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Alone With God

"Alone with God!" the keynote this
Of every holy life,
The secret power of fragrant growth,
And victory over strife.

"Alone with God!" true knowledge gained
While sitting at His feet;
We learn life's greatest lessons there,
Which make for service meet." —Selected

The Morning Bell

IN HUNDREDS of homes in many lands the message of the Morning Bell calls the children of God to communion with Him. It bears the tidings of comfort, of help, and of inspiration to the thousands who pause to listen. It is one of the means that God uses to remind us to "take time to be holy," to face Him before facing the world, and to begin the day aright by receiving that strength that comes through prayer and Bible study. It is grasping time by the forelock—this improving the inestimable blessing of the morning hour.

One son of the Light (a Chinese teacher) may well be mentioned as an example of punctual and systematic morning devotion. Every morning soon after five o'clock one may hear him repeating the Morning Bell verse. To-day he called attention to Ps. 5:3: "My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up." As the archer who draws the bow, lets fly the arrow and then looks up to see if his aim was true, so the children of God, from the time the author wrote this beautiful verse until the present, have directed their prayers to God and looked up for the answer. I think that when this son of China stands before the great King one of the helpful things he will not forget to mention will be the Morning Bell, that morning by morning awakened him to the devotional hour.

How is it with us? Does it seem that time is so fleeting and results so meager that we must use that hour for other purposes? Let us look carefully to our Christian duties and privileges, or a little later we will look in vain for a crown. Let us never allow the devil to cause us to think that the time spent in sharpening tools is lost. Luther was a busy man and had a great work to do. On his busiest days he spent three hours in Bible study and prayer, that he might be better fitted to accomplish his tasks in a shorter time. Hudson Taylor tells us he arose as early as 3 o'clock in order to keep his morning appointment with God and be charged with the dynamic power of Heaven.

The workers in this Division are a needy people. We are trying out new policies and need a strong faith and a large wisdom. Our school work in this part of the field is meeting a crisis in our endeavor to build firmly the foundation of "self-support." Our young people are calling for more attention. The native talent needs to be developed and used in a more effi-

cient way to push the work forward. Then there is the ministerial and colporteur work. Each department has its problems to solve. What is to settle the trying questions and answer the crying needs? We reply: *A deeper and surer spirituality.* This will mean a tapping of the mighty power of prayer, and a sinking of the shaft deeper into God's Word. Then we will get a force equal to and far surpassing the power of Niagara, and will secure means above the wealth of the richest gold and silver mines. Yes; it's all in prayer and Bible study and it's all available power; not limited to any country, and no respecter of persons. It's for me, and for you. When we get this power, the work will bound forward like the engine when the throttle is opened, and will speed across the plains, down the valleys, and up the hills, pulling after it the heaviest of burdens.

When prayer and Bible study becomes a constant, regular practice, then may we well hope for a habitual, continual, and progressive victory in God. When our young people have this experience, then will they endeavor in a more vigorous and persevering manner to support themselves in school, in order to obtain that education that tends to restore the image of God in the soul; and thus they will be fitted for a larger usefulness in the cause of God. When our ministers are thus equipped, their sermons will breathe the breath of God and their speech administer grace to the hearers. Marked results will be realized. The colporteurs, going forth with strong faith obtained through Bible study and prayer, will by their personal example spread the knowledge of the truth. By an increase in more honest sales they will leave behind them a more permanent influence, and will make a deeper impression for good. The harvest of such a sowing would surprise the most liberal, and be beyond all expectations. The perplexing problem of the need of workers would then solve itself; for like the members of the early church, all would be workers and would give all they possess—funds, talents, and prayers—for the fulfilling of the Great Commission. Then the treasury would be ample enough and the workers be many.

When shall we study the Bible and pray? We answer, "Pray without ceasing." But in dealing in a general way with these subjects we have lost the blessing of definiteness. We must have definite times to talk with God, and to allow Him to converse with us. The Psalmist said that at morning, noon, and night he would cry unto God. Man has not yet found better times than these. Let us observe them, and begin right by beginning at the early hour.

"A moment in the morning—a moment, if no more—
It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er."

