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Personal Notes

"OUR SUFFICIENCY IS OF GOD".

The year 1940 has been one of changes, but our Lord Who changes not, has been gracious in supplying needs of every kind, so that at the close of the year our hearts are very grateful as we realize He has again wrought wonderfully. Trials have been severe, but grace sufficient has been given.

Mrs. C. J. Lowe left for furlough early in the summer and there was need of help on the Committee.

Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Matthews kindly accepted an invitation to join us as Committee members.

Mrs. Westnidge, who gave splendid service as Treasurer for a year, could not continue longer, but her loving interest is as deep as ever.

Mrs. H. M. Smith accepted an invitation to become our Treasurer, assisted by Miss Clara Nelson. This we felt was God's provision, in answer to prayer. For each one we give Him our earnest thanks.

Our Honorary Member, Mrs. Broomhall, visited us from Chefoo and brought us a helpful message at one of our Prayer Meetings.

Early in the year two of our dear missionaries, Miss Bailey and Miss Watney, were in hospital, and before they returned to the work,
our beloved Miss Abercrombie was suddenly taken from us. For her it was "Joy unspeakable and full of glory", for us great bereavement, but our Father's mercy and love were multiplied.

The sick ones were restored and enabled once more for the work, Miss Bailey to carry responsibilities which previously she had shared with Miss Abercrombie, and Miss Watney to cooperate again with Miss Dieterle in the Children's Refuge. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord".

A little later Miss Violet Williams and Miss Beth Peck resigned to enter another fellowship. We wondered what could be done about the Industrial Department, the accounts, and the many things with which these ladies had helped. Again the Lord has been sufficient, some readjustments were made and all has gone on well, for which we praise Him.

Miss Inez Green at the end of her furlough in the U.S.A. is being detained there by the U.S.A. Government, like many others, because of political conditions. She holds the position of one of our authorized representatives in U.S.A. waiting the time of her return here. Her present address is:—c/o Mrs. L. R. Cross, 2648 Taylorsville Rd. Louisville, Ky.

The return of Miss Page from furlough has been delayed by the severe illness of her sister. She is still in Australia, and the Hospital is staffed now by Miss Jones and our Chinese nurses, God's power and help being daily manifested among them, to His praise and glory.
Through unusual circumstances in the first half of 1941 the issuing of our yearly Report for 1940 was unavoidably delayed, and it will be late summer before it reaches you.

With the great world-unrest we cannot tell if it will be possible to send out a Report next year. We are therefore including a few items of interest which really belong to 1941.

Miss Doris M. Dove has been accepted as a new missionary and is only prevented from joining us at once by the restrictions hindering women from Great Britain travelling to China. We hope to welcome her when these are removed.

Miss Elizabeth Laing, another new missionary, (from Canada) has reached China safely and is studying the language. We are very glad to have her as God's supply at this time of our need.

Miss Phyllis Betts left for Australia for a needed furlough, in February, (1941) as her way to England was closed. We hope her time spent there will greatly refresh her.
THE TREASURY

"He abideth faithful."

As we come to review another year, our hearts would sing a paean of praise for the great goodness of our God. Many indeed are the wonderful works which He hath done and His thoughts to us-ward. If we would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

The chaotic conditions in the world have brought some problems—slow mails, difficulties in transmission of funds, decreased value of the national currency, with increased and ever increasing cost of living. But the Lord undertook for us and He hath abundantly supplied our needs.

The high exchange we have been receiving has enabled us to meet our very high expenses.

We would cite rice and coal (two essentials) as examples of rising prices. For rice, which we formerly secured for $8.00 or $10.00 a bag (100 lbs.), we now have to pay $150.00. Coal which was formerly around $14.00 per ton, is now $400.00 per ton and going up. Other fuels for cooking are well nigh unobtainable.

While the National Currency is unstable, it is not our policy to exchange more into local currency than is necessary. During the year we were obliged to exchange all accumulated Sterling contributions in order to meet our monthly bills.

Dormitories and bath-houses begun last year have been completed. Also, in the hospital a hot water tank has been installed which contributes much to the proper care of the sick.
We want to assure contributing friends of our heartfelt gratitude, not only for their gifts, but for their prayer-help as well.

We now go forward into 1941 with the assurance that The Father knoweth what things we have need of.

