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Where Are You Looking?

"If you're wanting to be wretched,
Look within.
There you'll see so much that's lacking,
So much sin,
That you'll grow discouraged—weary—
With the outlook dark and dreary;
If you're wanting to be wretched,
Look within.

"If you wish to be distracted,
Look around;
See your neighbor's faults and failings
Which abound.
What the world's mad race for pleasure—
Take your part in goodly measure;
If distraction is your treasure,
Look around.

"If for peace and joy you're yearning,
Look above.
Calm you'll find and blest assurance
Yea, and love
So unchanging, so untiring,
As will fill your heart's desiring,
If to gladness you're aspiring,
Look above."

Leaving Hongkong for India

FRIDAY afternoon, December 1, in company with Pastor W. T. and Mrs. Knox, we left Hongkong Harbor for India, on the steamship "Malta." we booked second class, and we are now within one day of Colombo, and are very much pleased with the accommodations and service we have received. The food is good, even though not such as we would provide in our own homes. Everything is kept sweet and clean in the cabins and on deck, and we have a very quiet, well-behaved class of traveling companions. The ship is carrying its full capacity of passengers and cargo. Many tons each of tin and rubber were taken on at Penang. The sea has been calm, and a fresh breeze has fanned us every day.

Our stay of two days at Singapore was most pleasant. We gave the workers there somewhat of a sur-

prise, as they did not expect us to arrive until four in the afternoon, and we arrived at eight in the morning. We had no difficulty in finding our way to our mission headquarters at 300 Serangoon Road, and the first to extend the hand of greeting was Master Morgan Adams, a dear little laddie of eighteen months.

We found each one busy with his own line of work. Pastor Detamore was expecting us, so was at home enjoying a few days with his family. Professor Adams and his associate teacher, Miss Lena Mead, were busy with their school duties, and enjoying their work immensely. They have a school to be proud of. One hundred and twenty bright young people are there availing themselves of a Christian education, preparatory to giving the message to their own people. The larger number can understand English, so the helpful talks given them by Pastors Knox and Porter were very much appreciated. Professor Adams and Miss Mead are full of enthusiasm and courage in their school work, and their efforts are being responded to in a most satisfactory way. Brother Rowland is entering most heartily into the Ingathering work at present, and his efforts are not being put forth in vain. He is getting some good substantial offerings to their mission work; and he is not alone in this work. Almost every worker in the Malaysian field are gathering in sums both large and small. Their goal is one thousand dollars, gold, and at the rate they are going they will soon have accomplished it. All seem so happy in their work, and their interest is centered in giving the third angel's message to the more than fifty-seven million people of the East Indian Union.

We did not find the excessive heat here that we expected. A downpour of rain almost every day keeps the atmosphere cool, and the nights were very comfortable. The mission family are all in good health, with the exception of Sister Detamore, and she is greatly improved. Retta Jean, the little three months old lassie, and light of Brother and Sister Rowland's home, is growing satisfactorily, and is a great comfort to them. The three children of Brother and

Sister Detamore are so lovable, and already show strength of character and loyalty to the truth.

The work is onward in Malaysia, and our hearts were greatly cheered and encouraged as Pastor Detamore rehearsed to us the many openings before them, and the success attending each worker. We will visit other parts of the field on our return from India.

R. C. AND MRS. PORTER.

News from Pitcairn Island

IN the *Australasian Record* of December 4 we find some interesting news from Sister Adams, of Pitcairn Island. Very seldom we hear from this part of our division, and it is encouraging to us to see how cheerfully Brother and Sister Adams are working under the conditions they find there:—

“May 22, 1916. It is over twelve months since we received our last mail and a few of our papers. Quite unexpectedly a steamboat gave us a call early one morning recently which announced that the Canal was opened again, and also brought some of the world’s news,—sufficient to show where we are in this world’s history. Since then another boat called, and from both we were able to secure some things for our little missionary schooner. My husband also got some flour and a few other little necessaries.

“We had not eaten bread for several months, and had been living chiefly upon bananas, arrowroot, and taro, with an occasional potato, so the change was good. Little Paul often used to ask me for some bread. I used to tell him that he must ask Jesus, and that some day it would come. The steward kindly let my husband have one pound’s worth of goods, including the flour, and I feel quite rich.

“We have learned to cook and prepare bananas in a number of ways. We boil them when green to take the place of bread for breakfast, but you know there is such a variety of them that it is not at all monotonous, and they agree with us so well.

“We are grateful for such splendid health. I have never enjoyed better. We have never come to the place, as we were told we should, where we would find it necessary to eat flesh of any kind. The people have watched us very closely, and when we would teach health reform, they would say it was impossible in this place, but now we see a change. Many see that it is possible, and are taking their stand firmly for health reform. Our little Paul is such a bonnie boy that he alone bears testimony to the beneficial diet that is to be obtained here without the use of flesh.”

