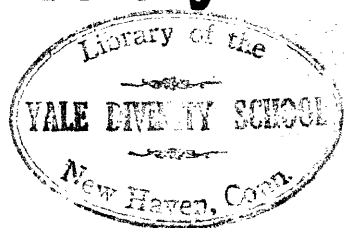


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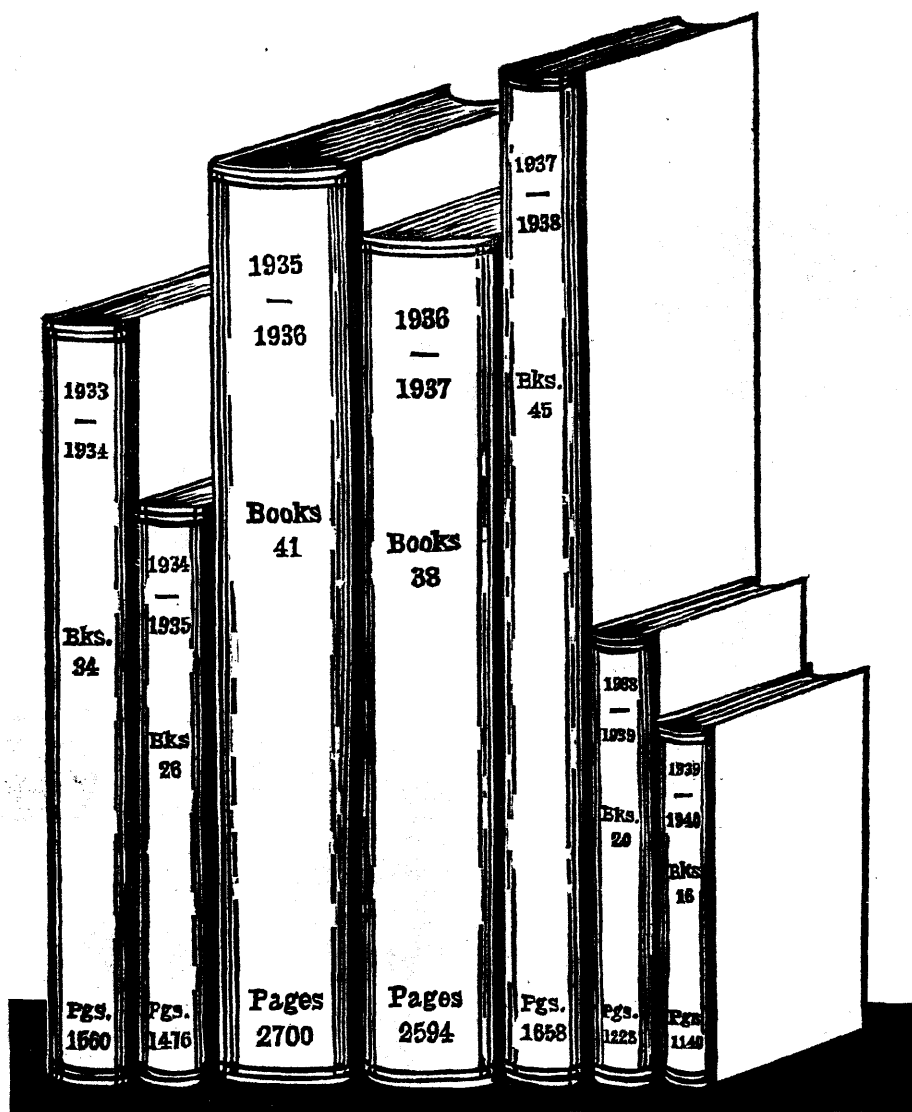
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OF THE
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CHINA



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The 65th Report of work begun in Hankow
and the 62nd of work begun in Shanghai.



Statistical Analysis of New Books Published.

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The 1939-1940 Annual Report of the Religious Tract Society, and the Sixty-fifth Annual Report issued since the first Religious Tract Society in China was founded at Hankow in 1876, and the sixty-second of the work begun in Shanghai in 1878.

Head Office and Press:

Religious Tract Society Building, Hankow

HISTORICAL NOTE.

A Tract Committee associated with the Religious Tract Society of London was formed in Shanghai in 1844. The Central China Religious Tract Society was founded in 1876, and in 1915 united with the North China Tract Society, which had been founded in 1883, to form the Religious Tract Society of North and Central China. The Chinese Religious Tract Society was founded in 1878, and in 1895, united with the East China Tract Society, which had been founded in 1885, to form the Chinese Tract Society. In 1920 the Religious Tract Society of North and Central China united with the Chinese Tract Society to form the Religious Tract Society for China, with headquarters and printing works in Hankow, and a depot in Shanghai. The former Manchuria Tract Society ceased to function. The united Society has a General Committee meeting in Central China (Hankow), with Sectional Committees in North China (Tientsin), East China (Shanghai), and Manchuria (Moukden). It has worked in association with the West China Religious Tract Society, which has its headquarters at Chungking.

On the 30th. September, 1931, the work of the united Society was amalgamated with that of the Parent Society in London and all reports since describe the work of the Parent Society in China instead of that of an independent Society. In 1935 the Religious Tract Society of London united with the Christian Literature Society for India and Africa to form the United Society for Christian Literature. Their work in China, however, is carried on under the former name, which is a subtitle of the new Society.

The Religious Tract Society

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THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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Appreciation

The R.T.S. has been extremely fortunate during the past five years in having the effective help of Miss W. I. Coxon as Art Secretary. She has given valuable editorial service in preparing both the 1940 and the 1941 Week of Evangelism posters. The originals, adapted from Copping, are genuine works of art, but are entirely mutilated by the printer in preparing the plates for off-set printing.

Unfortunately, due to the great expense in preparing the plates for the posters we have not been able to use the more permanent method of preserving the originals and all the fine work of Miss Coxon will be lost after this edition is exhausted. If any one is interested in helping the Society preserve the valuable plates communicate with the General Secretary.

Miss Coxon has not only done this but also she has given her counsel in much of our work this past year. She has also given valuable assistance to our artist, Mr. Chow Chih-tsen, in preparing the tracts for the Week of Evangelism. Miss Coxon is an example to us all in industry and influential support in the object and aim of this Society. She is capping her industry, after much pressure from her friends, by giving the address at our Annual Meeting for the year.

Miss F. E. Gooch, Honorary Editorial Secretary for fourteen years, continues giving us her capable assistance year by year. During the period contained herein she and the late Rev. E. C. Rao have contributed nine manuscripts to this Society. Three of these are the last in a series of twenty Christmas Story Booklets. Aside from these concrete expressions of her literary ability she helps with her quiet kindly advice in furthering the work of this Society.

The late Rev. E. C. Rao, who for more than six years ably assisted Miss Gooch, retired from services with us at the end of July to take up parish work again in Hanyang. Two months later he passed on to higher service after only a very short illness. He has assisted in contributing more than fifty books which represents more than seven hundred pages. The Society is deeply grateful for his untiring service during all these years. We are also grateful to the Methodist Church for permitting him to be with us during this period.

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It was a privilege for the Acting General Secretary to have several good talks with the Rev. F. C. H. Dreyer, Honorary Editorial Secretary since 1928. His steady contribution of more than twenty-five books, mainly commentaries, has been the backbone of our effectual help to Bible Schools and the active Chinese evangelists and clergy. Although he is continually under the doctor's care he is pushing on with his new commentary on the Acts of the Apostles.

Our youngest, in terms of service, of our Honorary Editorial Secretaries is the Rev. A. F. Lutley. This year he has finished his monumental work on the Epistle to the Colossians. Handicapped by distance he has revised and corrected proof received and returned it by air via Shanghai, Hongkong and Chengtu, bearing the cost personally.

