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Trusting God

BY FREDERICK GRIGGS

"O THE depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" It is our duty—and a pleasureable duty it should be—to endeavor to discover the lesson for us personally in the happenings that befall us. As workers for God we are to exemplify the character of our blessed Master who in the hour of His supreme agony exclaimed: "Not as I will, but as thou wilt."

The successful man is he who never loses sight of a worthwhile objective. He may have to take different means to reach his goal, but he never forgets the goal. The apostle Paul was not moved by any of the things which beset him, but he said: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." At the close of his life he exclaimed, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He had won the goal. Few followers of Christ have ever passed through more trouble and perplexity than Paul, and yet in the midst of it all he had the peace that passes understanding. He must have marvelled at his trust in God and his joy in following his Saviour. We have definite records of his having to change his plans and methods of work. He surely did not know why he was called to sit at the feet of Ananias directly after his conversion. This man that was to tell him what to do, who was the agent in the hands of the Lord for the restoration of his sight, was one whom Paul hoped to bring back to Jerusalem as a prisoner for condemnation by the Sanhedrin. Paul did not know why his plans of labor were changed and he was called into Macedonia, but he ever followed the spirit of his first question asked after his conversion, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" It is this spirit of trust that was the source of strength of the mighty men of God. They looked to Him for guidance and they were guided. He had promised to guide them with His eye, to speak to them, telling them in what way they should go. These men "loved not their lives unto the death." Their one great burden was to be guiltless of the blood of all men through trusting and serving a God of love.

The words trust and faith are nearly synonymous. They are expressive of emotions that are powerful and effective in a missionary's life and experience. Moreover these emotions are capable of rapid and strong growth, and of being dwarfed to an extent that they become almost non-existent in the life of the professed Christian worker for God. It is by exercise that they grow, and their strength measures in a great degree the accomplishments of the worker for God. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." How expressive are these words of Paul of the source of strength and life of a worker.

Of the many graces which God gives to His children, not the least of them is that of trust. As workers for God in China at this time we especially need to exercise this element of strength. The success of our work in these trying times will be measured in great degree by our trust in the guidance of our heavenly Father. The Scriptures are replete with the experiences of men who have been brought into conditions and circumstances the meaning of which were wholly incomprehensible to them. Job could not understand why he was so afflicted when he had been so faithful in the service of his heavenly Father, yet said he, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

The future of God's cause in China depends in great measure upon the spirit of confidence which the leaders of this movement have in God. This confidence leads them to see the openings into which they can walk to work for Him. It brings peace and cheer in the midst of danger and in the face of insuperable obstacles. God has a thousand ways of which we know nothing by which His loyal, trusting servants may carry forward His message of truth. May each worker realize the force of the injunction of the wise man, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

From Fields Afar

Wonderful Prospects in the Ivory Coast, West Africa

BY G. E. NORD

(The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow for this quarter is for the African missions under the care of the Northern European Division.)

BETWEEN the years 1913-1915 a great mass movement was started by the so-called prophet William Harris, who traversed the frontier of the Republic of Liberia to the French Ivory Coast. He worked among ten different tribes through interpreters. The country folk would flock to hear him. His message was simple: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." He preached repentance and baptism and the people turned by the tens of thousands, burned up their idols, left their witchcraft and medicine, so that in 1915 it was calculated by the French Government officials that more than 100,000 had joined themselves to this movement. The people burned their superstitious symbols, built churches, and began to pray to God; but they had no teachers, no translation of the Bible, and very little or no counsel to guide them.

Fearing disturbance in time of war, the Government asked Harris to leave the Ivory Coast. His parting message to his people was: "Wait and pray, build churches, and one day the white missionary will come and teach you the way." Ten years these poor people waited before any white missionary came, and yet today as a result of this beginning more than 50,000 are now in the Methodist Church, and about 35,000 have joined the Roman Catholic Church. One who visited some of these companies after ten years, tells how he arrived in one of the villages at midnight. There were hundreds of people in the street waiting, for he happened to be the first white missionary to come. He was taken into a long, low building, and found 600 people seated on the floor. "Harris baptized me ten years ago," the leader of the meeting announced to the congregation, "He told me to preach among the people, and so I have done. Now, Sir," he went on to say, turning to the missionary, "Tonight we hand over ourselves and six other congregations to your church, two thousand of us in all, if you will only send us a teacher."

