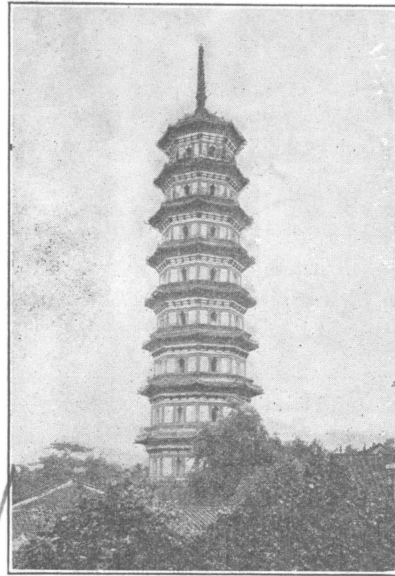


*Southern Baptists
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THE story of what Southern Baptists have done for that one-quarter of the human race that lives in China is both depressing and inspiring.

It is depressing because even a great work like ours appears to be pitifully small in the presence of such vast unmet needs.

It is inspiring, nevertheless, to trace our growth by following the footsteps of our heroic missionaries who have wrought in China great victories in the name of the Lord.

We will outline this story in these pages under two headings—Our Missions and Our Institutions.

Under the general heading of Our Missions we will try to give some impression of the territory in which these missions are located, and the manner in which they were opened and developed.

Under the heading of Our Institutions we can do little more than make a catalogue of the institutions, which are located in and form a part of the missions in which they are situated. The limits of our space makes it impossible to speak in detail of all the institutions and compels us to summarize.

OUR MISSIONS

For the sake of clearness let us explain that a Mission is composed of those missionaries who are located near enough to each other to make it convenient for them to meet occasionally for fellowship, conference and the laying of plans for the work in their general region. These Missions are organized with constitutions and such officers as are necessary for the carrying on of the work the Mission is attempting to develop. Each Mission lays plans for whatever is to be

undertaken and makes such recommendations to the Board as it feels disposed to make from time to time.

There is a difference between a Mission and a Mission Station or a main station of a Mission. A Mission Station is a city in which foreign missionaries live. All other preaching points are called outstations. Usually the Missions are made up of the missionary representatives who live in several stations. We have five Missions in China, and in these five missions there are twenty-seven main or Mission Stations. That is to say, there are twenty-seven places in which foreign missionaries reside. We name below our five missions and the stations within them.

SOUTH CHINA MISSION	CENTRAL CHINA MISSION
<i>Stations—</i>	<i>Stations—</i>
Canton	Shanghai
Shiu Hing	Shanghai College & Sem- inary.
Shiuchow	Soochow
Wuchow	Chinkiang
Macao	Yangchow
Kong Moon	Wusih
Kweilin	
NORTH CHINA MISSION	INTERIOR CHINA MISSION
<i>Stations—</i>	<i>Stations—</i>
Hwanghsien	Chengchow
Pingtu	Kaifeng
Laichowfu	Pochow
Chefoo	Kweiteh
Laiyang	
Tsingtau	PAKHOI CHINA MISSION
Tsinan	<i>Station—</i>
Tsining	Lui Chau City
Harbin	

The South China Mission

The South China Mission is laid amongst the teeming millions of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces. Kwangtung Province is about the size of Alabama and Mississippi, with a population seven times as large as that in those two

States. Kwangsi Province is about the size of Oklahoma with a population three times that of Oklahoma.

This was the first mission organized by our Board. In 1835 J. L. Shuck, of Virginia, was sent to China by the Foreign Mission Society of the old Triennial Convention. He was the first American Baptist Missionary to China. This was ten years before the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention. All Baptists of America were at that time supporting the work of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, Shuck became its first foreign missionary, and devoted himself to the development of the South China field. Ten years after this date, in 1855, Dr. R. H. Graves, of Maryland, was sent to the South China Mission, and for fifty-seven years lived out a noble missionary career. He founded Graves Theological Seminary at Canton, the first of our Theological Schools to be organized. He lived to witness the opening of all save one of the seven main stations in the South China Mission. He wrote extensively upon Biblical and Theological subjects. Through the ministry of medicine he did much to alleviate suffering.

Along with Dr. Graves, Brother E. Z. Simmons, of Mississippi, labored for 42 years. Dr. Simmons was a great evangelistic field missionary.

