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# 顧與前瞻

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一九八五年十二月初,香港冬天的早晨,人們 環穿着夏秋的單衣,走在尖沙咀熙來攘往的街道上。 文藝同工們在展開一天工作之前聚集在一起靈修, 安靜聆聽主的恩言。當天「靈修日程」的作者是位 英國人,在分享了她的信息後,提供給我們一個默 想主題:「回頭看而記住,向前看而信靠」(Look back and rememder; Look forward and trust)。我和 我在主裹勞苦的,親愛的同工們,如今正在向一九 八五年告别 而預備邁進一九八六年的晨光大道上。 回頭看見一年來神所賜予無數的恩典時,就不能不 牢牢記住;當我們向前展望未來一年,知道神交給 我們的責任和挑戰是如此重大,我們必將盡心盡意 地信靠祂。

我翻閱了一九八〇年九月第一期文藝通訊至今 的第六卷第六期。就彷彿看見了五年多以來,我們 所走過的道路是條艱辛崎嶇的路,但卻處處看見主 恩的豐富奇妙。在第一期的代發刋辭「我們的工作 與期望」首段,前任社長現任董事何世明牧師說:

「我們所以要印發這『文藝通訊』雙月刊,主要有 兩大目的:其一是以之為本社的喉舌,藉以報導本 社出版和一切活動的計劃與近況; 其二是以之為溝 通內外的橋樑,藉以反映大家對本社目前和將來所 要提供的建議與期望。」是以五年來文藝通訊的編 輯雖經歷數人,執筆爲文的同工同道無數;亦無論 其形式或內容有所變動;但其宗旨和目的仍是不變 的,過去是這樣,現在是這樣,以後也將是這樣。 也正因爲如此,無論讀者讚譽這份通訊多姿多采或

是批評它保守古老,我們都衷心感謝愛護我們的讀 者,因爲他們覺得這是一份屬於他們的通訊。

文藝出版社既上承廣學會,一九五一年在港初 創時爲輔僑出版社,及至一九六五年更名爲文藝出 版社至今,都堅守了她一貫超宗派的立場。但不同 宗派的教會都給予我們很多支持,保持了她無論在 神學思想或政治觀點上,不偏不倚的獨特作風。這 一點,大家都可以在我們的組織上和我們的的出版 方針上看得出來。參與本社工作的二十多位分屬不 同教會的同工,更見證文藝出版社過去是,現在仍 是,將來也將是一個獨立自主,以「廣傳福音,推 進學術」爲目標的基督教出版社。

在處於過渡到一九九七年當中的香港,年來雖 然出現經濟、社會上重重的困難,本社的社務不但 沒有受到重大影響,反而穩步向前,業務有所擴展。 本社位於繁盛的商業旅遊中心區,能自佔全層樓字 作爲總辦事處,這實在是上帝極大的恩賜。一九七 八年我們在荃灣與另外七間基督教出版人聯合購置 貨倉,一九八一年與循道衞理聯合教會合作在灣仔 開辦文藝書室。今年三月間,我們在沙田購置了佔 地三千平方呎的工業樓宇作爲貨倉發行部。今年七 月,我們把原來設置在油蔴地東方街的發行部遷往 沙田新址後,斥資把它裝修爲門市部,原於北京道 的門市部則遷至東方街,成爲本港最大的基督教書 室之一,爲其四周之教會、學校、社區提供更廣泛 的服務,營業比前更佳。

過去一年來,本社在原有多類主要出版項目上

繼續努力,如中文聖經註釋,每日研經叢書,基文青年叢書,普頌聖詩,學校詩歌集,課本,靈修證道,兒童書籍,教會名錄,工具書等等,都出版了新書及再版了爲數不少的東南亞神學教育叢書。更多的新書,和等待再版的好書已提到八六年出版日程上來。不但爲了如期供應讀書會會員的需要,是爲了滿足海內外教會日益增加的需求。本社出版書目繁多,工作量極大,但仍一本過去服務教會社會的精神,提供代印服務。八五年曾代印出版過「許春草傳」,崇基大學講章集,及市政局圖書館莎士比亞劇集「馴悍記」,澳洲月曆卡,書簽及書籍,南美洲詩歌和美洲羣島的聖經等。