We are glad that our times are in His hand and we know, the Lord will perfect that which concerneth us.

"His compassions fail not"—"He abideth faithful."
The Receiving Home

“...Escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken and we have escaped.” (Ps. 124:7)

In a very unpretentious two storey building, the lower rooms of which open on to the narrow sidewalk of a small busy thoroughfare in the heart of the red light district of this great city, is housed our Receiving Home. Like all the shops on the street, the lower storey is fronted with windows, the upper half made of small panes of glass, the lower of wood. The center section opens for a door, leading directly into a square room furnished as a Chinese guest room, chairs alternate with small wooden tables against the walls while the center is quite empty. The floor is just bare boards. Two large Chinese scrolls of parchment hang on the wall opposite the door and on these are written in large Chinese characters, texts concerning Salvation. On the glass of the front windows is painted in large red characters the words for “Door of Hope.”

Should you arrive for a visit a few minutes before 9 A.M. you would see many boys and girls eagerly pressing into the door, school books in hand, for next to the guest room and opening out of it, is another larger room which is daily filled with over 100 children from neighbouring heathen homes, who attend the Primary day school held there. For a number of years this has been carried on, and only a small fee is required for a very good education. It is always crowded, and we have more applicants than can be received. Two fine young Chinese Christian men are engaged by us to teach, as well as a young lady teacher. The opening exercises are a period of Bible instruction and song, the pupils
buying their own Bibles and song books. On Saturday the last period is the one used for testimony and song, and it is a joy to know that there are some among the children who during the year have truly received the Word and believed. They are proving to be not only “hearers” but “doers” of the Word.

Our matron and her family live on the second floor, as also do the girls and children brought in by the police and detained there for one night or longer, till their cases are decided at Court and they can be passed on to the Door of Hope home or the Children’s Refuge, unless they are returned to their parents or owners by the decision of the magistrate.

The girls and children are lovingly and prayerfully accompanied to and from the Court by our matron Mrs. Kong and by Miss Bailey. While in the Receiving Home, they are daily taught to read, to sing and to pray. They are also allowed under the care of the matron to attend the evangelistic meetings which are held in the evenings downstairs in the empty schoolroom, and there they hear of the Good Shepherd who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

During these meetings, which are led by bands of young men from a local church, not only are all the seats occupied by listeners, the majority men, but also the windows, opening inwards, are crowded with interested passers-by. Follow-up work is done, and we are encouraged by the reports given of enquirers associating themselves with the local churches and being cared for by them.
One of the most active men in these bands is the son of our beloved "Mother Nyi." He is doubly associated with our mission, since he married one of our teachers. Both he and his wife are very earnest.

That there is still much need for our Receiving Home and its ever-open door is evident by the fact that this year more girls and children were received into the Home, and from there into the Door of Hope and Children's Refuge, than in any other year since 1932, the ages averaging between 9 and 18 years.

One of these, "Leading Brother," although only 14 years old had already met with great trouble. Her adopted brother who was an actor, sent her out on the street to buy something, giving her $5.00 to pay for it. Carrying this money in her hand and having only recently come from the country, she was not very watchful; suddenly a woman snatched the bill from her. Greatly alarmed she begged for it to be returned, but the woman said she would only give it back if she first followed her home. The frightened girl did so, only to find herself pushed into a room as soon as the house was reached and made a prisoner. As soon as possible this bad woman arranged a sale, and she was put into a house of ill-fame. Watching her opportunity she escaped and ran back to the brother, who was so angry when he heard her story that he reported it all to the police. The kidnapper was found and punished. The magistrate, however, greatly doubted that this man was a true brother and also his intentions to train the girl as an actress, knowing the great dangers to a young girl in that profession, so he handed her over to us. It
has been a joy to see this girl's response to the Gospel during these few months and her eagerness to learn to read and to write and sew.