In September of last year one of our native pastors from the Gold Coast went to visit some of these places, having learned that about ten years ago some had moved from the Gold Coast to the Ivory Coast as traders, who had come in contact with our believers in the Gold Coast, and through them an interest in the truth was springing up in different places. At Abidjan, the capital of the Ivory Coast, he found about fourteen who were keeping the Sabbath. Then he found in three or four other places smaller groups of earnest, devoted Seventh-day Adventist Christians, who were ready for baptism. As he had no license or permission from the French Government to preach in the Ivory Coast, he had to move about very carefully, but being native, he could go about somewhat unobserved and meet and encourage these Sabbath-keepers. He brought back a very inspiring and interesting report of his visit.

I regret time allowed me to visit only two of these groups of believers, but I found all that I could get in touch with were serious, earnest, devoted, and loyal Seventh-day Adventists. About 200 miles up in the country we met a little company of seven who were as happy as children over our visit. They turned over nearly £38 in tithes and offerings, with a most earnest plea that a missionary be sent to their country to help them bring the everlasting gospel to the millions in the Ivory Coast.

In another village 200 miles away in another direction, and thirty miles through the thick forest from the railroad station, is another group of about twenty-one believers. Out of these, some thirteen were baptized. This interest sprang up through the influence and work of a man who had visited the Gold Coast and come in contact with our believers and the truth, and then returned and for ten years remained loyal to the principles of the truth he had learned. Though he had only part of a Bible, he had conducted meetings every day with the people, and also on the Sabbath. From this place two young men came on foot over the thirty-mile bush path, and 200 miles on lorry to the capital, where we had several most blessed meetings. On my visit to the Gold Coast three years ago, one of these young men came to our camp meeting at Agona, and as he made his earnest appeal for someone whom the Government would recognize to come and teach his people, my heart was greatly stirred.

We left the Ivory Coast convinced that it is one of the most fruitful and promising fields in West Africa.

Far Eastern Academy

Report of the Far Eastern Academy

BY H. H. MORSE

(Synopsis of report rendered at the constituency meeting in May.)

It gives me great pleasure to present to you at this time a report of the work of the Far Eastern Academy for the school year 1935-36, and eleven months of the year 1936-37.

During the present year the enrolment has been slightly lower than last, due to the fact that many families have been in the homeland. However, we believe that next year will see, with the return of several families from furlough and additional new pupils, an enrolment somewhat larger than this year.

INSTRUCTIONAL

The school is carrying regular work in grades 7-12, with some of last year's graduates taking special postgraduate work, which includes some regular college subjects—advanced accounting, typewriting, shorthand, and German. In general, I believe the teachers are carrying heavier teaching loads than is usual for an academy. I do not wish to stress the scholastic standards of the school, but in general I believe that we have kept reasonably high scholastic standards before the pupils. Following are a few excerpts from the results of the 1934-35 Regents' tests given at the school.

The pupils of Far Eastern Academy stood above the highest of the American schools in New Testament History, French I, French II, and World History. The results are not yet available for 1935-36 tests. It has been our consistent purpose to strive for high educational ideals, that the pupils from this school may obtain satisfactory recognition from the schools in the homeland.

SCHOOL HOMES

The enrolment in the school homes for the past two years is as follows: boys, 22, girls, 19. In some respects the year has been an unusual one, with a fire in the main building (girls' home), and a case of smallpox, with the resulting danger of a possible



*Far Eastern Academy Students at their temporary country location,
Hongkong, Leased Territories.*

large-scale infection. However, in the Lord's providence both of these experiences demonstrated in a marked manner God's watchcare over His children.

RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Sabbath school has been under the capable leadership of Mrs. D. E. Rebok during the present year, and has maintained some excellent records in attendance, lesson study, and offerings.

In the Missionary Volunteer society Mr. Wood was leader the first semester, while Mrs. W. E. Anderson has carried the work during the second semester. Excellent programs have been rendered by members of the society, and it is hoped that an Investiture Service may be held the last Sabbath of this meeting, at which time about 25 pins will be awarded to those who have faithfully completed the work of the various groups—Friends, Companions, Comrades, and Master Comrades.