Mr. Cheng Chung-ren, senior member of our staff, as well as Press Manager, completes his 30th year of faithful service. He came to us when, the press of the National Bible Society of Scotland was transferred to the R.T.S. The splendid development of this side of our work in China is due in no small part to Mr. Cheng Chung-ren.

It is only fitting that during this time of uncertainty our thoughts should turn toward those who have made it possible to carry on so efficiently. During the year those of us in charge have been humbly grateful to the loyalty of the staff. This is especially true in face of the financial burden put upon their shoulders by the ever increasing cost of living. The price of rice at the end of our fiscal year is more than three times greater than at the beginning, yet we have been unable to give more than a meager rice bonus to them.

We are grateful to the China Inland Mission for the contribution it is making in the service of the Business Manager for the R.T.S. With the constant need for promotion of circulation, and a liason officer between the Foreign Missionary and the packing department as well as proof reader for the Press, the office of Business Manager is an important one. Since Mr. Onley left on furlough this position has been filled by the Rev. W. H. Webb.

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formerly of Shansi. During the past year he has willingly carried the extra burden of Acting General Secretary while the present one was on a trip to Shanghai, Peiping and Chefoo.

Silent Pulpit

Ever since the erection of the Jubilee Building of the R.T.S. Depot in Hankow, in 1910, the two large windows have been used to advertise our literature. Formerly a number of books were displayed on racks in the windows. Several years ago, these racks were replaced by dark frames upon which have been placed posters, frequently changed. A constant stream of people have been attracted by this silent pulpit. We feel that we are doing a great witnessing by means of these posters. Some times the pavement has been crowded with those reading the message of the day.

This last year, Mr. Webb has distributed tracts pertaining to the theme of posters. He has had a number of interesting questions asked and feels that the result has been well worth the effort. We ask that you may remember in prayer this side of our work in Hankow.

Publication Committee

Last year saw the beginning of a new venture in a new set-up of the Publication Committee. Formerly we have had a General Board and from this Body certain members were designated as a Publication Committee. Because our Committees work through the medium of the English language a number of capable Chinese were prevented from serving upon them. During the Spring of 1939 a new Publication Committee was organized.

The Vice-chairman of the General Committee became the Chairman of the Publication Committee. At least five of the members of the Publication Committee must be Chinese members. These do not have to be members of the General Committee. At the present time two-thirds of that Committee are Chinese. Those of us who have been privileged to attend see the marked interest on the part of our Chinese members in carrying on the work of this Society.

This Committee has been able to do a good deal of work during the past year, not only in reviewing some sixty-five new publications, but also by careful revision of some of our old literature.

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Manuscripts

During the year under review we have received 65 manuscripts for consideration. Of this number we have already accepted 36 for printing. Up to-date, we have printed 28 of these while we are still considering a few of the others. The average of manuscripts accepted for printing will be even higher than 54% represented in the number already passed for publication. We are very grateful to the number of friends who have sent in original work for us to consider. The extremely high cost of paper has made it impossible to rush into print everything that comes. We feel that this is a good step, because it is making us more careful in our selection of material. We sincerely hope that during the coming year there will be an increase in the number of manuscripts contributed, especially from original Chinese sources.

R. T. S. Meeting in Chinese

Wednesday, January 10th, 1940 was appointed as a Christian Literature Day during the Universal week of Prayer when special prayer topics were added to the programme, as follows : —

Thanksgiving :

For the esteem the early pioneer missionaries had for Chinese literature.

For the attainments of the Christian Literature Movement in China.

For the translation, publication, publication and distribution of the Scriptures in China.

Confession :

That we have neglected the printed page in evangelism and we have made very little contribution to this important work.

That we have remained too much in our own moulds, therefore have been rather indifferent to the progress of modern achievements of the current secular press. By this attitude we have made the means of spreading the Gospel out-of-date and ineffective.

That there has been an absence of sincere co-operation of foreign and native workers, that by pleasing each other the "best" has often been sacrificed for the "good" in the form of our Literature.

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Prayer :

That God will raise up adequate Christian writers to meet the great needs of the days ahead.

That God will bless all those who are engaged in literary work for the spread of His Word, and moreover make them more single-hearted and more devoted to this cause, and remove from them any prejudice and pride that may prevent greater glorification of His name.

That God will guide the faithful to give generous support to this cause, and remove from them any prejudice and pride that may prevent greater glorification of His name.

That God will guide the faithful to give generous support to this cause so that first class Christian Literature may be produced.

The Rev. Shen Wen-ching, a permanent member of the R.T.S. Board, presided over a crowded congregation at 2:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Navy Y.M.C.A. where a display of selected Books, Tracts, Posters, etc. was made. The speaker was the Rev. James J. Tsang, Hon. Vice Chairman of the General Committee and his main idea was a call to the Chinese Christians to come forward to share the responsibilities with the missionaries in this sphere of the evangelization of China, a land of great hope, as it was our great privilege as well as duty to claim it for Christ in this time of great danger and opportunity.

The Rev. W. H. Webb, Business Manager of the Depot, made a report on the work of the Society and was in charge of the display.

The meeting aroused such interest that the R.T.S. decided to hold its Annual Meeting in the fall at least in part in the Chinese language for the Chinese Church members.

Phonetic-Chinese

Our Phonetic Department has done a great deal to promote the use of the National Phonetic-Chinese Christian literature. Miss Mary Leaman, the ardent Missionary exponent of Phonetic-Chinese, has taken a great share of the burden in preparing this literature. She has contributed not only the matrices for the combined Phonetic-Chinese type, but also the services of Mr. W. M. Wang. This year we have completed the New Testament, which means that today,

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the whole Bible is in this combined form. The phonetic character of this literature is larger than the Chinese which makes it easier for the beginner to learn to read.

Certain sections of China are making more and more use of this Phonetic-Chinese literature. Some areas have prepared a third column with their own local phonetic, as a stepping stone to the National phonetic and from there to the Chinese character. The picture Phonetic Primer, as listed in our new books section, will enable even the smallest child to learn to use the phonetic.

Death of the Rev. W. H. Warren

We wish to call the attention of our supporters to the loss we have sustained in our East China Committee upon the death of the Rev. W. H. Warren of the China Inland Mission. Mr. Warren was for a number of years co-worker with Mr. Gibb in the Executive office of the C.I.M. His loss will leave a vacancy in the East China Committee that will be exceedingly hard for us to fill. Our sympathy goes out to the China Inland Mission in its irreplaceable loss of a fine worker and counsellor.



Courage and Wisdom*

O God who hast called us to share in establishing upon earth the Kingdom of thy dear Son, help us to be true and honest witnesses of the faith which we profess. Save us from hypocrisy and unreality, from pretentiousness and cant. Make us faithful stewards of all that thou hast given us, our time and our skills, and the fruits of all our labors. Strengthen us as we go forth in thy Name to call upon our neighbors to show the glory of thy Kingdom and to talk of all thy wondrous works. Give to us courage and wisdom, patience and courtesy, and crown our efforts with a good success so that thy Church may go steadily forward in her ministries of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A few hours before his death, the late George Craig Stewart, Bishop of Chicago, wrote this prayer. It was found on his desk. From *Forward—Day by Day*: Late Trinity 1940; published under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church, U.S.A.

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NORTH

Shunteh, Hopei

I have had a bookseller going this winter to the country districts and he has sold several hundred dollars worth of books. I certainly am encouraged about it. I used to sweat and work trying to sell books with little result. But a new spirit is abroad in the land, people want to know about the doctrine which they believe. Our Bookstall has also sold many more books than it used to sell.

April 12, 1940.

JOHN T. BICKFORD.

