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Letter I

ASIATIC DIVISION NEWS

China

Sunday afternoon, March 9, the new chapel and printing-plant, which have been completed and are now being occupied, were dedicated. Some of the Seventh-day Baptists attended the services, also most of the Chinese believers in the city of Shanghai. It was a pleasant occasion; and after the dedication, according to Chinese custom, luncheon was served in the preserom. Opportunity was given for all who wished to look through the printing-plant, offices, and dwelling-houses, to do so. The afternoon was pleasantly spent, and all seemed to enjoy the services. The China Press published a good write-up of the dedicatory exercises.

On the morning of March 9, Elder Cottrell arrived in Shanghai from Changsha, to spend a few days in consultation concerning the work in his division, and the building of the four homes which he hopes to erect in his territory during the coming summer. He left for Honan on March 13, stopping on his way at Nanking, to visit the school.

Brother O A Hall was called to Shanghai by wire, March 12, to consult in regard to the China Union Training-School, its location, and the buildings to be erected. It was finally unanimously agreed that the school should be located in Shanghai, in close proximity to the headquarters of the Asiatic Division. Some time was spent in looking about for land, and several suitable locations were found, some of which it is hoped may be purchased at a reasonable rate. Brother Hall returned to Nanking in company with Brother Cottrell, March 13.

We are very sorry to learn that Brother and Sister Lillie's little son is no better.

I H Evans sailed for the General Conference, March 28, on the "Mongolia."

Brother and Sister S C Harris had born to them a son, the morning of March 17. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

Miss Mary Woodward, who has been ill for seven weeks, is greatly improved, and is now reported out of danger. Mary has had a very hard pull with pneumonia. She seems to be making a splendid recovery, for which we all greatly rejoice.

Dr A C Selmon and family left Shanghai, March 27, for a two months' tour in the province of Anhwei, where they intend to hold some general meetings, and to do such medical work as opportunity affords. The Doctor has been working very hard for some weeks, to get his editorial work made up in advance, so that he can be spared from the office.

The East China Mission field having asked for Brother and Sister K H Wood, the Asiatic Division members have appointed Brother Wood to the East China Mission field. He has located in Shanghai, and is now studying the Shanghai dialect. They have found pleasant quarters off North Honan Road. Brother Wood spent a few days in assisting Brother Woodward in his office work.

Brother J J Westrup writes as follows from Chowkiakow:--  
"I have been visiting a mission station every week since Brother and Sister Allum left, and each visit takes three or four days out of a week, but it is time well spent, and I am very happy to report such blessed meetings in every place. Yesterday I returned from Shangtsai (thirty-seven miles), walking all the way there and back. The meeting at this place was a good occasion. Many seemed to be deeply impressed. We started a church-school, which already has twelve students. This will be a strength to the work in that place. Altogether, we have started six church-schools. We are praying daily for one hundred real, honest, converted souls this year, and the Lord is already opening doors of opportunity for us, both west and north, and in this vicinity. My courage was never better."

A later letter says: "I just got back from Hsiao Yao. This was a fearful trip going,--a northwest wind which came right in the face, bitter cold, with a terrible sand-storm. Coming home today the wind had turned, and was still against us, with plenty of dust. It has rained very little in Honan for almost a year, and as a result the dust is several inches deep. I have never had a better

meeting than the one just held in Hsiao Yao. There were forty-four present, and the Holy Spirit certainly worked on those souls. Many are sick around us with a terrible influenza, but so far, though I have been out in three fearful dust-storms, and have traveled in the cold every week, I am well. I believe that the Lord is especially helping me, and for this I praise his name."

We have the following word from Brother E H Wilbur, dated at Fatsan, March 9:--

"I only wish sufficient laborers could come out this fall, so that at least two foreign families could enter every province. Myself and wife are anxious to take up work in Kwangsi province without further delay. Not that there is no work to do here--there is abundance of room everywhere. But the work is started here, and now we have five organized churches in this province. Besides several foreign workers, we have some native evangelists who are doing very encouraging work. There is a company of Sabbath-keepers in Kwangsi who have been sending appeals to us for years, but who have never been visited by one of our workers, either foreign or native."