This done, the text may be true of us, "He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." Isa. 50:4. Christ's example (Mark 1:35) of rising early in the morning and going

to a solitary place to pray, would then be oftener followed, and the foreign worker would place a worthy example before his native co-laborer. Out of the stillness of these quiet morning hours we would come forth thoroughly prepared, well equipped, fully armed for the Christian warfare. The church of God would then go forth conquering and to conquer, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

M. G. CONGER.

Educational and Y.P.M.V. Sec., N. China Union.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

The "Melanesia"

"THE ISLES shall wait for His law." Truly have these words of the prophet been fulfilled in those islands embraced in what is known to our church-members of Australasia—and perhaps to most of those heralding

sum is the share-holding plan. Each share is valued at five shillings (\$1.20, Gold), and the payment of this sum entitles any person to become a shareholder. When one becomes a shareholder, he receives a certificate. Should he be entitled to two or more shares, the same is noted on the certificate. Knowing the value of setting an aim, a goal was set in this enterprise, and four shares, realizing £1, is the goal striven for by each Missionary Volunteer member.

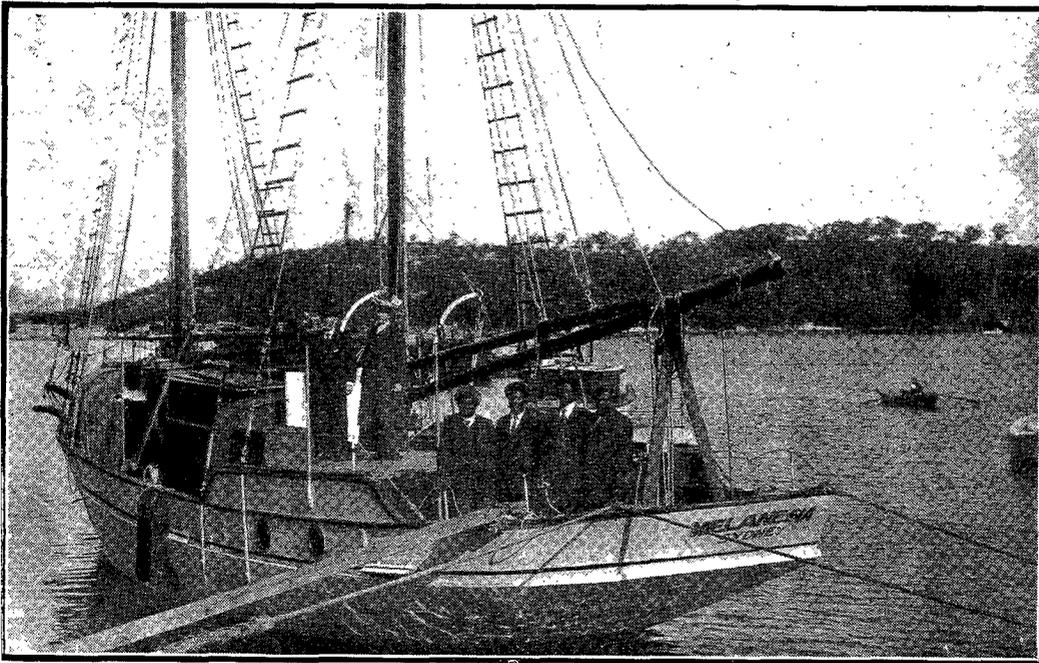
The young people are encouraged to sell magazines, giving the whole of the profits toward this worthy and needy object. Morning Watch Calendars are also sold, a large portion of the 20,000 edition being now disposed of. Back numbers of *Life and Health* are given free by the Sigas Publishing Co. to those who desire to sell them and place the proceeds of the sale toward the boat fund. Collecting cards are also used, and in this way many who are not of our church are given the privilege of having a part in this good work. In various other ways the young people are bending their energies to reach the goal.

A model of the "Melanesia" was on exhibition at most of the camp-meetings held in Australasia last season. Both young and old listened with much interest while Brother Knight, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department, or some other worker, described the different parts of the boat and explained its object.

The "Melanesia" is a small boat, being 35 tons; 17 ft. beam, 58 ft. over all. There is accommodation for twenty-two persons,

including the crew. Amidships there is a small, neat cabin. This will be used for dining purposes, and will accommodate seven passengers. The engine rooms are fitted with bunks to accommodate two engineers. At the stern is a nicely fitted cabin for the captain, Pastor Jones, and his wife. Quarters are in the forecabin for a native crew of nine.