Singtai, Hopei

Many thanks for the three packages of tracts received as a Free Grant. They arrived most opportunely. This year we have commenced a Short Term Bible School. On Saturdays and Sundays the students engage in evangelistic work, visiting homes, giving out tracts on the street, and visiting the gaol and hospital. The supply of literature ran out two weeks before the end of term. Your gift came just in time to make good the lack. We thank you the more, therefore, as the timely gift has shown us once more our Heavenly Father's loving care. The leaflets are usually eagerly received as we pass them out to workers on the roads, passers-by, and to people sitting at their shop doors. Even those who cannot read have the Message read to them.

At the close of term we offered a package of tracts and Gospels to any student who would distribute them when at home. The response was gratifying. Only two or three failed to come for a packet. One young woman wrote that she had distributed hers at the station, while waiting for the train, and during the journey. Her whole stock had been given out before she reached her destination. We trust that blessing will result as these tracts are widely scattered. Many of the places to which the students have gone, we ourselves are unable to visit, so we rejoice for this witness.

June 6, 1940.

P. L. BROMLEY.

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Paotingfu, Sung

Your hearts would rejoice to see the eagerness with which your posters are being bought these days! The Lord is undoubtedly using distress to turn hundreds to Himself, and in spite of the general poverty all the new inquirers are buying Gospel posters that their homes may show forth their change from the false to the true. I brought a great pile of posters to the country with me the first of November thinking they would last until we returned to Paoting in January. But we have already had to send in for two more piles, and we have only covered half of our itinerary! We praise the Lord for the testimony these posters bear. But I cannot wait to return to Paoting to send in another order, for we must have a new supply before the Chinese New Year!

The Grant of tracts received in the spring was much appreciated and put to good use during the summer by the bands that went to the country for evangelistic work and Vacation Bible Schools. Eleven groups of young women and four of men went out, living for at least a month in 27 places.

Nearly 600 children finished the course; probably three times that number had to drop out, most of them because they had to chase grass-hoppers, a pest that took much of the crop. In the adult Bible class 230 attended regularly while 263 new decisions were made for the Lord. It is impossible to give any satisfactory figure for the number who attended the evangelistic meetings because of unusual conditions. In some places great crowds came but before many days the meeting had to be stopped; in others the meetings started timidly with a mere handful and gradually grew to large numbers.

One item of the course of study was the memorizing of the Bible verses on the 18 slips of the "Propaganda Leaflets". Many could repeat the whole set without hesitation. The little booklets "Exhortation to the World" and "Awakening Words" were read by the older boys.

The leaflets on "Jesus Teaching" were arranged in sets, and a set left with the groups that wished to continue their Bible study after the Bands left.

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The other tracts were distributed at markets and after street preaching as opportunity offered.

There are more obstacles to the work than ever before, but the Lord's grace is sufficient. In spite of everything the Gospel is being preached and souls are being saved. What a privilege to have a part in this ministry! We are grateful for the help given by the literature.

September 7, 1940.

FLORENCE L. LOGAN.

Tengshien, Shantung

The copies of the Rev. A. F. Lutley's very able *Commentary on Colossians* have just come, and I wish to heartily congratulate Mr. Lutley on the completion of such a piece of work, and the Religious Tract Society on bringing it out, and that at such a reasonable price. I know from experience the amount of time and patient labor involved in the production of such a work. I have recommended it unreservedly to my students here with the result that practically all the students and teachers here are ordering it. I told them to get it even if they had to do without food to buy it! I am ordering 165 copies.

Nov. 21, 1940.

MARTIN A. HOPKINS

EAST

Shucheng, Anhwei

While there seems to be even a greater desire than ever to receive tracts we have had to shut down giving them away almost altogether. When the Christians had to flee they took the tracts with them and distributed them in districts where we missionaries seldom if ever can go. They came back rejoicing over the results. One of them said that because the tracts were not sufficient she wrote out a hundred copies to give out.

January 29, 1940.

Huai Yuen, Anhwei

Miss G. S. Djang of Hwai Yuen Presbyterian Station, writes: "We had the Enquirers class last week with many people coming from different places in the country, more earnest than before, and

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very eager to learn. There were 135 who became enquirers, and 45 of a former group were baptized. There are more than 200 women here studying Short Steps to Great Truths and there are others in country places. We are realizing more all the time how precious the 4 volumes are and how grateful we are to Dr. Price.

January 1, 1940.

P. F. PRICE.

This is a time of great opportunity for hearts are responsive to the spoken or written words.

May 9, 1940.

MARY COLE MURDOCH.

CENTRAL

Anking, Anhwei

Thank you so much for the Free Grant of Tracts received this week, which we are very glad to have.

The first lot you sent were used in special Chinese New Year meetings, held both in the homes of the people and here on the Compound. As a result of those meetings 30 new Enquirers were enrolled.

We are planning to use this second supply of tracts in the hospital wards, in the faith and hope of many of the patients being led to the Saviour through them. These small booklet tracts are very suitable for patients in bed as they are easy to handle.

May 11, 1940.

IRENE REES.

Kihsien, Honan

We were given a Free Grant in handbills—500 "Two Hearts" poster bills. I do want to thank those who have given to make this grant possible. There is no better way to get the Gospel to the people; we need great amounts of tracts these days.

Sept. 21, 1940.

GENEVA SAYRE.

Loyang, Honan

A letter from a friend who had not been able to get literature for over a year, then a roundabout route opened up and we sent a large consignment of literature to her. This is her reply.

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"That last order for tracts and posters came through very quickly and the Pilgrim's Progress and Posters are ALL GONE. Send 500 posters if you have them. They go like hot cakes. Please send 100 of Christ Crucified, No. 19328. The big Red Cross went fast also. Send another 50 of them."

J. W. L.

Wuchang, Hupeh

The Camps for homeless people at Wesley Middle School and The Theological Seminary, Wuchang, began in February, 1939, when scores of houses in the district were demolished and many people were suddenly rendered homeless. The Revs. A. J. Gedye and Shen Ming-ien came from Hankow, and crowds of folk flocked into the Compound; they could not be turned out, there was nowhere else for them to live, so they must be organised as a community. Rooms were numbered, occupants registered, drains, etc. made and cooking places arranged. When Mr. Gedye left for furlough, the Rev. W. H. C. Ebeling of the China Inland Mission kindly consented to come and live at Wesley. Other Chinese workers came too, including four nurses from the L. M. Hospital.

A few of the people are very poor. Many belong to the villages round about and still have their land to till, others, able-bodied folk, can usually find labouring jobs to do.

For several months, about forty women (chiefly widows) and their children, were housed in in a separate building, two women evangelists living under the same roof and acting as wardens.

When I arrived I found two Camps of a thousand occupants each, well organised, and with Evangelistic work well established. Only two women (no men) were church members. There are Gospel meetings weekly, one each for men and women at each Camp. Sunday sermons must be simple, and are planned with the non-Christian in mind, but we try to emphasize the fact that we meet for worship. About a hundred at each camp seems to be the average for Sunday Services. A Children's Meeting was held at the same time.

During the week there are reading classes for children and women—two hours a day for each group in each place. Many who

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were illiterate six months ago have already read through St. Mark's Gospel. They learn to sing, too, the women and girls during their reading period, the men on Saturday evenings.

Quite early, Bible Classes were held for those willing to "study the doctrine" Up to the present more than two hundred women and a good many men have enrolled, and been placed under the care of a leader, about twenty to a class. Some from among these have expressed a desire to join the Church, and so in September at a Leaders' Meeting of the Local Methodist Church, about seventy (men and women) were accepted as "members on trial" These are now receiving special instruction, and many of them seem to be very sincere. A few more names are to be added in December.

We are very grateful to the R. T. S. for free grants of tracts and booklets. It is not easy to make personal contact with two thousand people, but the printed word can go everywhere and is especially appreciated when one is just emerging from illiteracy, and when one is too poor to buy books and newspapers.

MARGARETT SWANN.

