harmony with advice given us by the American Consul:

The American Consul informs us that the matter of foreigners paying income tax to the Chinese government has already been taken up by the American government with the Chinese government, and until further word is received to the contrary, the United States government takes the attitude that according to all treaties now exist-

ing between the two governments, American nationals are not required to pay income taxes to the Chinese government except employees of the Chinese government where the taxes are deducted from the salaries. In the event American nationals, supported by foreign funds, are requested to pay income tax, it is suggested that local officials of the tax-receiving office be respectfully asked to communicate with the American Embassy through the Foreign Affairs Department of the Chinese government concerning the same.

#### F. C. GILBERT—INVITATION

*Voted*, That if the General Conference can so arrange, we extend through them a cordial invitation to F. C. Gilbert to visit the China field once again, and spend some months in more fully instructing our church in China.

#### EFFICIENCY COMMISSION—REQUEST OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

*Voted*, That we place a call with the General Conference for their appointment of an Efficiency Commission to give study to our work in the field and suggest ways and means by which greater efficiency may be brought into all branches of our work in the China Division.

#### USING NATIONAL LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, It is essential for the healthy development of the church in China that the national membership be fully informed and definitely educated in matters of church organization and administration;

*We recommend*, 1. That all forms, blanks, and correspondence used in connection with every department of our work in the local fields be henceforth prepared in the Chinese language, using English only as a supplementary language in case of necessity.

2. That business meetings of the church, local and union missions and institutions, be conducted in the national language, translating into a local dialect or foreign language as may be necessary.

3. That so far as practicable, the national members of all local and union mission committees and institutional boards be not less than

half the total number of committee members, and that in the conduct of business, equal weight be given to the opinions of all members concerned.

#### SPECULATION AND LOTTERIES, STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Inquiry has come asking counsel concerning the participation of our church members in business enterprises involving speculation and the element of chance,

*Resolved*, 1. That we present to our people the following earnest appeal:

As the people of the Lord, looking for the second coming of Jesus, we are to be separate from the world. In business affairs as well as in matters of religion, we are to be examples to others, avoiding in business and daily living anything that is of a questionable nature. We are to avoid even the appearance of evil. We are living in the last days, when the line of separation between what is good and what is evil is in some things very lightly drawn. Gambling and games of chance are clearly condemned by the Scriptures of truth. In these days, however, there are many business enterprises which are built upon the principles of speculation and chance. These also are to be avoided as enterprises which are not in accord with true Christian standards. We recognize that the situation in the business world today brings temptation to our people as well as to others, and we urge our church members to exercise great care in these matters and by keeping separate from the world preserve the good name of the church and lead others in the way of truth and purity. We would commend to our believers in this connection the following from the Spirit of prophecy.

"Satan has destroyed many souls by leading them to place themselves in the way of temptation. He comes to them as he came to Christ, tempting them to love the world. He tells them that they may invest with profit in this or that enterprise, and in good faith they follow his dictation. Soon they are tempted to swerve from their integrity in order to make as good bargains

for themselves as possible. Their course may be perfectly lawful, according to the world's standard of right, and yet not bear the test of the law of God. Their motives are called in question by their brethren, and they are suspected of overreaching to serve themselves, and thus is sacrificed that precious influence which should have been sacredly guarded for the benefit of the cause of God. . . .

"Had these words of the apostle been more carefully regarded, much trial would have been saved:—

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.' 'But godliness with contentment is great gain; for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.'" —*Vol. 4, pp. 616-618.*

2. That with all earnestness we call upon our church members to heed the above instruction and refrain from participation in games of chance, gambling, lotteries, and business enterprises which are built upon the principles of speculation and chance.

#### RECRUITING COLPORTEURS

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

*We recommend*, 1. That each union and local mission continue recruiting efforts for colporteurs until every section of the field is fully manned with self-supporting literature workers.

## 1937 COLPORTEUR RALLY DAY

*We recommend*, 1. That Sabbath, November 13, 1937, be designated as Colporteur Rally Sabbath, and that we ask the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments to prepare a special program for this day.

2. That all our churches in the China Division follow this program in conducting the service on this day, and that a special effort be made to acquaint the whole constituency with the soul-winning possibilities in the literature work.

