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Appeal for Reapers

I. H. EVANS

O MEN of God! These are the last, last hours;
Before us, all the whitened harvest field,
Unreaped, untouched by sickles such as ours.
This closing message will a harvest yield,
If we, His messengers, in zeal proclaim
The everlasting gospel in His name.

O men of God! Jesus our Priest awaits
On high to close His ministry; to take
His crown as King of kings; to ope the gates
Of heaven to all His ransomed ones; and shake
The powers of heaven; to wake the sleeping dead;
Receive His kingdom as its kingly Head.

O men of God! These are the last, last hours
Of time. Eternity is drawing near.
A lost world's doom should wake our drowsy powers
To deeds of valor in His name; and clear
Our title to a starry crown to wear;
Enjoy the mansions Jesus will prepare.

O men of God! These are the last, last hours
When mercy waits the sinner. Shall we sleep
In ease till all is lost? Or pray for showers
Of latter rain to fructify and keep
Our labors strong in spirit, win the lost
To love our Lord, regarding not the cost?

O men of God! These are the last, last hours
When labors count and bring a rich reward.
In yonder danger lines the heavenly powers
Unfurl His blood-stained banner, we to guard!
Who'll follow where the Master leads the way?
Go, reap in every land, while lasts the day.

The Peh Men Li Church

BY D. E. REBOK

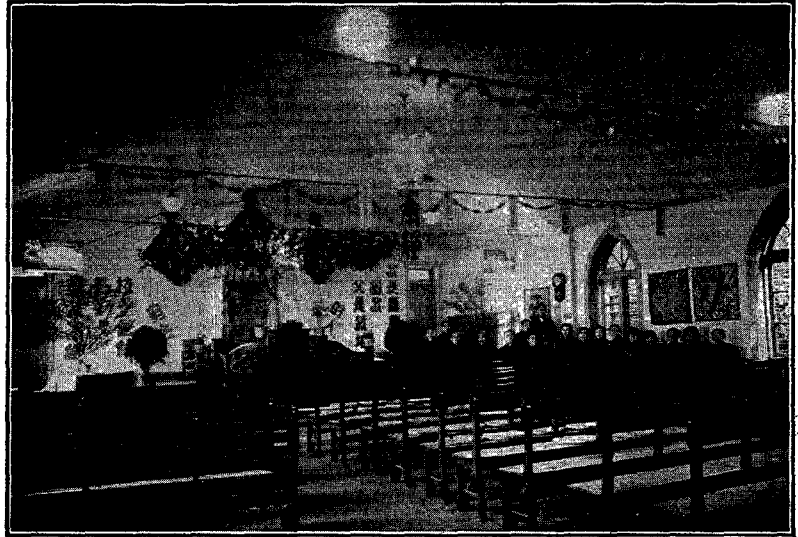
"SEEST thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

If this is true,—and it is, for there are many examples in every land to prove it,—then it must follow that where you see a man diligent, not only in his own business, but also in the Lord's work—the business of the church—he shall not only stand before the kings of this earth, but also before the King of kings. What a privilege and honor awaits the faithful, diligent worker for God! The very thought should thrill our hearts and impel us to greater efforts, larger plans, and more earnest endeavors in our work.

Achievements and results come only from hard work, the putting forth of real effort. No one ever accomplished anything worthwhile, or otherwise, by merely sitting down and wishing for results. Mountains are tunneled, rivers bridged, buildings erected only by putting forth effort commensurate with the greatness of the task and the obstacles to be overcome.

The same is true in God's work. Great results in souls won, books and papers sold, patients healed, come only by hard work. Somehow we as workers must attempt greater things for and expect greater things from God. Time is hastening on apace, and our time in which to work is very short indeed. This should spur us on to work harder than ever before.

The accompanying picture shows a group of thirty-nine brethren and sisters who were baptized just recently at the close of a four months' evangelistic effort conducted by Evangelist Ho Tien-ming. Such an effort over a period of four months, with so



many baptisms, is accomplished only by hard work, much prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We are told that this evangelist has asked God to use him in bringing sixty people to the Lord in 1938.