The accompanying picture of the "Melanesia" will be of interest to the readers. On the upper deck can be seen Pastor Jones and wife. Pastor Jones is the superintendent of the Melanesian Mission, and he with others will cruise around among the islands in his field, to pioneer the way for other workers. On the lower deck are four natives of the Solomon Islands who arrived in Sydney during the last week of April to make up part of the crew. These four brethren are some of the jewels that have recently been claimed for the kingdom of Christ. Before the "Melanesia" left the shores of Australia, a dedication service was held.



The "Melanesia"—The Gift of the Australasian Young People to the Melanesian Mission

the last message of mercy to the world—as the Melanesian Mission. Some of the islands comprising this mission are: The Solomons, Loyalty, Torres, New Caledonia, Santa Cruz, New Hebrides, Bismarck Archipelago, and East New Guinea. The Lord, however, is mindful of His children everywhere, and by His providences He is opening ways by which the message of His mercy shall be carried to those whose hearts are turning toward Him. At the time of writing there glides over the Pacific a trim little boat bearing the name "Melanesia," whose mission is to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the people in these isolated places who have sat in darkness for so many centuries.

The year 1917 is a year of special interest for the young people of Australasia, as, their hearts all aglow with enthusiasm, they are working to raise the money to pay for the "Melanesia,"—their gift to the mission of that name. This amount is equivalent to about £2000 (\$9,600, Gold). The plan followed to secure this

The words of the prophet, "The abundance of the seas shall be converted unto Thee: the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto Thee" (Isa. 60:4), are to-day being fulfilled before our eyes. And we believe that many of the young people who are this year determinedly working to reach the goal set for the shareholders in the "Melanesia," will not far hence be co-workers with Christ in those islands to which the "Melanesia" will carry the first rays of the light of salvation.

Miss B. A. DOWELL.

Dedication of the Malabon Church

THE town of Malabon is a suburb of Manila. It is a large fishing town. In 1910 a few meetings were held here, and a small church raised up. By the faithful missionary efforts of this little company, an interest was created in a neighboring barrio (village) called Tanza. Meetings were held there, and as a result several new converts were added to the company of believers in Malabon.

Last year a tent was pitched in Malabon, and meetings conducted by three native workers. There was a very large attendance, and seventy-one believers were baptised as a result of the tent effort and the faithful labors of the church members. Many even among the Catholic people offered us contributions if we would build a church in their midst; and so within two months a neat little nipa chapel was completed.

Last Sunday, July 8, was set for the dedication of this chapel. At an early hour the people began to gather, and by nine o'clock the church was filled. A good orchestra had been engaged for the occasion, and with appropriate singing and the dedicatory sermon, the house was set apart for the service of God. When the brethren separated to go to their homes, it was with joyful and thankful hearts for the truth they had received, and with a determination that henceforth their lives should be more fully dedicated to His service.

There still remains a good interest at Malabon, and we believe that many more will soon be added to this company.

L. V. FINSTER.

The Work on Niue

FROM Brother S. W. Carr, our representative worker on Niue, or Savage Island, one of the Friendly Group of the South Sea Islands, comes the good word of progress in that field. Brother and Sister Carr of Australia, have been laboring on Niue for a little more than a year.

Niue will be remembered by some of our workers as a field to which our workers gained entrance only after tactful effort and patient waiting. When the fact that our workers were about to enter Niue became known on the island, a spirit of opposition was awakened, and it was thought best to delay sending the workers until after the matter had quieted. When this word reached our brethren on the island of Rarotonga, the deacon of the church, himself a native of Niue, determined to do what he could to win a place for the message on Niue. Without asking any help of the conference, he paid his passage to the island, and visited and worked among his people with good success.

In 1915 Sister Vai Kerisome, also a native of Niue, and for some time a student at the Avondale School,

returned to her home island, and for almost a year, while holding a position as school teacher, worked in various ways to interest her people in the truths of the third angel's message. By her quiet Christian influence she won the hearts of Europeans and natives alike, and thus prepared the way for the workers who came later. When in May, 1916, Brother and Sister Carr reached the island, their efforts were rendered efficient from the first through the services of Sister Kerisome as interpreter and counselor. In a short time, some of the natives took their stand for the Sabbath truth, and regular services were being held in three of the eleven villages on the island. In two of these villages Sabbath services are held each week. The membership of these two Sabbath-schools now numbers twenty-seven, though not all the members are Sabbath-keepers. A recent letter from Brother Carr reports that six more candidates are awaiting baptism.

