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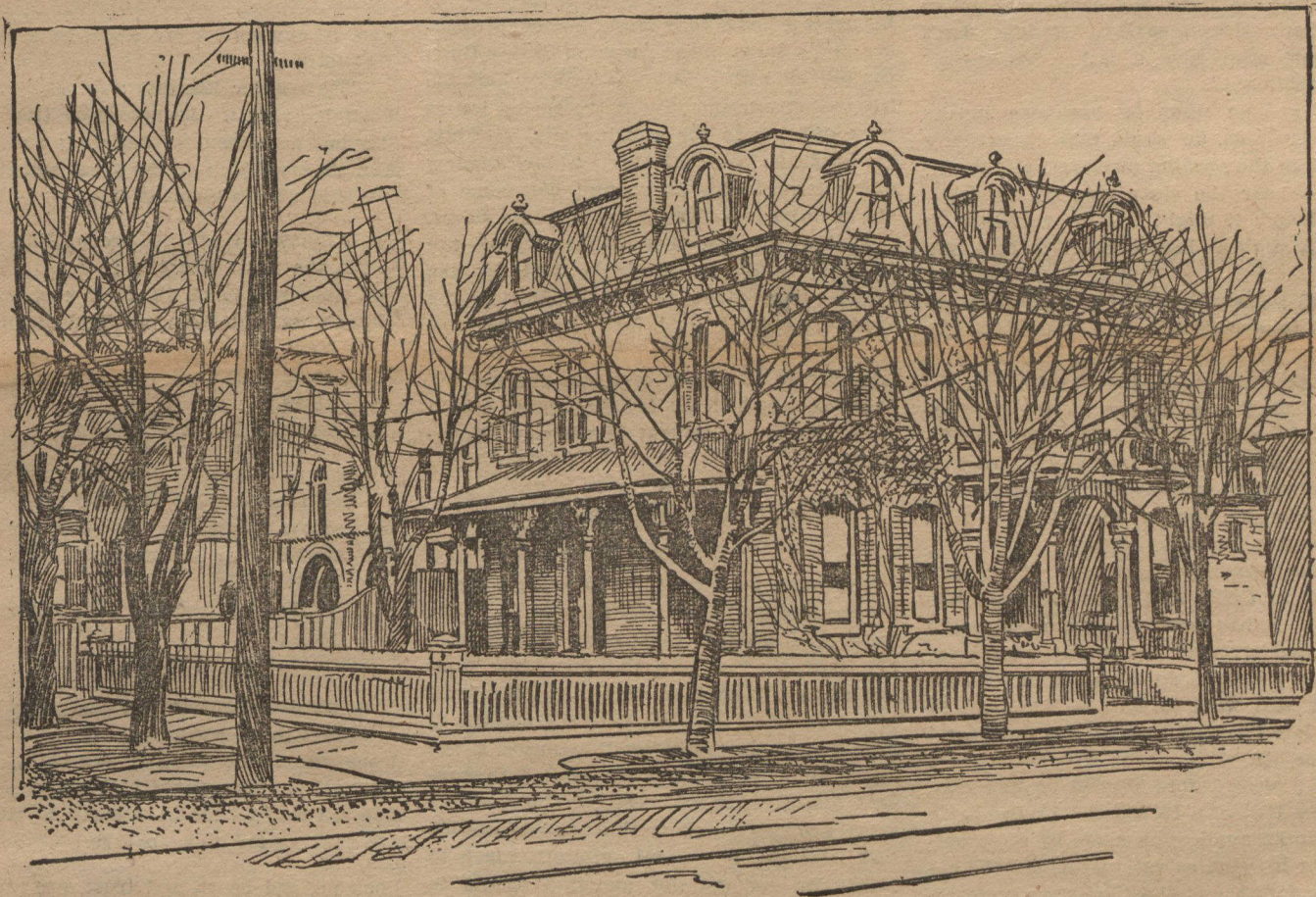
At the opening services last fall in the new China Inland Mission, Toronto, Mr. Frost gave a very interesting address, narrating how the Lord had wonderfully led them from one Home in Toronto to another in the years that had gone past, and at last to the one they now occupy. Referring to it, he said:

'For seven long years we waited upon God in our last Home, for funds to purchase it or another like it. Over and over again, as we were making our prayer before him, we asked him to lead us to the place he would have us be. We have looked at this house and that, wondering if the Lord had this or that in mind for us, and at last, after seven years, his time for answering our prayer has come; for lately

us have. Then Mr. Helmer and I came down to look it over; and as we went from room to room, we thought if the Lord had built the house for us we could not have been better suited. Almost every room in the house was what we wanted it to be; the only thing that has been necessary has been the opening of this arch here, to throw these three rooms together for our prayer-meeting services.

I will not enlarge upon the story; but it has been very beautiful the way the Lord has led us step by step. It is not often that we speak about the kindness of particular individuals, for it is not our desire to praise men; but I cannot fail to say to-night, that God led us not only to the right home, but to the right owners. The kindness that has been shown to us by the owners of this property, under the peculiar circumstances of our not being able to go into

Home. This money was afterwards applied to the purchase of the Home. Our prayers being continued another gift was sent us of some three hundred dollars, with the request that we use it in connection with the Home as we thought best; and this was used for furnishing the Home. Another gift from China was received, and with this a part of the prayer-meeting chairs were bought. A pastor in the city came in and added four dollars to this gift—the very amount we wanted at that time to make up the seating capacity of the room. Then a gift of five hundred dollars was put at our disposal for the renovations in the rear, and there followed this another gift of five hundred dollars, designated for the same renovations, together with a gift of two thousand dollars to apply to the reduction of the principal. Here we are therefore, to-night, dear friends, in this beautiful



CHINA INLAND MISSION HOME, TORONTO.

there came a letter from a distant country, and it told us that the writer of it had received a gift of money, and that he was purposing to send it to us for the purchase of a Mission Home. The gift when received amounted to a little less than five thousand dollars, and it was designated for the purpose of securing us a Home in this city. Just after I had received this communication, looking out now with a very real interest at one place and another, I passed up town one day in the cars on Church street. As I did so I turned around and saw a sign at this corner, advertising this house for sale. The moment I looked at the sign I had the feeling that this was the place God would have us buy. A little later Mrs. Frost asked me if I had noticed that this place was for sale, and she wondered if it was not the place God would have

debt, and of our not being willing even to sign a mortgage, is something we shall long remember; and their generous offer of sale, and the other generous offer of furnishings in the house which succeeded that first offer, are things which we shall not forget, and which we speak of for the praise of our covenant-keeping God. Thus step by step the Lord has led us on. Under the guiding hand of dear Mr. Sampson here the trust deed was finally drawn up, and the property was secured. Then the back premises had to be altered for offices, and thus we had to wait upon God for the funds needed for this. Before ever the plans were fully drawn for the alterations of the back premises, however, a dear friend came in and laid in our hands a cheque for two hundred and fifty dollars, asking us to use it for any purpose in connection with this

Home, which has been given in this way.

We must close this story here. One could speak of other things; but this only will I add. We beseech of you, to pray that this may be a hallowed Home, and that it may be separated unto God by his Spirit for blessing to this city, this continent, and to the regions beyond.

A Triumphant Life.

(The Rev. William M. Ucraft, Yachau, China.)

'Teacher, teacher, Yang kway woo has passed over,' the boy shouted, bursting into my room.

'What? Who?'

'Yang kway woo passed over at daylight on New Year's morning.'

As the full import of the hasty message