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FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA

NOTE—The following article is composed of extracts taken from a personal letter, written from Shanghai, China, by Elder W. A. Westworth, former president of this Union, to myself, under date of April 13, 1910. We believe that our brethren in this field will be personally interested in the reminiscences contained in this letter, and also feel that it will be an incentive to us to do our best in providing help for China, both in money and means.

He says, "No, I have not forgotten that I promised to write you, but the fact is, I have been putting in as full time as I care to do, and we have simply been unable to carry on the correspondence that we have desired; but, I have determined to take a few minutes rest from the regular grind, and drop you a line to tell you that we remember you all, and many times look back to the old field with the thought that we would like to be there for a glimpse of the home folks and a little rest from the unceasing toil of this poor land."

"The passage here was very good, considering the time we came. When we arrived at Yokohama, Japan, we were met by Brother Field who took us for a short trip to Tokyo, and on to Kobe and Nagasaki, at which places we were glad to see the faces of brethren Foster and Herboltsheimer. Returning to our ship we continued our journey, and were soon at our destination.

"The brethren here were waiting to have the annual council, hence, you see we were soon plunged into real work, and began to study the field in earnest. After the council was over, it was deemed best that I go on a trip through the interior, and I can assure you, professor, that when a man goes to China and stops at Hong-kong, Canton, and Shanghai, and takes a brief run to Peking, he knows about as much of China in reality as you and I do about the place. Dr. Cook did not discover Shanghai, with its regular streets, foreign buildings, its trolleys, telephones, police, electric lights, etc. is not really China at all. But go with me 1000 miles inland and travel by houseboat, dragged along 14 miles per hour by one half dozen coolies; or mount a poor Chinese donkey that you are afraid will break through the middle at every step of the way, or better yet, get into a real Chinese cart about 2 1/2 x 6 feet, in size, drawn by two

mules, and mounted on a 4 x 4 wooden axle and ride over roads worn down six feet below the surrounding land which makes them the catch-all for the surface water; or best of all, take a Chinese wheel barrow, which is in some places the only means of travel, and when you have put in only a couple of hundred miles of travel, you will think that China and Shanghai are about as far apart as the poles.

"We attracted a lot of attention and it was quite the thing when we went into town to buy our provisions, to have from 20 to 200 followers, for everybody can leave their work and come and see the 'sight.' For when you consider that we went through places, where they do not see a foreigner in a year, you may be certain our appearance was a matter of some interest to them.

"There are many things I could tell you of had I the time; of the wayside temples and shrines, in many places used as homes of beggars, who ply a regular and organized trade here; of some of the temples I saw used as a sty, by a family of hogs, (very fitting was it not?); of the dead bodies of baby girls, thrown out into a ditch as we would throw out a dead dog, or of the poor little corps that floated down the Imperial canal as we sailed up; of the watchmen that occupy the town everywhere and keep up a continual racket with their gongs, this is to scare away the demons which they think are everywhere prevalent, and not to keep people from the night prowlers, for the noise they make would only be a warning to the robber that they were coming, and give him a better opportunity to make his escape.

"We might give you a detailed description of the Chinese 'chow,' which we were obliged to eat, but I am afraid your stomach would hardly stand the strain sufficient to say that after a seven weeks trip into the interior I was very glad to get back again to Shanghai, which we now call home. We stopped for a few days at several stations where our brethren are located. They have altered the Chinese houses and made themselves as comfortable as they could and are enabled to get along quite nicely.

"God is working for us, nevertheless, over here and on every side we can see the leadings of His hand. During our trip I had the pleasure of organizing the first church in the province of An whei, where a year ago at the city of

Ying Shang Hsien, a brother Han accepted the truth through reading. He was a preacher in the Christian Alliance mission, and had about half a dozen followers up to that time. All but one of them came with him, and he started in to work in his new found faith with a large amount of zeal and courage. A few months after this, a company of the believers went on an eight days trip up the river and visited our Chow Chia Kou station; and eight were baptized. Thirteen more have accepted the message during the year, and nine of these were raw heathen. Some were opium users, but as they were led down into the watery grave their faces gave evidence of an experience which meant, out of darkness into light.

