

sary to drop workers, and many more men and women must be prepared for Christian leadership.

2. Quickly re-open our great Academy for boys and girls and develop many primary school feeders. The Japanese forced the closing of much of our school work.

3. Make our medical work more effective, both in preventive and healing activities. The nearest hospital to ours is 50 miles away.

N.B. We are glad to report that a good friend has agreed to give \$5000 for the erection of a wing to our hospital at Taian for a women's ward.

4. A hundred or more little church buildings should be erected where the Christian communities will co-operate generously in providing proper places for worship.

5. Provide some endowment for the medical and educational work so that the poor may be cared for as well as those who can pay.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL? What about writing in something for Christian work abroad! It may be that you will want us to invest for you in the wonderful Shantung Province of China. You may write to us regarding this matter, or, if you prefer, take it up with the Board of Missions.

OUR UNUSUAL FAMILY deserves a paragraph. Unusual in number, seven children, seven grand-children, five 'in-laws'. Our seven children have had 123 years of education, two higher degrees in Social Science and two in Theology. Eleanor is in Kansas, Richard is in China, Ada Ruth and Hobart are in Vermont, Margaret is in Cleveland, Elizabeth is in Philadelphia and Perry Jr. is in New York City. We thank God daily for the wonderful blessing of good and loyal, loving children.

Mrs. Hanson and I have improved greatly in health and strength since coming from China in June. The hard experiences of the four years of bombing and "occupation" and living under the Japanese invaders had taken their toll. Life in this wonderful land of America brings a healing, renewing power that has meant much to us both.

FORTUNATELY, OUR TRAINED CHINESE men and women workers are right now, even in the absence of Missionaries, carrying on much of the work in our Shantung Conference under the direction of Bishop Kaung. Their task is exceedingly difficult because of the presence of the Japanese and with guerilla forces nearby. It is distinctly a time when Christian workers in China must "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Some of the preachers and teachers have been in prison and have been beaten and even tortured, some have lost all their possessions. Your brothers and sisters in our Shantung Conference and other parts of "occupied China" are showing themselves to be worthy to "follow in their train." The least that we Christians in America can do is to provide the funds needed by those faithful representatives of ours--and yours.

LETTERS FROM MANY OF YOU have come to cheer us. Better still, we have seen a large number of those who will receive this letter. We look forward to many more letters, visits and your financial co-operation before our return to China. We pray daily that conditions may soon change for the better and make possible the return of all missionaries to their fields of service.

Ever cordially yours,

PERRY O. HANSON.

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