3. That a special effort be made to recruit colporteurs at this time.

## HARVEST INGATHERING GOALS FOR 1937

WHEREAS, The Harvest Ingathering campaign continues today as for the past thirty-odd years, a divinely ordained agency for both direct and indirect soul-winning work; and

WHEREAS, Thousands outside our church in all walks of life stand ready to contribute liberally much-needed funds to the support of the constructive program of this great reform movement; and

WHEREAS, Further marked and permanent advances in this great annual fund-raising campaign must be preceded by the enlisting and training of the full working force and church membership of the field; therefore.

*We recommend*, 1. That the China Division join heartily in the 1937 campaign, all division institutions and union organizations arranging their programs so as to assist definitely in achieving the greatest results both in souls won and funds collected.

2. That the date for the 1937 Harvest Ingathering campaign be set as from September 11 to October 30, all cooperating to the end that the campaign may be successfully completed as nearly as possible within the six weeks' period after its opening.

3. That September 11 be set as the official opening and Rally Day, it being planned that the Ingathering Rally program be held in all our churches and companies on that date.

4. That previous to the date of the campaign's opening, mission

committees carefully district their territories and arrange the working forces and goals, holding special Harvest Ingathering institutes to rally and train the whole church.

5. That the goals for the various unions of the China Division be approved as follows:

Central China	\$ 7,300.00
East China	20,850.00
North China	9,700.00
Northwest China	2,900.00
South China	14,500.00
West China	7,300.00
Total for Division	\$62,550.00

*We further recommend*, 6. That the plan of crediting to the China Division 10 per cent of all Harvest Ingathering funds received by the various unions, be continued; and

7. That of this fund not more than 70 per cent shall be used for the Ministerial Scholarship Plan, and

8. That the balance of these reverting funds shall be held in the division treasury until the first full meeting of the division committee following the close of the campaign; and then shall be appropriated for such purpose as the committee may determine.

## UTILIZING SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLIES IN MISSIONARY WORK

WHEREAS, A most helpful supplement in the program of lay evangelism through the giving of Bible readings is found in the present series of doctrinal Sabbath school quarterlies, where each lesson is in truth a model Bible reading, therefore

*We recommend*, 1. That inexpensive binders be prepared by the division Home Missionary Department for the purpose of preserving the Sabbath school quarterlies containing this series of doctrinal studies.

2. That missions and local churches put on special campaigns to enlist all literate believers in Bible Training Classes, assisting them to complete the Bible Training Course and become certified lay Bible workers.

3. That all Home Missionary and Young People's Society members make special efforts, during the series of studies, to bring friends and acquaintances and neighbors

to the regular or branch Sabbath schools.

4. That on Sundays and other week days, cottage meetings be held in various districts around local churches, where the general branch Sabbath school program and Sabbath school lessons will be followed.

## SOUL-WINNING ENDEAVOR

WHEREAS, the speedy proclamation of the advent message to all the world in this generation depends to a large extent on the active and intelligent cooperation of our church members in a well-organized, soul-winning endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Present financial conditions make it necessary that aggressive soul-winning programs be carried on by lay help and leadership, allowing salaried workers to advance the evangelistic program into the great unentered territories, therefore

*We recommend*, 1. That every believer be encouraged to join definitely in the world-wide Win-One movement, maintaining a definite prayer list, and by personal soul-winning efforts, seek to win at least one soul to Christ before the close of 1937.

2. That we appeal to our ministry and working force as a whole to assist in marshaling our lay members in attaining this worthy objective.

3. That the various missions plan definitely on freeing their Home Missionary Department secretaries, so far as possible, from other lines of work so as to give them opportunities to supplement the missionary program in those churches not having regular evangelists.

## EFFORTS FOR YOUTH

WHEREAS, "We are living in an unfortunate age for the young," and a time of great peril; therefore

*We recommend*, 1. That union and local mission committees be asked to give careful study to the strengthening of their young people's departmental work, in order that more effective work may be done for the youth in their fields.

2. That strong, united efforts be put forth to save unconverted

and drifting youth—

a. By holding frequent revival efforts in churches, institutions, and schools.

b. By making the most of the opportunities offered by the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer.

c. By careful planning and preparation in every church for this special work.

d. By holding conventions, institutes, and rallies in all sections of the mission.

e. By making thorough preparation and earnest efforts at annual meetings.