“June 11. We are expecting another steamboat to pass shortly from the Canal on its way to New Zealand. Three boats have passed here from Australia, but we did not communicate with any of them. They

would not wait for the boats. It is difficult to see them a long way off when they are coming that way, because we all live on the north side of the island, and the hills around us hide them from view until they are right upon us, and it is usually too late then, for they will not wait. When going to Australia they are sometimes sighted twenty miles away and the men thus have time to go out to meet them.

“It is so hard at times to see these boats going to and from home and yet not receive even one of our papers. Surely a way will open soon. Our little schooner, although not nearly finished, is still the object of faithful labor. When we consider that the trees had to be felled away up on the hill and carried down by the men, to be sawn by hand, with only a very limited supply of tools, and that most of the nails that have been used so far were made out of old pieces of iron, some of which was so rusty and hard that it seemed almost impossible to do anything with it, we can understand something of the undertaking it has been. But believing the Lord would supply every need, if we did our part, everything available in the way of material was utilized. All that could be procured was used, even my little stove poker being converted into nails.

“I saved the cinders from the palm wood which we burn in our large stone ovens. For several weeks these cinders were used in the make-shift forge where the nails were made, but now we have a good supply of coal.

“My husband goes off to the boats and interests the captains and carpenters in the work of building the schooner, and he has never failed to secure a large donation. Rope, paint, oil, nails, bolts, pitch, and iron with which to make nails, as well as coal for the furnace, has been contributed in this way, so you can see that the Lord is working for us. Paul was not satisfied until he could help make nails. Anything that looked like a nail he would pick up, and beat it with his little hammer, telling us that he wanted to help build the schooner for Jesus.

“Just now the people are busy making arrowroot, but the weather is wet and cold, whereas dry weather and hot sun are needed for making good arrowroot. Potatoes and arrowroot have both failed this year, owing to the long, hot drought, but bananas are still plentiful. We also have a little breadfruit this year which makes an agreeable change in one’s diet. Oranges are now coming in, and there appears to be a very good crop, but these will soon be disposed of if the steamboats continue to call.”

“It is as important that we should have good books as that we should keep good company, as the one will make the other.”

A Short Trip to Manila

LEARNING that our steamer would be ten days late into Manila, we canceled our booking there and took passage from Hongkong. There had been some matters long waiting my coming to Manila, and having time before sailing, and a free ticket one way, I decided to go on and meet our American brethren coming to the field there, and together talk over our plans, which had to be changed somewhat on account of Pastor Spicer not being able to visit our field at this time, as expected. It was thought best to have Pastor Daniells take Elder Spicer's place and tour the northern part of the division with Pastor Fulton and Brother Weaks, Pastor and Mrs. Knox accompanying myself and Mrs. Porter to India.

We were sorry that failing health made it necessary for Brother and Sister Lanier to return to America, and Brother and Sister Wallace to Australia. Their places in the printing department have been filled by Brother C. N. Woodward and Brother Strable, respectively. Pastor Finster will keep our readers well posted regarding the onward march of the work in the Philippines, so I need not give this in my report, more than to say that it is progressing most satisfactorily. I was pleased with the arrangements and plans of the new buildings recently erected in Manila. They are creditable in appearance and inexpensive in construction. We enjoyed the pleasant evening spent with the missionaries of all denominations at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Finster in their monthly union meeting. We were glad to meet so many whose interests are along the line of evangelical work in the Philippines.

Pastor Daniells, Pastor Fulton, and Brother Weaks remained in Manila for a more extended visit to the field before starting on their northern tour of the division.

R. C. PORTER.

Manila Institute

A SECOND colporteurs' institute for 1916 for the Philippines was conducted at Manila, December 7-14. As it immediately preceded the general meeting, we were able to have present the colporteurs from all parts of the islands, representing the various languages where we are working. It was an inspiring sight to see thirty keen, energetic young men thus gathered, the majority of whom were just fresh from the field, to study how to become more effective in their service for God. Not only were colporteurs present, but practically all the ministers and bible workers, native and foreign, besides. This added greatly to the effectiveness of the institute, as it enables all to enter more heartily into the work that the colporteurs are doing.

The company was divided into groups, each group representing a different language. The instruction was given in English, and then taken by leaders in the various groups who translated into Tagalog, Illocano, Cebuano and Panayan. I think a busier and more interesting week I never spent. We were at it from early until late, and I believe a company of workers has gone into the field that will take a very leading part in heralding the message to the millions of that field.

1916 was a good year for the book work in the Philippines. Their sales for the first ten months were 32,000 pesos (a peso is fifty cents, gold), a gain of 7,000 pesos over the entire year of 1915. This work was largely done in the Tagalog field. Now the brethren are organizing for more definite work in the other three fields, where we have foreign workers located. A book on "Daniel" has been brought out in these three languages, and the workers are meeting with success in selling it. Brother Hay's men in the Illocano field have met with excellent success in selling a small book on the second coming of Christ. While the book sells for but sixty centavos (thirty cents, gold), one young man took one hundred and eight pesos worth of orders in one week.