With the names of Graves and Simmons must be associated that of Dr. G. W. Greene, of North Carolina, who went out in 1891 and gave 20 years of useful service. His most notable contribution was through teaching in Graves Theological Seminary.

Drs. Greene, Simmons and Graves passed to their reward within a year of each other. They formed a blessed triumvirate which has become one of the most sacred memories of the South China Mission.

Space will not permit the mention of all who have labored in South China, but one other must be briefly discussed—Miss Lula F. Whilden, who was born in South Carolina about three years before her parents sailed in 1848 for China. Her mother died in Canton when scarcely a year had passed. Her father brought the children back to America. Miss Lula, when she grew up to young womanhood, caught the spirit of

her mother, and at the age of 24 was back in South China where she lived a devoted, self-sacrificing life for 43 years. The poor women of Canton knew of her ministrations, particularly those who lived such a desperately trying life upon the boats on the river front. She was the first to engage in effort in behalf of the blind, a work which has been since greatly developed by Mrs. Janie L. Graves.

The Pakhoi Mission

In the Southeastern corner of Kwantung Province in a territory in general comprising the Lui Chau Peninsula and the Island of Hainan, is located the Pakhoi Mission. In this district there are between three and four million people. Here labor Rev. E. T. Snuggs and wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs and Miss Faith Snuggs. While this Mission is new, founded in 1914, it is making good progress. It is located in a section where need is as distressing as that to be found anywhere in all the world.

Pakhoi was the original station in which Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs began their work, but recently they have moved to Lui Chau City upon the Peninsula. This city is to be the headquarters for the Mission.

The Central China Mission

The Central China Mission, with its main stations in the great cities of Shanghai, Soochow, Wusih, Chinkiang and Yangchow, is located in the Province of Kiangsu. This Province has an area about equal to that of Kentucky, with a population seven times that of Kentucky, which means that there are half as many people in Kiangsu Province as there are in all our Southern States.

The Central China Mission has sometimes been called the Yates Mission. This name is not lacking in appropriateness, for Dr. Matthew T. Yates, of North Carolina, was the first to land on the field in August, 1847, and gave forty-one years of his life to it. There were fellow missionaries at first in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Toby and Mr. and Mrs. Shuck, of Canton, and at other times, but for long stretches of years Dr. and Mrs. Yates carried on the work alone. Towards the end of their career came the Hunnex, the Bryans

and Herrings. This Mission is redolent with the memory of Dr. Yates and his wonderfully capable and devoted help-mate, Mrs. Yates. They endured nobly the trials of pioneer days and lived to witness inspiring triumphs of their labors. Two outstanding Chinese by the same name, played a great part in the Central China Mission during Dr. Yates' days. They were Pastor Wong and Deacon Wong. The first was a great pastor, and the deacon was a successful rice merchant who built a chapel at his own charges and gave wonderful witness to the power of Christ in his life.

Another worker who was converted under the preaching of Deacon Wong, must be mentioned. Her name was Tsung Ta Ta. She became the Bible Woman associated with Miss Willie Kelly, who went to Shanghai in 1894. Through a long stretch of years this gracious Chinese woman was Miss Kelly's most intimate fellow-worker and lived a life of loving service that lingers still as a blessed inspiration in the Shanghai Field.

The North China Mission

The North China Mission is the vastest of our Missions in China. It stretches over the Provinces of Shantung and Manchuria. Manchuria is really a country made up of three provinces. The North China Mission is as large as all Southern Baptist territory east of the Mississippi River, and has a population twice that in this territory, or some thousands more than there are in all our Southern States.

When the City of Chefoo in Shantung Province, North China, was opened to foreign trade and missionary residence in 1860, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Holmes, who had been sent to Shanghai the year before in anticipation of this opening, went to Chefoo. They were joined soon by Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartwell, who had been located for a short while in Shanghai, and thus our North China Mission was founded.

The Hartwells located in Tengchow, and the Holmes in Chefoo. In less than a year Mr. Holmes was murdered by bandits, and Mrs. Holmes moved to Tengchow. Dr. Hartwell, with some breaks in his service, due to sickness and death in his family, labored in China for 54 years. During most of that period his headquarters were at Tengchow, where he preached over a wide territory. During his latter

years he lived in Hwanghsien, where he labored in the Bush Theological Seminary. He was a marvelous preacher and teacher.