3. That this evangelism for our own youth be considered and understood as fully meeting the requirements for active evangelism.

4. That every effort be made by our older church members to clear away every hindrance to the spiritual growth of the young, by living lives of devotion, by maintaining the family altar, by being at peace with all men, by being examples to the young in tithing, Sabbath observance, and other Christian duties.

#### THOROUGH WORK IN JUNIOR PROGRESSIVE CLASSES

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Progressive Classes is to aid in the development of character and preparation for service.

*We recommend*, 1. That in every case the greatest care be exercised in conducting these classes, and that thorough work be required on the part of all candidates.

2. That in order to maintain the highest possible standard, investiture services be conducted only upon the approval and supervision of the Union Missionary Volunteer secretary.

#### EVANGELISM BY YOUNG PEOPLE

As Jesus launched the gospel message among lost mankind at the close of His ministry upon earth, He gave the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The complete fulfillment of this commission remains yet to be realized.

Emphasizing the needy condition of the unsaved world, Jesus said further, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

These two commands of the Saviour place a direct and inescapable obligation upon every individual who loves the Master and desires to do His will, to bend every effort toward their accomplishment. The youth of the Seventh-day Adventist church have accepted this task of carrying the "advent message to all the world in this generation." Among the urgent calls sent through the servant of God to rally our youth in support of this work, the following strong appeal has been given; "In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow-men."

It is therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That we sound from this council a renewed call to the young people of this denomination to respond to these repeated invitations to service. We summon each youth in every church, whether it be situated in the quiet country districts or in the busy centers of the world's commerce, to come forward at this time, bringing a depth of consecration never before offered. We appeal to our youth to make the supreme gift of the individual life to the Master, so that each may, first of all, experience the joy of full salvation, and then be ready to offer a life full of loving, fervent ministry in behalf of unsaved humanity, whether they be friends, strangers, or those of other lands.

*We recommend*, 2. That the following plans be accepted for launching of a great program of evangelism by our youth, which shall enlist the talents of all, no matter how great or how small may be the individual ability to serve.

a. Many of the youth of advanced experience and outstanding

ability will feel called by God to spread the message from the public platform. Public halls, school houses, or other suitable gathering places may be secured where the people may be brought in and the message presented with simplicity, yet with power and conviction. Charts, film strips, and other illustrative material can be employed to make the Bible plain to the listener. We urge our consecrated young people every-where to aspire to this advanced type of evangelistic work.

b. The experience of the past few years has demonstrated that young people can find a ready entrance into many communities for the holding of Sabbath and Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, reading classes for the illiterate, and night schools for children, young people, and adults not of our faith. This is a type of work in which many thousands more can engage, and it is highly recommended.

c. Another body of youthful workers can take the printed page in its various forms from house to house for sale or free distribution, and where openings are secured or an interest aroused, can follow up with Bible studies in the home. This is one of the most effective methods of working for others, and it is truly the foundation of all soul-winning effort.

*We recommend*, 3. That in the conducting of evangelistic efforts, the Young People's Missionary Volunteer plans and organization be utilized to assist in the work which is being carried forward throughout the community.

*We recommend*, 4. That, in order to bring to every young person connected with the Missionary Volunteer organization a realization of the importance of this united evangelistic program, the society weekly meetings be so outlined and organized as to place the emphasis upon soul-winning evangelism, and that the giving of society programs only for entertainment be discouraged.

#### THEATERGOING AND CINEMA ATTENDANCE

WHEREAS, The cinema and theater with their environment are



incompatible with Christian principles and destructive of Christian experience; therefore

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our position on nonparticipation with the world in the practice of theatergoing and cinema attendance, even though it be to see pictures of unquestioned worth.

#### SEGREGATION OF BUDGET

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference that "the income from the indigenous constituency supports its own work, and that goals be set from time to time for the percentage of self-support to be reached, so that an increasingly larger portion of what is appropriated by the General Conference can be used for opening new work;" and

*WHEREAS*, The time has come when our believers in China should be encouraged to carry a definite burden in financing the denominational work by assuming the responsibility for the support of the church in China.

*We recommend*, 1. That there be a complete separation of the general budget into two sections, the respective sections to be known as "foreign" and "national."

