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Watch Yourself Go By

Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by;
Think of yourself as "He" instead of "I."
Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you,
And strive to make your estimate ring true.
The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink,
Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link,
When you with "he" as substitute for "I"
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

Strickland W. Gillilan.

New Buildings In Malaysia

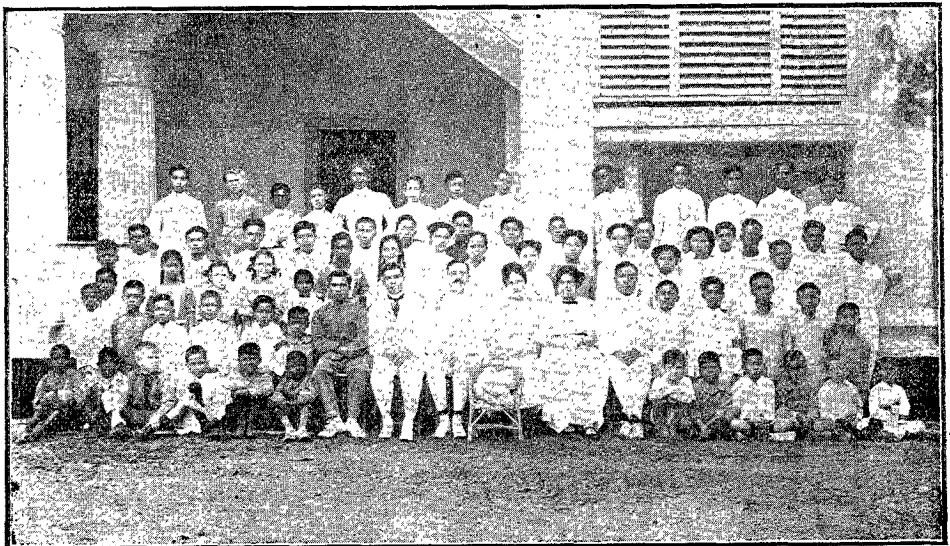
We have begun building operations at Padang, Sumatra, and the work is moving forward very satisfactorily. We were unable to let the whole job by contract, so we were compelled to purchase all the materials; and then we let the contract for erecting two cottages and a school house to a trustworthy builder at a very low figure, and this has saved us a nice sum of money. Pastor Yates reports that the work is going forward there and some are taking their stand for the truth. He recently baptized three new converts. The school is doing well, and they are very anxious to secure the services of a teacher to take charge of it.

The house we have been renting for a mission at Batavia, Java, has just been sold, and we shall be forced to begin to build at once that our workers may have a place to move to. They are trying to secure permission to remain there till they can get new quarters to move into. It is next to impossible to rent suitable houses at a price that we can afford in Batavia any more.

Brother and Sister Schmidt have learned enough of Malay during the three months they have been in

Batavia, to go out to sell our literature, and the Lord is greatly blessing their efforts. They are also getting the church members to selling our books and papers. One day they went out to some neighboring cities with a few hundred papers and some books and tracts. They intended to be away about four days, but inside of two days their literature was all sold, and they had to return home. They met a man who had purchased some of our literature before, and when he learned that these were Seventh-day Adventists, he wept and shook their hands, asking them to teach him the truth.

Brother and Sister Wood have tried in vain to find good quarters in Soerabaya in which to hold meetings and to live, and we have a growing church there



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that demands a permanent place of worship. They have recently been visiting the subscribers to our Malay paper, and have found the people very willing to renew their subscriptions. We are making an effort to get out other Malay literature.

Brother Mershon reports a good interest in British North Borneo, and some are taking their stand for the truth. We have a chance to purchase a plot of six acres of ground with a large house that would accommodate two families and serve as a meeting house

for a time, at about \$5,000 gold. This property is in a very fine location, and is considered worth nearly twice this amount. If it is secured, it must be at once, as others are after it, but we have no means with which to purchase it at present. We ask our friends to pray that some way may open before us if it is God's will that we get it.

