

CHINA IS CLOSE TO THIS NATION

Dr. Wen Declares That They Must Be Looked to for Leadership in Future.

An audience that far exceeded the capacity of the assembly hall in the Y. M. C. A. and had to move across the street to Trinity Methodist church, gathered for half an hour Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to hear Shi-Tsin Wen, Chinese delegate to the Arms Conference at Washington, commissioner of customs in Chekiang province of China and superintendent of customs in an important region of China.

After the doors of Trinity church and windows were thrown open, the church was very near not holding the crowds that wanted to hear the distinguished Chinese. It became necessary to have chairs into the aisles in order to accommodate the crowds.

Shi-Tsin Wen, who presided at the

meeting, introduced Mr. Wen not as the representative of the Chinese republic at the Arms conference, but as the associate secretary of the Hangchow Y. M. C. A., which is maintained by the Charlotte association and of which Eugene Barnett is secretary. The audience, therefore, felt a singular nearness to the speaker of Sunday afternoon.

Prior to the address of Mr. Wen an invocation was made by Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, pastor of East Avenue Tabernacle, a musical program, aided by an orchestra, was rendered with congregational singing, followed by a solo by Mrs. J. N. Sloan.

PEOPLE NOT DIVIDED

In his address, Mr. Wen emphasized that the prevalent belief in this country that China is widely ravaged by civil war and that the people of the North are arrayed against the people of the South in irreconcilable conflict is erroneous. The people of China are one and their present intersectional disunion is a conflict of two schools of thought rather than civil.

He predicted that the world in years to come would be more largely influenced by the two great republics, the

United States and China, than by all other nations combined. He dwelt at length about the great progress China has made toward modern civilization in the past few years and says it is only the beginning.

Mr. Wen followed his manuscript entirely in his main address, but laid it aside to answer a number of questions afterward, having invited the audience to make any inquiries it wished. His main address follows:

"I come before you today with a profound feeling of appreciation of your courtesy in extending to me an invitation to address you on a subject which is occupying the minds of the foremost statesmen of the world. Although a stranger in your land, yet in my heart as a citizen of a sister republic and a secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in which you are so keenly interested, I feel I am speaking to my brothers and sisters in our own family which has a common creed and the same ideal of achievement. I know I voice the sentiments of the 400,000,000 of my countrymen, when I say that the two great republics, one on the east and the other on the west of the Pacific ocean, are destined to play the most important role in the affairs of the world and will always be united in a common determination for the maintenance of peace on the earth and good-will towards mankind.

"On this occasion, you will allow me to turn my thoughts from world complications to the inner world of China with the hope that you may secure some palpable facts about the nation, about which you have heard so much from press and the tourists. China is changing. The old China is the China of yesterday. The new and progressive China is the China of tomorrow. Through our contact with western institutions, so admirably represented by such institutions of high ideals. High ideals, new ideas, new forces and new influences have been brought in for the regeneration of our national life. With your indulgence, I shall attempt to deal with three phases of her national life in a brief way. They are her political progress, educational developments and economic improvement.

POLITICAL PROGRESS.

"Bitter political experiences brought the country to the realization that a great change is essential to China if a fatal disaster was to be averted. So in 1911, a revolution was started and the political machinery underwent a transformation. Without extensive bloodshed a Democratic form of government was set up. It is a great turning point in the history of the nation. By heroic sacrifice, China was reborn and began a new life.

"When we speak of the republic of China, few ever realize that we are speaking of a nation 30 times larger than Japan and with a territory equal to that of the United States. Although its people is homogeneous in customs and traditions, the mighty power of western civilization, which has ancient institutions naturally causes radical innovations and sometimes apparent conflict. Such an apparent conflict is the dispute now carried on between certain political classes, which brand themselves, for want of a better designation, the north and the south. Some western friends today picture our country as two halves, each struggling for supremacy against the other. This is a wrong conception. China as a nation is not divided in the same sense as other political states are divided. Her people is one and the same. There is not the slightest feeling of antagonism between

the people of south and that of the north.

"The internal dissension is caused by a conflict of two schools of thought whose object for a democratic country is identical, but whose methods of acquiring their object vary. The more respecting public opinion aims at a strong central government while the south, a strong state government. This is a stage which a nation in its period of transformation should pass. May I refer you to your own history? Conditions in China today are not dissimilar to those of your early days.

"China as a republic has had but 10 years during the period of transformation and growth, we need sympathetic support of all nations and I am sure the nations will be helping themselves by helping China because we are certain that only a strong China can save the world from the catastrophe of another war. So long as China remains weak, through foreign intrigues and foreign aggressions, there cannot be permanent peace on the Pacific and hence the world.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

"The introduction of the educational system of the west is rapidly diffusing the scientific method of learning among the students. The old style literary examinations have been abandoned and schools are springing up like mushrooms about two score of high educational institutions are preparing students for European and American universities. Government as well as private and religious schools are caring for the educational needs of the great populace. One of the most remarkable movements of recent years is the great stress placed on education. Everywhere and in religious schools among the educational activities of the country.

