

story up to the present day. Is it any wonder that the Chinese feel proud of their great nation, which has endured so long, while all other nations founded as early as theirs have fallen into ruin? Chinese history is not only very long, but it is very interesting as well.

Many of the early emperors were virtuous, and lived for the welfare of their people. Fu Hsi taught the people to rear domestic animals, to fish with nets, to play music, and to write in a rude sort of way. Shen Nung, the second emperor, taught them how to farm and to use herbs as medicine. One of the very earliest empresses, nearly 2,700 years B.C., taught the Chinese women to rear silk worms and weave silk; so we see how very long ago it is since this beautiful stuff was first made.

It is said that over 4,000 years ago there was a great flood in China, and one of the emperors labored for nine years to subdue the waters by draining them away in canals. So eager and earnest was he, that, for the whole nine years, while he was engaged in this work, he did not even take time to enter the door of his own home. Some hundreds of years later, a great drought visited China, which, it is said, lasted for seven years. In order to save his perishing people, the emperor T'ang prepared to offer himself as a sacrifice to heaven for the sake of his subjects who had sinned; but the "Ruler of Heaven" was so pleased with this devotion on the part of the emperor, that he sent plenty of rain upon the thirsty land.

But, though many of the early Chinese emperors were very good and virtuous, there were many others who were not good at all, but as bad and cruel as men could be.

One of these wicked emperors, was Chou Hsin. He was so bad, that a great rebellion was made against him, and, though he gathered an army of 700,000 soldiers, he was completely beaten and his throne was taken from him.

It will be interesting for the young people who are studying about our mission in Honan, to know that the province of Honan is probably the most interesting historically of all the provinces of China.

For hundreds of years the capital of China was here. The capital of Fu Hsi, the first

emperor, was in this province. The great battle in which Chou Hsin, with his 700,000 troops, was defeated, took place on a spot between two of our mission stations, Wei Hwei Fu and Hwai Ch'ing Fu, and not many miles from either of them.

The present writer has found some coins in this province which were made away back over 3,000 years ago, and have been preserved up to the present day.

Just four miles from Wei Hwei Fu, there is a tomb which marks the spot where Pi Kan was buried over 1,000 years before Christ. Pi Kan was a patriotic minister of state, who was put to death by one of the tyrant emperors of China.

Yes, the missionaries in Honan are working in a very interesting part of the world, and they hope and pray that here in this wonderful old land, our Lord Jesus Christ may soon be crowned "King of kings, and Lord of lords"; for we have the promise, "Unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

Wei Hwei Fu, Honan, China

From Pit to Palace

By Esther Miller

"Behold, this dreamer cometh!" The ten sons of Jacob, watching their flocks on the level plains of Dothan, looked up and saw their brother approaching. Jealousy and hatred, long smouldering in their hearts, suddenly burst forth. "Come, let us slay him, and cast him into some pit!" was the exclamation that sprang to their lips.

And so the innocent lad was flung into an old well, and taken out again only to be sold to a caravan of merchants traveling to a foreign land.

To the human eye Joseph's case seemed hopeless. He was taken to Egypt, and sold to an officer of the king's guard as a slave. But he had within him the elements of success, faith in God and cheerful devotion to duty. He was bound to rise; and soon, from the position of an ordinary slave, he was promoted to be master of the household.

But the way of duty is not always one of worldly prosperity. Because Joseph trod the path of integrity and scorned evil, he