During the year prayer bands have met on Wednesday night at the worship hour in the boys' home; while at the same time in the girls' home special attention has been given to spiritual activities. At the close of 1935-36 there were four baptized.

We have endeavored to follow a month by month plan for social

activities. For the first week a general program is held for the whole school, many times of such a nature as to be of interest to the entire compound; second, a general program or social evening for the home students; third, a general program or social gathering; and fourth, a closed night. During the year many excellent programs of an interesting and instructional nature have been given, as well as several of a purely social nature.

FINANCIAL

The financial statement for 1935-36 shows a net gain of \$3,283.48 for the year. The departments showed consistent month by month gains during the time covered by this report. Estimating the income and expenses for the last month of the present year we expect to show a net gain for this school year of about \$4,500. The loss shown in the Homes Department is due somewhat to the long period of summer vacation in 1936.

There is a tendency to think that the school is receiving an unusually large appropriation to supplement its operating income. It might be shown that for the present year (one month estimated) the school expenses have exceeded the earned income by about gold \$2,500, and that with charges at least 20% below those of like schools in the United States. I believe that the usual appropria-

tion for a conference-operated school in the homeland is between gold \$2,000 and \$3,000.

During the present year the school furnished labor to pupils to the value of \$3,775, or an average of \$92 per pupil, the amount earned individually running as high as \$160. This work has been in the printing, laundry, dining and general lines. It might be shown that the school could be operated with less cost (and a financial saving to the pupils) by discontinuing the pupil labor plan; but this would be a very short-sighted policy, since the labor feature is equally important as an educating factor with textbook study. The problem of additional lines of industrial work is one that could be given extended study.

In closing I wish to say that the work of the past two years has been carried on smoothly and I believe with a reasonable degree of success. This is due to the many blessings which we have enjoyed from God and to the faithful and earnest co-operation of both teachers and students. And at this time I desire to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Crisler, Miss Crisler, and Mrs. Morse for their forbearance and diligence. In addition I wish to thank others who have helped us in the work of the school this year: Mrs. Wilkinson, who has very kindly

assisted in teaching drawing; Mrs. Rebok, who as Sabbath school superintendent has made the Far Eastern Academy Sabbath school interesting and helpful to the young people; Mrs. Butka, who has from time to time assisted in the work of the Missionary Volunteer Progressive band work; the patrons of the school—the fathers and mothers—who by words of encouragement and appreciation have materially assisted in lightening the burdens of teachers and students; and finally to the members of the board, who have supported us with helpful suggestions and encouragement to the end that the work of the school might accomplish the purpose set for it.

Finally, I wish to say, Mr. Chairman, that this year rounds out ten years of service for Mrs. Morse and myself in this school (including one year on furlough). We have seen students come and go. Students who were in the lower grades when we came to the school have graduated, gone to the States and successfully completed their college courses and are now back extending the far-flung lines of Christian advance in this land. We step out, humbly feeling that we have put some of the best years of our lives into a work that will have far-reaching effects through the influence of the youth trained here. I wish to recommend most heartily to this board the teachers who will remain here and carry on the work. To the students, who, I fear have suffered at times from our dispositions, I will say that we shall miss your mirth and comradeship. We shall always appreciate the respect that you have given us.

“China’s Borderlands and Beyond”

A Copy of Pastor C. C. Crisler’s book, “China’s Borderlands—and Beyond,” has come to the Signs of the Times Publishing House. This book, which is a mine of valuable information on our work in the borderlands, has 24 chapters and 346 pages, and is well illustrated.

The price of the book, as quoted by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, is \$2.00 U.S. currency. We feel sure that all our English-speaking people in the China Division will be pleased to secure a copy of this valuable book. Place your order at once through your Book and Periodical House with the Signs of the Times Publishing House, whose address is now P. O. Box 145, Hong Kong.

Faithfulness Pays

BY M. C. WARREN

I MUST take time to tell of the experience of one of our members. This brother was converted and joined our Hankow church about four years ago. At that time he was in the employ of one of the banking corporations, being in charge of their wood-oil godown. In this position he found it possible to arrange for the care of the godown and be free on the Sabbath. When he first accepted the truth his tithe was six dollars a month. The promise to those who faithfully pay their tithe was true in his case, for he had paid tithe but a short time when his salary was increased to \$100.