In 1863, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Crawford came up to the North from Shanghai, where they had been located for thirteen years, and gave to our work in North China 28 more years before they broke with the Board and formed an independent mission at Taian, known as the "Gospel Mission." The division attendant upon the discussion of the "Gospel Mission" idea caused great bitterness in the North China Mission for several years, and retarded the work seriously. The situation cleared up after the final division took place and the Mission since that time has experienced a wonderful growth.

In 1881, Dr. C. W. Pruitt, of Georgia, entered the North China Mission. He, after 43 years of fruitful effort is, in point of service, the oldest missionary our Board has in China. He was among the first missionaries to reside at Hwanghsien, the third station founded in this Mission, and he is now the President of The North China Baptist College, located in Hwanghsien, which is our leading educational institution in North China.

Pingtu was the fourth station opened in North China. The section around Pingtu has been one of the most fruitful of North China. Miss Lottie Moon, of Virginia, who spent forty years of her life in North China, was the agent in opening Pingtu Station. Besides her effective work in education and among the women, this devoted missionary has the distinction of having led to Christ Pastor Li, that flaming evangelist who has baptized between four and five thousand souls.

To speak of Pingtu brings at once to mind Dr. W. H. Sears, of Missouri, who led the hosts victoriously in the Pingtu field for 31 years. Dr. Sears spent his entire missionary career in the Pingtu District. Pastor Li was his personal teacher and intimate associate throughout the years. No two men ever fitted into each other's spirits more beautifully, and few men ever accomplished more work.

The next station opened in North China was Laichowfu. Then followed the opening of Laiyang, Tsingtau, Tsining and Tsinan Stations.

For several years some work has been done in Manchuria by occasional visits of our missionaries, and through native evangelists. A foot-hold had been won in several places. Recently, in fact, in August, 1924, the families of Rev. C. A. Leonard and Dr. C. E. James have taken up their residence in Harbin, adding one more to the eight stations in the North China Mission. Tengchow is no longer occupied as a main station. The work there is supervised from Hwanghsien Station.

The Interior China Mission

In the early days of the present century the burden of the needs of the great hordes of people in the far interior of China, began to bear heavily on the hearts of W. W. Lawton, of South Carolina, who was appointed to the Central China Mission in 1894, and of W. E. Sallee, of Kentucky, who was appointed to the same Mission in 1903. These two kindred spirits after conference with the Central China Mission and the Board, made an exploring expedition interior, and finally decided to open the Interior China Mission at Chengchow, Honan Province. This city is finely located at the junction of the railway which runs south from Peking to Hankow, and the railway running east and west through the center of Honan Province—a Province as large as the State of Missouri with a population ten times as large as that of Missouri, or a population about two-thirds that in the territory of our Southern States.

In 1905 Mr. Lawton and his family, accompanied by Mr. Sallee, moved to Chengchow and opened the first station of the Interior China Mission.

After Mr. Sallee and Miss Annie Jenkins, of Texas, were married in 1906, the Sallees moved to Kaifeng, the capital of the Province, and opened the second station of the Mission. In the meantime D. W. Herring and family came to Chengchow.

In 1910, W. D. Bostick, of Pochow, Anhwei Province, was appointed a missionary of our Board. Brother Bostick had been working in Pochow for several years under the "Gospel Mission." When he became a missionary of our Board, Pochow became a station of the Interior China Mission. Two years later his brother, G. P. Bostick, joined the Pochow Station.

The Province of Anhwei is another vast territory. It is as large as Arkansas, and has a population sixteen times that of Arkansas.

In 1917, Rev. and Mrs. Sidney J. Townshend, of England, who had been doing an independent mission work in Kweiteh, Honan Province, were appointed missionaries of our Board. This had the effect of adding Kweiteh, the fourth of the Interior China Mission stations.



OUR INSTITUTIONS

We use institutions in our foreign mission work because they multiply the missionary, aid greatly in the presentation of the Gospel and develop the native Christians. The hospitals, the schools and the publishing houses are tremendously effective Gospel agencies. They break down prejudice, win appreciation and provide opportunities for the continuous preaching of the Gospel in a most favorable atmosphere. The Publication Society not only provides the needed literature, but it can often send its Gospel message into places where the missionary cannot enter. Since there is need for much more seed sowing in heathen lands than in so-called Christian lands, the schools afford an especially favorable field for this reiteration of the Gospel message.

Then there is that ever-pressing problem of developing the native Christians. From them must come the great body of workers that will witness for Christ amongst their own people. In the training of these natives the school is a most vital necessity. In these schools must be developed the native preachers and other workers who will carry forward the wider work of evangelizing the people.

Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary

Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary is the only Baptist institution of full college grade in China. It is supported by both the Northern and the Southern Baptists. The plant consists of 50 acres of land upon which have been erected 29 buildings. The two Boards have invested a little more than a half million dollars in this plant. The institution has an

academy, a full grade college, and a Theological Seminary. Four years ago co-education was adopted and last year there were 35 female students.

The total enrollment of students last year was 674. Of this number 307 were in the College and 367 were in the Academy. This showed an increase of 100 over the preceding year.

Last year 68 per cent of the students in the College and 20 per cent of the students in the Academy were Christians. Forty-nine students were led to Christ during the year.

There were 30 students in the Theological Seminary. The Seminary is doing full grade Theological Seminary work.

The North China Baptist College

We have at Hwanghsien, Shantung Province, North China, a great institution known as the North China Baptist College, which has an enrollment of over 1,000 students. The institution is divided into several departments, the kindergarten, the primary department for boys and girls, the high school department for both boys and girls and the Junior College, known as Willingham College, the Normal Training School for Teachers, the Bible Training School for Women, and the Bush Theological Seminary. This school with its many departments is a veritable beehive of industry. On the campus are several splendid new dormitories and other buildings. It is the center of our educational work in the North China field.

Kaifeng Baptist College

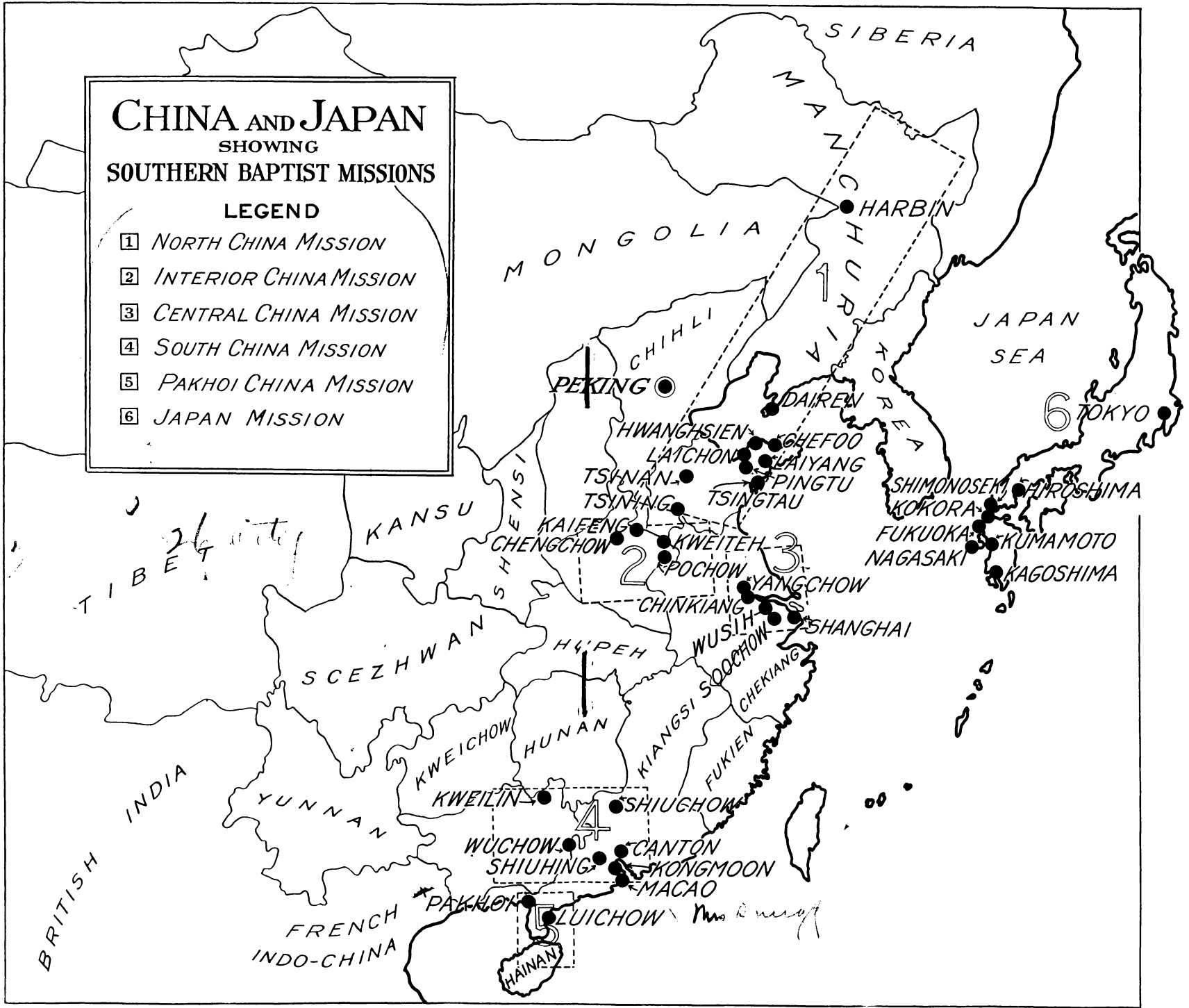
At Kaifeng, Honan Province, China, is located a high school which is being developed into a Junior College under the leadership of Missionary W. E. Sallee. This school owns a splendid campus with considerable farming land adjoining. It has an industrial department which enables a number of the students to earn enough to pay their way through school. It has 200 students, and has recently completed its Administration Building, which is a splendid structure and will meet the needs of the school for many years.

