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Dear Friends;—

CHOLERA PLAGUE! CIVIL WAR!! COMMUNIST SCOURGE!!!

One followed the other in West China from early summer to the end of the year and the uncertainty still continues. Add to this the resultant problems of the Jap-China "Undeclared War", world depression creating low rates in silver, and high rates in gold exchange to cripple our harassed merchant's here, then marvel and thank God with us that the Chengtu Young Men's Christian Association was permitted to carry on all through, and then by extending the annual membership and Finance Campaign a month into the new year realized 900 members and \$3500 in cash. We balanced the budget of \$12,500 from local sources, and even liquidated loans on building extension for shops and dormitory by notes receivable and long overdue, but which we confidently expect to realize upon as business improves after this disastrous and futile civil war among the selfish and ambitious war-lords.

Such results were not accomplished without real heart searching, willing sacrifice and loyal cooperation of our twelve Christian directors and ten Christian secretaries, most ably led by our indefatigable new Chinese General Secretary, Donald Fay. It was a joy and an inspiration to watch Donald in action and to cooperate with him. He carried the full confidence of the secretaries and volunteer workers through a trying campaign, and made new friends for the Association on every hand by his unbeatable optimism and wise plans effectively translated into action through very fine unselfish team work.

Chinese New Year came at the end of January and provided all a much needed rest. Schools were closed and the usual Chinese holiday festivities made all forget their troubles. I had the good fortune to be invited by Dr. D. L. Phelps to accompany him on a fortnight's trip to the top of Mount Omei where he was going in search of data and photos for a lecture project. No second invitation was required. With two other fine colleagues, Chinese, we had a real vacation climbing the rugged steps of Mount. Omei to its golden summit 11,000 feet above sea level. We toiled upwards through clouds and three feet of snow and at the summit came out into glorious sunshine that had melted most of the snow there, on the crest. We lived two days above the clouds and were amply rewarded with thrilling views of the towering Tibetan snow-capped mountains ranging up to 25,000 feet. It was truly an unforgettable experience and we returned refreshed and reinvigorated for another turn at the wheel.

We have just prepared the annual report for our National Committee and I want to share with you some of the "high lights" of