Stop a minute, dear reader, and see what it would mean to our work in the China Division this year if every one of our 400 evangelistic laborers would prepare thirty-nine people for baptism. Would there not be great rejoicing in heaven if 15,600 people in Eastern Asia would find their Saviour this year? But suppose that each evangelist had set for himself a goal similar to Evangelist Ho's; 24,000 is not an impossibility so far as God's power is concerned. The only question is whether we as workers in the church of God are willing to put forth the necessary effort, and place ourselves in the hands of the Holy Spirit to be used in so mighty a way.

New members coming into an old church bring new life and new vision to the old members.

And that is just what has happened to the church at Peh Men Li. Such a spirit of revival came into the church that everybody wanted to do something to help in the good work. So under the leadership and inspiration of the same evangelist, the church members set to work to clean and repair and redecorate their church building—the place where they come week by week to meet with and worship the God of heaven.

Open your Bibles and read the book of Exodus from the twenty-fifth chapter and onward. There you will see the kind of place which God directed His people to make as a tabernacle where He could meet with them. As my mind tries to picture that tabernacle with its gold, silver, brass, and other beautiful materials, I can see it only as a place of beauty and cleanliness and order.

The church members, under Evangelist Ho and the local elder, Brother Tsai, and others, collected one hundred and twenty-five dollars in cash, rallied all the available talent among their own number, and it was not long until the Peh Men Li church was as a new church with its clean walls, lovely plants, and decorations. The picture shows the church as I saw it recently. It is a credit to the people and surely an honor to God.

There are several interesting features which should be mentioned. On a wire near the ceiling and just above the platform hang two paper signs made in the form of boxes. The one on the left-hand side of the picture carries the message, "Please do not talk or whisper." The one



on the right-hand side says, "The meeting is for only one hour. Please do not go out." When I heard some talking over in the rear, I was surprised to see an electric light illuminate the sign on the left, and in its quiet but effective way, it brought silence. The lights are controlled by one of the deacons who sits by the side wall in the front of the room. This is an excellent way to control two difficult problems in a public effort.

The evergreen trees and plants give the front of the church a very nice effect, and the wall hangings carry scripture messages. The large characters are made of different kinds of grain. They were all made by a seventeen-year-old Missionary Volunteer.

A most vital lesson is taught by the grapevine which forms an arbor over the platform. John 15 with its message of the vine and the branches is constantly before the members. Fruit-bearing becomes natural with such a reminder, for the scripture on the wall tells them that the branch which bears no fruit will be cut off and burned. The result seen is enthusiasm in working for the Lord. The members are all active in the new evangelistic effort just started a few weeks ago. Then with the seven bands of local church officers and members, every member is visited in his home every week, when Bible study and prayer are conducted. This is one way to keep in close touch with all the members of a church and help them in a spiritual growth.

The Sabbath on which I spoke to the church, I heard the elder read the selection on tithing, the local church treasurer read off the names of thirteen members who had paid tithes during the previous week, and then an earnest prayer for God's blessing of Malachi 3:10 to be given to them. This short exercise preceded the offering for the day. I thought to myself, "This is something all our churches could do with great profit and blessing."

My hope and prayer is that what the church at Peh Men Li has done may be duplicated all over the China Division, and it can be.

God knows us; knows what we are; what we can do; what we are fit for; knows all our peculiarities of temperament and disposition. He knows what we really need; He knows how to make "all things work together for good."

Fiftieth Anniversary Memorial Service

BY A. L. HAM

It was confidently expected that we could lay the corner stone of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hongkong on May 3, the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of Brother Abram La Rue. However, it has taken so long after signing the contract for the construction work, to secure necessary Government permits from the various offices that we were only able to "break the sod" for the foundation on this date. At the appointed time for the ceremony, a large group of our people assembled at the site. A typhoon was threatening Hongkong, bringing wind and rain, but these enthusiastic people, with raincoats and umbrellas, stood in the rain through the ceremonies and the taking of pictures which followed.

Pastor C. F. Larsen, pastor of the Hongkong church, opened the service with remarks concerning the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of our pioneer worker to Hongkong and gave some of the history of the Pioneer Memorial Church project. Pastor Goh Chao O, associate editor of the *Shepherd*, offered the opening prayer. The writer turned the sod, after which prayer was offered by Pastor W. E. Strickland, editor of the *Shepherd*, who thanked the Lord for the services of the pioneers of the message in China; for His blessing upon endeavors to erect this Memorial Church building; and asked for continued guidance and blessing in the completion of the work.

