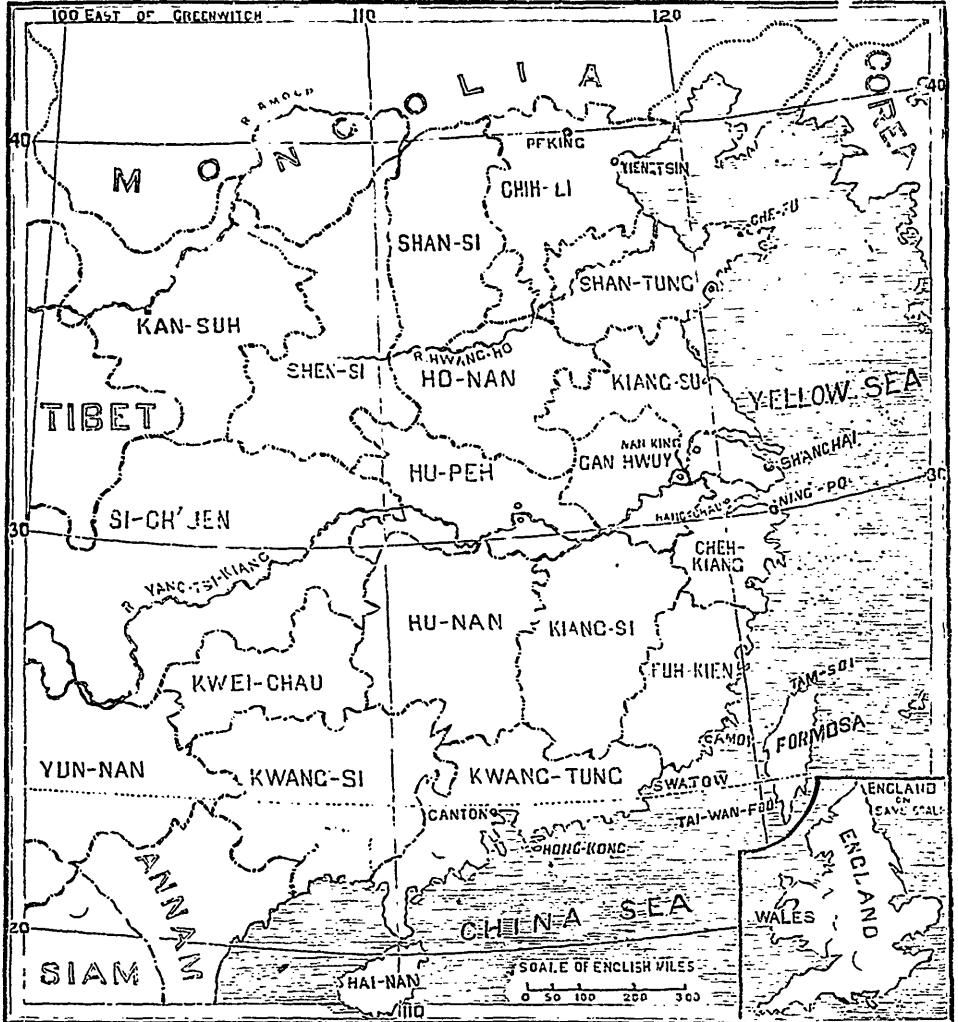


**OUR HONAN MISSION.**

Honan is one of the eighteen provinces of China. The name "Honan" means "South of the River," i.e., the Huang Ho, or Yellow River, so named from the quantity of mud which is carried down from the mountains in the far interior. The first map shows its position in the Empire, towards the centre. The second shows the small section of

Each prefecture again is divided into counties. The capital city of a county is called a Hsien city. Where these two words, Fu and Hsien, are found in connection with the name of a city they are not part of the name, but merely tell its rank or grade.

Honan is about 350 miles long and the same in width. (See England on the same scale at the lower right corner of the first map.) Most of it is level as a prairie,



Map of China.

it which lies north of the Yellow River, where our mission is established.

Each Province is divided into prefectures. Of these Honan has ten, three of them north of the river. The capital of a prefecture is called a Fu city. Thus, Chang te Fu means that Chang te is the capital city of the prefecture in which it is situated.

with a range of mountains to the North and West.

There are no forests, for the country is all carefully cultivated, but every village has its trees. Looking across the level plain, a large number of villages may be in sight, but all that is seen in the distance is the grove, and the numerous villages give