Some months ago he came to me in great distress, stating that the bank management had transferred him to the accounting department of the main office, where, he knew, there would be great difficulty in regard to keeping Sabbath; and he was especially distressed over the fact that he was asked to report for duty on the thirtieth of that month, which happened to be on the Sabbath. However, he was relieved a few days later when the order was changed and he was told that he did not need to appear for service in the new position until Monday morning. Then he started his negotiations to have Sabbath off. It is a long story. The officers of the bank did their best to break down his faith and trust, but our brother remained true and loyal through it all. Finding him unyielding, they thought to deal with the mission, but this, he told them, would not work as he would still have to account to his God and his conscience.

These efforts continued through three weeks, the Sabbath being granted him on his request. The fourth week he determined that he would not ask for another day off, but before the next Sabbath would resign his position. Up until the Thursday of the fourth week no definite decision had been reached. Our brother, of course, could have left his work, but he desired a statement from the bank as to his character, that would clear up any suspicion others might have as to why he had disconnected from the bank. Office hours closed on Thursday without any word to him. He returned home perplexed, but then learned that the agent in the bank had called at the mission to ask if we were offering him a position with us. The agent was told that no such offer had been made. Then he asked why it was that we

were insisting that this man remain away from work on Saturday. It was explained to him that this matter was entirely in the hands of Mr. Lo, and that we were not responsible for the position that he had taken more than that we had taught him the word of God and the demands of God’s law.

That evening our brother was greatly surprised to receive word that the bank had decided to release him from work on Saturday, but would require him to spend Sabbath afternoon at his desk. He would have no duties and would be free to read his Bible and such literature as he chose. This was very perplexing to our brother. We had an earnest season of prayer over the matter, but did not know just what position Brother Lo would take. On Friday morning he went to the submanager with his refusal even to appear at his desk Sabbath afternoon. The submanager, a personal friend of our brother, then told him there was nothing for him to do but to offer his resignation. Our brother walked in to the manager’s office with his mind made up as to the word he would receive, but he could hardly believe his ears when the manager, without a word of argument, granted his request for entire freedom on the Sabbath.

Li Pao Kuo

BY JOHN OSS

WORD has been received from Pastor W. J. Harris that Brother Li Pao Kuo, the field missionary secretary of the Shantung Mission, was accidentally killed on September 5 while installing electric lights at the Tsinan compound.

Brother Li was a godly man and a most earnest worker. After graduating from the North China Bible Training School at Tsinan, he spent three years at the China Training Institute, finishing twelve grades of work at this place. He then taught school for a time, and later was chosen field missionary secretary of the Shantung Mission. He was acting in this capacity when he met with the accident that caused his untimely death.

Funeral services were conducted at Tsinan by Pastor W. J. Harris on September 6. We extend to Mrs. Li, her three children, and their relatives and co-workers our sincere regrets and sympathy, and trust that God’s comforting care will be with them all during this time of bereavement.

The Present Status of the On To Lhasa Movement

BY JOHN OSS

RECENTLY one of our Missionary Volunteers came to me and asked, "What is the present status of the 'On to Lhasa Movement'?" After relating to him the progress of the work, the thought came to me that perhaps there were others who had the same question in mind, so I am taking this opportunity to report briefly on the project made possible by our loyal Missionary Volunteers.

About a year ago Mrs. Oss and I left for West China and the Tibetan borderland to join the brethren at the Tatsienlu meeting where special study was to be given to the Tibetan work in that area. The literature prepared for the "On to Lhasa" itinerary had been finished and we took some of it with us while the rest was sent by post.

It was the original plan that two of our brethren make the trip to Lhasa and it was hoped that a Chinese brother could accompany our Tibetan believer, Ja Dru. This plan was found impractical, however, on account of conditions existing on the borderland. Later it was planned to send Ja Dru alone but this plan also had to be abandoned due to unforeseen difficulties.

This spring Pastor Floyd W. Johnson made an extensive trip into Sikang province where the majority of the population are Tibetan and tribal peoples. He reached Litang, which has the reputation of being one of the highest cities in the world. Much literature was distributed and personal work done in Litang and vicinity, and a number of contacts were made that will prove valuable for the future of our work. Following his visit to Litang Pastor Johnson visited Kantze, to the northwest of Tatsienlu, and reports a very profitable itinerary in that area.

