

### WILLIAM E. SCHUBERT

SCHUBERT, WILLIAM (T.16; F.22) So. Cal., 16 School; 17 Santa Monica, East; 18 Chaplain U.S. Army; 19 School; 22 Msnry. to China, Nanchang, Simachi Church; Kiangsi, 24 Dist. Missionary & Dist. Supt.; Mid-China, 46 Dist. Missionary; West China, 50 Conference Evangelist; So. Cal.-Ariz., 63 R'd. (1617.3); Pac. and S.W., 77 R'd. (1617.3).

Will Schubert was a saint with the gift of a Will Rogers. His deep commitment to Jesus Christ was undergirded with a sparkling humor. As a missionary to China, he recalls an episode in 1942 during the war with Japan: "I was holding quarterly conferences on the Fu and Kan River districts and, as I skirted a tank trap with my bicycle, the brakes failed, and I fell in. I went down, down into the black water which was twelve or fifteen feet deep. Chinese coolies had fallen into these big holes cut into the roads to keep the Japanese tanks from advancing, and no one dared to help them, so they drowned. With clothes and shoes on, I didn't come up, as one usually does when swimming, so I cupped my hands and pulled as hard as I could and finally came to the top. The first thing I saw was my old hat floating on the water. I immediately threw it out, as I had my big money in the lining to save it from bandits. Then I got to laughing, remembering the story of Pat when the robber said, 'Your money or your life.' Pat replied, 'Take me life, I want me money for me old age.' This may have saved my life, as it kept me from panicking."



So reads the record of a remarkable man, missionary in China from 1922 to 1951, Army chaplain, and effective communicator of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his autobiography, "Go Then, With Love," there is a stirring account of a life spent for others. In a foreword, David Woodward writes: "Take note of this missionary. He has always been close to his Chinese brethren . . . Young people today are asking questions about missions, especially in the face of newly emerging nations. The love of Christ, as Mr. Schubert amply proves, is sufficient to move through cross-cultural barriers."

It was my privilege as a young pastor to know Will Schubert, and to know that there were still such persons of faith and daring in my world. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, of 38 years, whom he met during the war years in China. You catch the meaning of his life in one of our hymns, "Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands — immortal tidings in your mortal hands." Such is the story of Will Schubert. Such is the victory of his faith.

George Mann

### HAROLD HULBERT SLOCUM

SLOCUM, HAROLD (T.49; F.51) Pacific-Northwest, 49 Langley; 52 Blaine; 54 Chimacum-Hadlock Mobile Unit; 56 S'y; So. Cal.-Ariz., 59 Chaplain, Olive View Hospital, Olive View, Cal.; 64 R'd. (1617.3); Pac. and S.W., 77 R'd. (1617.3).

Harold Hulbert Slocum was born on May 16, 1899 at Bay City, Michigan. As his mother died when he was only four years old, his grandmother, Sarah B. Slocum, was a vital and lasting influence in his life. His father later remarried, bringing a loving step-mother and two brothers and two sisters into Harold's life.

When he was very young the family moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where his father was the general manager of a large lumbering concern, remaining there until he was graduated from the eighth grade.

Following high school at Bay City, Harold completed his college work at the University of Michigan in 1922, and enrolled at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York. Graduation, ordination and marriage followed in 1925.

Slocum's first pastorate was the First Baptist Church in Corunna, Michigan. Four years later he was called to South Park Baptist Church in Port Huron, Michigan, only to see the church abruptly closed in early 1930 because of the nation-wide depression.

In September 1931 Harold and Margaret Slocum moved to Los Angeles and within a short time he became associated with Allan Hunter and Dr. Edwin Ryland at Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church, with special responsibility for youth work.

In the fall of 1942 the Slocums moved to Seattle and University Congregational Church, where Harold was associate minister and director of student work with students from the neighboring University of