At Kuala Lumpur our Chinese worker has taken many subscriptions for the Chinese *Signs*, and the



Colporteurs, Singapore Training School

other brethren have recently made an effort with the *Ingathering Signs*. They had secured about \$100 gold in a short time when we had the last reports from them. They are trying to get a fund started with which to build a church. They have some hopes of securing a grant from the government on which to build. Brother and Sister Thompson are studying the Chinese language.

Some are taking their stand for the truth here in Singapore. Brother Rowland plans to hold a tent effort here in a short time. The students from the school are selling our literature from house to house and going with the teachers to hold Bible studies, and they are finding honest souls. We shall soon have another baptismal service here.

Please remember us at the Throne of Grace, that we may have wisdom and power to hold forth the light of truth so that honest souls in all walks of life may see it.

F. A. DETAMORE.

Errata

We note the omission of a line in setting up Pastor Finster's article in the last issue of the NEWS. The last sentence before the tabulated list of books on the second column of page 1 should read as follows: With the blessing of the Lord we have been able not only to print thousands of tracts in the Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuñ and Panayan languages, and our native paper in Tagalog, which has increased in circulation tenfold, but also the following books.

Opening of New Chapels in Szechwan

Our mission work in this great Province with its 68,000,000 people is moving along slowly but surely. We do not find this an easy field, for Satan has securely bound the people in chains of sin that are not easily broken. There is more drunkenness and smoking and immorality here than in other parts of China where the writers have worked. Since opening our

chapel, a little over a year and a half ago, over five hundred robbers have been executed just outside the Tung Yuan gate. Executions have also taken place in other parts of the city, but of these we have no record. Similar conditions prevail in all the large cities of Szechwan, and one would think that the robbers would soon be exterminated, but rather they seem to multiply, terrorizing the villages and market towns.

We find too that the standard held by the Sunday keeping societies in the west is much lower than that of the Sunday keeping societies in Honan and the surrounding provinces, and this also makes our work much more difficult. However, in spite of the difficulties, God's Spirit is gathering out from the darkness of heathenism souls whom we believe are going through to the kingdom of God, and a church is being built up which will, we believe, stand the "test of fire." Our present church membership is fourteen. This number could have been much larger had we baptized all who were desirous of baptism, but we have received only such into the church who manifest that the Spirit of God is working upon their hearts and changing their lives. Another class of perhaps six or seven will shortly go forward in baptism. None of these have been members in any other society, but are those who formerly bowed down to heathen gods.

We have given up our old chapel and recently procured a much more commodious building which is located in the centre of Chungking, on a very busy street. Here we have just concluded a special series of meetings. Day by day the hall has been crowded to its utmost capacity with interested listeners. The chapel seats over two hundred. We have appealed to them at the close of each meeting to give their hearts to God, and receive salvation through Christ's atoning sacrifice. Many have given in their names, stating that they were desirous of studying further the gospel message. Special Bible classes are being held with these, and we hope some day to see them become true, loyal Christians.

Two other chapels are being operated in addition to the one in Chungking, both being located in busy market towns. These chapels are crowded almost every time the message is given. Some results have already been seen from the work done in the first of these chapels, for some of those who will shortly go forward in baptism are from this chapel. In the other chapel we are also holding a night school, and there are some who are interested, but as we have just begun work in this place, it is too early to speak of results.

F. A. ALLUM.

Greetings from Our President

We are writing just a word of greeting this morning to the Asiatic Division family in order that you may know the reason for our delay in returning to the Orient.

I have been battling with the oriental bowel difficulty for more than twenty months. During that time I have been too busy to stop long enough at any one time to get entirely rid of the disease.

After a very strenuous tour of the schools across the American continent, we decided to take time to recover. While doing so we took vaccination for typhoid, after which I was visited with another very stubborn attack. At the time when it was necessary to decide whether we should return on March 7th, or cancel our booking and remain until after the hot season in the Orient, my condition was the worst that it had been at any time. Acting upon the advice of Doctors Miller and Eggleston and the Mission Board, after one of the hardest struggles of our experience, we decided to remain until about the first of August.