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- ① NORTH CHINA MISSION
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- ⑤ PAKHOI CHINA MISSION
- ⑥ JAPAN MISSION



Pui Ching Baptist Academy, Canton, China

Another institution of the high school grade which is now being developed into a Junior College, is the Pui Ching Boys' School at Canton, China. This institution owns a fine campus upon which are many buildings. It has an enrollment of over 1,000 students. It is supported almost entirely by the native Chinese. The Board provides one missionary teacher and pays the salary of some of the Chinese teachers. Beyond this the school is self-supporting. The head of the school is Professor Wong Kai Meng, a native Chinese who has received training both in China and America. He is leading his school to a most gratifying success.

Academies (High Schools or Middle Schools)

We have spoken above of the four schools of the higher grades which our Southern Baptist denomination is supporting in China. It would be most interesting if we had the space to mention in particular all of the schools of the middle or high school grade, which have grown up in connection with our work in China. A number of these are offering practically as many grades as one or two of those mentioned above, and all of them have very interesting histories. For the main work of these middle or high schools we refer the reader to the Report of the Foreign Mission Board. Some of them are destined to grow into schools of higher grade. We have space here for recording only their names and locations:

Pui Ching Boys' School, Canton, China.
Pooi To Girls' School, Canton, China.
Pui Ching Boys' School, Wuchow, China.
Girls' School, Wuchow, China.
Boys' Academy, Kweilin, China.
Girls' School, Kweilin, China.
Girls' School, Shiuhing, China.
Girls' School, Shiuchow, China.
Boys' School, Shiuchow, China.
Ming Jang Boys' School, Shanghai, China.
Eliza Yates Girls' School, Shanghai, China.
Yates Academy, Soochow, China.
Wei Ling Girls' School, Soochow, China.

Mintz Academy for Boys, Chinkiang, China.
Julia MacKenzie Memorial (Girls'), Yangchow, China.
Annie Jenkins Sallee Girls' School, Kaifeng, China.
Boys' Academy, Chengchow, China.
Girls' School, Chengchow, China.
Boys' Academy, Pochow, China.
Girls' School, Pochow, China.
Williams' Memorial Girls' School, Chefoo, China.
Boys' School, Chefoo, China.
Boys' Academy, Hwanghsien, China.
Carter Girls' School, Hwanghsien, China.
Effie Sears Girls' School, Pingtu, China.
Pingtu Institute (Boys), Pingtu, China.
Girls' School, Laichowfu, China.
Boys' School, Laichowfu, China.
Girls' School, Tsinan, China.
Boys' School, Tsinan, China.
Boys' School, Tsining, China.
Girls' School, Tsining, China.
Boys' Academy, Laiyang, China.
Girls' School, Laiyang, China.

Our plan is to have in every main station one school each for boys and girls, which will furnish courses ranging through the higher primary grades. Then in certain selected centers we provide a school each for boys and girls of the high school grade.

Elementary Schools

We should not fail to recognize the great importance of the elementary schools, and remember that into these elementary schools are drawn the students at the tenderest age. Here opportunity is given daily for the presentation of the Gospel. The accumulated prejudices of heathenism through generations of teaching can be beaten down effectively by this daily attack in the elementary schools. It is demonstrated that in these elementary or "Day Schools" we have one of the most fruitful fields for evangelistic endeavor.