一九八二年我們刊行了「文藝雜誌」,四年來,得到教會及社會人士多方的支持。或讚譽、或批評,這份雜誌在一定程度上達到了它最初構想的目標,作「教會與社會的橋樑」,使信徒與非信徒都可以在同一的園地中發表作品。不幸三年來,在銷售數字和經濟上出現了不是我們所能夠克服的鉅大困難。有見及此,本社執行委員會會議遂議決於一九八六年六月,文藝雜誌出版第十八期後停刊。此乃出於不得己之理由,盼望各教會同工同道,社會文學先進,諒察我們的苦衷,仍本在主內同負一軛傳揚福音的精神,繼續在各方面支持我們的文字聖工。

本社一向出版各種神學、解經、靈修、證道、婦女家庭、青年、兒童叢書,聖詩及各類工具書,為海內外提供良好的服務。多年來有目共睹,有口皆碑。其中最特出的貢獻是出版幼稚園及小學課本。全港幼稚園有數百間使用我們的課本。採用小學聖經課本,健康教育課本的學校爲數甚多。我們在多方面的支持鼓勵下,再接再勵,出版小一至小六全套社會課本。現已接近全部完成階段,去年已獲教育署核准爲甲級教材,可供應學校於一九八六年度學期之用,不少學校亦已準備採用此一最新資料的優良教本。

本社出版之普天頌讚數十年來銷流極廣,普遍 受到本港及海外各宗派教會採用爲聖詩。需求數字 年年上升。自一九七八年中文修訂本面世後,我們 曾出版了英文本。現在中英文對照本亦正在付梓, 初版可望於八六年復活節期間推出。此一書訊料必 爲海內外華人教會所樂聞。

文藝出版社參與及支持有關基督教的文字工作

和活動。本社為八間基督教出版人聯合服務社的創辦人之一。八五年最具意義的聯合性活動是籌辦與 參加第一屆基督教文化節,在大會堂的聯合書展尤 以叫人鼓舞。

我們的發行網已遍及全港,台灣,東南亞,及 美、加、澳、英等各國。盼望在可預見的未來能在 海外擴展我們的服務。

一九八七年,本社將擴大慶祝廣學會創立一百 週年,現已成立籌備小組開始策劃。慶祝的項目將 是多元化的。其中一項,可以向各位關心和支持本 社的同道預告:我們決於兩年內把中文聖經註釋及 每日研經叢書(巴克萊)的新約部分全部出版,另 加上信徒訓練叢書全套十册,一起作爲獻禮。

在我的案頭上,放着一九八五和一九八六年的日曆,我彷彿端坐在兩個偉大的時間的交接點,又像站在一個敞開的門檻上,心中不覺怦然欣喜。因為在同一個案頭上,整齊地堆放着各同工的計劃書,我們將重整已有的基督教歷代名著,再版有價值的書,並着力發展兒童、青年文學。我們的同工並不懷着雄心萬丈,而是以堅定的信心穩重的步伐,同我走一條新的道路。我們不但盼望,我們也應許,在一九八六年,爲你們——我們以至誠服務的對象,出版更多更好的書。我們唯一向父神所求的,是讓香港繼續繁榮安定。

自一九八五年二月一日,我肩負起社務之後, 頭上的白髮似乎與日俱增。我和許多同工流過汗, 也流過淚。但聖經的應許是寶貴的,是能夠實現的。 「流淚撒種的必歡呼收割」。一年來我感到非常自 豪,無他,因爲有一些好同工:他(她)們是經常 犧牲精神時間愛護本社的執行委員,出版委員,加 上一羣富有使命感,經年勤勞不輟,默默耕耘的 職工。