"Heart of Love" was a little older than "Leading Brother" when her own poor mother sold her into a life of sin before her father having died several years before. It was at the time of the New Year when this infamous business is the most profitable for the owners of these girls, that she was introduced into this life. Both we and she do praise God, that only a few months later she was seen and arrested by a detective because she was "unlicensed". Her case was brought before the court and her mistress was imprisoned for several weeks. As soon as she was released, the mistress brought the girl's mother from the country to make a plea for her to be given back to her. But God had used this interval of about eight weeks to plant the Good Seed in the heart of this young girl, who so enjoyed her studies and her happy new life, that when faced with her mother she absolutely refused to go back to her, saying that she now wished to stay in the Door of Hope. God so worked that her request was granted by the magistrate, and again a lamb was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

Through the interest of a welfare worker of the Child Protection Section of the police, several quite young girls living in Refugee Camps were sent to us when the camps were disbanded. Their own relatives being too poor to undertake their support, they were in great danger of being sold.

Another, a simple country girl, was deceived by a neighbour with the promise to get her a place as a servant in Shanghai, but found that
she had been sold into a house of ill-fame. Her mistress failing to obtain the required license for her, she was arrested by the detective, who brought her to us; and when three months later her own brother appeared and asked her to return home she was unwilling to do so. The teaching she had received had opened her eyes to the possibilities of a new life and she did not want to go back to a heathen home.

Nothing has been mentioned of the many children who have also been brought to us. Little "Jade", eight years old, had been burned and beaten by the women who had bought her from relatives who sold her as a little slave girl on the death of her parents. "Second Precious" too had met with very cruel treatment, failing to please her so-called "mother" who said she wanted a little "daughter" when she bought this child from her poor parents. Others came with black eyes; others with sores on hands or bodies and painfully thin and under-nourished. Then too, bright stylishly dressed children came, often quite dazed by the rude awakening in the middle of the night when they were found by a detective sleeping in the same rooms as some of the licensed inmates in houses of ill-fame. Being under age, this was illegal, so he rescued them and took them to our Receiving Home. These were sent to our Children's Refuge when the magistrate had decided their cases and assigned them to our care.
A peep into the Receiving Home Day School.
“New Heart Home” Teachers.
Door of Hope

“NEW-HEART HOME”
or
The First Year and Industrial Homes.

These two homes are housed in the same compound, and the girls are divided according to the length of time they have been in the Homes. All stay one or two years, at least, in the First Year Home, so that they can have the advantage of studying in the classes held each morning in the Primary School, under the superintendence of Miss Clara Nelson, who also conducts the teachers’ training classes and teaches the Bible.

The usual activities of the homes have been continued as before. Both the girls and teachers in the doll industry and the embroidery department have praised God for keeping them supplied with work and orders.

Miss P—has proved invaluable in her efficient and patient training of girls to make the miniature garments—exact copies of the clothes worn by all classes of Chinese people, both men, women and children. These twenty-two model dolls are made by the First Year Home girls, and sold to friends who desire to use them in educational or missionary talks in the homelands. As a friend in U.S.A. who had ordered some by mail, wrote: “The dolls are beautifully made, and such tiny stitches on their clothes—I don’t see how they do it. They are simply adorable; the children love them.” This friend is a teacher and uses them in her classes.
It really is a wonderful thing that girls who cannot even hold a needle when they come to us, can learn in a few months to do such fine work, and that later on they can do the finest embroidered tea cloths, ladies lingerie and dainty baby dresses that win the admiration of ladies accustomed to see similar work for sale in the shops of the city. This work, as well as the doll industry, is under the supervision of Miss Bailey.

Among the girls sitting at the embroidery frames has been one who came to us a number of years ago, a slave girl redeemed from that life, and worse dangers that threatened her, by a Christian lady who sent her to us to be taught the way of the Lord. Her response was genuine and her life showed forth a change of heart, so that later she was quite willing to become the bride of a young evangelist when he applied to us for a wife.

After several happy years of united service in which time two children were born to them, last summer a very virulent sickness swept through the district, sweeping away hundreds of people, and within one month both husband and children were stricken and died. In this bereavement her strength was renewed by Him in Whom she had learned to trust, and after settling up all their affairs, she returned to Shanghai, alone and without a home. Gladly she has been received again into the Industrial Home, and gratefully and humbly she has taken her former place in the embroidery room. Now the Lord has renewed the desire in her heart to continue her testimony for Him, so she attends a Bible School in the afternoon to further prepare herself, till such a time as the Lord opens the way for her.
Door of Hope Model Dolls.

"New Heart Home" girls going to the school room.