WEST

Sintsi, Shensi

We are most grateful to you for giving us all this material as a free grant. The people here are so eager to get these posters and booklets, that they are willing to pay most anything for them. After a few weeks I am going to suggest to the church that they make an offering for your work. This week we are making a special offering for a church building; so far all our meetings have been held in our courtyard, but we are hoping for a church building soon.

March 24, 1940.

SADIE CUSTER.

Nanchung, Sze

I am so glad that in times of peace I ordered such a lot of books and tracts from you, that my supplies are not yet exhausted. Wishing you every blessing in your great task to supply the Missionaries with the written Gospel message.

July 8, 1940.

ELSE SCHRODER.

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SOUTH

Fukien

We are handling more tracts any month than we formerly did in a year; and we cannot keep up our stocks of Bibles and Hymn Books. We are now the distribution center for five counties whose normal routes connecting with Kulangsu are broken. In former years the peak of our sales was during our evangelistic workers' conference, and that has not convened for three years. Another good market for us was the series of Institutes and Conferences about our area to which I used to carry stocks of literature for sale. Lack of carriage facilities has made this almost disappear. But here we are, making evangelistic and spiritual life literature our main lines, trying to get good literature at work.

FRANK ECKERSON.

ABROAD

Zandvoort, Holland

What a happiness to my own heart to receive the beautiful tracts. I had nothing more and still there are 600 Chinese friends in Holland. So you will understand I have work sufficient, and can use the Tracts.

Everything you sent me is GOOD. If possible, please send some more books, called "Comfort" which I had from you three years ago. All my friends said to me, they were so beautiful.

9th, April, 1940.

MRS. ZUSTER W. J. VAN ZEIJL-VAN EEKE.

New York, N. Y., U.S.A.

We received your Gospel Posters in excellent condition. The posters are beautiful, far exceeding any idea we had of them, and we sincerely thank you for your prompt attention.

ERNEST J. KUNSCH

THE NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Oct. 1939 - Sept. 1940.

COMMENTARIES

- 3165 以賽亞書之研究 著作者 甄乃思
Studies in the Book of Isaiah. By the REV. R. J. JENNES.
 iv. 36 pp. 7½ x 5. Copy 0.35
 Prepared especially for Bible School work and lay preachers.
- 3442 聖書註釋新約卷十二歌羅西書 國語 著作者 陸德禮
The Kuo Yu Bible Commentary, The New Testament, Vol. XII. The Epistle to the Colossians.
 By REV. A. F. LUTLEY, M.A., M.Th.
 iv. 452 pp. 10 x 6. price per copy 1.00
 This valuable book, giving help to the study of all the Epistles, is subsidized, to keep the price within range of Country Christian leaders.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

- 4324 爲時局特訂禱文 原著者約克主教長 譯述者 胡傳善 魯蘭志
 張祖紳 嚴其安
A Form of Prayer. By the Archbishop of York.
 Tr. by Mr. W. Yen, the Revs. J. J. Heady, E. Rowlands and J. J. Tsang.
 iv. 22 pp. 6½ x 3½ Copy 0.04
 For use by Christian People in all countries during times of war and rumors of war.
- 4327 祈禱會中的第二個 古寶娟 故饒恩召 合譯
Number Two. Trans. by Miss F. E. GOOCH and the late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 iv. 36 pp. 3¼ x 5¼ Copy 0.06
 This is a story from the volume by Miss Amy Le Feuvre entitled "Miss Lavender's Boy". It was published to create a deeper interest in the Weekly Prayer meeting. It has been translated with the same object in view, that of promoting regular, systematic, corporate prayer.

BIOGRAPHIES

- 6104 十二個模範婦女 譯述者 古寶娟小姐 及故饒恩召牧師
Twelve Famous Women. By Miss F. E. GOOCH and the late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 iv. Illustrated 106 pp. 7½ x 5 Copy 0.35
 This book contains the biographies of Twelve Christian Heroines from the seventeenth century to the present day. It should be a

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stimulus to the devotional life of Chinese Christians, and an impetus to Missionary activity.

Young people will find in it many thrilling adventures, and it should incite them to higher ideals and nobler purposes.

- 6105 聖靈果子的故事 譯述人 古寶娟 故饒恩召
Stories of the Harvest of the Spirit. By LILIAN E. COX, B.A.
 and DORIS GILL. Tr. by Miss F. E. GOOCH & the late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 7½ x 5½. 160 pp. Price per copy \$0.10

These nine chapters are not an exposition of Gal. 5: 22, but are stories for juniors illustrating the fruits of the Spirit, and include true tales of modern exploration and adventure as well as incidents culled from Church History relating to the Saints and Martyrs.

- 6110 盲鷹 古寶娟 故饒恩召譯
Blind Eagle. Trans. by Miss F. E. GOOCH and the
 late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 iv. 50 pp. 7½ x 5½ Copy 0.30

This is the Life Story of Father Jackson, blind missionary to Burma, written by his sister, Mrs. W. B. Purser. The adventurous early life of Father Jackson will appeal to boys, and his valiant and self denying career in spite of physical limitations, will challenge all Christians to like consecration.

CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS

- 7653 伊達的聖誕禮物 譯述者 古寶娟 故饒恩召
The Story of Ithar the Gipsy. By Miss F. E. GOOCH
 and the late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 iv. 12 pp. 5 x 3½. per copy 0.06

This story shows how the offering of a loving heart is of greater value than material sacrifices.

- 7654 牛兄驢弟的聖誕 譯述者 古寶娟 饒恩召
Brother Ox & Brother Ass. By Miss F. E. GOOCH
 and the late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 iv. 14 pp. 5 x 3½. per copy 0.06

This tells a Christmas story from the Life of St. Francis of Assisi.

- 7655 聖誕屋 譯述者 古寶娟 故饒恩召
The Christmas House. By Miss F. E. GOOCH
 the late Rev. E. C. RAO.
 iv. 22 pp. 5 x 3½. per copy 0.06

The Christmas House shows how real worship of the Christ-Child unites all nations. These could all be used as small Christmas gifts to Schools, but also have lessons for adults.

New Publications

NATIONAL PHONETIC AND CHARACTER

- 10102 初級道學國音字課本 (卷一) 著作者 任杜氏
Picture Phonetic Primer. Vol. I. By MRS. W. F. JUNKIN.
 16 pp. $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$. price per copy 0.10
 This PICTURE primer is for teaching illiterate CHILDREN the phonetic script. It has a picture to illustrate each sound; with a simple lesson using the different symbols.
- 10103 初級道學國音字課本 (卷二) 著作者 任杜氏
Picture Phonetic Primer. Vol. II. By MRS. W. F. JUNKIN.
 50 pp. $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ Copy 0.30
- 10200 新約史記撮要 (國音) 著作者 馬德盛牧師
New Testament History. By the REV. P. MATSON.
 Bible type 96 pp. $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ Copy 0.45
 This is No. 8636 put into Phonetic-Chinese combined type.
- 10652 耶穌教問答 著作者 倪戈氏
Catechism of Christian Doctrine. By MRS. J. L. NEVIUS.
 Bible type 34 pp. $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ Copy 0.15
 This is No. 8606 put into Phonetic-Chinese combined type.

TRACTS

- 15081-15086 喻道圖說 周之楨述
W. E. Tracts for 1941. Text Prepared by MR. CHOW CHIH-CHEN.
 iv. 11 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ See posters below. Picture 100 0.80
- 18111 進榮耀裏 廣協書局
Come Unto Me. K. H. P. H.
 ii. 12 x 8. Sheet. Two colors. 100 copies 1.00
- 18112 十字架的道路 費文達 魏義柏 合輯
To Bring us to God. By MR. E. C. FREY and REV. W. H. WEBB.
 v. 10 x 7. Sheet. Four colors. 100 copies 1.00

PART IX. W. E. POSTERS FOR 1941 WEEK OF EVANGELISM

PARABOLIC PICTURE TEACHING

- 19331 播種之喻 高文珍仿稿
The Sower. Adapted by MISS W. I. COXON.
 43 x 30. 4 Colors. See Tract No. 15081. Copy 0.40
 This is based on the parable in St. Luke 8 : 4-15.
- 19332 藏珍之喻 高文珍仿稿
The Hidden Treasure. Adapted by MISS W. I. COXON.
 43 x 30. 4 Colors. See Tract No. 15082. Copy 0.40
 This is based on the parable in St. Matthew 13 : 44.