Since making this decision we have devoted ourselves to the special business of my complete recovery. By following the instruction of our doctors, and the faithful nursing of Mrs. Porter, by the good blessing of God, the disease has been so far removed from my system that scarce a symptom of it remains. Another two or three weeks will doubtless leave me entirely free from its effects. It will

require a little time to build up my normal weight and strength before entering upon the taxing duties of my usual work, but I am building rapidly every week, and hope to be able to attend some of the early camp-meetings before setting sail for the Far East July 26.

Until we return Pastor J. E. Fulton, vice-president of the Asiatic Division, will take charge of the affairs of the Division, and give counsel on all questions of importance pertaining to the work.

R. C. PORTER.

Practical Training for Students

At the beginning of the Chinese new year we decided to hold a special series of meetings at each of our out-stations for outside people. At this time the students in our training school were having a vacation, and we sent them out to the different stations to assist in the meetings and to gain actual experience in working for the salvation of souls. The effort was successful, and our workers are encouraged to press on with greater efforts to spread a knowledge of the gospel.

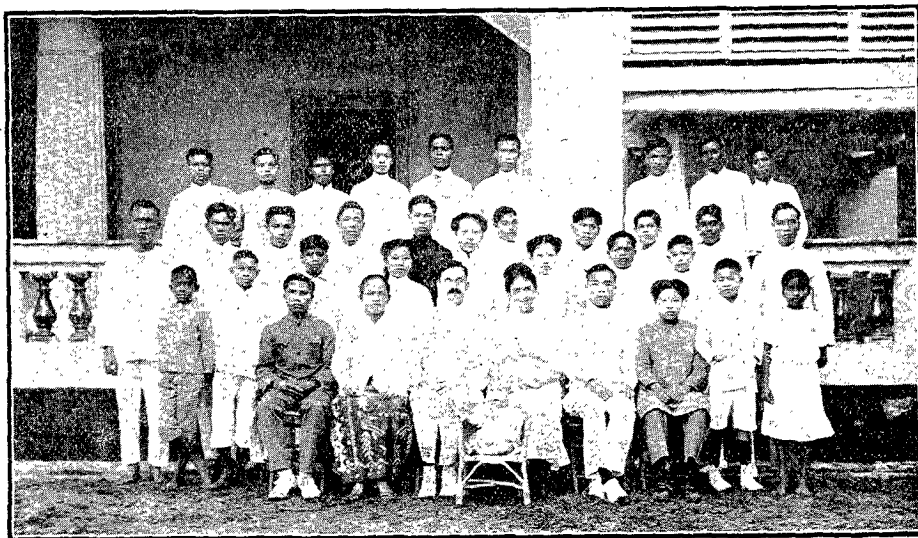
At Fatshan the meetings continued for ten days with an outside attendance of more than two hundred. Ninety-seven people handed in their names and addresses, thus signifying their desire to join the Bible class which will meet three times a week for the study of our truths. The students who assisted at Fatshan rendered excellent help in inviting the people to come, giving Bible readings, Bible talks, and some preaching.

Hongkong meetings were well attended, but their chapel would not accommodate as many people as at Fatshan. At present I am not informed as to how many gave their names and addresses for membership in the Bible class, but when I was there a goodly number had already done so.

At all but one station names and addresses were given by those who desired to continue the study.

I was very much pleased with the way the students and workers cooperated in trying to make the meetings profitable to all.

Today our training school reopens after a vacation, so-called, but in reality it has been three weeks of hard



Home Students, Singapore Training School

work and training, and I thank God for the young men He has given us.

The teachers of our schools assisted in these meetings and gained new experiences in missionary work. The meetings were a help and blessing to our people scattered at these stations, and their hearts rejoiced to see the good results.

We praise God for what He has done for us, and with His help and guidance, we will press on with greater efforts.

A. L. HAM.

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Work of Hupeh and Kiangsi Colporteurs

During the four months from November first to March first our colporteurs have secured 2,618 subscriptions for the *Signs* in the Province of Hupeh.

During the last four and a half months 1,632 subscriptions for the *Signs* have been taken in the metropolis of Central China.

During this same period our Kiangsi colporteurs have secured 1000 subscriptions for the *Signs*.

The seven leading colporteurs in the Provinces of Hupeh and Kiangsi, with the number of subscriptions they have secured in the four months from November to March, are as follows:—Tien D. L., 567; Hsu H. L., 525; Djeu W. H., 360; Du S. R., 269; Fan D. C., 258; Liu N. H., 251; Chen Y. T., 205.

