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## Active Work In Chinese Mission

Former Stouffville Pastor Gives Our Readers A "Close Up" View Of His Life In China

Dear Friends:  
Wish you could see me just now! In a little out-of-the-way place way up in the hills and sitting at the square table used for meals surrounded by Chinese, old and young, wondering what this is all about. It is a little hard to keep in mind that they cannot read nor understand this.

It isn't quite time for my monthly report, but it will be soon and so while I am in the thick of it like this, I thought I would begin. Another cause of the curiosity of the crowd is the fact that it is evening and the Optimus kerosene pressure-lamp is on and they have never seen anything so strange before.

And as a matter of fact they have never seen anything so strange as a foreigner before. It is quite strange to think that Mr. Rowe and I are the first foreigners ever to come here. But there are some Christians here too, which is the great thing.

If you could have seen us this afternoon! The school kids, just mobbed us and so we began singing a chorus which they were anxious to learn. They took us off to the school next door and there gathered about 60 odd children and women and we sang, teaching them the chorus and singing the hymn.

We are a great trio! Mr. Rowe, the Evangelist Mr. Chen, and myself. None of us can sing and we haven't anything in the line of a musical instrument! Perhaps the Evangelist is the worst—he can't even keep a tune! I usually have to start and lead the singing and you know how I sing!

This is the 25th. now—and what a grand meeting we had last night! There must have been over 200 gathered. Mr. Rowe spoke first then I followed and then the Evangelist spoke for about an hour or so. Anyway we were not through until 11.30 then to bed. And what was bed? Well they put two benches and two boards or doors on top and we spread out our blankets. One blanket below and one above with sheets and your mosquito net hung from anything convenient. Hard? Yes, but we prefer that to some of their beds, as there is less company! Sometimes one is able to get some fresh straw, and then it is quite soft.

You just have to be hardened to the starting at you getting to bed and getting up. Up by 6.00 and then tea and dainty cakes etc. Shaving was something very strange to them and there must have been about 15 or more onlookers.

Well I don't want to shock you too much with the description of everything but my it is wonderful and I wouldn't be anywhere else for anything—I mean anywhere in China! Because I know this is His Will for me just now.

Christians here believe and that is about all—Mr. Rowe is now explaining something of the Gospel truths to some women, the men are out in the fields working.

We are just on the run on this trip to a different place each night. We left on Friday at noon and had a 40 li (13 miles) walk and landed in time for supper. There are a number of good Christians there and my how they were glad to see us—they just couldn't do enough and we all spoke; or rather I spoke next morning with Mr. Chen just to the Christians.

Some at home wonder how we start in speaking to people who know nothing of the gospel at all. Well I am just learning myself and it is great to hear one of the Chinese speak to them because they know their sayings etc. Everybody believes in a "Tien-lao-in", who is sort of "The Heavenly Magistrate" whom they believe controls rain and sun etc. But they don't know how to worship Him. They only know to curse and beseech Him if there is no rain or if there is too much. They also fear a "place of suffering" and so you can speak to them of the only way to escape the latter and obtain "Fuh" or happiness (for which they are all seeking), the way being

"The way of the Cross and belief in Jesus Christ who died for them". The above was written while out, and more too, but I see the paper is being filled too rapidly and I can't possibly cover the trip so will just touch on one or more points of interest. One day it came on a torrent of rain and we had 35 li (3 li to 1 mile) to go to the next place and we were a sight! Someone at T.B.C. saw a picture of Dad in China's Millions with what looked like a tremendous umbrella and remarked on its size. Well believe me it is such circumstances as the above that you are glad of one like that, as it is so hot to carry an oil-coat. What was the reward? A very hearty welcome by the keen Christians in the place and a good chance and then a good meeting—what better?

No it is not all smooth going—it would be unfair to leave only that picture with you. We came to the village where the Preaching Band are now at work, and found things very strained indeed. They had been there two weeks but were unable to hold any public meetings in the evenings because of the threats of some of the leaders of the school. We had seen and obtained permission from the head of the village to carry on and so we had a meeting that night, and I can tell you it was a strange experience.

Near the end of a group of ruffians came stalking in, and we prayed hard while the evangelist just went on speaking. They meant mischief you could see—but God heard and they went out in about five minutes without doing a thing. And in that place, in spite of the opposition, there are people accepting Christ as Saviour every day as the Preaching Band go from door to door. Thirty or more have believed in the last month or so.

That night I read Ps. 138; and although we did not sleep until after 3.00 a.m. wondering what all the coming and going and shouting etc. outside might mean, yet the Lord gave His own peace and, on leaving at 6.00 next morning, one realized the truth of the words of verse 7.

How much more one could tell, for it was quite a new experience but time and space will not allow, and so I must stop. Do please pray for these outstations.

Your with prayer,  
William W. Tyler

**Stouffville Lady New Vice-President**

The rapid and convenient means of travel by automobile of the present day makes reunions of friends and relatives a matter of almost daily occurrence.

One of these happy events took place on Saturday, July 3rd, 1937, at Uxbridge park with nearly 60 descendants of the Dalton-Robson families. The afternoon consisted of a series of sports and contests for both old and young of which each winner received a prize. The spacious grounds afforded a splendid playground for the children and each enjoyed themselves to the full.