Brother S A Nagel writes, under date of March 8, as follows:--

"Since coming to Wai Chow, God has blessed us in every way. We never cease to thank him for the pleasant home he has given us here. That we might partly repay him by giving willing, loyal, service is the chief desire of our hearts. I say partly, for we can never repay him for all his tender love and blessing. We can show our appreciation by faithful service. . . . I have never felt the responsibility placed upon all of us to quickly warn this people of a coming Saviour, as I have during the past few weeks, and I am praying and seeking for right methods and power from on high to rightly represent the truth by my life and teachings.

"Since Brother Anderson left, the station work has fallen to me. As it is new to me, I feel that I need your prayers, that wisdom, and judgment to decide aright the many experiences one must needs meet, might be given me. I am endeavoring to learn day by day what it means to rely upon God for help in directing his work. I do not wish to be found working at cross-purposes with God. I am keeping a regular set of books for the station, and aim to have a voucher for every transaction. . . .

"Since coming here I have made four trips to our Pat Vui station. I returned from there yesterday. That I might be home before Sabbath, I left there at 6:30 A. M., and walked the entire distance home, a distance of twenty-two miles. During the Chinese New Year celebrations, there was much robbing all around us, and as Mrs Nagel disliked to stay overnight alone, I made one trip to Pat Vui and back in one day. I went down by boat to Pok Lo, then walked the twelve miles to Pat Vui, to give them some money for building, and back again, only to find I was too late to catch the boat, so walked another ten miles from Pok Lo home, reaching home about nine o'clock. But thirty-four miles is too much for one day, as I was sore and lame for the next two days.

"It did my heart good to see the church and school building at Fat Vui nearing completion. It is a fine, big building, two stories high. Downstairs is a large school-room, besides two small rooms for the teacher and preacher. The two small rooms also have a small kitchen each. In front is a nice veranda, with the stairway. The second story is used for a chapel. It is a large room, twenty-four by thirty-six feet, with seven windows and a door. The walls of the second story are nine and one-half feet high, running to thirteen in the gable. The building has a three-foot foundation of stone, the walls are built of mud bricks, plastered inside and out; and the roof is tile. I will get a picture next time I go over, and send you one to Washington. I believe this is the first building in China to be built by local subscription, and the people out there feel very proud of it. I spoke to over a hundred Thursday night, and they promised to come every night to meeting if I would go over there and stay a few days; so I promised them I would go over there in a short time and stay two weeks. I plan to take Mrs Nagel and baby along. Pray that the effort may result in winning souls for the kingdom of God. I believe the way to get results is for the foreigner to go right out with his native help, and stay with the people two or three weeks at a time, and teach them; then go to another place. The school there now numbers twenty-four, with prospects of more soon,--fine, bright boys, and many of whom, I believe, will grow into good Seventh-day Adventists.

"We began meetings again last week in our Wai Chow chapel, and I am having printed in Hongkong three thousand personal letters to the people of this district, telling them briefly why we are here, of Jesus' soon coming, what it means to them, and earnestly inviting them to come and study for themselves. I hope when these are circulated I shall have more than I can do holding meetings here.

"The other day I made a trip to our Moi Lung station, near Swatow. It was the first time I had ever been there. I stopped in Hongkong with the company there over Sabbath, both going and coming. In Canton I was pleased to greet Brother and Sister Meeker, and welcome them to the joys and sorrows of work in China. I went to school with Brother Meeker at Walla Walla, but had not seen him for several years.

"Am glad to tell you that after so long a time I am at last able to speak to the people. I am happy to be able to do so."