"We had to hold the baptism at 10:00 P. M. on account of the mob that would have gathered had it been administered in daylight. Hence in the darkness of the night, that was made worse by a pouring rain, we wended our way a couple of miles through mud, and with a two inch clay puddle as a dressing room the rite was administered. Two old sisters, with feet not more than five inches long, feeble with infirmities, were carried down into the water, and there they attested their faith in a soon coming Lord and Saviour. I have never given a more searching examination than I did to these candidates, but they stood the ordeal well. When I asked about tobacco one man said, 'well, I did use it to within a couple of weeks ago, because when I asked the minister of the church of which I was a member before I got this truth he said that I must give up opium, but that I should smoke tobacco just as he did, so I had no idea that it was wrong.' Poor people, what can you expect of them when they have such teaching.

"We have a goodly number of men studying now to prepare themselves for the ministry as evangelists, or evangelical colporteurs. \$100 will support one a year and pay all his traveling expenses too. Here in China is the greatest mission proposition we have had to face—five times as many people as there are in all the states, and we have hardly touched the proposition with our finger tips. The forty or fifty workers here, and the same number of native workers are not a drop in the bucket, but the Master is at work here. Continually souls are accepting the truth, and the calls for help have to be constantly turned down. I trust that this will not be so very long; but that we will be able to pass the light along to those who sit in darkness.

"I shall not forget for a long time the last morning I was with you, and as I shook hands with the pupils I wondered who would be willing to come out to us and throw in their lot with poor China. You may tell the boys and girls in the academy that I think of them in a some what different way than before, for now the environments about me and the multitude of calls coming for help make me as never before long to see

our youth make an unreserved surrender and place themselves on the alter for service.

"I shall be glad to correspond with any of the older ones who may have a burden for foreign work, and hope and pray that God will lead some of them to make the preparation, and then come to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Your brother in the Master's service.

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Shanghai, China.

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A QUESTION ANSWERED

A few weeks ago the writer received a letter in which the question was asked if there was anything in the "Testimonies" favoring and encouraging the giving of ten cents per week for the support of foreign missions. Thinking that the answer to this question would be of general interest, I submit the following extract taken from "Testimonies for the Church," No. 31, Page 147: "Do not wait until your imaginary wants are all satisfied. Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly either ten, twenty, or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God."

This language is plain and to the point. And how reasonable it is! It looks like divine counsel, when a regular system is outlined. I trust God will inspire us all to harmonize with this instruction and the plan adopted by the General, Union, and local conferences to give an amount equaling ten cents per week for the support of the message in foreign lands.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

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CUMBERLAND ITEMS

July 2, is the day set for our Mid-Summer offering. Let all our people carry out the program sent out by the General Conference for this occasion. Our message appeals to all our people to come before the Lord with a liberal offering for the cause at this time.

It has been decided to hold our annual conference and camp-meeting at Chattanooga, a beautiful grove with city water has been secured free of cost, let all our people begin to plan to attend.

Elder Shoup and brother Webb are engaged in a tent effort at Englewood. Elder Williams and wife have been holding readings at this place which have awakened an interest for this effort.

Brethren Dillon and Russell will hold a tent meeting at Georgetown. An interest has been awakened here by one of our brethren who lives at this place. Already some are keeping the Sabbath as a result of the seed sown.

Brother Maynor, with the help of brethren in Chattanooga, will hold a tent meeting for the colored people in this city beginning the first of July.

Elder Sanford will not be able to engage in tent work before camp-meeting because of the sickness of his wife. We ask all our people to remember Sister Sanford at the throne of grace that the Lord will restore her to health.

As stated in the TIDINGS dated June 15, the conference office has been moved to Chattanooga. All business intended for the conference should be addressed to Annie Kimlin, 1217 Duncan Avenue.

Elder Stanley visited the church at Cleveland Sabbath, June 11, and administered the ordinance of baptism.

All our church membership are asked to favor our office with a donation of 50 cents to help us in paying our indebtedness on FIELD TIDINGS.

P. G. STANLEY.

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FLORIDA ITEMS

Mrs. Strong of Plymouth, one of the patients at the sanitarium, was baptized in the sanitarium lake, by Elder Parmele, recently.

Elder and Sister Webster, in hopes of regaining health, found it necessary to remove to a cooler climate. They are now pleasantly located at Lowell, Michigan. May their continued efforts for the cause of God be blessed.