2. That the salary and expense of all foreign workers be paid from the "foreign" section.

3. That our goal be to place our national church work on a self-supporting basis.

4. That frequent appeals be made to our believers by division and union leaders, mission directors, church pastors and elders, and others on whom responsibility is placed, in an endeavor to bring in sufficient funds from our churches to cover the budget requirements for sustaining the church activities in China.

5. That we place our publishing house, sanitariums, and hospitals on a self-supporting basis, including all salaries, and all operating expense, in order that more funds may be released from the budget for the extension of the message into unentered fields.

6. That we recognize the policy of the General Conference providing that a budget caring for a foreign worker follow him from

the time he leaves his homeland until he is returned permanently to the country from which he accepted his appointment to the foreign field.

7. That in harmony with the General Conference policy, authorized operating funds be recommended for each organization in the China Division.

8. That beginning with the year 1937 any surplus over and above the authorized operating, as found in the various organizations, revert to the division treasury for reappropriation.

9. That an annual appropriation shall be made to the "national" section of the budget from General Conference funds equal to the amount of regular mission offerings raised by the national believers, with the exception of Harvest Ingathering and Big Week offerings which already revert from the General Conference to the division, and that the appropriation for any one year be based on the mission offering raised two years previous

10. That temporarily additional subsidies may be made to the "national" budget from division funds in cases where the provisions of Clause Nine are not adequate to meet the needs of the work.

11. That each organization paying both national and foreign workers keep two sets of books.

12. That monthly statements be issued from each mission and institution and furnished each member of the controlling committee or institutional board.

13. That national workers, pastors, and church elders be supplied monthly statements of tithe and mission funds, revealing goals and results attained.

14. Beginning with January 1, 1938, a full segregation of the national from the foreign budgets be made on the present status of carrying our work; but in view of the large number of foreign workers on the Shanghai and Wuhan Sanitarium staffs,

*We recommend*, That the details of segregation of budgets for these institutions be adjusted by the officers of the division.

## Field Reports

### Kirin Mission Report for 1936

BY R. COTTRELL

AS THE work of the past twelve months passes in review, we see many evidences of God's guiding presence, for which we may justly be thankful. In some phases of mission activity we see our hopes materializing, and this gives us courage to "carry on." The growth in loyalty and zeal of a number of our more recently baptized members has been of particular encouragement. They have added breadth and depth to their Christian experience and give promise of becoming strong pillars in the church.

The Week of Prayer, toward the close of the year, brought precious victories to many of our members. Some began paying tithe as a result of the experience that came to them during that week. At the same time arrangements were made for special help in our other chapels, from which Kirin City sent in particularly heartening reports.

During July a tent evangelistic meeting and workers' institute was held in Kirin City. We wish to express thanks to the union for the unstinted help given at that time, both in the release of Pastor Giang for the duration of the effort and also for financial help. Elder Quimby was on hand with generous aid for evangelists at the institute, and Elder Larsen gave valuable help in getting the tent meetings properly under way. Some have already been baptized in Kirin City as a result of this effort, while a number more are awaiting warmer weather.

The experience of one of the men baptized in Kirin City last autumn is interesting. The preceding winter he had come in contact with our evangelist in Hsiachiutai and became interested in the truth. That time he was afflicted with partial insanity, but hearing of how Christ went about healing when He was on earth, this Mr. Chih came to believe that there



was hope for him in prayer. As a result he was cured, and subsequently felt that he should become a Christian. Just at the time of our Kirin City tent effort, because of persecution by his parents, he moved to Kirin. Attending the meetings, he accepted the truth completely and was later baptized. Not long after baptism he began to sell Bible portions. We invited him to attend the colporteur institute last February, and now he has been accepted into the ranks of the bookmen.

Mr. Li runs a fruit store, and Mr. Chu a clothing store, in Kirin. Both of these men were baptized four years ago, but had really never come to keep the Sabbath regularly. Last summer Mrs. Li together with Mrs. Chu accepted the truth. Testifying to the influence of united homes, their husbands are now keeping the Sabbath. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Li is in our training school preparing to work for the Master.

Another Mr. Li, this time in Kungchuling, was a strict Mohammedan. When he continued attending our chapel meetings, his wife and family threatened to ostracize him. When he decided to be baptized, his wife committed suicide by taking opium, leaving him with one small child. Not long after, our evangelist in Kungchuling, Mr. Hsiao, was called to go through sorrow himself. For several weeks I had wondered that he didn't answer any of my letters. But late one Friday afternoon a letter came bringing word that three of his children had been laid to rest, having succumbed to scarlet fever.