We hope soon to have books prepared in the Pampangan and Bicol languages. Some of our best Tagalog colporteurs are natives of these languages, and as soon as books are prepared, these workers will be ready to pioneer in their own native land.

May God's blessing attend this band of thirty colporteurs as they act their part in warning the priest-ridden millions of the Philippines.

C. E. WEAKS.

Annual Meeting of Kiangsu Mission

THE regular 1916 annual meeting was held at Kading, November 27 to December 2, inclusive. The reports presented by the laborers from the different parts of the field showed encouraging progress during the past year. The Lord's blessing has been especially manifest in the evangelistic work, and we have been privileged to see fifty-three converts baptized, four new stations opened, and one additional union church organized with a membership of thirty-eight.

The attendance at the beginning of the meeting was between sixty and seventy, this number increasing until on the last Sabbath there were nearly one hundred present, some of whom had come three hundred li at their own expense.

Sabbath afternoon a large number of the people of the city gathered at the baptismal service, when twenty-three men and women followed their Lord in baptism. Each station and church throughout the mission, except one of the new stations, was represented among the candidates.

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NOTES

THE Altam home, in Shanghai, was brightened January 18 by the arrival of Wilma Eva, a wee lassie of six pounds.

BRO. O. A. HALL and family moved to Shanghai January 15. Brother Hall takes up work as translator of Elder Daniells' new book, and Sister Hall as instructor in music in the Training School.

WE were glad to see Brother Blunden, who arrived in Shanghai January 27, after two months work in South China. He reports the holding of successful institutes in the provinces of Fukien, Kwangsi, and Kwangtung.

IN a letter from Brother S. A. Nagel, of South China, he says: "We have just closed a very successful meeting. I baptized thirty-three. About a hundred were present. All manifest a new interest and determination to make the coming year all it should be."

A PARTY consisting of Elder Daniells and wife. Brethren Fulton, Weeks, and Crisler left Shanghai January 18 on a tour of Japan, Korea, Manchuria, North, Central, and East China. They will hold general meetings in each of these places, and expect to arrive in Shanghai in time for the Asiatic Division Conference session, April 5-26.

AN item from a letter from Sister Hindson, of Australia, will be of interest to those working for the Chinese: "A Chinese brother of the North Sydney church, Brother Gwan, is now employed by the conference to work for his own people. He is getting in touch with some of the leading Chinese business men of Sydney, and is a zealous worker. This is an advance step, and we trust that some of the Chinese in our midst may be won for the Lord."

A LETTER from Brother Lillie states that their children have been having a severe siege with the measles. The youngest, Alice, was in a critical condition for a time, but he says "the Lord heard our prayers, blessed the simple remedies, and all are through the danger now." They are having some genuine winter weather in Shandung, but this does not seem to hinder the work, for Brother Lillie had been canvassing a few days in Tsinan, and had taken over one hundred subscriptions for the Chinese *Signs of the Times*. We are glad to hear of the progress of the new work opened in that city.

Onward!

Duty points, with outstretched fingers,
Every soul to action high;
No betide the soul that lingers,
Onward! onward! is the cry.—J. Fagan.

Among other plans for new work passed by the committee was a vote to open a school in the Kiangyin station, and perhaps both a boys' and a girls' school at Shanghai. In the past, we have been unable to have a school in the latter place because of the lack of room in our chapel quarters, and also on account of the high rents for other suitable buildings, but the brethren felt that we should not be without a school where our children can receive Christian education, in this important center.

Last summer, for the first time in this mission, we began work with subscription books, and we feel that the result is most encouraging. Two of the young men from the Training School went to the city of Hangehow at the close of school, and during the vacation months took orders and made deliveries to the amount of \$474, gold.

At the last business session of the meeting the treasurer presented a report of the receipts and disbursements of the mission during the year. The amounts of tithes and offerings received are given below in native currency:—

Tithes, including institutional worker's	\$1,112.13
Sabbath-school	423.49
Miscellaneous donations	310.76
	Total, \$1,846.38

The question of more thorough organization was considered during the meeting, and a number of additional secretaries were appointed to look after the interests of the different departments of the mission. We believe with this extra help that we shall be able to do more efficient work during the coming year than we have been able to do in the past.

K. H. Wood.

Notice!

No doubt many of our missionaries are not aware of the fact that a parcel post system has been introduced in China, and that it is now possible to order goods from America sent direct to different parts of China. Having had correspondence with Montgomery Ward Co., and others, concerning this matter, I would suggest that future parcel post orders be so placed that they will be sent direct to the local address of the person ordering the goods.

H. W. BARROWS.