Brother and Sister Carr and their loyal helper, Sister Kerisome, are laboring on in faith and hope, confident that a lasting work of grace will be wrought in the lives of the native believers on Niue. Cut off as they are for long periods of time from communication with the outside world, these workers need our prayers that in their isolation they may experience, in added measure, the Holy Spirit's guidance and instruction.

Itinerating in the East Asian Union

MRS. WEAKS and I have just returned to Division headquarters after more than two months spent in the East Asian Union. During this time it has been my privilege to visit, with two exceptions, every station in the union where we have foreign workers; and aside from this, many of our native churches and companies. This latter I regard as a special privilege, as it has given me a better idea of conditions as met by our evangelists and colporteurs in their aggressive work for souls.

Japan

Four weeks were spent in the Island Empire. The first week of this time was spent at Tokyo headquarters, where the executive committee of the Japan Mission was holding session just prior to the sailing of Brn. Knox, Town, and Griggs for the States. Japan has entered heartily into the plans laid at the recent Shanghai meeting for placing our school and literature work on a more solid and economical basis. Heretofore the Tokyo school has been conducted for six months in the year, the students being largely supported by the mission. The attendance was largely limited, however, to those whom it was hoped would, after two years of training, be prepared to enter the work. It was felt that these young people would be stronger for the work if they were thrown upon their own resources for an education; so it was voted to close the school for one year, opening it in the autumn of 1918 on a self-supporting basis. The young people are being urged to enter the field with our literature to work for scholarships. We believe the future will prove this move to be a wise one.

Beginning with June 1st, our literature work also was placed on a new basis. The magazine was changed in style and name, the size slightly increased, and the price doubled. The commission to colporteurs was changed from ninety to fifty per cent. This was a

radical change, but one that will mean much to our publishing work in Japan. The raise in price of single copies from five to ten sen, with the change in commission to the workers, has increased the income to the press from one-half sen to five sen per copy. We are confident of the wisdom of this move. Japan is now producing one of the most attractive journals that we have in the Division; and we trust that our workers in other parts of the field, who have Japanese living in their territory, will make a wide use of the output of the Japan Publishing house.

From Tokyo I went into the field with Brother Stacey to visit the colporteurs stationed in different cities. Our first stop was at Nagoya, where there are two workers. Nagoya is one of the great commercial centers of Japan. About a year ago a church was raised up in this center, and it is one of the most wide-awake companies of Sabbath-keepers I have met. Our evangelist there is hard at work, and souls are being won to the message.

One experience impressed me very deeply. A young man of wealth and social standing had met with reverses, and his family was reduced to poverty. In some way a Bible had found its way into their heathen home. In his discouragement the young man turned to the Book to see what it contained. He found there messages that spoke to his soul. He felt that these wonderful sayings should be passed on to others. Being somewhat of an adept with a brush, he began copying on motto cards the verses that especially appealed to him. These cards he sold from house to house as a means of livelihood.

As the experience was related to me, I saw one of these cards hanging on the wall. It read, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Such a text meant much to one who had passed through this young man's experience. Our evangelist found him, and interested him in present truth. Now his thirsty soul is drinking in this message, and it is hoped that ere long he will be ready for baptism.

Our next stop was at Kobe, where Dr. Noma conducts a private sanitarium. The Lord has blessed the untiring efforts of this faithful worker, and the institution has a growing patronage. We have eight or ten colporteurs working in the great commercial centers near Kobe. These workers spent two days with us at the sanitarium, where we studied together how to make their work more effective. We greatly appreciated the presence with us of Pastor Johanson at this brief institute. At its close we visited near-by cities where workers are located.

At Heroshima we found Brother Anderson, Dr. Tatsuguchi, and one Japanese evangelist hard at work to build up the interests of the cause in that center. Through the liberality of Dr. Tatsuguchi we have in Heroshima one of the neatest little church buildings that I have seen in the Asiatic Division. While the doctor has a large private practise as a dentist, he devotes much time to aggressive work for souls, and his

efforts are ably seconded by his devoted wife, who aside from her home duties gives much time to work for the women of Heroshima.

C. E. WEAKE.

The Opening of the Philippine Academy

For many months we have worked and prayed for the time when we would have a training-school for the large number of our young people in the Philippine Islands. Much time and labor has been given to making the necessary preparations for this school; for many of our young people were very desirous of having a place where they could get the needful training in order to become successful workers for God.