At the close of this service we repaired to the grave of our pioneer brother, Abram La Rue. A committee consisting of Brethren Decker, Oss, and Larsen had put the grave in good condition, inserting a new marble slab with the original inscription preserved. The grave was spread with marble chips in a base of concrete bounded with granite capstones, making a very durable finish which will be easily kept in order.

At the grave a short service was held to commemorate this fiftieth anniversary of Brother La Rue's arrival. Pastor John Oss gave a resume of the pioneer experiences of our brother and called attention to the progress the work has made through the years which have followed his arrival in this city fifty years ago.

Brother Decker gave a report of the committee which had in

charge the improvements in the grave and its appearance. He also impressed upon the members of the church the importance of continuing to care for this historical landmark in Hongkong. The writer made a few remarks with reference to the new inscription prepared for the capstone commemorating our pioneer's arrival in Hongkong just fifty years ago. As Professor D. E. Rebok offered a very appropriate prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, we joined in rededicating our lives for the finishing of the task to which Brother La Rue and other pioneers who followed him, so willingly gave their best labors.

All departed from these scenes and memories with a greater appreciation of the lives and labors of those who sacrificed so much during the beginning years of our work in the Orient. There remains in our hearts a burning desire to be used mightily of God for the finishing of His great work in China.

West China Union

Among the Tribes Around

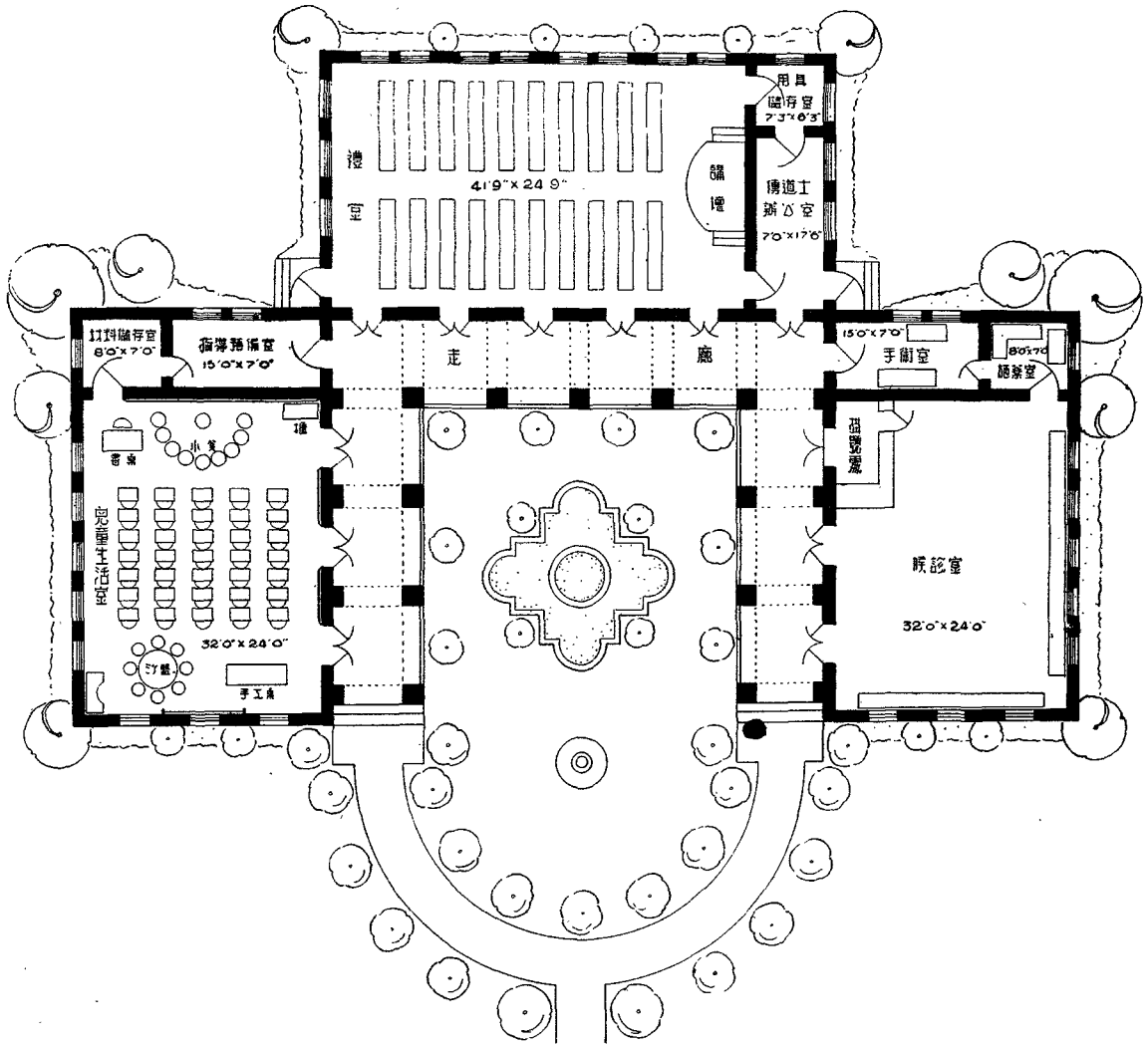
Mokiang

BY LO KWEI-III

MOKIANG is one of the most inaccessible *hsiens* of southern Yunnan. Though the work in this section has but recently been opened, the Lord has greatly blessed. From the many tribal peoples of this region, who have long been asleep in the darkness of sin, He is calling His chosen ones to awaken, see the light, and prepare to meet Jesus.

Some months ago I went to visit our Sabbath school among the Kado, two days' journey away. Every Sabbath more than two hundred are in attendance at that Sabbath school. The hearts of all are filled with the love of Jesus. To reach the place of meeting most of them walk twenty or thirty *li* over the mountains and through the forests, over paths that are very crooked and steep—in places so steep that they must actually climb by clinging to roots and trees to pull themselves up. And when meeting is over they must go back by the same difficult paths.

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地方教會建築平面圖

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Suggestive building plan for medical church center

A Medical Missionary Center

BY D. E. REBOK