Brother and Sister Kung, nurses from Yencheng, Honan, who volunteered for work in Tibet in connection with the "On to Lhasa Movement," reached their destination early this spring. Most encouraging reports have reached us, stating that they have taken up their work at our dispensary at Tatsienlu, are studying the Tibetan language as they find time, and are doing good work.

At the time of the Spring Council of the China Division, Pastor J. H. Shultz of the Chinghai Mission made an appeal for assistance in financing a missionary itinerary from Sining to Lhasa. Wang Yung Seng, one of

the two Tibetans from the Choni district who had been in attendance at the China Training Institute, had pledged himself as willing to go to Lhasa and had an excellent opportunity to accompany a caravan that planned to leave shortly. It was felt by the division committee that we should avail ourselves of this opportunity, and two hundred dollars national currency was voted out of the "On to Lhasa" fund to assist in this itinerary.

Everything seemed to be shaping itself for an early realization of our objective,—a living messenger of the third angel's message reaching Lhasa—but due to a change in the political situation the proposed trip of the caravan failed to materialize.

From a letter received from Pastor Shultz, I quote the following: "Due to unsettled conditions which have developed, the caravan which our young Tibetan was planning to accompany, has had to postpone its trip until next year. It is possible that he may be able to join a caravan leaving later in the summer, but we cannot say definitely at this time. You know what a great disappointment this is to all of us. The lama who had promised to take our man with him, was furnishing transportation at a very low figure."

Pastor Shultz and Wang Yung Seng, the Tibetan believer who had contemplated going to Lhasa, recently made an extended itinerary in the Chinghai portion of old Tibet, visiting the cities of Pacan, Kweitech, Hochow, and the Kumbum and Labrang lamaseries. During this itinerary literature was distributed and many contacts were made with Tibetans living in that area.

At present Wang Yung Seng is visiting his home at Choni, but he is expected back to Sining soon. Plans have been laid for Pastor Shultz and Brother Wang to make a missionary itinerary into the Tsaidam, the large lowland area of old eastern Tibet, this summer to establish if possible a mission base there.

While we have not yet attained our goal of reaching Lhasa, the "On to Lhasa Movement" has done much in stimulating our work among the many Tibetans living in the Sikang and Chinghai portions of old Tibet, and we believe that our objective of having a living messenger reach Lhasa will soon become a reality.

We wish to thank you all for so liberally contributing to this enterprise and solicit your prayers in a special way that our objective will soon be realized.

West China Union

East Szechuan Workers' Institute and General Meeting

BY O. A. HALL

DURING the month of June a most interesting and profitable meeting was held in the East Szechuan Mission of the West China Union. On June 18 the workers from nineteen stations and chapels gathered at the West China Union Training Institute for this unusual meeting. It had been three years since they had held their last meeting, and they were all eager for this gathering, which, as mentioned in their earnest testimonies, they had been looking forward to with great interest and anxiety, for they felt their need of a new endowment of power and wisdom for the carrying forward of their work in that needy field.

The meeting was divided into two sections. The first two weeks were set aside for a workers' and church officers' convention, for the purpose of giving careful and systematic study to the question of local church organization and administration. A definite program was arranged as follows: 8:30-9:00, devotional; 9:00-9:45, study period; 9:45-10:30, recitation; 10:30-11:15, round-table; 11:15-12:00, writing out of lessons. In the afternoon from two o'clock to five o'clock the same plan was followed. The early morning and the evenings were left open for personal study and private devotion.

During the period of the institute the following chapters from the "Church Manual" were studied: "Plan of Organization," "Duties and Responsibilities of the Church Officers and Plans for Auxiliary Organizations," "Church Membership," "Church Discipline," "Gospel Finance," "The Services of the Church," "Sabbath Observance," "Marriage," and "Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists."

After the study and recitation periods, the round-table hour brought out many questions on points upon which the workers and officers wished to be more fully instructed, and the discussions which were heartily entered into were very helpful to all present. At the close of the study of these chapters the regular Home Study Institute examination was given, and regular credits

will be issued to those successfully passing.