On June 12 the set time arrived. Professors Steinel and Sevrens had done all in their power to have everything in readiness by that day, and it was a very happy occasion when we could meet the new students and the friends of the school on the opening morning. The Spirit of the Lord came very near us. And we knew that from homes all over the island many prayers were ascending to God that He would



Front View of the Main Building of the Philippine Academy

make this school a place where a true education would be given, and where these young people would be trained for future usefulness in God's cause.

Many of our young people are unable to pay their way through school, so several industries have been begun to make it possible for such to attend. A large number work in the printing office. Some of the young ladies work at embroidery and hat-weaving. Some of the young men are engaged in carpentry work, while others work in the school garden.

As we hear the calls for workers coming almost daily from different parts of this field, it is very encouraging to know that more than fifty youth are now enrolled in the school for training. Our mission stations have sent some of their brightest young men here. It is very refreshing, as we associate with these young people and their teachers, to see the earnest spirit with which the students are taking up their work, and the earnest endeavor of the teachers to

make the school what it should be. We feel confident that God will lay burdens upon these young people, and fit them for service. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that this institution may be a true Christian training-school.

The Philippine Academy is a gift from our Sabbath-schools throughout the world to the young people of the Philippine Islands. We look forward to the time when both the donors and the recipients of this gift shall behold the sheaves won through its instrumentality for the kingdom of God, and share in the joy of knowing that all have had a part in this blessed work.

L. V. FINSTER.

SPECIAL MENTION

Day of Fasting and Prayer October 6, 1917

A DEEP sense of the needs of God's work throughout the Division and of the responsibilities of God's people relating thereto, led the Asiatic Division Committee to call for a special day of fasting and intercession to God. The day set for this special service is the first Sabbath of October,—Oct. 6, 1917. In the word of God we are taught to pray. Days of fasting and prayer are mentioned. They were very special seasons of drawing near unto God. At crises in their history God's people were led to humble their souls and repent of their sins. God drew near upon such occasions and blessed His people.

In the prophecy of Joel which paints a vivid picture of present-day conditions, we have Divine authority for such seasons of heart-searching and drawing near to God.

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil. Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him; . . . Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

Many weighty reasons might be enumerated for appointing this day of special intercession. A few will be given below:—

1. The war-maddened world presents a situation which is a call to prayer on behalf of every Christian. Should we not very specially pray that God will interpose to "cause war to cease from the ends of the earth," so that His work may be finished?

2. The darkness of the heathen world. Within the bounds of our Division live much over half of the world's population. The greatest non-Christian centers of the globe are in this territory—many millions of heathen, many millions of Mohammedans, and great island populations of pagan peoples. Against the strongholds of the enemy God is leading His people. The present opportunity in Eastern lands is one of great urgency. It is a time of comparative peace, but

the glints of light on the horizon and the distant thunderings tell of the gathering storm. When it breaks it may be a time of fearful trial to the missionary workers, and perhaps an omen that the night has come when work is done. Now work can be done. It is a time of urgency. Here is found a call to prayer.

When Jesus was upon the earth and saw the multitudes He was "moved with compassion on them," and said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:36-38. Were Jesus here to-day certainly the same statement of conditions and the same call to prayer could be given and emphasized. A world to be loved and how few the lovers! Let us pray for missionaries who are stirred by the world's need and filled with holy zeal.

3. A great spiritual awakening called for. Notwithstanding the urgency of the hour, the darkness of the gathering storm, and the awful responsibility of our position as a church, we take our work too lightly. A spiritual lethargy has come over many, and they are in danger. How often are we admonished to "Watch." When we should be awake, we too often are found sleeping on guard. "And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand." The condition of our own hearts—our worldly desires, our lack of fervency, our self-satisfaction, our lukewarmness—all this is a call to prayer and humility of soul. Let us pray for a special revival of godliness. Let us seek a new experience, a fulness of consecration.

4. Prayer for native constituency. And in a very definite way let us remember our native Christians. Burdens of a rapidly expanding work must be carried more heavily by them than heretofore. They need a special fitness and a realization of their responsibilities. We must expect more in the way of self-support from our native constituency, and it will take God's Spirit to teach them how to co-operate. Our colporteur work in Eastern lands is proving a blessing along the line of self-support. Pray that the door for this kind of effort may continue open. Pray also that our native evangelists may be strong spiritual leaders.