New Publications

- 19333 祈 禱 之 喻 高文珍仿稿
The Pharisee & the Publican. Adapted by Miss W. I. COXON
 43 x 30. 4 Colors. See Tract No. 15083. Copy 0.40
 This is based on the parable in St. Luke 18:9-14.
- 19334 浪 子 之 喻 高文珍仿稿
The Good Shepherd. Adapted by Miss W. I. COXON.
 43 x 30. 4 Colors. See Tract 15084. Copy 0.40
 Based on Isa. 40:11 and the parable in St. J. 10:14,15 and 27-28.
- 19335 善 牧 之 喻 高文珍仿稿
The Return of the Prodigal. Adapted by Miss W. I. COXON.
 43 x 30. 4 Colors. See Tract 15085. Copy 0.40
 This is based on the parable of St. Luke 15:11-32.
- 19336 善 鄰 之 喻 高文珍仿稿
The Good Samaritan. Adapted by Miss W. I. COXON.
 43 x 30. 4 Colors. See Tract No. 15086. Copy 0.40
 This is based on the parable of St. Luke 10:30-37.

CALENDARS AND PICTURE

- 20005 寬 窄 路 圖 周之楨繪
The Broad and Narrow Way.
 43 x 30 4 colours Copy 0.35
 This is a redrawn full size poster by Mr. Chow Chih-chen of an older one by the same title.
- 20411a 一 九 四 一 年 份 牌 聖 經 與 提 摩 太 高文珍繪圖 范靜菴述稿
Gospel Calendar, 1941.
 Sheet. 24 x 14½. Red paper. 100 copies 7.00
 TIMOTHY LEARNING THE SCRIPTURES. The picture is one adapted from Copping's of the same name, by Miss W. I. Coxon.
- 20411b 一 九 四 一 年 福 音 月 份 牌
Gospel Calendar, 1941
 Sheet 15 x 20½ White paper two colors 100 copies 15.00
 Theme and picture same as above.
- 20540 查 考 聖 經 花若蘭編
Search the Scriptures, Series I. By Miss A. H. L. CLARKE.
 iv. 26 pp. 7 x 5½ Copy 0.09
 A text for every day in any year. A well known aid to daily spiritual progress.
- 20741 讀 經 得 益 班 (一 九 四 一 年)
Bible Success Band Calendars. (For 1941)
 v. 8 pp. 6 x 4½ FREE
 Given free to any one who will undertake to memorise a verse of Scripture every day.

Circulation and Finance; year by year

The year under review has seen a large increase in circulation over the past year. But this is smaller than the average for the last 24 years. When one considers the tremendous difficulties in circulation, wherein half of this land is cut off by ordinary book post from us, this circulation is a sign for encouragement. However as we look toward the coming year, the difficulties seem to us to be growing rather than decreasing. See chart on inside back cover.

<i>Year</i>	<i>1876 Circulation</i>	<i>1939 Value</i>	<i>Unit Value</i>
Beginning to 1916 inc.	50,000,000		
1917	1,670,897	\$15,221.83	\$.009
1917-18	1,735,483	19,244.43	.011
1918-19	1,593,552	18,190.32	.011
1919-20	1,722,602	23,861.22	.014
1920-21	2,553,120	32,855.20	.013
1921-22	3,134,293	40,769.10	.013
1922-23	2,966,376	41,413.06	.014
1923-24	3,768,636	49,301.92	.013
1924-25	4,143,828	50,382.39	.012
1925-26	5,958,479	38,568.19	.007
1926-27	4,813,814	24,273.62	.005
1927-28	7,119,835	35,078.58	.005
1928-29	11,172,208	48,699.39	.004
1929-30	11,505,802	46,222.48	.004
1930-31	13,609,689	62,587.11	.005
1931-32	8,815,717	49,600.12	.006
1932-33	7,967,607	48,529.95	.006
1933-34	8,453,425	47,809.82	.006
1934-35	8,223,744	48,275.76	.006
1935-36	7,198,557	42,790.26	.006
1936-37	7,305,044	43,409.19	.006
1937-38	6,000,034	40,313.45	.007
1938-39	1,443,822	18,674.41	.013
1939-40	4,017,097	74,002.01	.018
	<u>186,893,661</u>	<u>\$960,073.81</u>	

Average for last 24 years 5,703,903 \$40,003.08 \$.0086

The figures for the year 1939-40 show a grand total circulation of 4,017,097 at a value of \$74,002.01. Compare this with our figures for last year, which was the lowest in our history of the last 24 years. This is due mainly to the fact that for eight months of 1938-39 there were no postal facilities from Hankow.

Circulation and Finance: year by year

The circulation and value for the year 1939-40 while showing a decrease over the average, shows more increase for the average value for the same period. This means that the price of our books, tracts and posters have increased tremendously during the past few years, especially in the year under review. At the beginning the Catalogue prices were increased 50%. Later the price of any book, that was reprinted as many of our best sellers were, was increased to meet the market fluctuation.

Last year the new publications totalled 41 of which 20 were books and booklets with 1228 pages. The year under review totals 32 of which 16 books and booklets with 1140 pages were published, and 16 tracts and posters. See the chart on inside front cover.

This is the smallest number of books we have printed in any one year since 1933; the average being 31 books with 1765 pages. When we consider that in 1935 white newspaper, upon which our books are printed was \$3.10 per ream but in 1940 it has increased to \$60.00 per ream we can understand the reason. Nevertheless we have tried to arrange a well rounded program of new literature, as a close examination of that section of the report will show.

Subsidy Fund

A glance at our accounts for the Depot will reveal a new Fund appearing for the first time called the Subsidy Fund. This is proving a very valuable aid in this emergency of high cost and lessening contributions. Such books as the Commentary on Colossians and the V. E. posters for 1941 are helped by this fund. This is money allocated to a definite need and can be specified in the case of any special book, tract, or poster. We are especially desirous that friends abroad will take advantage of the exchange and contribute toward this. No matter how small the gift we will be grateful.

Formerly the price of paper was not the controlling factor in fixing the price of the book. Now with the increase in the price of paper ten times over the price in 1935 paper is treated with growing respect. Even the Bible Societies have had to double the price of all Bibles.

Friends of the R. T. S.

The cost of the literature sent to the *Friends of the Religious Tract Society* for this year will be \$6.31 which is an excellent financial investment on a \$2.50 Annual Membership. Above all, your pulling with us strengthens our hands and encourages us.

FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES

In view of the union in London of the work of the Religious Tract Society and that of the Christian Literature Society for India and Africa—a revision of the declaration of Foundation Principles became necessary. The work in China, however, is continued under the old name to avoid confusion. The declaration which follows, appears in the Report of the Parent Society, and is printed here for the information of those readers of the China Report who do not see that of the London Society.

Declaration of Union

It was an occasion of historical significance when the One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Religious Tract Society marked the inauguration of

The United Society for Christian Literature.

This new union comprises the Religious Tract Society and the Christian Literature Society for India and Africa.

The following declaration was read and subscribed :

“The Religious Tract Society, in its 136th year, and the Christian Literature Society for India and Africa, in its 77th year, join together to form one united body for the more effectual dissemination, through the use of the printing press, of the ‘faith once for all delivered to the saints.’