Mr. George Tran was the oldest member present and Victor Banks, the little grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Dalton was the youngest member present.

A delicious supper was served at which every member did justice. This was followed by the annual meeting and the election of officers.

It was decided to hold the next reunion on the same day at the same place as this year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:  
President—G. H. Dalton, Uxbridge  
Vice-President—Mrs. William Rennie, Stouffville.  
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After supper a very pleasing event took place in the presentation of a gift to five couples who were married since the last reunion; also a few speeches given, especially one from Mr. Frank Robson, of Detroit, also singing led by Mrs. Matthew Hiseock of Peterboro with guitar accompaniment was greatly enjoyed.

Friends were present from: Detroit, Peterborough, Toronto, Oshawa, Markham, Stouffville, Goodwood, Pefferlaw, Claremont and in and around Uxbridge.

Guests of honor were there in the persons of Miss Margaret Neal of Stouffville also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robson, Detroit, Mich.

Because snails have become so troublesome in the gardens of Canberra, Australia, the Government's health officials have imported English thrushes to war on the pest. The birds were obtained in New Zealand, and their presence has resulted in a second war. Those who oppose the plan declare that the thrushes are apt to become a greater pest than the snails. Natural history societies have taken up arms against the invaders. Basset Hull, secretary of the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales, who is leading the attack, believes that the birds, after eradicating the snails, will create havoc in orchards and hasten the extermination of native birds.

Special Plate

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON III  
GOD ENCOURAGES A LEADER  
Exodus 3: 13-6: 1.  
Printed Text — Exodus 3: 13-16; 4: 10-16; 5: 1.  
GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord will give strength unto his people.—Psalm 29 11.

**THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING.**  
Place.—The call to Moses occurred near Mount Sinai (or Mount Horeb) on the peninsula of Sinai; when Moses went back to Egypt, he went back to the court which he had fled from forty years before, which was probably at the city of Tanis.

Time.—B.C. 1459.  
"And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, what is his name? what shall I say unto them?" The names of God express God's character, God's purposes; to know the full meaning of the names of God is to know the character of God. What Moses now wanted most of all was such a revelation of God, vouchsafed to him in one of God's great names, that the Hebrew people would know for certainty that Moses was God's true messenger in this momentous crisis.

"And God said unto Moses, I am that I am; and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I am hath sent me unto you." This name, of course, reveals God as an individual, a person; his person is self-existent, i.e., has life, his life does not depend upon someone else; he is independent of all external forces and of all other beings in the world.

"And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Jehovah." The name Jehovah means the self-existent one, literally, "he that is who he is," and thus we have in this name the full revelation of what God had just told Moses, that he was the I am. The word "Jehovah" occurs hundreds of times in the Old Testament and is not found here for the first time. The first reference is in Gen. 2: 4. "The God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you." Here the God whom the Israelites are to trust, is not some new deity like one of the many gods of pagan Egypt, but the eternal God of their fathers, who truly led them in ages gone by, who revealed his power, his wisdom, and his love to

them, who had made promises to them which were now to be fulfilled.

"This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations." "This statement contains a very important truth, a truth which many professing Christians seem to forget, namely, that God's relationship with Israel is an eternal one. He is just as much Israel's God now as when he visited them in the land of Egypt. Moreover, he is just as positively dealing with them now as then, only in a different way."

"Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt." The elders of Israel were the older and leading men of the different families among the Hebrew people. We should notice throughout this declaration by God of his purpose for Israel that everything is to be done logically and in order.

"Moses is not to appeal to the mob, nor yet to confront Pharaoh without authority to speak for them, nor is he to make the great demand for emancipation abruptly and at once. The mistake of forty years ago must not be repeated now."

4:10. And Moses said unto Jehovah, Oh, Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. It may be that Moses had a natural hesitancy of speech; it may be that he had lost a fluency of speech which once he had, by long years of semi-solitude tending sheep in Midian; it may also be that Moses was exaggerating his own short-comings—that he thought an eloquence was needed for the task greater than the task really called for. "Without God, no amount of human eloquence would have availed; with God, the merest stammerer would have proved an efficient minister."

11. And Jehovah said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh a man dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? is it not I, Jehovah? 12. Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak. God never sends any servant of his on any errand unless, at the same time, he fully equips him for the accomplishment of the task which he has given into his hands for doing. If it were words that Moses needed, when the hour came for him to stand before Pharaoh, those words God would certainly give him. What a wonder-

ful comfort to Sunday-school teachers, leaders of missions, workers in the hospital, all who feel that God has placed a certain task upon their hearts, to know that the God who sends is also the God who will adequately and assuredly equip!

13. And he said, Oh, Lord, send I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. "Moses assents, but unwillingly and ambiguously."

14. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Moses. Only once again in the long life of Moses do we have recorded the fact that God was angry with his prophet, at the waters of Meribah, when Moses arrogantly manifested an undue assumption of power (Num. 20: 19-13; Deut. 1: 37). And he said, Is there not Aaron thy brother the Levite? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. "As Moses, equally with

Aaron, belonged to the tribe of Levi (Ex. 2:1), the term, as applied to Aaron, must denote not ancestry, but profession. It was the official title of one who had received the training of a priest, whose duty it was to give oral direction to the people; hence some power of language might be presupposed in him."

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