5. Pray for our foreign missionaries. Many of them are sorely tried. Many are constantly subjected to the depressing influences of heathenism. Most all are in unfavorable climates and are often under great physical danger through disease or other causes. "Pray one for another."

And ministers and missionaries need most to pray. We are leaders of the flock. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar." We need a spiritual awakening, a deepening of our consecration. God lives, and longs to display His power through us in these foreign lands. "There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon His heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God." So let us pray for fitness and power. The present favorable opportunity, the swift passing hour, the uncertain future, the terrible darkness of heathenism, our unpreparedness spiritually and otherwise, and the meagerness of our numbers, are all a trumpet call to prayer.

J. E. FULTON.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Make Big Plans For Rally Day!

WHAT is Rally Day? It is a specially appointed Sabbath, November 3, 1917, set apart by the Asiatic Division Conference for due consideration of Sabbath-school interests throughout all our churches. It is hoped that not only will love for the Sabbath-school be increased in the hearts of all regular attendants, but that also the advantages of membership may be so attractively presented on that day as to beget a desire in everyone present to attend Sabbath-school regularly. Therefore, in a special way, we should endeavor to make the Rally Day services wide-awake, joyful, and inspirational.

"To run a straight furrow you must look a long way ahead;" so it is to assist us in laying adequate plans to make this, our first general Rally Day throughout the Division, an unqualified success, that we thus early direct your minds toward the distant end of the "furrow." We shall need the united efforts of every union, conference, and church officer, in co-operation with every Sabbath-school superintendent, secretary, teacher and pupil to enable us to make Rally Day mark a new epoch in Sabbath-school progress in our field.

First, the day must be well advertised. During the month preceding Rally Day, announce or make mention of it at every Sabbath-school, church-service, prayer-meeting, or other occasion. It would be well to ascertain from the church records the names and addresses of all church-members who do not attend Sabbath-school, and write or call upon them, extending a special invitation to attend Rally Day services. If it is impossible for them to come, tell them of the home department, and invite them to become members. Enclose a recruit card (if these are provided for you by your conference secretary), and do your best to get all either to attend the services, or to send a written testimony of regret. Obtain the names of those keeping the Sabbath but who are not yet church-members,—wives, or husbands, of believers, who have not been regular attendants, and of your friends and neighbors;—for none should be left out. If you find a large number of names, the work of writing to them could be apportioned among the teachers. Hang up a stirring announcement of Rally Day in the church and in other suitable places, until everyone has heard of Rally Day, is talking about Rally Day, and is anxious for the date to arrive.

Next, let every school appoint a representative committee composed of the Sabbath-school superintendent, secretary, church elder, leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society, and one other active worker. This committee should plan for three things,—the program, entertainment, and decorations.

In adapting the program sent out by the Division Sabbath-school department, we suggest that your committee discuss it with the view of early apportioning the different parts to competent parties, so that each will have plenty of time for thorough preparation. If you wish to omit some part, or change to other topics, this may be done if you are sure the change will benefit the program; but for most schools it will probably be well to follow the program as outlined.

Along the line of entertainment, your committee should lay plans which will make every visitor feel that he or she is gladly welcomed to the school. Special classes, taught by some of your best teachers, should be conducted for the visitors, where they will be made to feel at home and happy. After the services those who have come long distances, should, naturally, be hospitably entertained.

By way of decoration, it will not be out of place to make the church, or meeting-house, attractive with special flowers, palms, or other greenery, while a few birds warbling out their songs of praise to God from cages hung among the green bowers, will help to brighten the day. Neatly lettered mottoes in colored crayons such as "We need you; you need the Sabbath-school," and "All the church in the Sabbath-school, and all the Sabbath-school in the church," will add both beauty and inspiration. This does not mean that you should go to any great labor or expense, but that the place may show, by a little extra work and forethought, that this is an uncommon, glad occasion.

It is planned that the Sabbath-school should be held as usual. Be careful to make it as interesting, lively, and helpful as possible. Request all pupils to give, during the week preceding Rally Day, special study to the lesson for that day. Provide extra teachers for visitors; and get the best reviewer possible. Let every exercise be filled with life and interest. Close promptly, and prepare for the service to follow, in which the regular Rally Day program will be rendered.

It will be helpful to rehearse the recitations and special music before the day, enlisting the aid of the church-school teacher to help with the children.