“The uniting Societies have both adhered to the Protestant Evangelical doctrines of the Church of Christ, receiving and teaching the revelation of the Father in His Son, Jesus Christ, the one Mediator between God and men, Himself both God and man ; the perfect obedience of His life, His atoning death, His resurrection and ascension ; His promise to come again ; the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church as the Sanctifier, Guide and Teacher of all believers ; and the inspiration and authority of Holy Scripture.

“The union shall be known as The United Society for Christian Literature. By its organisation it will make available for the Churches at home and in their missionary activities abroad, as well

Foundation Principles

as for the newer Churches overseas, the means of setting forth the Christian faith in all its variety of application to the needs and problems of mankind. These needs and problems call most urgently for help to-day, in view, on the one hand, of the increasing opportunities for the positive proclamation of the truth which God is opening to His Church in different parts of the world, and, on the other hand, of the intensified opposition to the faith from rationalistic literature and from the world-wide programme of a militant, missionary atheism."

This Declaration epitomises the "Foundation Principles" as set forth in previous Reports of the Society.

The Aim

"The aim and object of the Society in all its work is to proclaim to all people by means of the printed page the unsearchable riches of the Lord Jesus Christ."



A Thanksgiving for Christian Literature

O God our Saviour, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, we give Thee thanks for the fulfilment at many times and in many places of Thy promise, that the entrance of Thy word giveth light. For the multitudes who have found, through the printed message, the peace of pardon, the secret of power and the joy of service, we praise Thy name. For all that has been good and useful in the sixty-three years' work of the Religious Tract Society in China, we glorify Thee.

Grant the increase of Thy grace to the colporteurs, Biblewomen, printers, publishers and translators of the Scriptures and other Christian writings, that more and more through their ministry Thy Kingdom may come in many hearts. And to Thy name shall be all the praise, now and for evermore.—Amen.

CONSTITUTION

of the General Committee in China.

The following scheme as a whole was accepted on Sept. 23, 1931 by the Board of Directors of the R.T.S. for China.

1. The work formerly carried on by the Religious Tract Society for China shall be known as the Religious Tract Society in China and shall be controlled by a General Committee meeting at the Head Office in China and by Sectional Committees meeting in other important centres.

2. The membership of the General and Sectional Committees shall be composed of persons who accept the Foundation Principles of the Society and are anxious to promote its work.

3. At present the Head Office is located in Hankow and membership of the General Committee shall be limited to persons residing in the Wuhan cities and neighbourhood. Sectional Committees consisting of from six to twelve members shall be appointed for the present in North China (Peiping or Tientsin) East China (Shanghai) and Manchuria (Moukden).

4. Vacancies in the General Committee shall be filled by the remaining members of that Committee and shall be subject to review by the Committee of the Parent Society. Vacancies in any Sectional Committee shall be filled by the General Committee on the advice of the remaining members of that Sectional Committee.

5. The General Committee shall consist of twenty members, of whom eight shall rank as Permanent Members and twelve as Elected Members.

6. Permanent Members of the General Committee were chosen in the first place by the Committee of the Parent Society through its representative from the 1931 Board of Directors of the R. T. S. C. and shall remain in office till they resign or cease to reside in the Wuhan area. Absence of a Permanent Member on regular furlough shall not be regarded as a cessation of residence if he or she expects to return to the Wuhan area after furlough, but a substitute may be appointed by the General Committee to serve during the furlough

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period. After the first selection in September 1931, all vacancies in the list of Permanent Members shall be filled by the vote of the remaining members of the General Committee from among those who are serving or have served as Elected Members.

7. Elected Members of the General Committee shall be elected for three years and be grouped in three sections of four each, the members of one group retiring each year. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election. Absence on furlough or cessation of residence in the Wuhan area shall involve resignation. The election shall be held in September of each year.

8. Members of Sectional Committees shall be elected for an indefinite time but furlough or removal from the centre concerned shall involve resignation.

9. The Secretary or Secretaries appointed by the General Committee shall be ex-officio members of the General and all Sectional Committees, and if the Committee of the Parent Society appoints a Representative in China who is not a Secretary of the General Committee he also shall be, ex-officio, a member of the General and all Sectional Committees.

10. The General Committee shall elect such officers and sub-committees as it deems necessary and shall assign their duties. Persons who are not members of the General Committee may be elected to serve on sub-committees, and in particular as Readers of manuscripts.

11. The meetings of the General Committee shall ordinarily be held in the Committee Room at the Office of the Society in Hankow, and may only be held elsewhere with the consent of a clear majority of the members.

12. Seven members personally present shall be a quorum of the General Committee. One-third of its membership shall be a quorum of each Sectional Committee.

13. A Copy of the minutes of each meeting of the General Committee shall be sent to each member of the Sectional Committees, and any matter dealt with in such minutes shall be reconsidered at the next meeting of the General Committee on the request of not less than three members of the Sectional Committee.

Publications Committee*

To assist the General Committee with advice and recommendations regarding prospective and existing publications of the Society.

Business will be conducted in Chinese and report made to the G. C. in English.

The Duties are:

1. To receive all MSS and Drawings from outside writers and artists, or prepared by the staff, and to review from time to time the existing publications.
2. To appoint readers and receive their reports.
3. To plan as far as possible a Programme of publications for the future, in accordance with plans for the co-ordination of Christian Literature in China.
4. To endeavour to enlist writers in the service of the Society and to consider such matters as remuneration of writers where necessary and the payment of royalties or other forms of acknowledgement of work done.
5. To make recommendations regarding promotion of the distribution of Christian Literature.
6. To recommend such other extensions of the work of the Committee as may be found desirable.
7. To report recommendations to the General Committee and to carry out such work as the G. C. requests.

The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, appointed by the General Committee, who shall be the vice Chairman of the General Committee, and ordinarily this office shall be filled by a Chinese member of the General Committee.

In addition the Chairman and General Secretary of the G. C. and such of the Hon. Editorial Secretaries as are resident in Wuhan, shall ex-officio be members.

Also there shall be at least five additional Chinese members. These shall be appointed by the General Committee annually at the September meeting, from its own membership or elsewhere.

Vacancies may be filled by the General Committee, on nomination from the Publications Committee.

One third of the membership shall be a quorum.

If revisions or additions are required, request may be made to the General Committee.

*As passed by the General Committee June 20th, 1939.

FUNDS FOR FREE GRANTS

The North China Fund

The Fund is maintained by the interest earned on the sum of \$31,250.00 received when the property of the former North China Tract Society in Tientsin was sold. This capital sum is invested in the Press Building at Hankow, and the interest is to be used in such ways as the North China Committee of the Society shall approve in promoting the work of the Society in the provinces of Hopei, Honan, Shansi, Shantung, Kansu, Shensi, Chahar, Suiyuan and Ningsia, Jehol and Manchuria.

Balance from 1938-39	\$1,120.49
Amount received during 1939-40	<u>1,890.64</u>
Total	<u>\$3,011.13</u>

Amount used during 1939-40 ..	\$1,099.41
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At the close of the financial year \$1,911.72 remained to the credit of this Fund in the hands of the Society.

Central China Fund

This fund was formerly supported by an annual contribution from the Upper Canada Tract Society. During the past five years no contribution has been received from this source. The Central China area is now comprised of the provinces of Hupeh, Hunan, and Kiangsi, and the Mandarin-speaking parts of Kwangsi.

During the year, workers in this area have been supplied from the Tinling Fund.

Balance from 1938-39	\$ 145.67
Amount received during 1939-40.	<u>1,725.00</u>
Total	\$1,870.67
Amount used during 1939-40	<u>1,590.72</u>
Balance in the hands of the Society	\$ 279.95

The East China Fund

This Fund is maintained by the interest earned on the sum of \$12,916.66 received when the accounts of the former Chinese Tract Society were closed. This income is to be used in such ways as the East China Committee of the Society shall approve in promoting the work of the Society in the provinces of Kiangsu, Anhwei and Chekiang.

