

## SUPPORT OF CHILDREN

### Far Flung Influence In China Orphanages

#### HONG KONG HOMES

One of the farthest reaching influences exerted in China by any foreign group is that of the China's Children Fund Committee, incorporated in Richmond, Virginia, who have been responsible for the saving of thousands of young Chinese children from destitution.

In Hong Kong, this Committee is responsible for the support of 85 little Chinese orphans in the Cheung Chau Christian Children's Refuge; the support of 21 orphans in the Fanling Baby Home; the support of 30 orphans in the Taipo Rural Orphanage, and many more little orphans throughout China.

Some of the institutions being helped or supported by the group are: the Lingnam Orphanage, with 56 orphans; the P'okong Children's Home, Kukong, with 410 children; 65 children in Chengtu; contributions to the National Child Welfare Association in Shanghai; the support of 41 blind children in the Yunnan Light School for Blind, in Kunming; the support of 25 orphan students in the En Kong Methodist School, in Kunming; 25 children in the Yunnan School for Blind, Deaf and Dumb; 14 children in the Fatshan Baby Home; 87 babies in the Happy Babies Home, Tunki City, Anhwei, and about 110 children in Peking, Shanghai, Soochow and Laoyang.

One of the oldest institutions to be re-opened, is the Morning Star Orphanage, known as the Ha Fong Chuen, in Canton. It was re-opened on October 1, 1945. The institution, in charge of Reverend E. W. Raetz, General Secretary, and Chaplain, to the American Forces, China Theatre Command, has about 450 children, who are being taught to read and write. Their grades extend from primary school to high school. The staff is composed of 35 persons altogether, one Chinese doctor, four German Missionaries from the Berlin Mission, and Chinese workers.

The Orphanage was opened by Mr. Lo Cheuk-ying, Governor of Kwangtung Province, in 1921.

The children in the orphanage are taught by the German Missionaries, and every six months or so they are helped to write letters, which are then sent to their supporting patrons in America. The letters tell how they are getting along in school and other news interesting to their guardians.

The plan, as explained by Reverend Raetz in Canton, is that any child, accepted by the Institution, has his picture taken and all the facts about his character, age and manners, sent to the Committee Group in Richmond. There the pictures and facts are given to people who are interested in helping to support little Chinese orphans.

Generally each child is accepted by a person in America, as special wards and contributions for the child's care come through the committee in Virginia from these Guardians.

It is a matter of faith, for the Guardians take wards to themselves, knowing that any child recommended by the Group Committee is not only worth helping, but of good character.