At play.
Others of our girls have gone out into homes of their own—marrying business men, shopkeepers and farmers. "Flowery Forest" married an earnest evangelist. The Lord's blessing on their work stirred up enmity and jealousy, which led to slanderous reports being spread abroad, resulting in their having to leave that place. It has been our joy to hear recently from a missionary in another district of the great help she receives in her work from one of our married girls as well as her husband, and we hear it is "Flowery Forest". The slanders were enquired into and found to be groundless, and though a great trial, the Lord's name has finally been glorified.

Still another who came to us seven years ago and whose heart was very soon opened to believe and receive the salvation offered her through faith in Christ's atonement, has been given an opportunity through one of our married girls to be trained in midwifry. She had only a few hours to prepare for this in order to secure the position, but she said the Lord had already prepared her heart for a change coming to her, so she accepted the offer gratefully and is very happy in her new work.

Some of our readers will remember a girl who took the English name of "Alberta", and who later went to Borneo where she married a tailor. They have quite a good business and both are earnest in the Lord's work, having charge of a small chapel. We receive letters from her telling of much blessing in the work.

As gratitude for their own blessings grows in the hearts of the girls, and the needs of others come before them, it is very precious to see their
glad self-sacrifice to deny themselves to send help where there is a need. Offerings have been sent during the year to the Bible Society, Relief for the Jews, help for Chinese in Refugee Camps and a small Chinese orphanage in which one of our old girls is a matron; thus the gifts which some of you send are truly bringing in compound interest!

It was a great joy to us all that "Mother Nyi", who had to leave us because of illness in 1939, was able to return again as a Mother, Counsellor and Prayer-helper, when our beloved Miss Abercrombie was so suddenly called Home, after a brief illness at the end of January. She remained for six months, being a real blessing and help, but her strength and health failed more and more, though everything possible was done for her comfort. At the request of her son, she returned to his home, where he and his wife gave her every care, till she too was called into the presence of her Lord early in 1941. Many among our girls truly mourn her as a mother, for she had been such among them for over thirty years—"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."

It has not been easy for anyone to fill her place, but one, who thirty years ago was under Mother Nyi's care, has returned to us, and has undertaken the catering and supervision of the kitchen.

At the same time our valued teacher Miss W— is proving his grace and help as she steps into the place of a "mother" and advisor. Not only does she pray with Miss Bailey over the important affairs of the Homes, marriages, etc., but she also accompanies and advises the pros-
pective brides in the buying of their trousseau. She welcomes and entertains our Chinese guests, counsels and helps the younger teachers in their problems, and in many ways is proving that Mother Nyi's mantle has fallen upon her.

We greatly appreciated Miss Kitty Cooke's help for six months, for when our staff was depleted, she came in and filled a great need, for which kindness we thank the courtesy of the China Inland Mission.

Toward the end of the year we had the privilege of having Miss Christensen of the C.I.M. take a series of five days meetings, which were much blessed to the girls and teachers, some being truly born again and many other enlightened as to their need of full consecration to enter a life of victory.

Mrs. Weller's Bible Classes with the teachers of the Industrial and First Year Homes are greatly valued.
The Hospital

Again and again when our thoughts come down to considering what our eyes plainly see, and which we are tempted to apprise in the natural, we are reminded that His thoughts are not our thoughts. To help us remember this, there stands a framed motto in the dining room of our little Hospital, “I will do marvels”; and as we have claimed this promise again and again, we have seen it fulfilled—and the emphasis we read into the words is on the “I”.

More than once we have said, “Neither know we what to do, but our eyes are up unto Thee,” and we have not found it a vain thing to call upon the Lord!

When we were faced by the problem of more sick girls than our Hospital could accommodate, He graciously showed a plan for using one large room partitioned into three, in the First Year Home. Here girls from both the Industrial Home and the First Year Home could be taken care of by one of the three senior Chinese nurses from the Hospital, under the direction of daily visits from Miss Mary Jones, who also supervises the care of the sick in the Children’s Refuge. Through this provision of twenty-four beds, pressure was relieved, and over a hundred cases were cared for there during the year, all being efficiently treated, and many discharged cured. At the same time the many T.B. girls and children occupying the Hospital beds were given every care by our Honorary Physician, Dr. Lee S. Huizenga, who has been invaluable in his ever ready help in each Home, and by our staff of
Chinese nurses under the direction of Miss Phyllis Betts and Miss Mary Jones. Daily dispensaries were carried on at the First Year Home, the Children's Refuge and the Hospital.