The third week of the meeting was devoted to the regular annual meeting, when spiritual instruction and departmental topics were emphasized, and the regular business sessions of the mission were held.

A spirit of earnestness and consecration possessed the workers all through the meeting, and it is believed that all returned to their stations with a new power for the salvation of souls and the building up of strong churches as lights in this great and populous mission in West China.

Brother Guild, the director of East Szechuan Mission, is leading out in a strong way in organizing his forces for the evangelizing of his territory. Four evangelistic efforts have been held during the first half of this year, and four or more were arranged for during the meeting to be held during the last half of the year, with a definite plan to hold at least one such effort in each of the present stations, and as many as possible in new sections before the close of 1938. The individual goals for souls set by the workers for this period totaled 177. We believe the Lord will greatly bless in those efforts and help these workers to attain their goals.

The publishing department made a gain during the past year of eighty-two per cent over the previous year, and have set for themselves a still higher goal for the coming year. The selling of literature in this field has not been an easy task, but these faithful workers have faced dangers and hardships and gone forward with their work determined to sow the seed in unentered sections.

Eleven schools with nearly five hundred pupils indicate progress in this department of the work in that mission, and the twenty-three Sabbath schools show progress in membership and offerings.

Brother Buzzell, director of the West Szechuan Mission, was present and gave excellent help during the convention and annual meeting. Brother Wilkinson from the union and the writer from the division were present.

Report of West Kweichow Annual Meeting

BY H. R. DIXON

THE annual meeting of the West Kweichow Mission was held in Pichich, Kweichow, the headquarters of the mission, July 24 to 31. Pastor Li Wan Chuen, of the East Kweichow Mission, and Brother Li Deh Hsing of the union

Sabbath school and home missionary departments, were in attendance at the meetings from the first. Due to unavoidable circumstances Pastor Wilkinson, Brother Liu Fu An of the union publishing department, and the writer were unable to reach there until the Wednesday evening before the close of the meeting. However, those present were carrying on in good shape, and we found those in attendance taking a lively interest in all the meetings.

We learned that more than three hundred had been in attendance for the first Sabbath, but the number in attendance the second Sabbath was a little less. On Friday before the meeting closed fifty-six were baptized and received into church fellowship, and on the following Sabbath 205 took part in the ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper. Nearly every one of the various out-stations was represented, and not the least noticed among those present was old Brother Abraham Lo, one of the first believers in that section of the country. He was present with several members of his family and other neighbours and friends.

Among the interesting items brought out in the director's report, two were of special interest. In one section, largely through the influence of lay members who have accepted the truth for this time, an interest has developed, and has now grown until there are two or three workers needed to take care of the growing interest.

In another section among the Da Hwa Miao people, other missions had tried scores of times to start work, but the people refused to have anything to do with them. Through the interest developed by some lay members who went in there, there is a growing interest in our truth, and some have already been baptized. Several men and two young girls were baptized at the time of the annual meeting.

In attendance at the meetings there were representatives from eight different races, including Chinese. Some of these wore their native costumes.

The Sabbath school donations for the two Sabbaths amounted to about \$40, and the Mid-Summer Offering which was taken the last Sabbath amounted to over \$70 in cash and pledges.

Following the close of the meeting, an institute was held for the workers and church officers. Between seventy and eighty remained in attendance. This institute was conducted by Brethren Wilkinson and Liu.

Departments

"As Cold Waters"

BY BESSIE MOUNT

WITH our Sabbath schools in some sections of China greatly depleted in membership and operating under extreme difficulties, and in some instances unable to function at all, "good news" from those parts of the field not directly affected by the cruel hand of war is indeed "as cold waters to a thirsty soul." Such is a message from Milton and Helen Lee, who, it will be remembered, returned to China last year to open work among the tribes people in southern Yunnan. They have as their co-worker, evangelist Lo Gwei Ih. The following paragraphs from a letter written August 23—after less than five months of effort—promise rich fruitage from among these simple-hearted and responsive tribal peoples.

"At present we have four Sabbath schools. The Mokiang Sabbath school has a membership of more than seventy, with a weekly attendance of one hundred to one hundred thirty; but our little upstairs chapel holds only around a hundred. This membership is over ninety per cent tribal. . . .