Funds For Free Grants

Balance from 1938-39	\$670.72
Amount received during 1939-40	<u>669.58</u>
Total	\$1,340.30

Amount used during 1939-40	\$409.26
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At the close of the financial year \$931.04 remained to the credit of this Fund in the hands of the Society.

Fund for distribution of Christian Moral Series

Balance in the hands of the Society	\$ 82.40
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Scripture Gift Mission Fund for New Testaments

Balance in hands of Society	\$ 40.00
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Polhill & Cameron—Broadcast Free Grant Funds

Balance in the hands of the Society	\$ 60.34
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Tinling Fund

The Tinling Fund for Free Tract Distribution was founded by Miss Christine I. Tinling for the distribution of evangelical literature at the discretion of the Directors of this Society. It is maintained by the interest on a capital sum invested by Miss C. I. Tinling and a legacy from Miss Martha Tinling, and by gifts.

Balance from 1938-39	\$1,033.34
Amounts Credited during 1939-40	<u>364.02</u>
Total	\$1,397.36

Amount used during 1938-39	\$715.76
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Balance in the hands of the Society at the close of the financial year \$681.60.

Detailed Account of the Fund 1939-40

Balance from 1938-39	\$1,033.34
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Income from China Investments.

S. M. C. Interest $\frac{1}{2}$ year	\$ 83.91
S. M. C. Interest $\frac{1}{2}$ year	83.91
P. S. Bank Interest 1 year	<u>42.80</u>
	\$210.62

Income from London Investments :

L. C. C. Div.	£ 0- 0-10	\$ 2.50
3% Funding Loan Div.	4-14- 5	<u>150.90</u>
	£ 4-15- 3	\$153.40

Total income credited	\$1,397.36
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Total expenditure for year	<u>715.76</u>
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Credit Balance	\$ 681.60
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GENERAL FUND

Grants from Societies and Donations

1937-38

American Lutheran Mission	..	\$	100.00
American Tract Society	U.S.\$50.00		186.91
China Council Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. (P. M. North)			500.00
China Council Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. (P. M. South)			500.00
China Mission of Reformed Church in U. S. A.			100.00
Christian & Missionary Alliance	.. U.S.\$50.00		185.18
Church Missionary Society	£20		581.82
Church of England Zenana Missionary Society	£ 5		145.45
Lutheran United Mission	{ \$300.00 225.00		525.00
Methodist Church, Hupeh			200.00
Scandinavian Mission in China			189.75
Union Church, Hankow..			25.00
	Total	\$	3,239.11
Donations from individuals			458.98
	Grand total	\$	3,698.09

Grants from Societies and Donations

1938-39

American Tract Society	U.S.\$50.00	\$	309.30
China Mission of Reformed Church in U. S. A.	.		200.00
Church Missionary Society	£20		640.00
Church of England Zenana Missionary Society	£ 5		160.00
Church of England Zenana Missionary Society	£ 5		160.00
Griffith John Memorial Church	..		24.88
London Missionary Society			735.62

	General Fund	
Methodist Church, Hupeh		200.00
Union Church, Hankow		25.00
	Total	<u>\$2,454.80</u>
Donation from individuals		2,677.83
	Grand total	<u><u>\$5,132.63</u></u>

Grants from Societies and Donations

1939-40

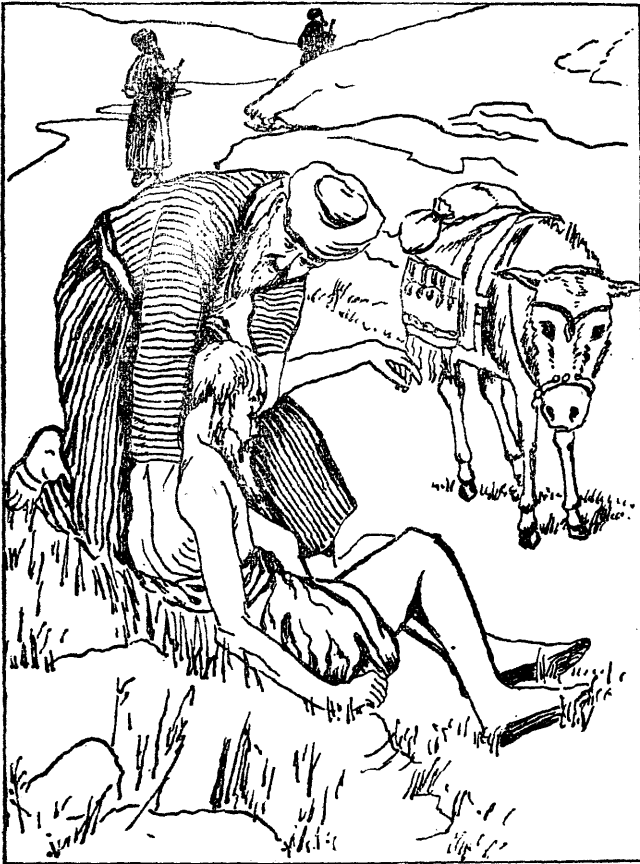
American Tract Society			\$1,266.66
China Mission of Reformed Church in U.S.A.	.. 29/1/40	\$200.00	
	18/9/40	200.00	400.00
			<u>26.94</u>
Griffith John Memorial Church	.	..	1,400.00
London Missionary Society			
Lutheran United Mission	5/12/39	\$300.00	
	16/7/40	200.00	500.00
			<u>240.00</u>
Methodist Church, Hupeh District			200.00
Swedish Mission			
Union Church, Hankow.	23/11/39	\$25.00	
	23/9/40	25.00	50.00
			<u>\$4,083.60</u>
Donation from individuals	Total		884.19
	Grand total		<u><u>\$4,967.79</u></u>

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RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY—HANKOW.

Depot Trading & Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 30th. September, 1940.

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To Stocks on hand 30th September, 1939. ...	\$46,556.59	
„ <i>Purchases.</i>		
From Press	\$30,648.78	
From Others... ..	24,187.50	54,836.28
„ Discounts and Commissions	6,875.96	
„ Gross Profit carried down	13,366.50	
	<u>\$121,635.33</u>	

To Depot.

Freight, Postages and Packing	\$3,603.05	
Salaries and Wages... ..	6,552.40	
Light, Heat, Water, and Telephone ...	1,368.89	
Office, Supplies, Advertising & Accountancy	1,868.86	
Medical and Sundries... ..	171.35	
Insurance on Stock	87.43	
„ <i>Property.</i>		
Taxes on Land and Buildings	701.32	
Insurance on Buildings	758.08	
Fittings and Repairs	4,684.28	
„ Free Grants Donated	4,492.90	
„ Friends of Religious Tract Society ...	318.52	
„ Interest on Staff Deposits	14.00	
„ Samples and Royalties... ..	116.77	
„ Depreciation on Building 2½% on \$40,500.00	1,012.22	
„ Secretary's Travel... ..	170.00	
	<u>\$25,920.07</u>	
„ Profit for the year	1,677.74	
	<u>\$27,597.81</u>	

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By Sales	\$50,613.47	
„ Stocks on hand—30 September 1940, Hankow	57,077.64	
„ Sales by Kwang Hsueh Publishing House ending 30th June 1940.	13,944.22	
	<u>\$121,635.33</u>	

By Gross Profit brought down \$13,366.50

„ *Donations and Grants.*

From Societies	\$4,083.60	
From Individuals... ..	384.19	4,467.79

„ Property Rent Received 783.29

„ *Donation of Religious Tract Society, London.*

Tinling Fund—China \$167.82		
Tinling Fund—London 42.80	\$210.62	
North China Fund	1,887.70	
East China Fund... ..	669.58	
Central China Fund	1,725.00	4,492.90

„ Donation from Press 4,000.00

„ Interest 277.92

„ Exchange gain 209.41

\$27,597.81

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY—HANKOW. DEPOT

Balance Sheet as at 30th. September, 1940.