Hsiachiutai is another bright spot on our mission map. The older members are taking a new interest in the message, and several others are studying. Hsiachiutai's tithe for the first quarter of 1937 has already practically doubled the figures for the entire year of 1936.

During 1936 there were thirty-three baptisms, or nine less than the preceding year. This decrease has been due in part to the lack of available men able to get and to hold the interest, and in part to the absence of baptismal facilities suitable for use in cold weather.

A year ago our mission membership stood at 135. Of these, only forty-two were keeping the Sabbath. This was a pitiful condition that weighed heavily on our hearts, and soon after our arrival we set about to remedy the situation as best might be done. One of our 1936 goals was that of reclaiming as many of these wandering sheep as possible. We are indeed thankful that the percentage of faithful members has more than doubled. The same change has been witnessed in other stations, although our total membership is less by twenty-four than a year ago. In Kirin City the faithful have increased in number some eight hundred per cent. We are confident that God will give us a good increase during the present year.

#### TITHE INCREASE

It was not such a long time ago, I am told, that only one or two in the Hsinking church, aside from workers, were in the habit of paying tithe. During 1936, all but six of our members there paid tithe. Our tithe receipts have shown an increase of more than three hundred dollars over 1935. A consistent increase is also apparent in offerings. Hsinking is making lengthy strides towards self-support.

Of the homes represented by our membership, there are forty-seven where at least one member is able to read. Fifty copies of the "Shepherd" are coming to our mission regularly. Along with the "Shepherd" promotion, we have strongly urged the setting up of a family altar in each home. Practically every child of school age is in one of our own schools.

The colporteur work has experienced a year of rich blessings, total sales being approximately double what they were the year before. The goal for Signs subscriptions had been set somewhat in advance of what it was for 1935, but even so the colporteurs almost doubled the goal. This represents hard, faithful, brave work on their part and on the part of their leader, Mr. Chang Chih Ting. We appreciate their splendid spirit.

Two of the colporteurs were in

prison for three weeks in a city some four hundred miles from our mission headquarters, charged with being communists. Especially in the armed border regions near the Siberian border that is not a pleasant accusation to have to face. After numerous visits to the head office of the military police, we were finally successful in securing their release. Due to the lack of proper food and sanitary arrangements, one of these brethren came out in a rather sickly condition. We thank the Lord there have been no serious obstacles placed in the way of the printed page.

A few words about some of the more pressing needs felt in the Kirin Mission may be in order here. In Kirin City we should own a suitable chapel and homes for workers. Over a period of years since the opening of our work there, some five thousand dollars has been expended for rent. If this could have been used to buy or build, we might now have a comfortable meeting place there, with enough left over to make similar provision for two other cities where we are now renting property. Is it not high time that the Lord's money should be diverted into a channel from which permanent benefit may be derived. Property is cheap there at present, and whatever can be done now should prove to be a good investment. One of the most desirable locations in the city is available to us at a reasonable figure. Its purchase would be a great blessing to the work there. In Hsiachiutai also enough has been spent in rent to buy a suitable place, and there too the time is favorable for purchasing. In about a year from now the "depression low" in Kungchuling is expected to be reached. Building will be cheaper then than now, and we should lay plans to build.

In our Hsinking native compound there are six workers' families. Aside from the chapel, which was erected about six years ago, all buildings in the compound are very ancient and are now crumbling beyond repair. Of four buildings, two have been abandoned as dangerous to use and impossible to repair. The other two are in

such a dilapidated condition that it is a shame our workers have to live in them, to say nothing about the danger to health. So for the health, comfort and safety of our working force, something should be done to provide suitable living quarters.

But above the urgency of these other calls is one that has brought us to tears and to prayer. It is the demand for trained evangelists. Think of Hsinking without a worker for six months—and none available. Another place has been without a man for over three months. One of our men recognizes his lack of education and wants to be released for further training.

At the summer tent meeting in Kirin City a certain family became interested, but soon moved to Shwangyang Hsien. They wrote back and asked if we couldn't send a worker down there. We could have—if we had had one to send. Shwangyang has no other Protestant mission at work among its population, and is an ideal place to begin work.

