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DAI BUDDHA

The great bronze image of Buddha in Kamakura,
near Yokohama, Japan

TOPIC: Japan and Korea

Sabbath, April 7

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 24:14.

READING: Official Notice.

Recitation: The Call for Reapers.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 482.

PRAYER: In behalf of our work in Japan.

The Official Notice

Nov. 1, 1927.

DEAR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We have a very good work going forward in Japan and Korea, and many faithful believers are trying to do their part in carrying the message to their fellow countrymen. They have shown a splendid spirit of liberality in supporting the work and have given freely of their means. They do not have funds sufficient for providing support for all their workers including those from America, and so they look across the waters for help, and appreciate what our Sabbath schools do to help speed on the message. We should remember that Japan alone has one half as many people as the entire United States.

We are asking our Sabbath schools on the coming thirteenth Sabbath to raise \$100,000 for the regular work. We hope in addition to this there will be a generous overflow. As you listen to the following readings, you will better know the pressing needs of these important mission fields.

J. L. SHAW,
Treasurer of the General Conference.

The Call for Reapers

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are white already to harvest."

Lift up your eyes; behold the task to which
The Master calls. Earth's fields the reapers
wait,
And low much golden grain is bending now,
So low that fallen, soiled, and stained it lies
Because no hand has gleaned. The harvests
ripe
Invite thy love, thy prayer, thy toll. Before
Thine eye and near thine hand the burdened
plains
Are spread. Thy zeal for souls, thine earnest
zeal,
He asks, who lived and loved and bled and
died,
Salvation to secure for thee and thine.

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Thy hand, thy heart, thy brain, thy wealth, He
needs
Today—thy hand to reap, thy heart to love,
Thy brain to plan, thy wealth to cleave the way
Through forests dark and jungles deep, and
o'er
"His reapers," on to fields as yet unreaped,
Where harvests rich lie waiting for their toll.

The day is now, the day in which for Christ
All labor must be done. Too soon the night
Comes on, when toil must cease, and what is
then
Ungleaned fore'er must lie ungleaned and lost!
—Ernest G. Wesley.

Sabbath, April 14

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

SEED THOUGHT: "So long as there are souls to
save, our interest in the work of soul-
saving is to know no abating."—"Testi-
monies," Vol. IX, p. 55.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 474.

READING: Needs of Japan.

PRAYER: That we may work and pray, and give.

Needs of Japan

I. H. EVANS

[Vice-President of Far Eastern Division]

JAPAN is one of the most densely populated countries in the whole world. It has fifteen times the population of California, who live in less than one-sixth of the area of California. While Japan and California are almost equal in area, Japan is so mountainous that its people are crowded largely into the valleys and plains.

The Japanese are a thrifty, hard working, and intelligent people. They make a business of most things they do. Whether working, or traveling, or seeking pleasure, they are ever the same, hurrying forward, and doing all they can to finish quickly the task in hand.

Japan glories in her past. She looks back to her ancestry, her great men, her rapid growth among the modern nations, and she believes in herself and in her future.

In religion Japan is Shintoist and Buddhist. In the first place, her people worship the spirits of the dead. This is almost universal, whether one is Buddhist or not.

More and more the Japanese are adopting certain customs from the West, such as closing shops and banks and stores on Sunday. This is no sign that they profess to be Christians, but simply that they conform to certain usages among the Europeans.

Japan has great needs, judging from the standpoint of our message and work. While we have a small printing plant, and the be-

ginnings of a school, yet the school is so short of what it ought to be to train workers, that we are compelled to appeal for help. Our Japanese brethren have raised one half of all the funds we have invested in this school, and are trying to raise another 15,000 yen this year. Already they have pledged over 6,000 yen toward this enterprise.

So far our school has no place for the students to live. We must have a dormitory soon, for the students cannot go through another winter as they did last year. We must have homes for the Japanese teachers, and one more for foreign teachers. Our school must have a library. It must have science apparatus, and all that a fourteen-grade school needs. Funds are needed, also, to carry on industries, and to buy a truck, with which to get to and from the market. The school is one and one-half miles from the nearest railway station, and up quite a grade. It must have some conveyance to get food, materials, and supplies to and from the school. Now all these supplies are hauled by man power.

We must not forget that Japan has more than 60,000,000 people to whom the message must be given. The Japanese make staunch Christians, when once they know the Lord. They become workers and givers. Our people in Japan rank next to the believers in the United States as givers to this cause.

We hope the thirteenth Sabbath overflow will be such as to enable Japan, who shares with Korea, to have a liberal fund to help her work and her schools.

Sabbath, April 21

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

SEED THOUGHT: "Work, O work, keeping eternity in view! Bear in mind that every power must be sanctified. A great work is to be done."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 47.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 520, first three stanzas.

READING: Sowing the Seed in Japan.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers in behalf of our work and workers in Japan.