"A twenty-li trip from here takes us to the La Han Sabbath school, with a membership of nearly thirty. Beyond La Han some twenty li more is another Sabbath school of fifty-three. We had a larger membership there, but false reports were circulated regarding Seventh-day Adventists, causing the membership to dwindle. Now it is slowly increasing again, and this time the members know just why we meet on the Sabbath and how to answer for their new-found faith. Our fourth Sabbath school is two days away, where the largest interest is. I am not sure of the present membership there, but I do know that two to three hundred people meet together every Sabbath.

"Our Sabbath schools here bring two new tribes into the total number of languages. They are divisions of the Ih Gia, Be Yo and Ka Do. We hope to enter the Bu Du division soon."

". . . Your prayers are much appreciated, for God only knows how to take care of this large interest."

From this and other reports from West China, it is clear that the Lord has set His hand to do a speedy work in that great field,

among those neglected peoples who have waited so long for the light. In casting up our Sabbath school summary for the second quarter of this year, I was amazed to note that this field had a net increase of 1,676 Sabbath school members, as compared with the second quarter of 1936, and that its total membership stood but slightly under four thousand! I use "stood," because that figure is doubtless out-dated ere this, for in a recent letter Li Deh Hsing, the Sabbath school secretary for the union, writes: "I am sure that during the fourth quarter we shall be able to add more than five hundred Sabbath school members in the West China Union."

Just today, as I was beginning this article, another letter from Brother Lee, together with articles that will appear later in the *Missions Quarterly*, came to my desk.

This letter mentions *five* Sabbath schools in operation in and about Mokiang; and the vivid pictures he and his wife present of the needs, the opening doors on every hand, the eagerness of the people for something better than they have known in the past, are enough to touch the hardest heart. In Yunnan alone the Sabbath school membership has more than doubled during the first six months of 1937; in West Kweichow it has increased from 685 at the beginning of 1936 to 1,446 in June, 1937; and from Tatsienlu, gateway to one of the strongest Gibralters of all heathenism, where for years the seeds of truth have seemed to fall on stony ground, comes the word that "Tibet has never sent in the calls it has this past year. Litang, one of the three largest lamasaries, Ho Keo, Kantze, and other places are all calling."

What does it mean, dear friends? Is it not an evidence that God's work is hastening on to completion—an omen of the "breaking of the day"? Does it not challenge you and me to carry the gospel to the uttermost borders of our territory? And is it not a call to unprecedented sacrifice that means may be provided for entering the open doors and responding to the unanswered calls?

"We have before us a great work,—the closing work of giving God's last warning message to a sinful world. . . . Look, I beg of you, at the many, many places that have never yet been entered."

"A work similar to that which the Lord did through His delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost He is waiting to do today."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 7, pp. 103, 33.

1937 Missionary Volunteer Goals for the China Division

Items	Central	East Manchuria	North	Northwest	South	West	Division Total
1. No. of Young People Baptized	100	200	160	177	30	200	887
2. No. Observing the Morning Watch	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
3. No. Bible Year Certificates Issued	300	250	75	225	10	200	1130
4. No. Standard of Attainment Certificates Issued	75	200	40	150	10	50	545
5. No. Reading Course Certificates Issued	20	400	80	392	10	150	1252
6. Amount of All Offerings Given and Raised by Young People	\$2,500	\$7,750	\$145	\$1,150	\$250	\$2,500	\$14,995
7. No. Societies	50	85	24	30	20	50	284
8. No. M.V. Members	1,200	2,350	710	830	450	1,500	7,390
9. No. Morning Watch Calender for 1938	1,250	2,000	1,100	1,250	750	2,000	9,750

GOALS! Yes, goals are good. They give us something toward which to work. They give direction to our effort. They set a certain standard. They present a challenge.

Then, why not have them and keep them before us! We all know that missionary work is not done simply to reach goals, but because of the great commission

given to us by the Greatest Missionary who gave up the most, who came the farthest, to do His missionary work.

490,000,000 people in China need the help that our Missionary Volunteers can and do give. Perhaps that need is greater than ever before. Let us work as we have never worked, especially during days of suffering, confusion, bewilderment.