There have been many bright spots during the year, among which was the added joy provided for those well enough to study a little, though confined to bed. A Children's Refuge assistant teacher, who now lives in the Hospital, is giving most of her time to this individual teaching, going from bed to bed. In this way a real advance is already noticed in their reading. We feel that those who for a number of years are in the Hospital, have not then lost their opportunity for study and can enjoy reading their Bibles and the library books and thus enlarge their interest and enjoyment. "Refined Love" not only teaches reading, but also, having a heart at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathise, seeks to help each one to a personal knowledge of Jesus as her Saviour; and as there are often quite new-comers among her pupils, she has the joy of seeing their interest grow day by day. A twenty minute class each morning for physical exercises for our convalescents is also taught by her, and much benefit and pleasure from this is being enjoyed by all.

It has been a day of great rejoicing when one and another have been permitted to return cured to the other Homes. "Beautiful Fragrance", "Love Pearl", "Big Precious", "Leading Spirit", "Rest", "Beautiful Snow", "Millie", and a large number of others, after many months in Hospital, are now back again in their old places, full of praise to God that "With God all things are possible."
If you should make a visit to our Hospital about 5 o'clock P.M. you would notice a rather homely girl of about twenty-eight years of age, Bible and song book in hand, apron laid aside, and her already neat hair smoothed to shiny perfection, making her way to one of the sick wards. Not she only but six or seven others of our helpers are the leaders of the evening worship in the wards.

"Glory Love" has herself been sick for many years, and was indeed given up as hopeless by the doctor less than a year ago. Yet—"impossible" as seemed her recovery, to-day she is radiantly happy, not only well herself but able to serve others. The precious truths learned during her years of weakness and suffering she gladly shares with her younger sisters, who give earnest attention as she explains the passage they have already read together.

Among those in "A" ward are two whose shining faces at once show them to be true Christians. No one would suspect the T.B. bone and serious kidney trouble from which they have suffered for many weary months.

Another patient—a mere child of fourteen years—is a comparative new-comer, only having entered the Home a short time before Christmas. Almost too ill to care what became of her, when assigned by the magistrate's decision to the Door of Hope she gained a new interest in life, and was a happy diligent student for the first few weeks in the First Year Home. She, however, did not respond physically to the treatments which she needed, being thin and weak, so she was transferred to the Hospital, and now has a bed in "A" ward.
This young girl was sold by her mother to be a daughter-in-law and later these people resold her to a house of ill-fame. From there she ran back home to her mother because she was so wretched. In order to repay the mistress the money she demanded of them, her mother felt compelled to sell her again into a similar place, out of which she and two other unlicensed girls were rescued by the police.

When her mother appealed at the Court for the return of her daughter and was questioned by the magistrate why she originally sold her, she said “she had no other way to pay for the father’s funeral” Weak and ill “Precious Truth” was now unwilling to return to her mother, knowing what would await her, and so was given into the care of the Door of Hope. She bears no ill-will, and only longs that the peace and blessing which she has received through Jesus, might be shared by her mother too.

She now constantly expresses her deep gratitude and appreciation for the care and love given her. Slowly the reason for this disinterested care is beginning to be associated with the One Who, in His love and pity sent from above and drew her out of these floods of evil, to bring her as a redeemed child back to the Father.

Other patients who have received treatment were “Jade Spirit” and “Second Beauty” both little slaves, cruelly burned for trivial offences by their mistresses, but now happy and well in the Children’s Refuge.

More than one precious ‘lamb’ who had already learned to feed in the green pastures down here, has been transferred to the Home above.
“Love Grace” came to the Children’s Refuge as a little girl of ten, having been sold as a slave child from a very poor home to a woman who treated her very cruelly. For some time after her arrival great outbursts of temper would be followed by days of sulky resentment, till she was truly saved and born again by faith in Jesus.

A rather wistful look and signs of distress in other ways led to the discovery of serious heart trouble, which only partially responded to long months of treatment and complete rest in bed. These days of inaction were hard for her to bear, and both she and others were sometimes caused much sorrow by her sharp and discontented words. Yet the Lord continued to work in her heart, and for a time she seemed stronger and well enough to continue her life among the other children in the Children’s Refuge. But another attack of her former trouble together with new symptoms, led to her again being an inmate of the Hospital.

