

review or lecture from visiting speaker, At present we are having at this last hour a study of the Lytton Report—the secretaries by turn reviewing a chapter at a time then going into full discussion. This has proved very illuminating and exceedingly stimulating to mental processes. The pamphlet is sold in Chinese in our book-stores for ten cents and is well printed. Then after a simple meal together back to work. Much good cheer is generated at these happy Chinese meals and we all work much better because of the study and fine fellowship unhurried. Often I take an extra half hour in English with some of our secretaries who have taken English in school and love to practice it.

Donald Fay has sponsored a fine thing this year in the Association Home Club, which is a gathering of our Directors, Secretaries and wives at a monthly meeting in the Association for social intercourse, refreshments, and lectures on home topics of real value and interest. Occasionally both Home Club and Secretaries Study groups meet in our home, where Blanche and Brockman assist splendidly in musical entertainment.

Now we are all set for the Spring Flower Fair of 40 days. This is an ancient institution going here in Chengtu when Christ walked in Palestine just over the mountains from us here. Great crowds go out of the city to this fine old temple every day to see the fine display of flowers and make small purchases. The Association has a rest room there and supplies tea free to the visitors, members and friends. This year again we have joined with the Szechuan Christian Council and rented temple space and for the six weeks we will put on Christian lectures, and Health and Science lectures, and give out much literature as well as a week's free vaccination to children. Dr. Crawford and Mr. F. Dickinson will assist with these lectures by using lantern and slides in our temple lecture hall specially prepared for daylight lantern lectures.

We must say again how delighted our Board of Directors is at the continued contribution of the United Church of Canada of the services of a foreign secretary even in these difficult times of financial stress. Personally I feel the responsibility of attempting to represent adequately you good friends at home who have entrusted me with this your commission, and to ask your prayers that we may be able to measure up to our great opportunities in this land of promise. Yes, I mean it, because "the prospects are as bright as the promises of God".

In closing you may be interested to know some of the books I have been reading during the past year—a lesson inculcated by our great Secretary, Dr. J.R. Mott.—'The Story of San Michelle'—Munthe, 'The Master of Man'—Hall Caine, 'Body, Mind and Spirit'—Worcester and McComb, 'A Journey through China'—Toynbee, 'Varieties of Religious Experience'—James, 'Tobit Transplanted'—Benson, 'Business Adrift'—Donham, 'The Jade of Destiny'—Farnoll, 'The Problem of Evil and Human Destiny'—Zimmerman, 'Christ of the Mount'—Jones, 'Red Bread'—Hindus, 'Life's Great Adventure—Prayer'—Cleaver, 'Jesus Christ and His Revelation'—Vacher Burch, 'Living Issues in China'—Hodgkin, 'Men and Machines'—Stuart Chase, 'Jesus and Gospel of Love'—Raven, 'Preface to Faith in a New Age'—Jones, 'Gods of Wealth and War'—Stewart, 'Truth and Tradition in Chinese Buddhism'—Reichelt, 'Symposium of Chinese Culture'—Sophiee Zen, 'A Child of the Revolution'