We thank the Lord for the ways through which He has led us during the year recently passed. We reconsecrate ourselves to a more abundant and fruitful 1937.

### The Pinkiang Mission

BY WANG FU YUAN

ANOTHER year has joined the rank of the past, and again we review how God has blessed us during these months. His loving care has protected us. He has granted us the privilege of participating in His work. In His forbearance He has dealt kindly with our failures and shortcomings. We accord Him all praise for His goodness for whatever progress has been made.

Our mission really began with the last quarter of 1933,—more than three years ago. In the beginning we were short of workers and funds. We did not know how to proceed, but we asked the Lord to open a way for us. There were several places calling us to open up mission work, where furniture and chapels had been supplied and all that was being asked for was some one to

preach the message.

There are now in the Pinkiang Mission ten chapels and one Sabbath school. Three of these chapels are rented by the mission; three locally; four are mission owned. Two churches were built in 1935-36. It is hoped to build another each year, thus saving \$1,000 in rent for new work.

Work was opened in Djao Tung in the last quarter of 1934. An interested member, Mr. Li Yun Tien, donated \$300 for a new chapel on a lot 100 X 200 feet. Here we have a good chapel hall with school, class rooms, and living quarters. The property is valued at \$2,500. Fourteen believers were baptized in 1935, and 19 baptized in 1936. There is a good school with 30 students.

In Swei Hwa, where we began missionary endeavor in June, 1936, there are 12 baptized members. A good chapel, furnished, was donated locally. A Mr. Lin, who is faithful in tithe paying, has also promised \$500 for a new chapel.

In Lan Hsi, where work was begun last June, the first donation for a chapel (\$82) was made by a Dr. Li, who since has promised \$200 if we will buy a new chapel.

Six other places are calling for help. These will provide the chapel halls and furniture; all they ask is that an evangelist be sent. Most of the interested ones are the result

of the colporteurs' faithful work. We should answer these calls soon; for if we wait too long these warm-hearted inquirers may fall back into indifference.

In San Hsing, beside the Sungari River, where two members have been working to win others, there are now thirteen other members; and seven students have been sent from that place to the union school. We have no worker nor chapel, at San Hsing, but we have received much more tithe from here than from some other places; and each year several members are baptized. The believers here ask us for a worker to lead them.

There are twenty-two students from the Pinkiang mission in the union school and two others in the Japan school training for work in this field. There are 63 primary students in our three church schools. We hope to see these children continue their studies until they have finished their course and are prepared for useful service.

This is a large field. We need two chapels, two Bible workers, two teachers and more colporteurs. Let us, therefore, brethren, "arise and build," and the God of heaven will prosper us. Let us go forth under a program of prayer and faith and we shall doubtless come again rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us.

### The Sungari Mission

BY M. POPOV

GREETINGS from the Russian believers in Sungari Mission to all the saints in the Manchurian Union represented by the leaders at the union meeting, April 20, 1937.

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14. This Scripture, written by the Apostle Paul about two thousand years ago, has been fulfilled many times in our day and in our mission. During the past year we have seen its fulfilment in many ways.

Last year was the hardest we have experienced in our work for some time. Satan knowing that his time is short, is working diligently

to defeat the purpose of the Lord in this field. His agents are everywhere and are using all the means at their disposal—lectures, radio and the press—to stop the advance of the message. Almost every day we read some statements against Seventh-day Adventists in the daily papers; yet we are very happy to note again the fulfilment of our text, and to prove the same are happy to say that under those hard conditions 27 joined the church during last year and are rejoicing in the blessed hope of the soon coming of the King.

We are happy to tell you that none of our church membership have suffered hunger or imprisonment; and being happy and thankful to the Lord they have been giving of what they had into the treasury of the Lord:

	1936	1935
Tithe from workers . . . . .	\$ 948.66	\$ 955.00
Tithe from church members . . . . .	2,383.20	2,312.90
Sabbath school . . . . .	701.37	827.05
13th Sabbath Offerings . . . . .	79.59	102.35
Miscel. Offerings to Missions . . . . .	7.28	22.57
Big Week . . . . .	92.98	52.23
Mid-Summer Offering . . . . .	14.87	26.43
Harvest Ingathering . . . . .	65.55	236.58
Week of Sacrifice . . . . .	87.96	79.97
Annual . . . . .	17.30	17.59
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,393.76</b>	<b>\$4,632.65</b>

Besides this our people have had to take care of the poor, who are many, and to meet the expenses of the two church buildings which amount to about \$2,000 a year. Yet when the call came to help establish the Hongkong memorial church we were able to give about fifty dollars.