Our young people should qualify themselves for various lines of service, and then go out to meet China's great need today.

By going at our work in this way, with this spirit, the above goals for our 1937 Missionary Volunteer work for each union and the division will be easily reached and surpassed.

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News Notes

The following workers have returned to Shanghai for service there: Dr. L. H. Butka, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shull, Mrs. Leatha Coulston, Mrs. Charles Dale, Miss Matilda Follett. These have joined with Dr. Charles Dale and our national doctors and nurses in conducting medical work at 51 Rue Moliere, Shanghai.

In recent weeks the following have made trips from Hong Kong to Shanghai and return in the interest of getting out supplies, equipment, and personal effects from our Ningkuo Road Compound: C. C. Morris, H. H. Morse, W. A. Scharffenberg, and H. L. Shull. They were assisted by E. L. Longway who has remained in Shanghai since the trouble started, and Brethren V. J. Maloney, L. E. Reed and J. C. Shull who are remaining permanently at Shanghai for service.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalbey, Seventh-day Adventist dentists located at Shanghai, have recently returned from Manila and Hong Kong to take up their work once again at 1105 Connaught Road.

Pastor J. H. Effenberg and family have moved from Nanking to Central China where he will be connected with the union, promoting departmental work.

N. O. Dahlsten and family have been recently transferred from the Northwest China Union to the Central China Union, where he is now serving in Yencheng, Honan.

A. E. Hughes and wife are now located at Yencheng, Honan, temporarily, and are rendering service to our mission work in that center.

The following Northwest China workers have found it necessary to move to Hankow for a time: Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Appel, L. H. Davies and family, J. H. Shultz and family, and Miss Muriel Howe.

Pastor C. H. Davis and family have recently moved from Hankow to Foochow where Pastor Davis is to be director of the North Fukien Mission. Our prayers shall be for them as they take up this new work in the South China Union.

Mrs. Hazel B. Sevens and her boy, Junior, have recently moved to Hankow, where she is the business manager of the Wuhan sanitarium.

Annual Meeting of the China Division Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

THE next annual meeting of the China Division Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is appointed for January 11 to 19, 1938, in the Wang Hing Building, 10 Queen's Road, Hong Kong. The first business meeting is called for January 11 at 9 a.m. Members of the China Division of the General Conference Committee, together with the eleven representatives from the seven unions and the major divisional institutions as named by the controlling committees of these respective organizations are cordially invited to be present throughout the session.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*
S. L. Frost, *Secretary*

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House

THE annual meeting of the board of directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House will be held in the Wang Hing Building, 10 Queen's Road, Hong Kong. The first meeting of this board will be held at 2 p.m., January 10, 1938. The usual reports will be rendered and necessary business transacted.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*
T. C. Chin, *Secretary*

Annual Meeting of the Constituency and Board of Directors of the China Training Institute

THE annual meeting of the constituency and board of directors for the China Training Institute will be held in the Wang Hing

Building, 10 Queen's Road, Hong Kong. The first meeting is called for 8:30 a.m., January 10, 1938. At this time the regular business of electing a faculty, the making of a budget, and other items which pertain to the business of the institute will be transacted for the coming year.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*
P. E. Quimby, *Acting Secretary*

Annual Constituency and Board Meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium Hospital and Clinic

NOTICE is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Clinic, to be held at the Wang Hing Building, 10 Queen's Road, Hong Kong. The first meeting is called for 8:30 a.m., January 9, 1938. At this time the annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*
J. C. Shull, *Secretary*

Annual Constituency and Board Meeting of the Wuhan Sanitarium and Clinic

NOTICE is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Wuhan Sanitarium and Clinic, to be held in the Wang Hing Building, 10 Queen's Road, Hong Kong. The first meeting is called for 2 p.m., January 9, 1938. At this time the annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*
Mrs. Hazel B. Sevens, *Secretary*

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Far Eastern Academy

THE annual meeting of the board of directors and constituency for the Far Eastern Academy will be held in the Wang Hing Building, 10 Queen's Road, Hong Kong. The first meeting is called for Thursday, January 6, 1938, at 2 p.m. At this time the regular business of electing a faculty, making of a budget, and all other matters which pertain to the business of the academy will be transacted for the coming year.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*
W. E. Anderson, *Secretary*