NEARLY 500,000,000 people and less than 5,000 well trained doctors to care for their physical ills, and less than 50,000 Christian preachers to care for their spiritual welfare! Do these figures not present a real need and a real challenge to young people of the Christian church? Do they not show us as church administrators a line of work which we should enter with all our means and effort?

That need is a three-fold need—a need which calls for the close cooperation of the medical depart-

ment, the educational department, and the ministerial association in order to give stability to our work and supply the help which will make our church a mighty power for good in this great land.

To meet this need in a satisfactory way we must first of all build a church-school-dispensary building. Such a center will have a chapel for the regular spiritual meetings of the community, a room for dispensary and community health center work where a graduate nurse can do a self-supporting medical and missionary service for the people who need it most, and a church school room where a good

Christian teacher may train the children of that center.

Listen to what Mrs. E. G. White says about such a work: "The medical missionary work should be a part of the work of every church, in our land."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI. p. 289. Again she says, "I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work."

We are all made very happy to hear of the splendid self-supporting medical missionary work being done by such nurses as Mrs. Cheung Oi Lun of Watlam in Kwangsi, Mrs. Wu Ging Feng of Suchow, Kansu, and several

others in Honan. They are worthy examples to all the nurses in our nurses' training schools.

Mrs. Wu Ging Feng graduated from the Shanghai Sanitarium several years ago. She married an evangelist in North China and she and her husband combined their talents for a real medical missionary work. Today they are carrying on church and medical work in Suchow, Kansu. The income from their dispensary, where over 5,000 people were treated in a single year, was enough to pay all expenses and the salary of the evangelist as well as the medical workers in that station. We need five hundred such combined medical missionary centers in the China Division!

Mrs. Cheung Oi Lun graduated from the Nanning Sanitarium and Hospital and then qualified for a Kwangsi Provincial Certificate in midwifery. She is doing a splendid self-supporting medical missionary work in Watlam. In eleven months last year she cared for 3,182 patients. In the period of July 1 to December 15, her receipts were over \$2,500. Out of this she paid all her expenses, her tithe, her salary, and that of her helpers. Here is another self-supporting church unit which is doing a fine work for the people of China. We appeal to our nearly two hundred nurses now in training to catch this vision of self-supporting medical missionary work. Every year our thirty or forty graduates should go out into our churches and establish that many self-supporting units for church work—and the Lord will bless you as He has blessed Mrs. Cheung and Mrs. Wu.