We have in China 630 of these schools of the lower grade, in which were gathered last year 20,721 students. Twenty of these schools are of the kindergarten grade. What an audience they form for the presentation of the Gospel message.

Theological Schools

Our Board is supporting seven Theological Schools in China, in which were gathered last year 218 students, or a little more than one-half of all the Theological students that are in attendance on our Theological Schools in all our mission fields.

The Graves Theological Seminary, Canton, China, was the first Theological School founded by our Board. It has a commanding location for its campus in Canton, on which is built a very creditable Administration Building and dormitories sufficiently large to take care of over one hundred students.

There are located in the South China Mission two other Bible Schools. They are not of the Seminary grade, but do Bible School work. One of these is called the Hakka Bible School which is just now being located at Shiuchow, to serve the people who speak the Hakka dialect. At Kweilin, Kwangsi Province, is located the Bible School for the Mandarin speaking section of the South China field. This school is also new and has had the good fortune recently of being presented with enough money to provide a very creditable building.

The Bush Theological Seminary located at Hwanghsien, North China, is now being conducted as a department of the institution at that place. Mention of this has already been made. Money for the purchase of the campus and the erection of buildings for this school was given by the Bush family of Mobile, Ala.

We have already referred to the Theological Department of Shanghai Baptist College and Seminary.

There are two other Bible Training Schools: one of them is called the Central China Bible School and is located at Chinkiang, and the other is known as the Interior China Bible School and located at Kaifeng in the Interior China Mission.

Woman's Training Schools

Alongside the Theological training which has been given to the men, has run the parallel of training schools for women. We have six such training schools for women in China.

Pooi In Woman's Bible School at Canton, China, founded by Mrs. G. W. Greene is the oldest of these institutions, and now has over 100 students.

The Woman's Bible Training School at Kweilin is a school which has recently been organized but has had a very encouraging development.

A Woman's Bible Training School is just now being put into operation at Shiuchow, South China, which is to be used for the training of women who speak the Hakka dialect.

At Chinkiang in Central China is the Woman's Bible School for the training of women in that general region.

At Laichowfu in Shantung Province is the Woman's Bible School which has so long been conducted and with great success, by Miss Mary D. Willeford.

At Hwanghsien the Training School for Women is conducted as a department of the North China Baptist College.

Medical Work

The largest portion of the medical work done by the Foreign Mission Board is in China. We have in Africa one hospital with two doctors and two foreign trained nurses. We have in Mexico one doctor. In China there are eight hospitals cared for by seventeen foreign doctors and six foreign trained nurses. All these hospitals, with the exception of one, now have creditable buildings. Most of them need very much more equipment, and a number more doctors and trained nurses. A fine medical service is being rendered by Mrs. Dr. Mary King at Pochow, Interior China Mission, by means of a dispensary and general practice. Another form of medical service is being done by our missionary, Dr. P. S. Evans, at Tsinan, Shantung Province, where he is teaching in the medical department of the University. Dr. C. A. Hayes performs a similar teaching service in Canton in addition to the work he does in our Baptist hospital at that place. Recently Dr. C. E. James, of Tennessee, has been sent to Harbin in Manchuria, which is within the limits of the North China Mission. He has no hospital but has opened a dis-

pensary for a far-reaching medical work to be done in this field. Our hospitals are:

Warren Memorial Hospital, ^{North China} Hwanghsien, China.
 Oxner Memorial Hospital, Pingtu, China.
 Mayfield Tyzzer, Laichowfu, China.
 Yangchow Hospital, Yangchow, China.
 Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.
 Kweilin Hospital, Kweilin, China.
 Chengchow Hospital, Chengchow, China.
 Ramseur Memorial Hospital, Yingtak, China.

Warren Memorial Hospital, Hwanghsien

The Warren Memorial Hospital, located at Hwanghsien, has a building in three sections on a good lot 120 x 200 feet. This hospital was named after Dr. W. E. Warren, long time pastor of the First Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., which church gave as a memorial to its pastor the money for the erection of the first building for this hospital. Dr. T. W. Ayers, who is the senior doctor at this institution, is our oldest medical missionary. He has been in the service 23 years. His work is greatly appreciated as is evidenced by the fact that he has received decoration for distinguished service from two of the Presidents of China, and his office in which he does his work was furnished by the Governor of the Province of Shantung.

