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### Missionary Conference Services

Difficulties in the Way and Progress Being Made in China—Strong Premillennial Sermon—Special Service for Children.  
Interesting services were held at the Gospel Tabernacle last week during the missionary convention of the Christian Missionary Alliance. As has been stated in The Robesonian, services were conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Van Dyke, who are on a furlough from China, where they have spent 16 years in missionary work. Rev. E. C. Steinhoff, assistant district superintendent of the Alliance work, and Rev. G. R. Mines, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle.

At the service Friday evening Mrs. Van Dyke told of the difficulties encountered in doing missionary work in China and of how those difficulties are surmounted.  
Difficulties in the Way. Pride, ignorance, poverty, and the fact that embracing the Christian religion means often facing starvation were among the difficulties mentioned by Mrs. Van Dyke. The people resent the invasion of business men who exploit the country. They have a colossal pride in their history, and that is a wall it is hard to scale. The barrier of ignorance is one of the worst. Very few of the men can

read, and fewer of the women. They are utterly ignorant of what is going on outside their own town. Many of them earn their living by making things used in idol worship, and embracing Christianity means taking away from them the means of making a living; but many of them become Christians in spite of the fact that it means facing starvation. The pityance many of them earn is barely sufficient to support them by working seven days a week, and observing the Christian Sunday means fasting one day; but many of them bravely make that sacrifice. But in spite of the difficulties, seemingly in many instances insurmountable, great progress is being made and wonderful transformations in the lives of the people are seen.

Premillennial Period.  
Following Mrs. Van Dyke's instructive talk, Mr. Van Dyke preached a forceful sermon in which he set up by means of Scripture references and history a strong argument to the effect that this is the premillennial period and that the church can hasten or retard the dawn. From words of Jesus in various passages the preacher pointed out that the world is now in the darkness of night. During the time when Jesus was on earth the world was in the light of God's Son. Following the crucifixion the night set in, but for 3 centuries there was the twilight glow of zeal and persecution and hope. When Constantine became a Christian and Christianity became popular, there followed the darkness of the Dark Ages, comparable to the second of the four watches of the night to which Jesus referred in one place, as the first twilight corresponded to the first watch. Then there was the third, or cock-crowing watch, when Luther and Wycliff and Knox sounded alarms that waked the world. Now, said the preacher, is the period between the third and fourth watches. The recent world war—worst of all wars—the recent appalling disaster in Japan, the political and social unrest apparent everywhere, he said, point to the day when Christ shall come again. Looking forward to a golden age is one of the differences between Christian peoples and heathen, who look backward to a golden age in the past. By increased efforts the church can hasten the coming day, he said.

Service for Children.  
The special services held at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. and Mrs. Van Dyke proved most interesting to the older people as well as to the children, for whom the service was especially held.  
The Tiger, Dragons, Heathen Gods.  
Mrs. Van Dyke took up a short time at the beginning of the service telling of the tiger, king of beasts, the Chinese bound feet, the manner in which Chinese eat and the idols which are worshipped by the Chinese. She told very interestingly of the old flag of the dragon which was used as a national flag before the country was made a republic. The people at that time believed that there was a fearful dragon in the earth and one in the air. They were afraid to dig into the ground for fear of striking the dragon and afraid to erect telegraph or telephone poles in the air for the same reason. She displayed an article resembling the tiger, which she explained was used for the children's pillow, the parents using this so that the children would get the tiger spirit of being unconquerable. Tiny shoes worn by the women of China were also shown. Where faith in God has been instilled there is no more cramping and binding of feet. The door gods and banners used to ward off sickness and ill fortune were also shown.

One of the features of the service was the singing of "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know", in Chinese by Rev. and Mrs. Van Dyke. Then they sang a song composed by converted Chinese.  
A Contradictory Country.  
In beginning his talk, Dr. Van Dyke said, "China is the most contradictory country in the world", and explained by saying that Shanghai was a real city, very much resembling American

Rev. John A. Ravan



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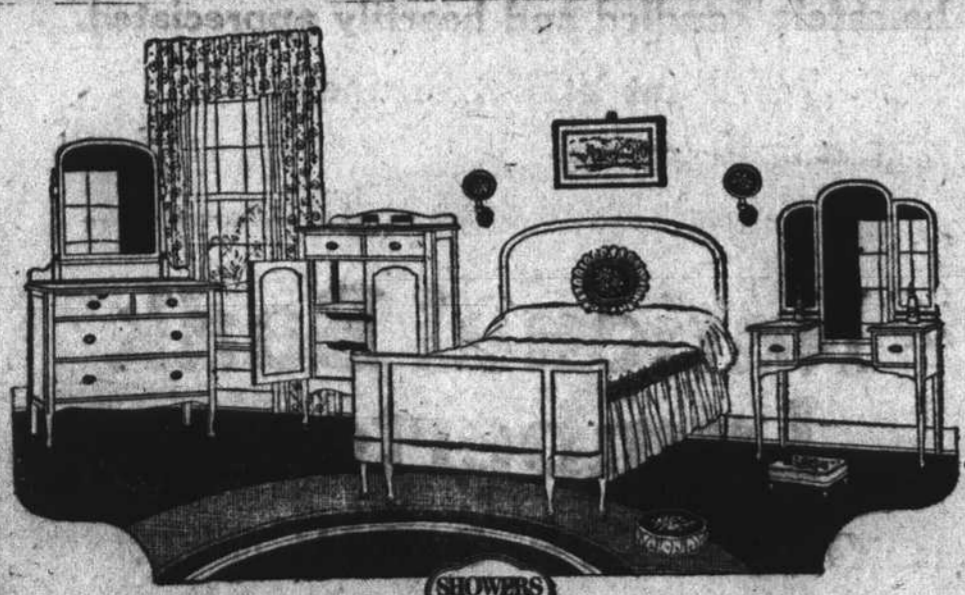


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