Yes, marry our teachers and our preachers and thus make a most useful couple for God's work. It is my hope that hundreds of medical missionary church centers may be established with the husband as church school teacher in the morning and evangelist in the afternoon and evening; with his wife as the graduate nurse, midwife, and community health worker. That is a combination of talent and training to do God's work in its spiritual, physical, and mental phases—a perfect work for the salvation of man—saving his soul, body, and mind from this world of sin.

The accompanying plan is a suggestive arrangement of the building for such a work. Let us arise and do something about it!

Publishing Department

1938 Big Week News

BY E. L. LONGWAY

NOTHING seems to be able to dampen the ardor of Seventh-day Adventists when it comes to the promotion of the annual campaigns of the church. Conditions existing in our division early this year made it seem advisable to print a limited edition of our special Big Week book, "The Decalogue of Health," but almost before the ink was dry on the first edition of 25,000 copies, further orders came in to the publishing house, and a second edition of four thousand copies was printed.

But that was before the Hongkong church and the South China Union workers really got started on their Big Week campaign. In just a few days the books that had been ordered for use here in Hongkong had all been sold. In another few days all reserve stocks at the publishing house had been exhausted, and this morning I learn that they are obliged to print another rush edition of eight thousand copies. The old adage, "many hands make light work," has demonstrated its truthfulness in the Big week campaign in Hongkong. The local church school, the division office, the publishing house workers, the Home Study Institute, the Far Eastern Academy, the South China Union workers, and the local churches in Hongkong were all assigned goals of book sales and offerings. The total goal of offerings and sales profits for the above-mentioned institutions and groups was set at \$740. While complete reports are not in hand, advance news indicates that this goal will be reached, with some to spare. We are thankful for the spirit of loyalty and cooperation that has been so evident in this campaign in Hongkong. The church school youngsters were perhaps the most enthusiastic of all. One language study recruit, with less than a year's residence in China, sold one hundred of the Big Week books during the week of the campaign. This one hundred books were sold mostly one at a time, from door to door in the smaller shop district of Hongkong.

From Shanghai comes news of the Big Week campaign in that city. The brethren there decided

to use the new book in combination with some older books that have been in stock for some years. Some of us were dubious of the advisability of this plan, but faith with works always triumphs. And the latest word from Shanghai is that some \$600. worth of this literature has been sold, with the campaign only fairly begun. From one of the local missions of East China we have had a repeat order for the Big Week booklet, and doubtless soon such orders will begin to come in from other fields. Some unions have postponed their Big Week campaign until later in the year. The news items noted above will serve to inspire all to attempt great things in the forward movement of this church, and especially will it give us all courage to plan for the soon-coming Harvest Ingathering campaign.

News of the Colporteur Evangelists

BY E. L. LONGWAY

"MAN's extremity is God's opportunity." And so it proved to be in the experience of two of our good colporteur evangelists in the northland. Brethren Shih and Chang, of a certain mission, had been assigned a territory and had gone to the field courageously, but the county magistrate refused to see them, and, through his secretary, informed our brethren that he did not care to have them work or stay in the territory under his control. The field man was supposed to help these men get started in their work, but for some reason was delayed in reaching them. What to do in such a case?

Brethren Shih and Chang refused to be discouraged. They stayed on in that town, waiting for the field man to come, and for something to happen that would allow them to work. They waited until their money was spent, down to the last ten-cent piece. The union field secretary writes of their experience as follows: "So they started working anyhow. That first day they took eleven subscriptions, and the day we arrived they had taken six more." He continues the story by saying: "Brother Sung and I had a half hour interview with the magistrate, and the Lord blessed us. We left him, a real friend, with both his recommendation and subscription for the 'Signs. And the men continued in that town until they had taken a total of thirty subscriptions."

Sabbath School Department

Making Vacation Pay

BY BESSIE MOUNT

VACATION days are here! Soon our church schools will be closed for the summer, and hundreds of our boys and girls will be facing long days of freedom from lessons and books. Will they be days of play and pleasure only, or days of profit as well? Will they be a time when wrong associations are formed and seeds of evil planted in the tender hearts of our children by the great enemy of souls? Or a time when progress is made in the building of Christian character, and practical lessons are learned that will help to prepare our boys and girls for a part in God's service and a place in His kingdom?