LIABILITIES.			
CAPITAL			\$30,000.00
RESERVE.			
General	\$20,000.00		
Stock—Hankow	\$13,000.00		
Shanghai	7,386.06	20,386.06	
Flood Renovation	331.50		
Exchange Fluctuation Reserve	2,775.97	43,493.53	
PUBLICATION ACCOUNT		2,000.00	
SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCE.			
Books: Old	\$ 118.20		
New	8,135.12	8,253.32	
Trade: Press... ..	\$ 85.08		
Others	137.22	222.30	
Religious Tract Society, London	1,012.22		
Diamond Jubilee Fund	1,997.16		
London Special Grant of £50-0-0 for Pilgrim's Progress 713.75			
Less: Paid out	510.10	203.65	
Friends of Religious Tract Society Life Members	\$2,255.00		
Less: Invested £50-9-2	1,400.00	855.00	
Staff Deposits		350.00	
Religious Tract Society London £2-7-1		49.33	12,942.98
GILLISON MEMORIAL FUND RESERVE... ..		1,055.00	
SUBSIDY FUND... ..		1,054.83	
KWANG HSUEH PUBLISHING HOUSE, SHANGHAI.		1,210.72	
			<u>\$91,757.06</u>

ASSETS.			
STOCKS.			
On Hand—Hankow as estimated and certified by the Secretary		\$57,077.64	
KWANG HSUEH PUBLISHING HOUSE, SHANGHAI (Estimated consignment stock as at 30th., September, 1940)		11,729.83	
SUNDRY DEBTORS.			
Old	\$ 226.81		
New	8,134.34	\$ 8,361.15	
Less: Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts		1,395.38	6,965.77
PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE—Insurance etc.			843.10
METER DEPOSIT			21.31
CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND.			
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank- ing Corporation, Hankow	1,849.31		
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China £153-18-7½	4,682.28		
Associated Mission Treasurers Account, Shanghai	2,034.50		
Cash on Hand	217.28		
Gillison Memorial Fund \$1,000.00 Shanghai Power Co. 5½%	891.60		
Diamond Jubilee Fund Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China—Hankow £91-0-11	1,900.44	11,575.41	
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.			
Balance as at 30th Sep., 1939	\$5,221.94		
Less: Profit for the year	1,677.74	3,544.20	
			<u>\$91,757.06</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT:—

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Society.

Hankow, 22nd., November, 1940.

THOMSON & Co. }
Chartered Accountants. } Auditors.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY—HANKOW.
Press Working & Profit & Loss Account for the Year ended 30th. September, 1940.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
To Stocks on Hand as at 30th September, 1939.	\$21,100.45	
„ Purchases	51,624.49	
	<u>72,724.94</u>	
Less: Stocks on Hand as at 30th. Sep., 1940.	30,214.13	
„ Cost of Materials used... ..	42,510.81	
„ Wages	17,030.93	
„ Power, Coal, Oil, Light, Ash & Water ...	6,232.60	
„ Rent paid to Depot—Central China Free Grant	1,725.00	
„ Insurance... ..	3,053.92	
„ Repairs and Renewals	794.05	
„ Office Postages, Packing, Stationery and Telephone	1,519.86	
„ Medical Expenses and Sundries... ..	403.19	
„ North China Fund Interest... ..	1,875.00	
„ Interest on Staff Deposit	10.00	
„ Profit for the year... ..	9,614.02	
	<u>\$84,769.38</u>	
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To Donation to Depot... ..	\$4,000.00	
„ Depreciation on Plant and Machinery ...	1,783.66	
„ Bad Debts written off	11.91	
„ Balance transferred to Balance Sheet ...	3,818.45	
	<u>\$9,614.02</u>	
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		By Sales and Orders Executed.
		Depot \$30,648.78
		Others 53,013.87
		<u>\$83,662.65</u>
		“ Exchange gain on sale of Pound Sterling 1,106.73
		<u>\$84,769.38</u>
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		By Profit for the year brought down \$9,614.02
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Balance Sheet as at 30th. September, 1940.

AUDITORS' REPORT:

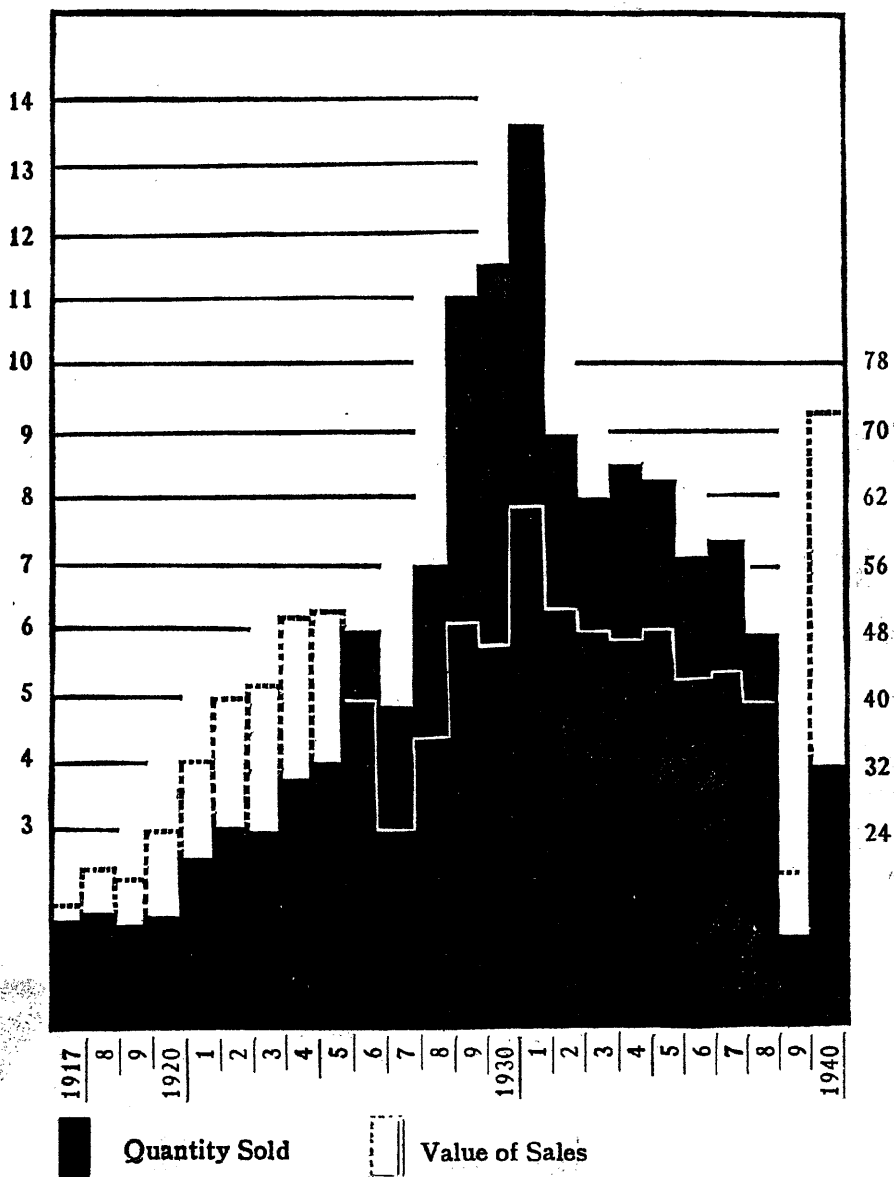
Hankow, 22nd., November, 1940.

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Analysis of Sales of Books, Tracts and Posters **1917-40**

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