Mayfield Tyzzer Memorial Hospital, Laichowfu

The splendid building for men in this hospital was provided by Drs. Mayfield and Tyzzer, of St. Louis, Mo. The building used for women was provided by the women of Alabama through the Judson Centennial Fund, and is known as the Kathleen Mallory Woman's Building. Other necessary buildings have been erected on the premises, which make this hospital compound a very effective one.

Oxner Memorial Hospital, Pingtu

The third hospital within the limits of the North China Mission is known as the Oxner Memorial Hospital, located at Pingtu. This hospital was named after Dr. J. M. Oxner, whose death in 1907 was brought about by over-work and lack of equipment at Pingtu. We have there two buildings.

The older one is now being used for men and a new building, a portion of which is used for men and the remainder for women. The women's department of this building was built as a memorial to Mrs. Luella Roach Alexander, of Nashville, Tenn., her husband having given the money we have put into this portion of the building.

Chengchow Hospital, Chengchow, China

The only hospital within the limits of the Interior China Mission is located at Chengchow. Here we have a very good though small building with meager equipment. Until recently we have had two doctors serving at Chengchow, but both of these have been brought home on account of sickness in their families. This hospital is located in one of the most favorable cities in China for the development of a great medical work. The crossing of two railroads at this point makes it easily accessible. It can serve a wider range of territory than most of the Chinese cities. It is quite imperative that adequate staff and new buildings be provided at once in order that we may meet the wonderful medical opportunity that faces us in Chengchow.

Yangchow Hospital, Yangchow

We have one hospital within the limits of the Central China Mission. It is located at Yangchow. Its main building is one of the very best mission hospital buildings to be found in China. The plant now has a considerable amount of excellent equipment, but it needs much more. Many of the rooms need additional furnishing and several small auxiliary buildings should be provided. This is the only hospital in which we have three foreign doctors. We have at this hospital two male and one female doctors. Dr. R. V. Taylor has recently returned to the Yangchow Hospital after spending about three years in the Mayo Brothers Sanitarium, Rochester, Minn., in special preparation for his work. During a part of this time he was first assistant to the Senior Dr. Mayo.

Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow

The Foreign Mission Board supports three hospitals in South China and co-operates with the Chinese in the support of the Hospital at Canton, managed by native Chinese

brethren. The Stout Memorial Hospital is located at Wuchow. This institution received its name in honor of Rev. John Stout, of South Carolina. Recently Dr. George Leavell has completed a five-story building which provides 208 beds for patients, thus making this the largest hospital building our Board has in China. It is located at the junction of two rivers which makes it easily accessible. The launch presented to the hospital by the First Church, Roanoke, Va., enables the doctors to do itinerating up and down these streams, widening greatly the range of their activities and service.

One wing of the Stout Memorial Hospital is named in honor of the First Church, Clarkesville, Tenn., which gave in the Judson Centennial a sum of money for the erection of this department.

Ramseur Memorial Hospital, Yingtak

The Ramseur Memorial Hospital, at Yingtak, was provided for by Mrs. Ramseur, of Paris, Texas. This is a good serviceable building and draws patients from a wide territory. No foreign doctor at present serves in this hospital, but we have a fine native doctor, who with his native assistants, is able to bring relief to the multitudes who come to the hospital for treatment.

Baptist Hospital, Kweilin

In the northwestern section of the South China Mission field is located the Kweilin Baptist Hospital. This is in the Mandarin speaking section of the Mission. It has a splendid building that will provide, when furnished, about 100 beds. This building is in great need of equipment.

The Leung Kwong Hospital, Canton

The Baptists of the Two Kwongs Baptist Association, located in the Cantonese field, are conducting a hospital in Canton. They have bought the building which was originally used for the Graves Theological Seminary. Native doctors are in charge, but for several years Dr. C. A. Hayes has rendered great service in this hospital in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department, and recently Dr. R. E. Beddoe has returned to China for the purpose of devoting his entire time

to the Leung Kwong Hospital. The expenses of this hospital are borne by the Chinese. Our Board is providing only the two doctors above named. It is our hope that later we can help them erect one of their much needed buildings.