Days of opportunity! Days of responsibility! Such are vacation days for those who are interested in the salvation of our children and youth. The Vacation Bible School will help to solve the problem of making them profitable days. Its chief object is to instruct the children in the Bible, and develop in them a desire to follow the Saviour. It helps to safeguard them from temptation during the vacation season, by providing interesting and worthwhile occupation for them for a part of this time. Moreover, it provides an avenue of missionary service for our young people who serve as teachers, and presents an opportunity for making missionary contacts in the homes of those not of our faith,—for children from such homes, as well as from the homes of believers, may be accepted.

It is suggested that these schools be held three hours a day, five days a week, for four weeks, sometime between the first of July and the last of August. The subjects suggested are Bible lessons on the life of Christ, stories of Old Testament Bible characters and other character-building stories, reading, singing, Missionary Volunteer Progressive Class Work, simple health principles and calisthenics, and where possible manual arts or something along vocational lines.

The responsibility to lay plans for the Vacation Bible School rests with the local church committee, and the school is under their general control. They should choose the principal and other teachers needed, set the

opening and closing dates, and arrange for a meeting place, for necessary supplies, and for meeting any expense involved. No tuition fees are charged, and those who teach do so as a service of love, without monetary remuneration. The schools are under the general supervision of the Sabbath school department, working in conjunction with the Missionary Volunteer and home missionary departments. The local and union mission secretaries of these departments will be glad to give counsel in connection with planning for these schools. Plans should be laid early, so that necessary supplies can be secured, and the work of the school go forward without hindrance. A revised outline for the use of teachers has recently been prepared and printed in Chinese, and may be secured from the Sabbath school department. This outline gives a list of other books needed by teachers and pupils.

Where Vacation Bible Schools have been conducted in the past they have been a blessing to the children, to the church and the Sabbath school, to those conducting the schools, and to the homes touched by their influence. Shall we not plan for many more such schools this year? Our boys and girls are well worth the effort, for they are the *most precious possession of the church*, and the most fruitful field for increasing its membership. Now is the most opportune time we shall ever have to win them for the Saviour. If we delay until the enemy has done his deadly work, it may be forever too late.

How We Are Gathering the Missing in the Swatow Mission

BY K. T. KHNG

As a mission we have not yet done our full duty in this matter of gathering our missing members, so at this time we can report only briefly on this important phase of our Sabbath school work. I consider this matter extremely important, because the prosperity of the Sabbath school is so closely bound up with the success of all other features of our work.

When this matter was called to our attention, we began to study our Sabbath schools to see who were missing. We found that in some cases there was carelessness in marking the Sabbath school records, making it appear that some were "missing members" who were not so in reality.

Sometimes the late-comers were not recorded; and frequently the record did not include the children and the babies. Also there had not been sufficient effort put forth to enroll the isolated ones in the home division, and thus make them a part of the Sabbath school. Our first effort was to endeavor to instruct the evangelists and Sabbath school officers, so that these conditions would be corrected.

Another thing that greatly affects our Sabbath school membership is the enrollment in our mission schools. When we have more students in these schools, we have more Sabbath school members, and when the enrollment in the mission schools drops, the Sabbath school membership shows a decrease. So we are putting forth greater effort to keep the enrollment in these schools high, for in so doing we increase the Sabbath school membership, and eventually the church membership. We are hoping to open more of these mission schools—at least one new one each year.

The Sabbath school membership is usually especially low during the summer and winter vacations, for often the students of the mission schools drop out during this time. We feel that this situation will be helped by holding summer schools for the children, such as has been done in some other missions. This will require sacrifice on the part of those who carry on the work of such a school, but we believe that it will be worth while.

Sometimes members have ceased to attend Sabbath school because of some misfortune that has come to them or their families. Here is an opportunity for personal work on the part of evangelists, Sabbath school officers, and other workers. We have found that such members can often be reclaimed when we continue to visit them, pray with them, and help them in a personal way. When they feel that we are interested in them and their problems, they are willing to return.

It is planned for our evangelists to visit each isolated family, and encourage them to have family worship in their homes and conduct their own Sabbath school each Sabbath. We encourage them to subscribe for our church papers—including the *Sabbath School Helper*—and to secure the Morning Watch Calendar, so that they have the necessary supplies for conducting their daily family

worship. The evangelist visits these isolated members as often as possible, to encourage and pray with them, collect their Sabbath school reports and offerings, and supply them with the materials needed. One of our workers has three such home department Sabbath schools among the members of his flock, and is diligent in looking after their needs. This not only helps the Sabbath school in membership and offerings, but the tithes are also collected from these members.

