China...

Questions and Answers for Sunday Schools, Mission Circles and Bands

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1. What are the names by which China is known?
   Cathay, the Middle Kingdom, the Flowery Land, the Celestial Empire, and the Land of Sinim (Isa. xlix: 12).

2. What is the population?
   402,000,000, and it can be illustrated thus: if all the world walked in a procession, every third person would be Chinese.

3. What is the size?
   One third of all Asia; it is larger than the United States, Canada, and British America together. It has 4,000 walled cities, and tens of thousands of villages and towns.

4. Name two of the wonders of China?
   The Grand Canal and the Great Wall. The latter was built 225 B.C., as a defence for the Northern frontier, of earth and stone with solid masonry. It is from 15 to 30 feet high, 15 feet wide at the top, and is 1,250 miles long.

5. What is the antiquity of the nation?
   They are a very ancient people, their
history reaches back before the days of Abraham; when Joshua conquered Canaan as a home for Israel, this people had lived more than 1,000 years in this their father-land.

6. Are they ignorant and barbarous? They are an intelligent, polite and skillful nation; their language is the oldest written language extant.

7. What are some of the customs? The men wear their hair in long braids, the women bind their feet, and those who wish to be respectful instead of taking off their caps, put them on.

8. What is women's position? They have no legal rights; the birth of a daughter is regarded as a calamity. Not one woman out of 10,000 knows how to read.

9. Is infanticide practiced? It is not universal, but in some portions of the country the exposure and killing of girls is very common.

10. Are they a moral people? They respect parents and the aged; they
are industrious and persevering, but are great gamblers and liars. Opium smoking is an increasing vice.

11. What do we get from China?
We drink tea grown in China, wear clothing and ribbons made from Chinese silk. The dishes on our tables took their name, and some came from China. Many fan themselves with Chinese fans, and cover their floor with Chinese matting. Something from China is touched by us nearly every day.

12. What are the religions?
Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. The first is the state religion; the people generally adopt all three. Ancestral worship is the religion of the masses; worship is performed before the Ancestral tablets upon which the names of dead ancestors are inscribed. Every man wants sons that he too may be worshipped after he is dead.

13. What was the beginning of Christian Missions?
Nestorian Missionaries went in the 7th Century, and the Roman Catholics in the 13th, but both were in time expelled. The
Roman Catholics afterward returned. The first Protestant Missionary, Robert Morrison, was sent by the London Mission in 1807. Then Christians could only live in Canton; in 1842 five ports were opened, but in 1860 all the Empire was made comparatively free, and 18 ports thrown open to foreign trade. A number of new ports have been opened as the result of the recent war with Japan.

14. How many Protestant Converts in 1843?
Six.

15. How many in 1894?
Forty thousand.

16. When was our Mission established?
In 1842 by Rev. Dr. David Abeel, who located at Amoy, in the Fuhkien province in the Southern part of China. The Amoy district has a population of 3,000,000.

17. Name the stations.
Amoy, Sio-khe, Chiang-chiu, Tong-an, with their outlying villages.

18. Who are our missionaries?
Mrs. J. V, N. Talmage, the Misses Tal-

19. How many churches?
Twelve churches and eleven pastors; forty-six preaching places, with a membership of 1,407, whose gifts last year amounted to $8,208.

20. Where are our Girls' Boarding Schools?
On Kolongsu under the care of Mrs. and the Misses Talmage, who have also the Charlotte W. Duryee Bible School for Women. At Sio-Khe, in charge of Miss Morrison.

21. Who is stationed at Chiang-chiu?
Miss E. M. Cappon, who has recently located there in the house built by the W. B. F. M., and started work among the women and girls.
22. Who are at Tong-an?
Miss Lily N. Duryee and Miss Nellie Zwemer, engaged in Evangelistic work. The population of Tong-an City and the villages within walking distance is 150,000.

23. Where is our Theological Seminary?
On Kolongsu.

24. Locate Kolongsu.
An island lying just south of the island of Amoy, about one furlong distant. It is about one mile long, and half a mile wide. Our missionaries reside on Kolongsu, as it is more healthful than the crowded city of Amoy; access to and fro being by a small boat.

25. What is the middle school?
A Boys' Academy on Kolongsu in charge of Rev. Mr. Pitcher. The new dormitory and recitation hall is called "The Talmage Memorial Hall"; a beautiful monument to the memory of Rev. Dr. J. V. N. Talmage, commemorating 42 years of faithful and loving service.

26. What are the parochial schools?
Day schools organized in connection with
our churches and some of the out-stations. Some of these schools are as old as the churches themselves. Many heathen families send their children to these schools.

27. What is the Children's Home (orphanage)?
An institution rescuing female children from slavery and death. It is supported by the ladies of the English Presbyterian and Reformed Missions.

28. Where are our hospitals?
The Hope Hospital on the Island of Kolongsu, under care of Dr. Otte; and the Neerbosch Hospital at Sio-khe, under care of Dr. Stumpf.

29. Where is our sanitarium?
At Kuliang, in the mountains near Foochow, and it is a boon to our missionaries in Summer. The funds were provided for its purchase by a few friends in America.

30. Does much remain to be done?
There is only one convert to every 20,000 unconverted, one missionary for every million. If we sent every person in America to China, each would have eight to save. To win China is to win one-third of all men for Christ.
MISSIONARIES IN CONNECTION WITH OUR AMOY MISSION.

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