Elder Brock, of Kansas City, recently made a visit to Florida, spending a few days at the sanitarium. He is an old acquaintance of Elder Parmele, having labored in the Oklahoma conference at the time Elder Parmele was treasurer of that conference.

The tent effort at Sarasota has closed. A little company has been organized there and Brother C. V. Achenbach will remain some weeks with the company. Twenty-seven attended the Sabbath-school.

Among those who accepted the truth in the tent effort at Miami is Carl Lebal, a German Australian, and formerly a Catholic. He has been in America seven months. In a few days he expects to go to one of our colleges, where he intends to prepare for the ministry and then return to Australia to preach this truth.

The elder of the Jacksonville church, Brother W. K. Achenbach, writes a most encouraging report of the work there. New ones are being added to the church. All the members are engaged in missionary work, and the children are selling more papers than the older ones.

Elder J. W. Manns is now in Ocala with a tent. Sister Manns is being blessed in the canvassing work. A goodly number attend the meetings.

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE

There are a number of unpaid pledges still on our books at the office, and recently, several of the brethren have asked me the amount of their pledge, and when it should be paid. For fear there may be others in doubt, I insert this notice.

Elder M. H. Brown, whose address is Greensboro, N. Carolina, Route No. 1, is treasure of the conference, and he has the names and the amounts of the pledges made, and will be pleased to give any information needed along this line, as well as receipts for all sums of money sent in.

The pledges made for missions, should be paid as soon as possible. The calls for means are pressing. We have purchased a new 40x60 tent and some family tents, and these bills will have to be met at an early date. The payment of the pledges covering this expense will be very much appreciated.

We hope our brethren and sisters in this conference will respond liberally to the offering to be taken on the first Sabbath in July. This offering goes to assist in the support of our brethren who have gone to other lands, and surely it appeals to all of us. If you are not connected with a church and cannot hand your offering to your church treasurer, you can send in your gift to the conference treasurer, whose address is given above.

G. W. WELLS, President.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear brethren:—

Are you not glad for the Third Angel's Message? I know you are; your hearts thrill as you think of what it means to you. You rejoice at its progress. You are glad when you see others laying hold of it, because, as more and more people believe and obey, the message broadens and widens and goes still swifter. There is no stopping its progress. It leaps over all barriers. It breaks all bounds. It surmounts all obstacles. Not because it is so popular with the masses, but because of its own inherent worth and because God himself is the author and promoter. But, though God has set His hand to finish His work, He has honored us by connecting us therewith, and has made His mighty movement dependent on us. He could get along without us, but how could we afford that?

The time for the Mid-Summer offering will soon be here. We shall have another opportunity of helping the fast spreading message. Let us plan a definite sum to give for the need is imperative, and dear brethren, let us not satisfy ourselves with dimes and quarters. Rather let us plan a worthy investment in heaven bonds—gold bearing, and where moth and rust doth not corrupt. Let us come with our 10's and 20's and let the children come bringing

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their dimes and quarters and dollars. O, that we might not make Israel's mistake and fail to discern the day of our visitation.

You have doubtless received Elder Thompson's letter. As I read it, I said to myself, my brethren of South Carolina will respond to that call, and I believe you will.

Jesus is coming soon. Let us help swell the cry. Remember the date—Sabbath July 2.
T. H. JEYS.

THE SIGNS MONTHLY FOR JULY

One of the leading themes in the SIGNS MONTHLY for July will be on the subject of liberty, both civil and religious. The cover will be printed in the national colors—red, white, and blue—showing the American eagle, the stars and stripes, with the national capital in the distance. It is certainly very striking and attractive, and will go a long way toward helping to sell the magazine. There will also be a strong presentation of other subjects of vital importance and thrilling interest. Following are the titles of some of the leading articles:—

"The Altar Fires of Liberty,"

by Mrs. John S. Wightman.

"The Work of Maximilian in Mexico,"

by Elder J. O. Corliss.

A new series on "Protestantism,

by George A. Snyder.

"Development of the Evolutionary Doctrine,"

by George McGready Price.

"They Shall Shine as the Stars," by Wm. Covert.