As the weeks passed by, she realized that she was getting worse, and little by little her strength failed, but before this she had come to a real rest of heart; her complaining had ceased. Her heart had rest because of having peace with God and with all she had ever wronged or hurt, by confession and cleansing at the fountain of Calvary.

As the end draws near, the sick ones usually have special fancies, and it is our joy to satisfy any desire possible expressed by them. “Love Grace” had the desire to have a pigeon to eat. Seeing this was not easy to buy she prayed about it. Miss Jones heard of this and was wondering how to procure one, when a few days later, to her great surprise, she saw the cat coming into
the room with a live pigeon in his mouth. A girl standing near echoed the thought in her own heart when she said, "Here is the pigeon "Love Grace" has prayed for."

The bird being taken from the cat, was found in good condition, and pronounced all right for food. The tasty dish prepared was a concrete proof to all that even the desires of a little sick girl are cared for by our Father, Who in this way gave "Love-Grace" the final seal that she was indeed precious in His sight. Fully content and trusting in Him she loved, after a few days she too entered the Land of Light and Love.

Phoebe too, (who is told about in a former report) was one who proved and testified to others that God was her sufficiency during the last days and weeks of great weakness and suffering, and we rejoice that her long illness so patiently endured, has now ended and she too has entered into rest.

So different the case of "Fragrance" one of the assistant teachers of the Children's Refuge, who was always so bright and promising that we could hardly believe the dread disease (T.B.) had taken hold on her, when a slight cough led to further examination. Only a smile, and a gentle response, never a word of request or desire for anything, she was marvellously carried through the few brief months of her illness, with practically no suffering, and it was with perfect confidence and peace that she quietly closed her eyes and slipped away to join that company who have seen Him Who loved them and gave Himself for them and Who they learned to love and trust while here among us, and to be with Him forever. The fragrance of her life and loving service among the children still remains with us.
Most happy occasions during the year were the weddings of six of our Chinese nurses and helpers. Miss Z. had given a number of years of faithful, loving service, and her training will stand her in good stead in her new home, for she is undertaking at the call of God to 'mother' several little ones. It is a joy to hear of a family-altar and a bright testimony in the church to which she and her husband belong. She has truly received the spirit of ministry—"not to be ministered unto, but to minister". She has not been able yet to visit us, as her home is many hundreds of miles distant in South China, but we have had several visits from our other brides.

Miss W. is becoming accustomed to living in one room, the usual arrangement for a family now in this very crowded city. She came to our Children's Refuge years ago as a child of ten, so she needs to learn to adjust herself to Chinese family life again.

The other four brides were among our helping girls, each one finding a happy Christian home and opportunities for service.

Miss Chen, the teacher of our convalescents, whose marriage has taken her into service among the blind (spoken of in our last year's report) paid us a visit. She was full of praise to God for the opportunities she had to show forth His love and His care among the pupils in her husband's school. Hers is no ministry of compulsion, but truly we see "by love serve one another" is the motive-spring in all her self-sacrificing care and planning, both for her blind husband and his pupils.

We know you will rejoice with us that again we have seen in 1940 that "The things which are impossible with men, are possible with God."
Our Nurses.

"In His care in Ward "A"."
THE HOSPITAL'S YOUNGEST PATIENTS.
"Calvary—Love never faileth," reads a large, beautifully painted motto in our little sitting-room, where we pray and read the Word, and where we have heart-to-heart talks with the children about Jesus and His love—and about their attitude toward Him. Here many a child and girl has wept her way back to Him, Who said, "Return ye backsliding children, and I will love you freely"; and many a child, for the first time, has definitely accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and received the assurance that Jesus is hers! It is into this little sitting-room, with the motto about "Calvary—Love" that a number of heathen girlies stepped for the first time during the past year. New children of His Love! Their heathen names were changed to Christian names, and were written into the book of 'The Love-School' We have the assurance that a number of these names have been written into another Book also, which is kept in Heaven; for, during the year, quite a number of these new "Love-children" were 'born-again' by the Spirit and the Word.

"He setteth the solitary in families."

