

### TELLS HOW DONATIONS AID MISSION PROJECTS

#### White Christmas Contributions By Congregational Church School Help Splendid Work

The children of the Winnetka Congregational Church school, who last spring gave so liberally towards the White Christmas fund for the children of China and India, will be gratified to learn of the deep appreciation with which their remembrance was received, and particularly in the case of China, to know something of the great amount of real benefit derived from the money thus contributed.

In the case of the church mission in India, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Wolsted, in charge there, forwarded a list of articles most needed and the Winnetka children, following their donations, expended one-half of their white Christmas fund for such, the other half being sent in cash to Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds, for the children at the Fenchow, China Mission.

Mr. Reynolds in a recent letter to Dr. J. W. F. Davies, says:

#### Aid Three Projects

"The three projects among which we divided the money, are as follows: First, for the boys, a scholarship fund for our Boys' grammar school at Liu Lin Chen (The Willow Grove Market Town.) This place is out among the hills, along the Yellow river and is one of our most important centers. We have a good grammar school there and many of the boys later come on to Fenchow to enter the middle school. We are hoping, as soon as possible, to enlarge the school to junior high school standard.

"The boys who enter, are, for the most part, sturdy mountain lads who come from poor little farms where the people have barely enough to eat. Mr. Hummel, who has been engaged in education in China for many years, feels these hardy mountain lads are the real hope of China. Their scale of living is so low that the few dollars needed to help them go to school are simply out of the question. Thus these gifts will actually enable about twenty boys to go to school for the year.

"The second project, for the girls, has a little more color in it even than the first one. The Chinese have an art of their own, and are great lovers of the beautiful. I think I saw a Chinese proverb on your church bulletin once, which said, 'If you have a loaf, sell half and buy a lily.' I have heard it said by students of Chinese life, that there are no people anywhere who preserve their humor, their self-respect and their love of the beautiful when ground so hard on the wheel of dire necessity, as the Chinese. They

actually, many times sacrifice half of the last loaf in order to enjoy a lily. You can imagine, therefore, what joy it brings, that the white Christmas present from the girls of Winnetka means that there can be a really good art teacher for the girls' school this year, and that she can have the materials needed for hand work of all kinds. The beginning of this little department has already been bearing fruit the past two or three years.

#### Help Fenchow Hospital

"The third project, and one which can belong to boys and girls and adults alike, belongs to the Fenchow hospital. Many youngsters come into the children's ward. Some of them can be cured within a few days and sent home. Others need longer treatment. Many times their families are so poor that they are utterly unable to pay the hospital bills. You can imagine how it breaks Miss Kellogg's heart when there is no hospital money to

help them stay on. Thus the money from this third group will give Miss Kellogg a fund which will enable a number of little children to have healing from their pain.

"May I add, that we have found the white Christmas this year, in many ways much more satisfactory than the gifts sent in other years. For one thing, we are reaching a much larger number. For second thing, although the use may be termed utilitarian, yet in the very nature of it, is bringing the finest kind of Christmas joy and cheer. I hope all of you will be pleased with the use we have made of the money."

Mr. Reynolds also enclosed a letter from Miss Gertrude Kellogg, nurse at the Fenchow hospital, to the Winnetka friends, relating in detail some of the splendid work they are doing and which was made possible by the white Christmas donations. He also sent many interesting pictures of the school and groups of children.

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