"Rolled Together as a Scroll," the fifth article of the astronomy series. It details with the closing events of the wonderful drama of the ages; when the great curtain of the skies shall be withdrawn, and the startled inhabitants of earth will behold the thrilling sights promised by prophets and seers in ages past. Information on Astronomy is combined with the truth of God's Word in a way to command and hold the readers attention. The first article in this series appeared in the March, SIGNS MONTHLY.

Mrs. E. G. White continues her article on the great reformers, concluding the life of John Huss.

In Current Topics there will be a graphically illustrated article on the Naval Bill, and what it means to the country. Also an excellent statement of the situation of England on the death of Edward VII, and the accession of King George.

This number is well illustrated, and made up with the object of attracting attention to the truths of God's Word, and encouraging the reader to further study along

the same lines. Subscription price \$1.00 per year; 5 to 40 copies 5 cents each; 50 or more copies 4 cents each. Order through your Tract Society, or SIGNS OF THE TIMES, Mountain View, California.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN FLORIDA

Our institute is now in operation. The attendance is fair, and we are anticipating a most profitable time. It is not too late for you to come now, as the course will continue for six weeks.

The following is an outline of our daily program:—

8:30	Devotional	
9:00	Language	Elder R. W. Parmele.
9:30	Drawing	Mrs. Stern Starr.
10:00	Recess.	
10:15	Organization	Prof. M. B. VanKirk.
10:45	Diseases	Dr. J. E. Caldwell.
11:15	Hygiene	" " " "
11:45	History	Prof. B. D. Gullet.
12:15	close of morning session.	
2:00	Mathematics	Prof. B. D. Gullett.
2:30	Pedagogy	" " " "
3:00	Christian Education	LeRoy T. Crisler
3:30	Basketry	Mrs. Stern Starr.
3:45	Sloyd	" " " "
4:15	Hydrotherapy	Dr. Lydia E. Parmele.
4:45	Afternoon session closes	
7:00	Bible Study	Elder R. W. Parmele

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending

June, 11, 1911

Name.	Book,	Hours,	Value.	Del.
CUMBERLAND				
E. D. Haskell	CK	43	34.50	20.50
R. A. Judy	PPF	51	33.75	
James Donaldson	PPF	13	1.50	12.00
Mrs. A. D. Day	BFL	24	6.00	
Walter Kirkham	PPF	47	37.60	2.00
Fred Meister	PPF	48	40.00	1.50
GEORGIA				
J. A. Sudduth	DR	48	2.00	9.00
R. O. Terry	DR	13	6.75	48.75
I. T. Merchant	DR	?	36.85	4.00
Blaine Clement	CK	32	36.00	
Miss E. Zook	CK	14	11.00	23.00
J. A. Kimmel	PG	27	11.85	
R. M. Carter	PG	16	13.00	15.00
Chas. S. Clement	GC	36	21.75	
D. G. Stephenson	Misc.	?	57.51	57.51
FLORIDA				
Joseph Currier	PPF	41	197.10	
Royal Hubbell Sr.	PPF	19	30.75	
Royal Hubbell Jr.	PPF	44	92.35	
W. A. Morris	PPF	31	21.40	9.35
T. C. Grant	PPF	27	19.25	
K. L. Osteen	PPF	15	17.50	
L. L. Whitfield	Bibles	10	11.25	
Ruth Hubbell	BS GP	20	13.95	
NORTH CAROLINA				
R. L. Underwood	DR	46	28.00	118.00
Alby Paul	DR	43	53.50	6.50
T. T. Stepp	DR	32	32.25	1.25
W. E. Lanier	GC	52	111.25	13.25
W. H. George	GC	34	59.50	6.50
J. W. Siler	GC	37	62.50	.50
Bertha Graham	GC	36	43.00	4.00
Mead Graham	CK	43	20.00	4.00
Hazel Graham	CK	40	33.75	2.75
J. P. Allran	CK	55	7.50	102.50
T. J. Woodall	CK	45	22.50	5.50
Mrs. E. A. Wing	S of P	12	12.75	14.75
M. L. Branch	DR	17	11.50	1.50
Summary				
North Carolina	Total	492	498.00	276.00
Florida	Total	207	403.55	9.35
Georgia	Total	196	196.51	157.96
Cumberland	Total	226	153.35	3.50
Grand Total		1121	1251.41	446.01