Some of you, who read our reports year after year, know that our children are divided into 'families', but for the sake of our newer friends it may be interesting for you to know a little of the background in the lives that are planted here.
One day a little child of about six years old stepped wonderingly out of the car in which a missionary had brought her to Shanghai from an outlying village, to find herself in "The Love-School". She was dressed warmly, but in clothes far too big for her, which had been given her by kind-hearted Christians in the village. From them too she had obtained the meager meals begged for herself and her blind mistress. She had never known her own home, but had belonged to this blind beggar ever since she could remember.

Their wanderings had brought them to this village where there were Christians, who, although very poor, tried to help them. The visiting missionary saw this child attending Sunday School and meetings, and heard that the blind beggar was to be married! and that there was no one to care for the child, as she could not take her into this new family. There was talk of selling her, for everyone felt they could not afford to feed and clothe her. Finding no one laid any claim to the child, the missionary brought her to us, to save her from being sold.

There was a wisdom beyond her years in this tiny mite regarding the things of the world, but not the sweetness of a normal child.

After her arrival she was given into the care of "Auntie Esther", who together with an older girl very soon had her transformed so completely outwardly that when we came into the dining room at the noon hour, we could scarcely recognize her!

She sat at a table with five other little ones about her own age, and two older girls to help them and teach them good manners. Her rice-
"Golden Beauty"
"out of my sorrow!"

"Golden Beauty"
"into His joy!"
"We have just entered the Love School."

"We are happy in the Love School."
bowl filled with steaming rice and vegetables held in one hand and a pair of chopsticks in the other, she beamed, with shining face, across the table, meanwhile busily pushing in large mouthfuls of the delicious food! She politely joined in the united chorus always greeting anyone arriving at meal times, "Please eat."

So another homeless one had found herself set by the loving Father into a 'family'. She is one of about 25 children who make up the "eleventh family". They live together in one dormitory under the care of Auntie Esther and six or seven older 'sisters', who in this service toward the younger ones seek to repay to their Lord the grace He gave them when they themselves were little ones.

From a thin, worldly-wise child, little "Golden Beauty" has become a round-faced, plump, merry little one. Nor is she the only one to enjoy this hitherto unknown joy of being loved and cared for; little "Obtained Grace" and "Beautiful-Grace" came to us thinly clad on a shivering winter day; the last two brought to us from the Court by our dear Miss Abercrombie the morning of the last day of her ministry among us.

Then too, we have four little sisters who came to us the day their mother died, two of them being twins of only a few days old. Their mother being one of our married daughters, we have temporarily received the two older ones also, till the father feels it proper to marry again. "Leading Wisdom" and "Precious Wisdom" are both darling children, and how happy we and they also are that they may enjoy the good things in
the Father's House, and share in the joys of the
"first family" under the care of Auntie Adah.

Miss Edna Johnston has her hands and heart
well occupied during the kindergarten hours with
these precious little ones as they play, sing or do
handwork and drills, to train them to do all in
love and unselfishness, honestly and uprightly.
Each occupation is planned while on her knees in
the quiet of her room, so we are not surprised
when we take a peep into the kindergarten room
to feel the very presence of the Lover of children.

Whether anyone watches them for approval
or not, each one most reverently closes her eyes
and folds her hands for the opening or closing
prayer-song, an older-comer sweetly instructing
a new one beside her. In this department we use
some of our older girls and also two of the Chinese
Aunties, Auntie Ethel and Auntie May, who years
ago were themselves kindergarten children.

Little "Obtained Light", although already
twelve years old, has spent several happy months
also in the afternoon kindergarten learning how
to be young and to play. Both eyes almost closed
with swollen bruises, and bandages swathing
arms and head because of the wounds received
in cruel beatings, this child had already learned
the sorrows of a slave child in the hands of a
cruel owner. Her little heart was empty of love,
for her own parents were both dead, and no rela-
tives came to her help when she found herself
forsaken. So a neighbour saw a chance to "turn
an honest penny" by selling the child.

From this life of misery not only little
"Obtained Light", but numbers of other children
have been saved and brought to our care during
the year.
Of course an intelligent child's very early question is, "Who supplies all this love and care for me?" and this opens up to her the beginning of the wonders of that salvation which the Father has provided in His Son for every one of them. "Faith comes by hearing", and even before they can read we have the assurance that many are truly His lambs, by their testimony, that 'they hear His voice and follow Him'.