During the song, "Call the Roll" (which should be translated into the native dialect wherever possible, and the words written plainly on a blackboard), recruit cards, or slips of paper, may be passed to all non-members of the Sabbath-school, soliciting their names as regular members. These cards should be carefully preserved, each person visited and encouraged at home until "each signer is fully addicted to the Sabbath-school habit."

If a minister, or the elder of the church, is present, it would be well to invite him to read the paper prepared by the president of the union conference. The children should have a part in the program by giving the recitations.

Above all, do not neglect the most necessary thing,—to pray that God's Spirit may be present to bless, without which our most earnest endeavors will be fruitless. Lay careful plans; throw yourselves enthusiastically into them; and pray God to give the increase in souls.

MRS. M. B. COTTRELL.

Notes

THE date set for Rally Day by the Asiatic Division may not be the most favorable for every field; in which case the local, or union conference, committee should give early consideration to the matter of appointing another day.

PRESERVE carefully this copy of the "OUTLOOK" for use in the coming Sabbath-school Rally Day services. Anyone desiring extra copies, may secure the same by ordering early from the publishers. M. B. C.

Program for Rally Day Church Services

Nov. 3, 1917

- Song by the Congregation
- Prayer
- Song by the Children "Christ in Song" No. 561
- Reading "History and Development of the Sabbath-School work in our Union Conference."
(Request the Union Conference President to provide.)
- Recitation "The Lambs Follow the Sheep."*
- Paper "What the Sabbath-School has done for Me."
(To be prepared in each local school.)
- Special Song (To be selected.)
- Paper . . . "What Can I do for the Sabbath-School?"
(To be prepared in each local school.)
- Recitation "A Sabbath-School."*
- Reading "Our Sabbath-Schools—Past, Present, and Future."
(See Outlook, Sept 15, 1917)
- Song "Call the Roll."*
(Distribution of Recruit Cards during Song.)
- Signing Recruit Cards and Welcoming New Members.
- Song by the Congregation "Christ in Song," No. 607.
- Benediction

*All these numbers will be found in this issue of the OUTLOOK

(The following song is designed to be used in the Rally Day service.)

Call the Roll (Tune "Hold the Fort")

By Eliza Morton

SEE the mighty host of nations
Nearing ruin's goal;
Strive to gather them for Jesus,
Call the muster roll.

Call the roll, ye heirs of Zion,
Call each member in;
Teach them to be brave and noble,
Overcoming sin.

Sabbath-schools are mighty agents
In God's work below;
All hands should be strong and ready,
Precious seed to sow.

Work and pray with strong endeavor;
Call each member in;
Call the roll for mission workers,
Shout it o'er earth's din.

The Lambs Follow The Sheep

"WE oft hear the plea for trying to keep
The lambs of the flock in the fold;
And well we may; but what of the sheep?
Shall they be left out in the cold?"

"Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told,—
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray
From ninety and nine in the fold.

"The lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

"And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs to-day.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep may have to pay!"

—Selected.

A Sabbath-School

A SABBATH-SCHOOL, what is it?
Its outline seems so dim,
Can you not make it plainer?
Has it no synonym?

O, yes! it is a fountain
Where living waters flow;
It is a sacred river,
That washes white as snow.

A guidepost pointing upward
To mansions in the sky,
A horn of plenty reigning
O'er fields, both far and nigh.

A Sabbath-school's a grindstone
For sharpening gospel tools,
A pottery for molding
The church by heaven's rules.

It's a recruiting station,
And gospel armory,
Where soldiers try their weapons,
And make their foes to flee.

It is the silver trumpet
Which sounds the forward march,
And makes alarm notes echo
Through palace, dome, and arch.

It is an incubator
That hatches missionaries,
A furnace where is kindled
The power that does and dares.

A Sabbath-school's a magnet,
That draws until it wins,
A strong and trusty life-boat,
That saves from deepest sins.

A nursery for starting
Young plants and baby trees,
A hive where sweetest honey
Is stored by busy bees.

It is a seed supply store,
A gold and diamond-mine,
A sanitary market
For bread, and milk, and wine.

A Sabbath-school: what is it?
We're where we did begin.
A ship for all the family
To go to heaven in!

"Our school is not," you whisper;
Why not, my brother, why?
You'll hit where you are aiming;
Are you not aiming high?

Unite, and STUDY DAILY,
As you've ne'er done before;
To work! FOR EVERY PUPIL,
And Heaven's help implore.