回顧一九八五年,如果我們有絲毫成績的話,願意把它呈獻給主。展望一九八六年,我們決定全心全意把計劃交付在全能上帝的保守中,並且期待各位更多的代禱和支持。

僅借此一角,在新的一年向各位致以摯誠的祝 福。

一九八五年除夕於社長室

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基文青年叢書第三輯第二本

編號: 2942 小40開

全書 320 頁 定價港幣 38 元

#### 永遠長不大的娃娃(下册)

基文青年叢書第三輯第三本

編號: 2943 小40開

全書 336 頁 定價港幣 39 元

督野綾子是日本當代著名女作家,原名町田知壽子,一九三一年生於東京。一九五四年,她的短篇小說「遠方來客」被選爲芥川文藝獎候補作品,從此開始了創作生涯。主要作品有「里奧·格蘭德」(一九六一)、「無名牌」(一九六九)、「奇蹟」(一九七三)等長篇小說。刻劃男女感情的曾野作品「愛情之鑰」,爲日本暢銷書籍,中譯本由本社出版,收在基文青年叢書,再版多次。

八十年代,非洲的貧困、饑饉,擧世矚目。非 洲,對許多人來說,本是遙遠而漠不相關的黑暗大 陸,現在好容易才發覺,原來那裏也牽繫着人類共 同的苦惱。

日本當代女作家曾野綾子,曾經深入那片大地生活。她在長篇著作「永遠長不大的娃娃」裡,以

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細膩的筆觸,寫日本修女入江茜在非洲島國馬達加斯加的遭遇。馬達加斯加島在印度洋西部,人口八百七十多萬,半數以上居民信拜物教,其餘多信基督教。十四世紀起,外來者不斷侵入,一八九六年淪爲法國殖民地。一九六〇年宣告獨立,一九七五年改爲馬達加斯加民主共和國。女主人公入江茜,發現這個年輕的共和國還未擺脫殖民地時期的愚昧、貧困。人們沒有避孕常識,娃娃生得太多,影響婦女身心健康。日本修女入江茜、最上至曉子、法國修女特麗薩,在作者筆下,被塑造成感人的形像。她們放棄了本國較優裕的生活,把自己的一生獻給馬達加斯加人。作者使遠方的讀者從模糊的概念,填實地走進這片貧瘠的土地去,同時引發讀者對「物質與精神」的意義,作深切的反省。

### 小學社會課本 (一九八五年最新版)

已經出版 歡迎索取樣本 根據香港教育署社會課程綱要編寫 全套教材包括:

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#### 那鴻書・哈巴谷書・西番雅書註釋

周聯華、丘恩處、李景雄合著 中文聖經註釋第廿五卷 編號:3325 大32開 全書308頁 定價:港幣40元

本書總編輯周聯華博士說:「在和教會裡熱心 研經的平信徒接觸中,大家深盼能有一套中文的聖 經註釋……於是延請同工,積極籌備和編寫。非節 譯外文的著作,而是由筆者研究消化,融會貫通後 的作品。」

許多讀者對舊約比較陌生,而對其中之小先知 書更少閱讀。這可能有一個原因,就是對其背景與 信息似乎覺得與新約,尤其與現在世界情勢無甚關 連。其實單以宗教改革之動力「義人必因信得生」, 雖出於羅馬書,卻引自哈巴谷書,而那鴻書與西番

**約書信與猶大書注釋** 巴克萊著 周郁晞譯 每日研經叢書之一 編號:3512 大32開 全書 236 頁 定價:港幣32元

使徒約翰在他所寫的福音書之中着重於信;叫讀者信耶穌是基督,是神的兒子,信祂可得生命,啟示錄則注目於望;盼望主快再來,而他的書信則闡釋愛。愛旣沒有虛假,又駁斥異端,不容傳假教訓之人混入,猶大書也指責末世不道德之事。這些書信雖寫於第一世紀,對現代人仍有如暮鼓晨鐘。巴克萊博士從譯經與解經的心得,寫出這書,作爲他全部新約注釋之一。這四卷經文不長而含義極爲豐富,譯筆流暢;讀巴氏註釋必大有幫助。