In our school 54 children are getting instruction in regular learning as well as from the Bible.

Our field is very small, yet since 1920 we have sold literature yearly. Last year we put out two different editions of the *Signs* and sold the same. Toward the end of the year we prepared a book consisting of two books, "In His Name" and "Alone with God." That too is almost sold out.

For all this we praise our heavenly Father and again dedicate ourselves to His service.

GENERAL

Walter Harper

BY JOHN OSS

WORD has just been received that our veteran colporteur, Walter Harper, passed away at Loma Linda, California, on June 17.

Brother Harper began canvassing for our books in 1881, and has had the reputation of being our oldest colporteur. Two years ago, the Pacific Press Publishing Association reported that he had sold over \$100,000 worth of literature.

During recent years, on account of failing health, Brother Harper has not been actively engaged in selling literature, but he has carried on a wide correspondence encouraging his fellow-bookmen in the work.

His last message, penned shortly before his death to a group of colporteurs gathered at Fresno, California, breathes his usual spirit of confidence and triumph. In part, it reads as follows: "I can't be with you all. Sick, bed-fast, but I am praying for you. I know that you are having a glorious meeting for the time is come for it. God is so very gracious to me here (Loma Linda Sani-

tarium). So much to thank and praise Him for, as the days speed by. The end is surely right upon us. Soon the sales of our literature will be so great that our publishing houses will not be able to turn it out fast enough to meet the demands."

Our veteran colporteur, who has been such an inspiration to many, rests from his labors, but his works follow after him in the thousands of homes where he has placed literature, and in the lives of those touched by his unselfish ministry.

English Reading Courses for Missionary Volunteers

BY D. E. REBOK

"Read good books and speak good words,"

"Read good books and be good men,"

are very familiar Chinese proverbs. What we think and say is largely dependent upon what we read and hear. This in itself is a good reason for selecting appropriate books for our boys and girls, our young men and women to read.

The Reading Course each year

attempts to fill this need. Just ask the children if they like the books. I am sure each one would like the 1938 set for a Christmas gift this year.

Here are the books, and they are full of interest for every boy and girl:—

Senior Course

1. "The Sabbath and the Sabbath Day" by A. W. Spaulding—Pacific Press \$ .75 U.S.
2. "The Spirit of Prophecy in the Advent Movement," by W. A. Spicer—Review and Herald \$1.00
3. "You and Your Problems" by Gwynne Dalrymple—Review and Herald \$1.00
4. "Dope—Adventures of David Dare" by Earle A. Rowell—Southern Publishing \$ .25
5. "Pioneers and Builders" by L. H. Christian—Pacific Press \$1.25

Junior Course

1. "From Ant to Elephant" by Robert Bruce Thurber—Review and Herald \$1.25 U.S.
2. "Living Monuments" by May Carr Hanley and Ruth Wheeler—Review and Herald \$ .75
3. "Go, Champions of Light" by Frances Jenkins Olcott—Fleming Revell, New York City \$1.75

Primary Course

1. "O-go the Beaver" by Ramond Kelly—Albert Whitman Company, Chicago, Ill. \$1.50 U.S.
2. "The Slave Boy Who Became Governor" by Ella Robinson—Pacific Press. \$ .50

Kindly place your orders at once with the Signs of the Times Publishing House, P. O. Box 145, Hongkong. Early orders bring the books early.

Let us help our children by placing good books in their hands.

Mrs. Minnie Crisler sailed on the "Kitano" from Hongkong July 24 for furlough in Australia. We are sure our REPORTER readers wish her a most pleasant change among old friends there. Her address will be: Alstoy, Tuckwell Lane, Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia. Mrs. Crisler will be connected with the China Division office upon her return from furlough.

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### News Notes

Miss Lydia Seibold sailed from Hongkong on the "President Grant" September 12 on route to the United States. Miss Seibold will be taking school work at Walla Walla College during the winter months. Dr. Mary Wilkinson sailed on the same boat, intending to take State Board examinations and do further work in medical lines.