China Baptist Publication Society

Another great institution in our Baptist work in China is the China Baptist Publication Society, which was organized in Canton in February, 1899. Dr. R. E. Chambers was the moving spirit in this organization, and he was ably seconded by Drs. Graves, Simmons and others. Dr. Chambers has been secretary of the Society throughout its whole existence. The Society is managed by a Board of Managers who are drawn from the Northern as well as the Southern Baptist Missions.

It has had a notable history. It has scattered millions and millions of pages of literature over China. Its activities extend into all the Baptist fields of that great land. It publishes Sunday School literature, Bibles, tracts and the other forms of Christian literature that are usually distributed by denominational publishing houses. The extent of its work can be seen by the fact that it distributed last year a total of about fifty-five million pages, and spent about \$55,000 in operating its work. It owns property and equipment to the value of about \$100,000. Five foreign missionary families devote themselves to the work of the Society. Three of these live in Canton, which is the headquarters of the Society. At Tsingtau, in North China, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan are conducting the Mandarin speaking department of the Society. They edit and do a considerable portion of the printing of the literature that is circulated in the Mandarin section.

The Society is to have a branch house in Shanghai. Rev. J. T. Williams is to be in charge of this branch. Brother Williams will devote himself especially to the teacher training department in addition to the management of the Shanghai Branch Office.

The opportunities for the circulation of literature are boundless. The Publishing House is making a wonderful showing in its efforts to meet the needs.

Native Organizations

The growth of the denomination in China has been most gratifying. There is now in our churches in China a membership of 30,096 organized into 172 churches. Twenty-four of these churches are self-supporting. One hundred and forty-four of them have houses of worship. There are 61 ordained native pastors; 438 male un-ordained native workers and 186 women native workers. This great body of Baptists is being organized along the usual Baptist lines.

In every one of our Missions there are organized District Associations which function after the fashion of such organizations here in our homeland. Some of the Associations are doing very commendable missionary service. The Shantung Baptist Association, in the North China Mission, has a Home Mission Board which has under its appointment over forty Chinese missionaries, whose activities extend into Shansi in the West and into Manchuria on the North. This Association also is supporting enthusiastically an orphanage at Lai-chowfu.

The Association in Honan Province, Interior China Mission, last year organized itself for aggressive work and opened a station at Hsuchow, which this Association proposes to support.

There are two District Associations in the Central China field. One of them is made up of the churches that speak the Shanghai dialect, and another of the churches that speak the Mandarin dialect.

The oldest body of Baptists in China is in our South China Mission. The Leung Kwong (or Two Kwong) Baptist Association, with headquarters building in Tungshan, Canton, near our Mission compound. It is a two-story brick building which affords offices for all the boards and denominational enterprises supported by these enthusiastic Baptists. They have five boards.

The Executive Board, which raises funds and advances the work of all other boards. It has a general secretary who is a layman and who serves at his own charges.

The Home Mission Board, which is about thirty years old. This Board raises about \$2,500 per year and our Foreign Mission Board contributes an equal amount to it. It is now

fostering six churches and seven outstations. Three churches formerly supported by it have become self-supporting.

The Sunday School Board, which is ten years old and hopes soon to have a traveling secretary who will go among the churches for holding of institutes and the training of teachers.

The Theological Seminary Board which co-operates with our Foreign Mission Board in supporting the students in Graves Theological Seminary.

The Education Board which is supporting a system of schools chiefly for boys. Its main school, located at Canton, called Pui Ching, has been mentioned above.

The Hospital Board which is conducting in Canton in a very successful manner the Two Kwong Baptist Association Hospital.

Thus it appears that in some places at least we are approaching in China that goal which has been long set before us, namely, the building up of a self-supporting native constituency which will take care of itself and press forward the preaching of the Gospel amongst the heathen roundabout. Our denomination is firmly established in many parts of China, and with our large, devoted and energetic native Baptist constituency, we expect to witness in the near future a tremendous growth in our Baptist ranks.

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A few more than one-half of the foreign missionaries supported by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, are located in China. These 287 foreign missionaries in China labor in six of the eighteen provinces of China proper and Manchuria. In that portion of China where our laborers operate, an area about three times that embraced in the States comprising the Southern Baptist Convention, there are crowded three and three-quarter times as many people as there are in our Southern States; or one and one-fifth times as many people as there are in the whole of the United States. This takes no account of two and one-half times this number of Chinese who live in the other twelve provinces for whom we are doing nothing. While our work makes a very encouraging showing, a consideration of the facts here presented reveals that we are touching the hem only of China's ragged garment of need.