Auntie Esther not only mothers her family but supervises the pupil-teachers and their classes in the Primary school-room where the children study for half a day according to their ability.

"Obtained Light", "Beautiful Gem", "Loving Beauty", "Bright Truth", "Golden Glory", "Happy Truth", "Love Light" and "Honourable Pearl" are all doing well, each one hoping very soon to have acquired the standard to be given a whole Bible of their own, having not only learned the meaning of many 'characters' in their New Testaments, but having learned to love and trust the One there revealed as their own Saviour.

Some of our growing up children who have shown themselves "workmen that need not to be ashamed" because walking daily in the Light, have the privilege of continuing higher studies in outside mission-schools, in holiday time returning 'home' here to help in any way that opportunity gives. In the summer vacation they happily occupied the younger ones in classes of a summer school, all organized and arranged by Auntie Elizabeth, who after many years of fruitful service here, is now in further Bible training herself, her special gift being Child Evangelism.
The results that were put on display (drawings, needle-work, samples of first stitches, crochet dollies, etc.) were sufficient evidence of the profit and pleasure given and received. The teachers and producers stood around delighted with the words of approbation and admiration given.

This is no small help for the hot summer months when all our 'families' stay right here with us. We are most grateful to our dear old friend, Dr. Boville, who many years ago, introduced the idea of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, not only to many of our friends in the U.S.A. but also to us here in China.

It is not every child that comes to us who shows ability to continue her studies after the first few years, and for them there is another outlet for training in handwork, the Lord laying it before us that each one should become a useful all-round woman in a home, preparatory to one day marrying and having a home of her own. Each child therefore is trained to make shoes and clothes such as are worn by herself and younger children. This fine work is in the capable hands of our Mother Precious, Auntie Alice, Auntie Esther and Auntie Mary, each one having a group of girls and children to supervise and prepare the work for. When passed as thoroughly competent by Mother Precious, they pass on to the knitting department, in charge of Miss Davies and Mother Lord. It is the wonder and admiration of all of us to see the exquisite work produced by the knitting girls, and the ladies of the community, wives of European and American business men keep us supplied with orders for dresses, sweaters, socks, baby things, men's
cardigans, etc. This keeps our older girls happy and well-occupied, and provides a way for them to become partly self-supporting.

Almost all of these knitting girls can play the baby-organ, and lead an evening worship in their family, taking it in turns. This is quite a help in any congregation they may be associated with after their marriage.

Several times during the year, Christian young men have asked for one of our girls in marriage, and each of these has an excellent report from her new home, also quickly finding opportunities of service and testimony.

On Sunday afternoons several of our Chinese teachers assist in Child Evangelism in connection with the Sunday School Promotion League, thus giving up their one free afternoon of rest to bring the Gospel to many children and young people from heathen homes, and we believe the Seed sown at a sacrifice will surely bring forth fruit.

Numbers of our evangelist-girls are being used even into the far provinces of Szechuan, Kwangsi and Honan as well as near at hand. Some are witnessing in hospitals, some in villages conducting the weekly services, prayer meetings, and classes. Others are in cities helping in all the activities of church life amid many tests and trials. We do thank our dear friends who are specially interested in these 'branches running over the wall'.

“Lift up your eyes and look on the fields...... he that reapeth gathereth fruit unto life eternal—that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.”

(John 4:35.36)
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The evangelistic services conducted in the Receiving Home Street Chapel, and in the Homes, by Chinese Evangelists and Pastors,
and missionaries of the China Inland Mission and other Missions, whose kindness and fellowship have been greatly appreciated.

The auditing of accounts by Mr. F. E. Keeble, and Dr. Forbes Tocher.

To avoid difficulties it has been suggested that we give the following Form of Bequest:

I give and bequeath unto the Door of Hope, Shanghai, China, or, I give and bequeath unto the Children's Refuge, Shanghai, China, the sum of to be expended for the appropriate objects of the said Mission; and I direct that the release of the Treasurer of the said Mission shall be sufficient discharge for my executors in the premises.
# Door of Hope and Children's Refuge Mission, Shanghai

## FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940. IN CHINESE DOLLARS.

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