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Brother F E Stafford sends in the following report concerning the work under his charge in Shanghai:--

"As a result of the meetings in the Haining Road Chapel we now have about twenty persons who are coming regularly for Bible readings. A special meeting is held once a week for inquirers only, and we are seeking to impress upon each one the importance of faithful, diligent, every-day study of the Word. In order to emphasize this feature, and also to enable us to judge of the progress of our converts in the Christian life, we have lately adopted a new plan. Every week we hand to each one a sheet upon which is written a short Bible study, containing six texts. We ask these interested ones to learn

these texts as well as their location in the Scriptures, and to repeat them at the next meeting, one week later. They thus have one text a day to learn, and it is surprising how well some of them learn their verses. In our meeting room we have a large blackboard on which the names of the members of the class are plainly written. At the inquirers' meeting the roll is called the first thing, and those present and absent are marked on the board; this gives them an added incentive to be present, because if there is an absent mark after one's name on the board, so all can see it, he 'loses face,' and the Chinese will do anything to keep from losing face.

"At the recitation the inquirers are marked on two points--memorizing the texts, and explaining their meaning. They are given grades on the scale of one hundred per cent for a perfect recitation of all the texts, and a satisfactory explanation of the same. It is very interesting to note the rapid improvement made by some members of the class. Some who received only twenty per cent or thirty per cent at the first are now able to reach seventy per cent or eighty per cent.

"We have now given studies on Conversion, the Word, the Law of God, and the Sabbath, and this week we shall present the Second Coming of Christ. Our idea is to cover all the points of our faith as clearly as possible, and give our hearers a thorough knowledge of the truth for this time.

"We have opened a day school in our Haining Road Chapel, and have a nice class of about twenty boys and girls studying there now. We make it a point to call on the parents of all the children, and several of them are now much interested in hearing the gospel. One little boy ten years old has taken a remarkable interest in the study of the truth. He comes to every meeting at night, and goes home and tells his parents all about it, so that now both the father and mother are coming regularly for Bible studies. His father has been a rich man, but has lost over twenty thousand dollars in speculating in stocks in Shanghai.

"We are now printing some posters advertising a series of stereopticon lectures on the Eastern Question and the Signs of the Times. These will be held on Sunday nights at the Honan Road Chapel.

"Sister Miller has a large and growing interest among the women, and many have been added to her inquirers' list as a result of the Haining Road Chapel meetings."



### The East Indies

Something like two months have passed since I reached this field, and it is beginning to seem like home. The monthly visits of the News-Letter are already looked forward to with interest, and though I am unacquainted with many of its contributors, still it seems good to hear from the various laborers throughout the Division, and to note the onward march of the final work of God.

Brother I H Evans accompanied me from Hongkong to Singapore, where we landed December 15. We were well pleased with the city and with the beautiful country adjacent to it. Many nationalities are represented, making it hard to reach all classes with our small force of workers. Brother Montgomery has been here since Brother Jones left

for America, and has a good interest among the English-speaking people. Brother Chan and his daughter are working for the Chinese, with good success. Baptism will soon be administered to eight or nine of these, and others will receive the rite later.

Our visit to Java was a profitable one to the work of the whole field. The foreign workers in the Malaysian field, except Brother Roberts, attended our general meeting held at Soember Wekas, where we spent a week in study and seeking the Lord. The instruction and Bible studies were timely, and those present returned to their fields with a stronger determination so to labor that many souls may be brought to accept Christ as their Saviour during the present year. Several urgent calls for help have come from new fields, but we are unable to send help at present. Those who receive the truth in one place feel impelled to pass it on to their friends and loved ones in other places. While I was at Kuala Lumpur for a few days, a Tamil man who had heard some of the truth came fifty miles to learn more of it. When I came away, he said he wanted to be baptized and unite with us. He and several others will be ready when I return there again.

May the Lord inspire us all with zeal and courage, and impart the needed wisdom and power to hasten the work to a speedy triumph.

F A Detamore.