A. C. SELMON.

The Sabbath School Work Moving Onward

God has graciously offered us the help needful for all our work in the form of His Holy Spirit, which is ever to be our Guide and Counsellor. It is our privilege to accept this help proffered, and by faithfully following where He leadeth we will hear that voice from behind, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Rapid advancement in Sabbath school lines is seen in various portions of this great land. In Central China a provincial paper is being printed in the Mandarin language. Once a month parts of its columns are devoted to profitable instruction on Sabbath school work, almost every phase of the work being considered. So it is in other parts of the field. Instructions on the proper methods of conducting local schools are being printed, and many practical points which will greatly strengthen the weak places, giving an impetus to the work not before realized.

Cheering words come from the workers in the Straits Settlements, and a firm foundation is being laid for more aggressive Sabbath school work, which will be of lasting benefit to the work and workers throughout Malaysia. In far-away Borneo a Sabbath school of thirty-one members is struggling along, devoid of proper accommodations, but full of home and good cheer. Up-to-date methods are being adopted, and where two teachers have been doing the work of four, a third will soon join the happy band as a relief to the ones already employed. Progressiveness is manifested, and the outlook was never brighter for the Sabbath school work in Malaysia. Indeed, "the Sabbath school work is moving onward."

In Korea the Sabbath School Department is supplying the workers in the field with numerous helps, translated and printed in the native language,—such pamphlets as the *Mission Quarterly*, *The Sabbath School Worker*, *Instructions to Officers and Teachers*, and many helpful quotations from Sister White's writings, which will be of valuable assistance to the work and workers throughout Korea.

The method of setting goals for the purpose of increasing the offerings is followed with great success in

the Japanese field. At the beginning of 1915, a goal was set for 1000 yen during the year; later they raised it to 1,100 yen, and the amount finally reached was the sum of 1,171 yen. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the fourth quarter of 1915 was almost equal to the whole amount given during 1913. The goal set for 1916 is 1,500 yen. We hear a sound of "going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and we believe God is going before, breaking down the hindrances along the way in reaching this goal set by our Sabbath schools in Japan. Neat helps are being printed and sent out each month, and with the aid of the *Sabbath School Worker* very much valuable instruction on general Sabbath school work is creating an interest in the Japanese field.

We hear encouraging reports from the Philippines, and also from Manchuria and Szechwan. South China is taking advantage of the many helps printed in the Wenli language. And from the statistical reports which will appear next week please note the progress in each of these fields.

Three conventions have been held in East China recently, and great enthusiasm prevailed in the discussions following some of the valuable papers read, bearing on different phases of our great Sabbath school work.

Realizing the advancement our work is making, we can exclaim, with faithful David, "Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people; for the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts."

NANNIE L. WOODWARD.

NOTES

Brother and Sister C. F. Glascock announce the arrival of a little son, Milton Virgil, to their home in Nanking on April 11.

A note in the Southwestern Union *Record* tells of a visit which Pastor and Mrs. R. F. Cottrell made to the Keene (Texas) church in March.

Brother H. A. Oberg has just undergone a successful operation for appendicitis at a hospital in Seoul, Korea. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Brother H. M. Blunden is removing his family from Nanking to Shanghai this week. Brother Blunden will continue his work in the Nanking language school, but is settling his family here before the hot weather begins.

Pastor J. E. Fulton returned the evening of April 20 from his tour through Korea and northern and central China. He reports encouraging progress in the work in these fields, and promises us reports of his trip in later issues.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the necessity of Pastor R. C. Wangerin and family leaving their work in Korea and returning to America. The doctor pronounces Brother Wangerin's trouble to be tubercular, and therefore urges an early return to the States.

Mrs. O. A. Hall made a short trip to Nanking this week, and brought back 721 subscriptions for the Chinese *Signs*, the work of Anhwei colporteurs for two weeks. Brother Woodward on opening the mail the morning of the 21st, found over 700 subscriptions for the *Signs* from Central China, 555 of which were from Hunan.