When workers, officers, and members all work together to bring in the missing members, we may expect not only to find the members of our church who are

missing from the Sabbath school, but to bring in many new members as well. This will mean growing Sabbath schools and a growing church, which are an indication that the members are active, and the mission workers are efficiently looking after the various lines of mission work. It is our sincere desire that our Sabbath schools may prosper and grow, as by God's grace we work diligently to this end.

"Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll"—Book 1

BEGINNING with July, 1938, (in China) the Sabbath school lesson medium for the small children will be "Bible Stories for the

Cradle Roll," Book 1, by Rosamond D. Ginther. The lessons for the ensuing year will cover the first part of the Old Testament.

Aside from the forty-five Bible stories, the book also contains a number of illustrated finger plays, and several nature stories. It is well illustrated with pictures, some colored—the type of pictures that will help the tiny members of the family and of the Sabbath school to comprehend the stories.

All teachers of little children who do not have Book 1, should secure their copy at once.

The book contains one hundred and ninety-two pages, and is attractively bound. Price, \$1.25, U.S. currency. Order from your Book and Bible house.

Young People's Work in the China Division

BY D. E. REBOK

THE China Division is but one of twelve world divisions. As such we cannot help but compare ourselves with the others in the work we are all trying our best to carry forward. At times it is a good thing to sit down and look at ourselves and our work in the light of results seen in our sister fields. It should give us an index of our situation—wherein we

should put greater energy, time, and thought.

On the whole the China Division in 1936 made good progress, but is that progress commensurate with the size of our field, with the greatness of our population, and the urgency of the times?

Kindly study the accompanying table and then note your reactions, your inner urges, and your desires regarding a Greater Youth's Movement for our China Division.

When we think of these figures as for a whole year, we are not doing as much as we should. If somehow in all of our seven unions we could accomplish what we have done in two or three, we would be surprised at the total result. The young people in each field stand ready to cooperate and work as only young people can. They are waiting for some one to lead and organize them for worthwhile work, and surely we have it to do in every union throughout our division.

Year 1936

ANALYSIS OF DIVISION MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER REPORTS

No.	Comparative Items	China Report	Rank with Other Divisions	World Report	China Compared to 1936 Record	1935 World Report
1.	% soc exec com mtg wkly	17%	7th	23%	—	18%
2.	Churches in division—1935	266	8th	7406	—	7141
3.	MV societies in division	200	10th	5505	—	5273
4.	% ch having MV societies	75%	6th	74%	+	
5.	Division ch member.—1935	15651	10th	413023	—	390800
6.	Est y p connected with families of church	10431	10th	275350	—	260533
7.	Division MV membership	6318	10th	117697	—	113300
8.	MV's per 100 ch members	40	3rd	28	+	29
9.	% MV's reporting	48%	6th	49%	—	49%
10.	Young people baptized ‡	465	7th	8584	—	9632
11.	Y p bap per 100 ch memb ‡	3	2nd	2	+	3
12.	% MV's obsv M Watch	50%	3rd	35%	+	37%
13.	% MV's rec B Y cert ‡	13%	4th	9%	+	7%
14.	% MV's rec R C cert ‡	11%	5th	14%	—	15%
15.	% MV's rec SSL, SA cert ‡	5%	2nd	8%	—	1%
16.	% MV's invested ‡	8%	2nd	4%	+	4%
17.	B rdgs or gosp mtgs per soc	275	2nd	143	+	186
18.	Mis visits per MV	11	4th	10	+	11
19.	Treatments per MV	4	4th	3	+	3
20.	Literature dis't per MV	34	4th	37	—	40
21.	Total soc. off. per MV ‡	7c	8th	33c	—	36c

‡ Cumulative
+ Above
— Below

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News Notes

ON April 27 workers in Hongkong were happy to welcome back to China Brother and Sister Joseph H. Su (Su Hsing) who have spent seven and a half years in the United States attending school at Pacific Union College, University of Southern California, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in preparation for their future work at the China Training Institute.

Brother and Sister R. A. Brett and their three children arrived in Hongkong April 26, returning from furlough in England. Brother Brett has gone on to Shanghai to help look after the property at Ningkuo Road. Sister Brett and the children are remaining in Hongkong for the present.