Brother R F Montgomery sends the following encouraging words for the News-Letter:--

"It was a great blessing to the workers in this field to meet together at our hill station in East Java, and spend ten days in seeking the Lord. Our hearts were made glad to have with us Pastor I H Evans, whose counsel and advice were much appreciated. Brother Detamore was heartily welcomed by all as our superintendent. After the meeting, Brethren Evans and Detamore, with Mrs Montgomery and myself, returned to Singapore, while the other workers returned to their respective fields.

"The work in Singapore is onward. We have a greater interest than ever before. A number are studying the truth, and some will be ready for baptism before long. A European, who has been attending our meetings regularly for a few weeks, told me that last Sabbath was the first Sabbath he ever kept. He is very anxious to learn all he can about present truth. A bright young Chinese, who is forbidden by his father to attend our meetings, comes to me secretly and studies the message. These things are an evidence that the Spirit of God is working upon the minds of the people. Remember us at the throne of grace."

### Japan

Brother J N Herboltzheimer writes as follows, from Yokohama, March 4:--

"At last we have come to Yokohama and are nicely settled and at work. Of course we were a bit lonesome at first, but we have felt from the very beginning that God led in opening the work here, and his promise that he is with us always, is made sure in this case. This is

a large city, and the opportunity for work is great. I have made many visits in the short time we have been here, and found the people willing and obliging. Many are eager to hear the truth, and learn of Him who died for them. Brother Okohira's little boy has been quite ill, but through God's mercy he has been spared, and is on the way to recovery. Remember us kindly to all the workers."

Brother Kuniya writes, from Kagoshima, February 25:—

"Lately two ladies have begun to keep the Sabbath. Both are nice people. One is a widow, and we hope to make a good Bible worker of her, sending her to school this winter. Her family is well-to-do, and her father is willing to help her. Since the first of the year Mrs Kuniya has been teaching a cooking-class, and about nineteen ladies come to learn every Monday. Mrs Kuniya gives a Bible study each time, lasting an hour. She has organized a Dorcas society also. We hope to win some souls.

"Now that the cold weather is nearly gone, we can soon start to preaching every evening. It has been my experience that this is the best way to educate the people. We had a very good meeting last Sunday evening.

"As Mrs Kuniya is not well, we have employed a servant, and she has asked us to keep her for many years. She has also expressed a desire to be a Christian. Perhaps the Lord sent her here, to be educated for heaven. . . . We must work hard to finish the work in a short time. Everything indicates that the end is very near."

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### Korea

The following description of an attempt to visit Brother and Sister Smith at Wonsan, has been received from Pastor C L Butterfield:—

"Dr Russell and I had planned to go over to Wonsan the first of last month, but my family were quite sick, and I could not leave. Then we planned to go this week. Two days before the time to start, however, I sprained my foot in some way, and could not walk for a few days. After Dr Russell came, my foot improved, so we finally started, going the first sixty miles by passenger-train, then twenty-five more by work-train. After this we walked seven miles to a place from which we were to get horses to ride the remaining sixty miles, but we had only reached our hotel when Dr Russell complained of being cold, and in a short time he was shaking like a leaf, with malaria. He had a high fever all night. In the morning he was very weak, and we could not think of his going farther; neither did it seem best for him to go back alone, for in case he should miss the work-train (it having no set time to run), he might have to walk over thirty miles, and he was not able to travel that distance alone. Therefore I started for Seoul with him; and after walking seven miles, we just made the work-train. It will be impossible for me to go to Wonsan now before the General Conference. I hope Doctor will get over the malaria soon. This was his second attack during the past week."

Miss Mimi Scharffenberg sailed from Japan, as a delegate to the General Conference, on the "Mongolia."