雅書也看出神的性情與作為:忌邪施報,默然愛人。 這三卷小先知書由三位名牧寫成註釋,深入淺出, 文筆流暢,會領你回到當時境地,聆聽神的話語。



清**晨之主** 陶 平著 黄賴恩譯 編號:1167 32開 全書80頁 定價:港幣14元5角

凡在早晨經常收聽英國廣播公司第二台的人, 都會熟悉陶平牧師所主持的默想「清晨之主」與「片刻默想」節目。陶氏以奇妙的感力吸引在清晨行色 匆匆的人,並使他們從能生活中極平常的事想到人 生更深刻的經驗。在陶氏本人,一日之初不是恬靜 農村的日出,乃是吃簡單早餐,全家外出工作,進 入熙熙攘攘的鬧市。由於他深信一日之計在於晨, 他有一種信靠與寧靜感,亦有生活的盼望與成功的 確據。本書以詩體寫成,幫助讀者在眞道上長進。

封面及插圖乃本港著名攝影家李澤甫先生之作 品。

### 再 版

**聖詩典攷** 王神蔭著

編號: 2044 大32開 全書 632 頁

定價:港幣40元 (1つ)

朱熹在詩經傳序之中說:「人生而靜,天之性也;感於物而動,性之欲也……有欲矣,有思,有言,言之所不能盡,而發於咨嗟咏嘆之餘者,必有自然之音響節奏(族)而不能已焉,此詩之所以作也。」除我國詩經與古詩詞以外,舊約聖經有五卷特別用詩體寫成,其中更有一卷詩篇;那是人對神的

頌讚,與神靈交所吐的心聲。

新約因聖子道成肉身,受死,復活,隨福晉之 廣傳與教會之建立,更產生許多感人的聖詩,其中 不少譯成中文。王神蔭先生為幫助信徒明白聖詩 的背景與作者傳略,特以普天頌讚為主,也選入 其它教會聖詩,編成本書。經數次再版皆售罄,所 以在八六年初將新普天頌讚之編目加在其中再版以 便查考,使讀者明白許多聖詩的靈感泉源,並得其 滋潤。

### 短訊

#### 聖誕節特價月完滿結束

本社東方街門市部一年一度聖誕節特價月已完滿結束,特價月期間,顧客川流不息,趁此機會選購各類書籍及禮品自用或致送親友。門市部在十二月份更購入最新名廠影印機,服務鄰近學校、教會及坊衆。本社門市部地點適中,地方寬敞、書籍禮品種類繁多,同工服務態度親切,歡迎蒞臨參觀選購。





東方街門市部聖誕節特價月。 CCLC's Christmas Book Sale in Tung Fong Street.

#### 聖誕聯歡

十二月廿四日下午,本社二十多位同工共聚於 社長住宅,舉行聖誕聯歡會,同享救主降生帶給人 們的喜樂。當日的節目有短詩、遊戲、交換禮物和 晚膳等;此外,亦同時爲十至十二月份生日的同工 慶祝。



文藝同工在社長住宅舉行聖誕聯歡會。 CCLC Staff members celebrate Christmas at the home of Publisher Willie Wong.

#### 人事動態

吳鳳萍小姐及夏敏思小姐於十一月分别任職於 門市部及編輯部,而曾淑儀小姐則於十二月離職。

潘永發先生於一九八六年一月任職發行部雜務 送貨員。葉偉强先生亦於同月提升爲門市部助理經 理。

本社創辦人之一彭紹賢博士,已於一九八五年 十月,擧家移民加拿大。彭博士任執行委員會委員, 自一九五一年至一九八五年,歷卅四年之久。一九 五四年至一九五九年,一九六六年至一九七五年, 曾任執行委員會主席。彭博士對本社貢獻甚多。願 上帝繼續帶領他們的前路。

本社另一位執行委員會成員藍仁博士,在一九 八五年夏季,返美探親途中患病,留美治療。目前 已康復回港。

#### 喜訊

本社門市部同工蔡小玲小姐於一九八六年一月 四日與黃健麟先生在香港紅棉道婚姻註册處舉行結 婚典禮,團契同人謹祝他倆婚姻愉快,家庭幸福。



社長代表同工團契和家人致送結婚禮物予蔡小 玲同工。

Presenting a wedding gift to Celine Tsoi from CCLC staff and the Wong family.