Dr. W. G. Nethery sailed from Hongkong on the "Empress of Russia" September 17. During recent months he has been located at Lanchow, Kansu, acting as superintendent of the Northwest China Union sanitarium and hospital. Dr. Nethery is rejoining his wife and child who preceded him to the States by several months. He will take post graduate medical work this winter. His address will be 5745 Arlinton Ave., Riverside, California.

D. C. McFeters and family left for Canada, their homeland, on the "Empress of Russia," September 17. Brother McFeters for the past two years has been the field missionary secretary for the Kiangsi Mission.

We wish all of the above-named workers a pleasant journey to the homeland, and the blessing of God on their future work and plans.

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Professor and Mrs. C. L. Woods sailed for furlough September 17 on the "Empress of Russia." The serious illness of Brother Woods' mother and the fact that the China Training Institute, due to troubled conditions in China, did not open for the 1937-38 institute year, made possible the return of this family on early furlough at this time. We wish this family a pleasant journey home and a profitable furlough period.

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The "President Taft" upon arrival at Shanghai July 30 brought back to us for another term of service in China, W. J. and Mrs. Harris and their three children, E. L. and Mrs. Longway and their five children, T. A. and Mrs. Shaw and their two children, A. R. and Mrs. Boynton and their two children. With great pleasure we welcome these tried workers back to the China field and to the work in this Division.

The same ship brought a new worker, Miss Della Rice, who comes to us as matron for the Far Eastern Academy.

Other new workers recently arrived are: Professor and Mrs. Charles E. Wittschiebe and daughter Helen, teachers for the Far Eastern Academy; Miss Mary Ogle, for the China Division office; Ralph H. and Mrs. Dinsbier, workers for the East China Union; Gordon and Mrs. Williams for evangelistic work in the South China Union; Miss Margaret Kirshwieng, who upon her arrival was married to Willis Miller, son of Dr. H. W. Miller.

Miss Dorothy Wheeler, returning to China after furlough, having spent one term in the Far Eastern Division, arrived on the "President Jackson" September 16, and will connect with the China Division office.

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Pastor and Mrs. K. H. Wood and son Kenneth left Shanghai August 3 for Mukden, Manchuria, where Pastor Wood will be the superintendent of the Manchurian Union. Pastor N. F. Brewer and family arrived at Shanghai August 7 from Mukden where they have labored for five years. Pastor Brewer takes the superintendency of the East China Union. We trust that the blessing of God will rest upon the labors of these families as they lead out in the work under new environments, and that even greater progress will be attained in the work of these two important and promising unions.

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The Manchurian Union received back an old worker from furlough when Brother and Sister F. M. Larsen and three children arrived at Kobe on the "President Lincoln"

August 25, going on from there to Mukden by rail.

Pastor and Mrs. S. H. Lindt and son Chester reached Hongkong August 31, returning from furlough. Due to the unpeaceful conditions in Shanghai they did not disembark there from the "President McKinley," as would have been usual, but continued to Hongkong. Sailing with them on the same ship were two families returning from furlough to the Far Eastern Division, R. P. and Mrs. Abel for Siam, and W. B. and Mrs. Riffel for the Philippines.

Miss Martha G. Klein arrived in Japan on the "Asama" in July. H. L. Hoover of South China met her there, and they were married at Tokyo. Brother and Sister Hoover are connected with the South China Training Institute, Tungshan, Canton.

We extend warm welcome to these new and old workers, and pray that as co-workers with God we shall unitedly join in whole-hearted service, faithfully working for the speedy return of our Master and the establishment of His glorious kingdom.

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Professor B. A. Liu, president of the China Training Institute, sailed on the "President Grant" July 20 for Seattle, as a delegate from the China Division to the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Conventions held at Asheville, North Carolina, August 10-26, 1937. Other delegates from this Division were C. A. Carter and J. G. MacIntyre, who are on furlough, and James Wang (Wang Yung Yao) who is taking two years of special normal training at the Pacific Union College. Professor B. A. Liu following the conventions is taking a year's special post graduate work.

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Two Seventh-day Adventist students sailed recently for school work in the United States, Miss Grace Lin (Lin Shu Ying) on the "President Grant," and Cecil Lee (Li Shih Hsin) on the "President Hoover," for school work at the Washington Missionary College and Pacific Union College respectively.