From the girls' school at Soonan, Chosen, Sister May Scott writes, February 12, as follows:--

"Since my last report to the News-Letter, school has closed for the winter vacation, which is now nearly ended. School closed the second day of the week of prayer. The following Monday, Kang Chang Sin, one of my helpers in the school, with another woman and myself, started off on an itinerating trip. The women in the churches had especially asked for some one to visit them, so we felt we should go. We were away from Soonan thirteen nights, visiting six places in all, and holding some very interesting meetings. I especially enjoyed two nights at a place called Chillcall. At this place there were but one family and two women who kept the Sabbath, but they were so earnest and had such a good spirit that it was a pleasure to be with them. At another place, women came from miles away to attend the meetings. A widow gave us her house to sleep in, herself going somewhere else to spend the night, as the house was too small for us all. When I am out among the churches, and see the needs of these Korean women, I do wish there was some one here who could give her whole time to Bible work among them. It was my plan to make another trip during this vacation, but, unfortunately, I caught such a heavy cold that it did not seem prudent to go again. Instead, I went to Seoul, and spent two weeks and a half with Sister Scharffenberg.

"In regard to my attending the General Conference, I have given considerable thought to the matter, and have come to the conclusion that as I am in good health, and physically am in no need of a vacation, it would be unwise to leave the school work, especially as our teaching force is short. I feel clearer about staying than I do about going, so I have decided not to go.

"School has opened again, with a good attendance. The girls' dormitory is crowded, and there are others who want to come, and have money to pay their way, but we have no room for them. Our students are of good courage, and taking hold of their work with interest. I wish you could have attended the students' meeting Friday night, and seen their eagerness and promptness in testifying for the Master. Sometimes two would start to speak at once. I am enjoying my work as never before. The Lord is very good to me."

We have the following word from Brother H M Lee, of Soonan, written March 6:--

"School began February 19 with our usual number of students,-- thirty boys and twenty girls in the dormitories. A very good spirit prevails among them. Each week the boys go out to surrounding villages to scatter tracts, and preach the truth. Each Thursday evening, the boys meet together, and a few of them practice presenting Bible subjects. All in this way will get some practice, and will learn how to preach the truth. Our Friday evening testimony meetings are full of real interest and blessing. To me they are valuable, as it shows who are the ones growing spiritually, and who need to be worked for.



and helped. In March we will graduate five boys, four of whom will enter the work.

"We have been fairly well all winter, and now that spring is coming on will no doubt feel still better."

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GENERAL NEWS

At the council meeting of the General Conference Committee, held at Mountain View, January 19-27, special attention was given to a study of the indebtedness of our institutions in the home land, and to devising some way for the liquidation of the same. It was advised that the weekly appropriation to missions be raised from fifteen cents a member to twenty cents, and that twenty-five per cent of this amount be applied to relieving the obligations on the colleges and sanitariums. After giving the matter very careful consideration for several days, it was voted to recommend this plan to the next General Conference, and if it is approved by that body to put it in operation July 1, 1913. In making this plan it is not the idea to allow the mission funds to be limited in any way, but only to apply on the indebtedness the amount raised above the regular fifteen cents a week per member.

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Brother T E Bowen writes, under date of February 6:--

"We are so glad to know that the publishing house in China is up and ready for occupancy. We rejoice with the workers in having these new facilities, and I am sure the brethren and sisters who have so loyally stood by in the raising of the fund to put up institutions and homes in distant fields will rejoice also at the good news of these increased facilities for advancing the work of God in China. . . .

"The brethren had quite a little scare Sunday morning over at the Review Office. They were in chapel when a row of boys at the back noticed smoke coming up through the floor. They got up and filed out without saying anything, caught up fire extinguishers, and found the back end of the bindery filling with smoke, coming from still farther down. On getting into the main pressroom they found a fire starting to the extent that the paint was melting on the metal ceiling at the back of the room. On getting a hole through and turning on the hose, they quickly had the fire under control; but during the operation the city firemen had been notified, and three wagons appeared on the scene. The fire was extinguished by the use of chemicals, so that no great damage was done other than that caused by water. It was certainly a close call, for the day before a heavy gale had blown; and if the fire had started even an hour before, when only the watchman was there, it would perhaps have gained such headway that it would have been difficult to save the building."