Dr. C. E. Randolph coming from Yencheng, arrived in Hongkong April 29. He with his family are going on to the North China Union to connect with the sanitarium at Kalgan, and to lay definite plans for medical work among the Mongolians.

Mrs. E. H. James accompanied Dr. Randolph from Yencheng to Hongkong, where she is arranging bookings preparatory to the family's sailing for furlough after school closes.

Brother and Sister W. I. Hilliard recently arrived from Mukden, and are spending a little time in Hongkong before going on to Chungking where Brother Hilliard will take up his new duties as treasurer of the West China Union.

Brother H. R. Dixon, formerly treasurer of the West China Union, and Pastor A. B. Buzzell, formerly director of the West Szechwan Mission, have moved to Hankow to take up their new duties as secretary-treasurer and field missionary secretary respectively of the Central China Union.

Prof. W. A. Scharffenberg spent a little time in Hongkong after an extended itinerary among the various missions of the Philippine Islands. He gave a most encouraging report of the progress of evangelistic work in the island fields. Professor Scharffenberg left Hongkong May 1 for Shanghai,

thence to Korea and Japan for further work in the interest of the Home Study Institute.

Prof. D. E. Rebok has been acting as chairman of the Division Committee at Hongkong in the absence of all the Division officers—Pastor Griggs and Pastor Morris having been in Manchuria and North China, and Pastor Frost having spent six weeks itinerating in Yunnan, West China. All the officers returned to the office the second week in May.

Brother H. L. Shull, manager of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, left Hongkong May 1, for a short business trip to Shanghai. He returned to Hongkong May 13.

Among the Tribes Around Mokiang

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For more than a week I stayed there, visiting the believers in the various villages round about. The people all till the soil for a living, spending the whole day in the fields and on the hills, returning home only at sundown. So when calling on them I could go only in the evening. At that place are several very earnest brethren, who each evening accompanied me to some village. One evening we descended a sloping hill, crossed a deep gully, and ascended another hill to reach our destination, a little village some three li away. After preaching for more than an hour, we spent some time in teaching the people to sing—for the Kado dearly love to sing—and returned home a little before midnight.

A day's journey south of the city of Mokiang, we have a Sabbath school among the Biyoh. The weekly attendance runs from seventy to eighty or more. Several of the earnest brethren there are leading the people in studying the truth and preparing to meet the Lord. Not long ago one of our faithful young brethren at this place became ill. When we heard of it, we went from Mokiang to visit him. It happened

to be on a Friday, and as we neared his home, the young man's father came out to meet us with his child, and, his face beaming with joy, told us that his son had already recovered, and that he had gone to another village to invite people to come to Sabbath school the next day. "I am going also, with this child," he added, "to invite people to come to meeting tomorrow."

At this place there is also an elderly brother who is very zealous for the truth. When we opened a Bible class in the nearby town sometime ago, he attended regularly. At all times and in all places he witnesses for the Lord. Every day, after the Bible class, he would go out of the town, into the homes of the tribespeople, to spread the message and do personal work. After our series of Bible studies was finished, he burned the false gods in several homes where he had taught the people the story of salvation. Returning to his own home, he did his utmost to tell to others what he had learned. Every evening he would walk three or four li over the mountains to other villages to teach the truth to others. During the day he toiled for a living, but at night he went everywhere witnessing for Jesus. Our hearts are touched by this spirit of devotion, manifested in not shrinking from effort and sacrifice in behalf of the truth.

Our work in this section has been opened only among the Kado and the Biyoh, and there are still upwards of ten of these tribes living among the mountains and in the hot river valleys in this region of Yunnan, longing for salvation. Many times they have come and begged us to open chapels and schools among them. But we have only four or five workers; how can we respond to the many earnest calls? Please pray much for us, that we may quickly lead these people who are in darkness to the gospel light.

Membership and Baptism Comparison—1936 and 1937

Union	Membership		Baptised during year	
	1936	1937	1936	1937*
Central China	2014	2048	188	49
East China	4484	4407	505	181
Manchuria	1616	1830	414	321
North China	2007	1995	288	55
Northwest China	781	851	66	79
South China	3676	3732	373	220
West China	2128	2512	336	429
Totals	16706	17375	2170	1334

* No doubt the actual number of baptisms is larger than this, but conditions in the field have made impossible the securing of complete reports. This represents the number reported to the Division.