ECONOMICAL IMPROVEMENT.

"China is making rapid strides economically. The same phenomenon of change that exists in the political and educational fields is observed. She is abandoning her old method of production and distribution for fear that international competition will eliminate her as a world power in the realm of commerce. Steam engines and electric power have been introduced and widely used. Cotton and flour mills, silk filatures, sugar refining factories, iron factories and other industrial plants have been erected. Extensive plans are being made for the development of mining, agricultural, forestry and reclamation enterprises. Labor unions are being formed for equal distribution of wealth.

"While anxious to develop her natural resources herself, China is quite willing that by honorable means, other nations and capitalists will join her in her undertakings. Propagandists in Washington have been picturing China as a bankrupt. China is not bankrupt. Her government lacks the confidence of the people but her people are solvent. I refer to the fact that \$50,000,000 loan to the government has been contracted from Chinese banking group in Peking. You may say the default of Chicago bank loan as an instance of China poverty. No, China doesn't want this loan which has been pledged by the new tax of wine and tobacco. It is against the wish of the people who try various possible means to embarrass the government and the bankers.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Education is increasing, wisdom, religion is promoting the joy of life. Western civilization is changing her life, its moral, educational and physical developments. In this connection I wish to thank on behalf of our people the valuable service rendered by Y. M. C. A. whose insignia of triangle symbolizes the three lines of work which China today needs and welcomes. Your association has taken the lead and shown us how the education should be diffused among the people and I am certain I am voicing the sentiments of fellow-countrymen when I say that the Y. M. C. A. has won for itself a warm place in every heart in China and the names of such prominent men of public service as Dr. Mott, Dr. Eddy and Mr. Brockman will go down in Chinese history as among the foremost who have served China and the Chinese people with sincerity and love. They have inspired us. They have shown us the spirit of sacrifice which only men of their calibre can show us. To them we are profoundly grateful. I must not omit, of course, the important part that the Hangchow Y. M. C. A. is taking in the development of our intellectual, physical and rural life. Today we have one of the most efficient organizations of its type in the world located in Hangchow—the most picturesque city in China, under the able direction of Mr. Barnett whom some of you in the audience know. We thank God for giving us the valuable services of Barnett.

"You will be interested to know that through the entire sympathy of your government and people, justice and righteousness are expected to come in sight for the Chinese problems which our delegates have brought up for the consideration and discussion in the Pacific conference.

"In conclusion allow me to thank you for the courtesy that you have shown to me. I take it not as a personal honor, however, but I take it as an honor which you wish to do my country. If there are any questions any of you friends want to ask, I shall be glad to answer. I thank you."

DR. PEACOCK SPEAKS TO SALISBURY ELKS

Salisbury, Dec. 5.—The memorial address at the lodge of sorrow of Salisbury Elks was delivered by Dred Peacock, of High Point, who spoke on the principles of the order. The exercises were held in a local theater and were attended by a large audience. The local lodge has lost 22 members by death since its organization. Only one, J. Wright Davis, died during the past year and his eulogy was spoken by J. Giles Hudson. Several splendid musical numbers by local chorus and soloists added to the program.

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CHURCHES HERE ATTAIN QUOTA

Episcopalians' Nation-wide Every-Member Campaign is Conducted.

The annual nation-wide canvass in the every-member canvass of the three larger Episcopal churches in Charlotte, reported a subscription of around \$50,000 Sunday afternoon.

Taken as a whole the quotas of the various churches were reached. St. Peter's church raised \$28,000, which was several hundred dollars over its quota. St. Martin's church raised \$11,000, which was not quite up to the quota. The canvass in the Church of the Holy Comforter was not completed Monday on account of the absence of 80 many members, who are out of town.

Several hundred dollars are expected to be added to the funds already raised, which includes the annual budget of church expenses and the annual contributions to missionary work of various kinds. The canvass at the St. Andrews chapel in Seversville will be conducted next Sunday and at the Chapel of Hope, in North Charlotte.

The work in the North Carolina diocese is in charge of Rev. E. A. Penick, Jr., rector of St. Peter's church. There are about 100 churches in the diocese.

Ralph Van Landingham directed the work of the canvass at St. Peter's church. He reported Sunday night that the subscriptions of that church amounted to \$26,249.80, or more than \$300 over the budget of \$25,974, of which \$12,078.94 was for the current expenses of the church and \$13,895.66 for missionary purposes.

Canvassers of St. Martin's church, under the leadership of Tom P. Banks, with Edward Fox in charge of the Sunday school fund, reported a total of \$10,513.88. Subscriptions of \$6,620.86 were made by 70 members, the current expense fund, which included \$1,000 for building and loan funds for the rectory, and \$3,641.02 for missionary work, subscribed by 163 members.

Sunday school committees secured subscriptions amounting to \$294 for current expenses, subscribed by 104 people, and \$258 for the missionary fund, both having been larger than the quota. The total quota of the church is about \$300 short, but this is expected to be later made up from subscriptions of people not seen Sunday.

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