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The Central Union Conference, which, a year ago, was struggling under a heavy burden, has nearly reached the fifteen-cent-a-week mark this year.  
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We learn from Brother E T Russell that the Clinton (Missouri) German Seminary is doing well, and at present has an enrollment of one hundred thirty-nine students, not including those in the normal department. It is expected that next year it will be necessary to enlarge the dining-room, and the following year the dormitory. They plan to have all the indebtedness of the institution provided for by the time of the General Conference in May.

A letter from Mrs Jessie Rogers, dated at Takoma Park, January 31, brings the good news that Brother Joel Rogers, her husband, is quite recovered from the effects of the latent malaria that so troubled him for a while after his return to the United States on furlough. Mrs Rogers is also in excellent health, and they are both looking forward with eagerness to the time when they will return to their work in Nyasaland, South Africa. They expect to have everything in readiness to start by the time the General Conference begins, and hope to be far on the way before the meetings are all over.

Letters received from Pastor E E Andross during the last few weeks contain the following items of interest:--

"Am glad to tell you that the work in this field is moving forward about as usual. Our tithe for 1912 was the largest in the history of the union. The prospect is favorable for the tithe this coming year to be equally as good if not better; however, Southern California has met with quite a reverse during the past few weeks, in the heaviest frost in the history of the country for many years. This has seriously injured the orange and lemon crops, and in some places has affected the trees, destroying many of them. The damage may not be so serious as some think, but it will doubtless have quite an effect upon the field. Every one, however, is of good courage, and we believe the work will go forward without any serious interruption.

"Our schools have a better patronage this year than formerly. We are making a special effort to bring our educational work into a position where, instead of being a heavy financial drain on the field, it will be at least self-supporting, and we believe we shall be able to accomplish this. Recently we held an educational council, including the members of the union conference committee, members of the local conference committee in California, and the members of various school boards. Careful plans were laid to systematize our educational work, to reduce the number of grades carried by our academies from fourteen to twelve, and to eliminate all the special courses hitherto taught in these schools. This will give opportunity for stronger work to develop in the Pacific Union College, and will reduce the operating expenses of the other schools. We believe this will be a step in advance in this work in our field.

"I am very much interested in the work in China, and rejoice with you at the progress that the truth is making in that field. It seems to me, from my limited knowledge of the situation, that this is the very best opportunity for building up the work in that field that you have ever had. I hope that the general situation is greatly improved, and that the new government will soon get a firm control of affairs. I only wish we had more consecrated men of experience whom

we could send to you, but we are endeavoring to develop them as fast as possible. We have some promising young men in our schools, and especially in the Pacific Union College, that I hope may develop into workers later on. There are some bright young men engaged in the work in the field, that with more experience will make good workers in the foreign lands, but some of these must be retained here for a time, or our force of workers at home will be so depleted that the aggressive part of our work will almost cease. This should not be permitted. Our workers have met with splendid results in their efforts during the last year. All through our field quite a number have taken their stand for the truth, and our membership is growing. There seems to be a deeper interest taken in the work in general by our people of late than ever before. I am much encouraged with the indications that I have seen of a revival among our churches."

Brother Allen Moon writes, February 13, as follows:--

"We have made a supreme effort during the year 1912 to reach our proportion of the mission funds to be raised. We made a decided gain, and I think the present year will show a much greater advancement than in the past year. Southern Illinois made a very great effort to complete its work of raising its proportion of the mission funds. . . .

