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"In due season we shall reap
 if we faint not."

Dear Friends,

Without doubt you have read things that are rather disturbing concerning China as a whole and this section in particular; possibly you have misgivings regarding that part of the building of God's Kingdom in China which is particularly yours. Reports may be exaggerated but there is too much truth to consider it all a joke. Yes, things are much disturbed. We have often felt like refuting the mail for it has seemed as though each mail brought news of further disturbances, hardships and losses endured by our Chinese friends. Uncertainty has been the characteristic atmosphere for so long! But the beautiful thing about it is that your representatives in these places carry the Message of certainty for this day of perplexity of Light for darkness, of hope for those in despair. Pray earnestly for them!

On N.Kiangsi District where some of your interests are, things have been less interrupted than on Hwangmei District north of the Yangtze. At Shuichang there was serious trouble in February. The teacher had to leave. The evangelist thought she could perhaps stay a little longer but was finally compelled to leave also. The Government forces were lined up on one side of our school and the Communist forces on the other, the school thus being right in the line of battle. However, your workers are not idle; they asked immediately for work elsewhere and are busy at their tasks, waiting and watching eagerly for opportunity to return to Shuichang. The Communists still surround the place.

At Hukeo and Pentsch the work has been most encouraging most of the year. Pentsch has been in the midst of a bandit infested region but they have not actually taken the city as yet, so our folks have not had to flee. The school has been growing beautifully in spite of rumors and threatenings. Word came just the other day of a lovely little picnic they had on which the children all had a fine frolic. They do not know much about picnics you know; that sort of fun is still new to China in these interior places. We have just been sending out new supplies for the special work the evangelists are doing in classes for women. We had just been congratulating ourselves and thanking God for the splendid work in Hukeo that had thus far been uninterrupted when word came that Communists had swept down on the city and people had had to flee. That was just the other day. Our friends came into the office here to give us their experiences. They told of their fear and how one of them suggested that they all make their escape as best they could, while the bullets and shells from the gunboat were cutting the air (Hukeo is a Chinese Naval Base you know) and the shout of the invaders to kill and destroy was heard from all sides. The Pastor said "No" that they were asking and expecting God to care for them and they should themselves be sensible and do their best to help to that end; the best thing was to stay together. With great gratitude to God they told us that they heeded the word of the pastor and after a few hours were able to make a good escape, there having been not even so much as a knock at their door. The pastor has returned again and the others hope to be returning soon now.

The work in the two places at Chintehchen and in Jaochow has not had to stop at all tho' the folks have been living in a constantly pestiferous atmosphere. However they have carried right on and both the Evangelistic and School work have been very gratifying in Chintehchen. This is where some of the cups for the 60th Anniversary were made and where the cups for this coming Executive are now being made. Jaochow, a Chinese Home Missionary project except for the Evangelist for whom we are responsible, has a fine school and congregation. Teachers, pastor and evangelist all work together for the building of the Kingdom in a fine way. They have had to suffer some persecution from local authorities for their fidelity in teaching and preaching the Bible but they keep steadily at it and are pleading with us to send them another evangelist as there is so much to do.

A Shanghai Weekly which has come to my desk to-day has an article which I hope will appear in papers at home, "Who will Save Our People" by our own Dr. Kahn. I hope you will read it. Now is the time to stand back of these faithful folk who have the Salvation of their people and country at heart. We need a real Pentecostal church out here even as such is needed at home. Do pray for us to that end, with special prayer for these places just mentioned. And may God Himself very wonderfully bless you all in all your efforts for Him and those He loves.

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Cordially yours, Annis M. Pittman

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