Attend the teacher's meeting;
Help make it a success.
Lift, lift, all lift together!
Your God will surely bless.

—Helen Adair.

WE need a life-giving power, a zealous enthusiasm, a true animation, that our schools may become filled with an atmosphere of true piety and purity; that there may be real religious advancement; that the fear of the Lord may circulate through the school; that the leaders and superintendent may not be satisfied with a dead, formal process; but may set every agency at work, that the school may become the noblest, most efficient school in the world. This should be the object and ambition of every worker in the school.—*Special Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*, page 93.

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THE easy Wenli edition of Pastor Daniells' volume on the world war is on the press, and bound volumes will probably be on sale by September 20.

ONE of the numbers of the Sabbath-school Rally Day program, an article by Pastor R. F. Cottrell, will be published in our next issue. As has been suggested in the columns of the Sabbath-school department, the papers containing matter for use on Rally Day should be preserved.

Obituary—Pastor R. C. Wangerin

(Copied from *Review and Herald*)

RUFUS CONRAD WANGERIN was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 11, 1883. In his seventeenth year he united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Believing himself called to Christian service, he entered the colporteur work, and later the gospel ministry. In September, 1909, four months after his marriage, he and his companion were sent as missionaries to Korea, where for nearly seven years they labored faithfully in the Master's service, winning many souls for His kingdom. There their three children were born, the youngest of whom sleeps in a Korean grave. Failing health made it advisable for them to return to this country. They came to Colorado Springs, Colo., where, on the morning of June 10, 1917, Brother Wangerin peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, at the age of thirty-three years. Funeral services were conducted by Elder J. L. Shaw, assisted by the writer. M. A. ALTMAN.

An Acknowledgment

"BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction." 2 Cor. 1:4, A. R. V.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the many messages of sympathy from our friends and co-workers in this our bereavement, and assure you each one of our appreciation. God has comforted us.

Surely we were blessed in not being alone at such a time. Brother Davis was with us to share our sorrow from the first, and within twenty-four hours after baby's death, Brother and Sister Gillis and Ithiel were with us to help. Through this dark providence which we cannot now understand, we are buoyed up with the Christian's hope—the hope of the resurrection and the second coming of our Lord.

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Workers from the Common People

IN the closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist help from the common people. Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the field, from the vineyard, and from the workshop, and sent forth by the Master to give His message. Many of these have had little opportunity for education; but Christ sees in them qualifications that will enable them to fulfil His purpose. If they put their hearts into the work, and continue to be learners, He will fit them to labor for Him.

—"Education," p. 269.

Baptism at Shanghai

ON the afternoon of July 30 a baptismal service was held at the Shanghai Mission compound, when twenty native converts by this rite publicly confessed their faith in Christ and pledged themselves to serve Him. Among the candidates was the language teacher and secretary of Pastor K. H. Wood. In September another baptismal service will be held, when it is expected that thirty sisters—in many instances the wives and mothers of the brethren recently baptised—will take upon them the privileges and responsibilities of church fellowship. Among the candidates in these two services are ten entire families, consisting of husband and wife, or parents and children who have been won from heathenism to serve the living God.

The greater proportion of these believers will unite with the Shanghai City church, of which Brother K. H. Wood is pastor. M. C.

A Long, Faithful Service

IN a recent letter from his old friend and fellow-laborer, Pastor E. H. Gates, the writer learns that he and Mrs. Gates have returned from Australia to America, and that their long term of service in the islands of the South Seas is ended. It is now many years since Pastor Gates and wife left the States for the island field, having charge of the missionary band on the first trip of the "Pitcairn" in 1890. Brother Gates spent some time on Pitcairn Island, instructing the brethren in their newly-found faith.

For many years Pastor Gates served the cause as mission superintendent of the island field; and during these years he visited many of the groups of islands, such as the Society Islands, the Friendly, Samoan, Rarotonga, and Fiji groups. Besides these, and smaller islands to which he made "journeyings oft," Pastor Gates visited the East Indian Islands, such as Java, Sumatra, and Singapore, and also the Philippines. In opening up the work in all these islands Brother Gates took the deepest interest, and worked untiringly to secure missionaries to man the fields.

Brother Gates writes his letter while passing through and in sight of, the Fiji Islands, and he gives expression to his feeling of sadness in seeing them for the last time. Failing health and advancing years take this servant of the Lord from the field he loves, and which he has served so faithfully. J. E. FULTON.