"During the year 1912 we have been engaged in something of a campaign for the enlightenment of the people in the city of Chicago. We have had Elder K C Russell with us, and he is now engaged in the second series of lectures in one of the largest churches in the city of Chicago, the Fourth Baptist Church, which was rented for the purpose. There is a good interest in the community. Several have begun the observance of the Sabbath, two of these men of considerable wealth. We are hoping for developments along this line which will result in greatly strengthening, financially, the Northern Illinois Conference. What has been done during the past year has resulted in demonstrating one thing to our satisfaction, and that is there are still people in the United States, people of influence, who are ready to accept the truth, and in fact are hungry for it. In the wicked city of Chicago there are many who are anxious to know the faith of Seventh-day Adventists; and when they are made acquainted with it, they are ready to accept. Our literature is creating a wide-spread interest in that city; and we believe that we see the beginning of a great work there if we are able to secure the right men to have charge of it. We are hopeful that the General Conference, at its coming session, will provide some suitable laborers for the city of Chicago, as it is doing for the other cities in the East."

On his return from his visit to the mission fields in Italian, British, and German East Africa, in company with Pastor L R Conradi, Brother Guy Dail sends us the following:--

"The visit to our mission stations in Italian, British, and German East Africa has to my mind demonstrated the great advantage of our diligently occupying virgin territory in heathen lands. I can not say how thankful I am for the privilege I had of meeting our brethren right on the ground, and seeing with my own eyes the work that is being done."

"In British East Africa we had the privilege of dividing the Gendia church, and organizing a church at Wire Hill, so that we now have two churches in that field instead of one. January 3, sixteen were baptized at Gendia, eight of whom were Wire Hill converts, so that we have sixty-five members there. Brethren Morse and Baker had already been ordained at the time of our meeting in Gendia before we went into German East Africa. At Nairobi, on his way up, Brother Conradi called on his excellency the Governor, and had a profitable interview with him.

"Upon the German side of the lake, at Majita, twelve were baptized, bringing the membership up to thirty-five, and there are here about thirty who desire baptism. Twelve of these took part in a social meeting. The prospects for the work here are very bright. The sad part of our visit was the burial on Sunday, the twenty-ninth, of Sister Mertke, who died that morning of blackwater fever. At Aden also we received the very distressing news of Sister Vasenius' death by fever. When we left her, she seemed in perfect health for Africa, but I noted, as we said good-bye, that there came a look of exceeding loneliness over her face and tears in her eyes. However, she was happy in the work, as indeed seem all of our brave missionaries in Africa. She leaves two little children and a husband, with whom we deeply sympathize. This is a thickly populated district, where we have a comparatively free hand, and we believe the future will give us a large number of native Christians. There are five languages represented in this district, and our workers are obliged to learn the languages first-hand, without the aid of dictionaries or grammars, for most of them are unwritten, and we are the first to commit them to writing, to translate literature, school-books, the Bible, hymn-books, and so on. We have over twelve hundred students in our schools.

"At the Fare meeting, the last we attended, fifty-one were baptized, so that our membership now will be about one hundred forty-four. Brethren Ponig and Drangmeister were ordained, also Brother Kolling, and five native deacons. We were very happy for this last item, because it showed that the work has arrived at a more advanced stage here than in the other fields,—a stage toward which we desire all our missions to aim,—where we begin to get the great advantage of native assistants in our church work. It was a pleasure to see how the inhabitants turned out to meeting, and what a hearty welcome they gave Brother Conradi—a great contrast to his reception on his first visit, when the people were afraid, and ran away and hid themselves. Leading men of the natives are interested in our schools.

"I am glad to say that Brother Conradi had no fever, and that although I had an attack, I am fairly well now. We wish you much of the Lord's blessing, and trust that you will never neglect to pray for and to think about our work and our workers in East Africa."

Under date of February 4, Professor Frederick Griggs writes:—

"Affairs here in the school are moving on very much the same as usual. I have been away visiting our intermediate schools, stopping for a few days with the school at Hemingford in this State, the one at Campion, Colorado, at Keene, Texas, and at Oswego, Kansas.

Our school work is being strengthened all along the line. The church-schools are doing better work, as are also the intermediate schools, and I think our colleges are constantly endeavoring to lift the standard."