# LOOK BACK AND REMEMBER – LOOK FORWARD AND TRUST

by Willie W. Wong, summarized in English by Dorothy Jones

As the CCLC staff gathered for worship on a cold morning in late December 1985, we read these words in the "Thought for the day" from THE UPPER ROOM: "Look back and remember; look forward and trust". We can look back to the countless blessings from God which give us strength to face the challenges and responsibility as we look ahead to the future.

In the first Newsletter published in November 1980, Rev. Simon Ho said, "We publish this newsletter for two reasons: first, it is our voice to the public to tell of our activities and plans, and second, it is a vehicle by which our readers can respond to us with their suggestions and expectations".

Since then there has been a large turn-over in staff, including three publishers, but our aims have not changed. This is a reader's Newsletter and we hope you, the readers, will respond with helpful suggestions regarding your own desires and with constructive criticism.

In 1951 CCLC became the successor to the Christian Literature Society in Shanghai. We were organized as an independent body with the support of many different denominations with the purpose of serving all the churches. We have tried to maintain a moderate theological or political point of view keeping in mind always that our goal of producing good literature is first of all in order to spread the gospel. Now that we are facing 1997, we are not deterred by difficulties but are in fact looking forward to extending our outreach.

In 1981 we cooperated with the Methodist Church to establish the S & S Bookroom in Wanchai. Last July we moved our Peking Road Bookroom to Tung Fang Street behind the Chinese YMCA where we can serve many churches schools and the community. We have increased our business considerably by this move.

This was made possible by the purchase last March of a 3,000 square foot warehouse in Shatin, thus freeing the smaller Tung Fang Street property for a bookroom. This larger warehouse space enables us to print larger editions of books, thus lowering the price for our readers.

As I look over the past year's work since I became publisher, I find we have worked on many different levels: the Chinese Bible Commentary, Barclay's Daily Study Bible, Hymns of Universal Praise, the Church Directory, Youth Series, children's books, textbooks for kindergartens and primary schools. We have also provided a printing service.

Literary Journal has been one of our out-standing literary achievements started in 1982 with the support and encouragement from the Church of Christ in China

and the World Association for Christian Communication. Our aim was to produce a quality magazine that would be a meeting place or bridge between the church and the educated, secular community. The magazine has received both high praise and criticism. Nevertheless, in spite of the valiant efforts of editors and a raise in the price, we are unable to support this magazine without the considerable financial aid which is now coming to an end. It is with regret, then, that we are forced to discontinue *Literary Journal* with the June 1986 edition. We trust that God will bless the contribution it has made in the last four years.

And now a look to the future — Our primary school Social Studies textbooks have received a Grade A from the Education Department and will be available for the spring semester of 1986. The widely used *Hymns of Universal Praise* will be published in a bi-lingual edition with melody line in both notes and numbers before Easter 1986. We will be working especially hard on developing literature for youth and children. We plan to revise the Christian Classics Series and hope eventually to maintain a full stock of this series as many are currently out-of-print.

Our distribution reaches beyond Hong Kong and Taiwan to Southeast Asia, America, Canada, Australia and England where there are sizeable Chinese communities. Our plans include ways to facilitate and extend distribution in these areas.

A further look to 1987 shows us the 100th Anniversary of the Christian Literature Society. We have already appointed a committee to make plans for this celebration which will include the completion of the New Testament section of the Chinese Bible Commentary, Barclay's Daily Study Bible and the Church Laymen's Series.

Over the past few years we have had the opportunity to donate books to visiting Chinese pastors as well as sending books to China. Most recently we are participating in a plan to send books to seminary librairies in China. We look forward to giving all the help we can in the future.

As I look over the difficulties faced and surmounted this last year, I am reminded of the Bible's precious promise: "Plant in sorrow; reap with joy." We praise God for any success we have achieved in the past; and we trust God as we plan for the future. I personally thank our excellent staff, our executive committee members, and our publication committee members for their cooperation and hard work. I hope we can count on all our readers for prayer and support in the coming year.

#### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

Timeless Baby, Parts I and II

by Ayako Sono, translated by Di Xin

The Japanese writer, Ayako Sono, went to Africa to learn at first hand of the poverty and ignorance of which she had heard. She also visited Madagascar, that island off the coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean. It has a population now of about eight million and seven hundred thousand. She was much struck by the lack of birth control and what that did to women both physically and psychologically.

Her novel, *Timeless Baby*, is set in Madagascar and tells the story of a Japanese nun who gives up the material comforts of Japan to commit her life to working in a hospital in Madagascar. Her recognition of the sources of problems the people faced and her concern to alleviate them is the story of this book.

Lord of the Morning is by the Rev. Frank Topping, a Methodist minister who now works as a producer of religious programmes for BBC. This book is a collection from his programme Pause for Thought. In these meditations he has the unusual gift of capturing the rush and bustle of the morning and relating the more ordinary events of life to the deeper experiences of living. The book was published in English by the Lutterworth Press and has been translated by Wong Lai Yun.

Vol. 25 Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah from the Chinese Bible Commentary by Dr. L.H. Chow, Dr. Andrew Chiu and Dr. Peter K.H. Lee

Many people are not so familiar with the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament and will therefore find great pleasure in reading this new book to appear in the Chinese Bible Commentary Series. It has been written by three well-known pastors in a fluent and easy-reading style.

The message and background of each prophet is set out clearly. Readers who may feel that the Old Testament has little to say about the present world situation and has little or no relation to the New Testament will be surprised to learn that Paul quotes from Habakkuk in his letter to the Romans when he says, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." Nahum and Zephaniah also show God's character and activity in a way to be relevant to our present situation.

The Chinese Bible Commentary is not a translation. It is rather the creative work coming from the study, thought and years of experience of leading Chinese Bible scholars. We hope to complete the publication of all the New Testament volumes in 1987.

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#### **RE-PRINT**

Great Hymns and Hymn Writers by S.Y. Wang

In this new 1986 edition of *Great Hymns and Hymn Writers*, we have included an index from the revised *Hymns of Universal Praise* for the reader's convenience. Although Mr. Wang based his selection of hymns primarily on the *Hymns of Universal Praise*, he has also included hymns from other sources as well.

The information Mr. Wang has gathered about the life story of the hymn writer including at times the circumstance which brought forth the hymn will be an inspiration to those using the hymn.

The history of hymnody goes back thousands of years to the song of triumph led by Miriam at the crossing of the Red Sea, to the songs of David recorded in the Psalms and those recorded in the first two chapters of Luke: the Benedictus, the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis. In every age great hymns have appeared in praise of God, and to express the devotion of the believer on the birth of Jesus, his passion and resurrection.

In our hymns Christians truly transcend all barriers of nationality, theology, or historical time. Nevertheless, hymns may have an added meaning when the historical setting and circumstance is known.

Mr. Wang's book should be on the shelf of every minister, youth worker, and anyone responsible for worship at any level.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CCLC STAFF

Rev. and Mrs. Willie Wong were hosts to the CCLC Staff at a combined Christmas and Oct.-Dec. Birthday Party held in their home on the afternoon of December 24.

#### WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Ms Celine Tsoi Siu-Ling from the CCLC Bookroom was married to Mr. Terrick K.L. Wong on January 4, 1986. She has previously worked with CCLC in both the Production and Accounting Departments. We wish her great happiness.

#### CCLC BOOKROOM PURCHASES COPIER

A recent purchase of a new copier will be able to serve nearby residents, schools and churches. During the month of December the annual sale proved to be very profitable as many customers bought books and other items as Christmas gifts.

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