Sowing the Seed in Japan

V. T. ARMSTRONG

[Superintendent of the Japan Union Mission]

"Off the coast of Asia, 'mid the mighty ocean,
Lies an island kingdom, strangely fair and bright:

Ere the rising sunbeams touch the Asian highlands,

All her isles are glowing in the morning light.

First to catch the radiance of a brighter sunrise,

Islands of the morning, beautiful Japan!

Like a youthful giant, she is leaping onward,
Gathering up the spoils of every age and clime;

She has caught the vision of a grander future,
And would fain outstrip the very march of time.

What she needs is Jesus and His Holy Spirit,
Only Christ can save thee, beautiful Japan!"

FULLY surrounded by the deep blue Pacific, with many swift rivers and mountains ever green with pine, fir, and cedar, the Rising Sun Kingdom at once impresses the beholder with its remarkable natural beauty.

Think of a very mountainous territory equal in area to the State of Montana but stretched from Alaska to Mexico, and you have some idea of the physical proportions of the country. Then within this long, narrow stretch of territory visualize a population equal to that

of Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and all the States west of the Mississippi River with the city of Chicago added, and you will have some conception of the number of people waiting for the message in Japan.

To work for this vast multitude we have nine ordained ministers, eleven licentiates, fifteen workers holding a missionary license, fifteen colporteurs, and twelve publishing house employees. This is not more workers than some of our smaller conferences have in the homeland.

Besides the territory and population mentioned, there are the outlying possessions of Japan, which are included within the boundaries of this Union. Many islands to the south and one to the north are still waiting. The millions of Japanese in Korea, Manchuria, China, and Malaysia appeal for help. From this home base, workers must go to these places to sound the message.

Many years ago a tent company pitched a tent in a country village of Japan, and carried on a series of meetings. No one seemed to respond to the messages delivered; opposition arose; and when the meetings closed, from all appearances nothing had been accomplished. But God watched over the seed sown, and in His time fruit appeared. Today a family of this village, who were bitter at the time of the meetings, are members of a Seventh-day Adventist church. Their home is now open to our workers, and often the neighbors are gathered in for service when workers visit them.

One of the sons from this family attended our last union meeting and was baptized. Another son left for South America sometime ago. When he reached his destination, he again met Seventh-day Adventists. Being a stranger in a strange land, and knowing something of our people, he was glad to listen to their teachings. Later he entered one of our schools in that country, and has received baptism. His heart is set on entering the work when he has finished his preparation.

Thus from the seeming failure at the time of the tent effort, one family is now in the truth, an interest has grown up, and many are studying the message. A new light has been set, which is having an influence in that country territory.

This year work has been opened in the country district of Japan and through the distribution of literature followed by evangelistic efforts, we believe many honest souls will be found.

While we are studying our map, and thinking of some unentered territory, there comes the joy of knowing that God has already made providential openings. Only last week I received a letter from a man living on one of the islands hundreds of miles south of the mainland. He says he has been looking for Seventh-day Adventists for twenty-five years, and now through a friend he has learned my name and address and is writing for instruction. Who knows but he may be an instrument to sow the seed in that part of the field?

Our training school, which has recently been

moved to a country district, is opening up a large section of our field where we have never before worked. Our students and teachers are active in doing missionary work in the surrounding cities and country, and as a result two Sabbath schools have been organized. Some are receiving regular studies, and before this is read in your Sabbath school, we hope some will have been baptized.

From every side our workers report new interests. We know the harvest is ripe and waiting. Will you not join us in prayer and sacrifice that the millions of Japan need not wait longer for the message of His coming?

Sabbath, April 28

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: Our Training School.

MISSIONARY TEXT: John 3:16.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 544.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers in behalf of our training school in this field.

Our Training School

ALFONSO N. ANDERSON

[Principal of Japan Mission Training School]

COME with me for a little visit to a school that is attracting wide attention in educational circles in Japan. The name of the school is very suggestive. In English it means, The Japan Threefold Educational Institute. After a ride of a little over two hours on a slow train, then another short ride in a jinrikisha,

we reach the school grounds. Around us are the low-lying, pine-clad hills, overlooking green paddy patches, with stately Fuji Yama [foo-jē-yä'ma] across the bay, and perhaps a Japanese nightingale broadcasting in the trees. I am sure you will like the pleasant location of our school.

Are you surprised to see these well-built buildings, so modest, yet well adapted to our educational needs in this country? They were almost entirely built by teachers and students, under the direction of Professor P. A. Webber. Faith and hard work have done it, under the blessing of the God of missions. Not one cent of debt has been contracted, though funds were often lacking. Not even an axe has been borrowed. We cannot but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

Life at the school, under the direction of Professor A. N. Nelson and his associate teachers, is real life. Students do not wait until they graduate before engaging in actual work. Every teacher in the school works with the students, leading out in the full-orbed program, which consists of alternate preparation and application of the threefold educational principles, for the promotion of mental, physical, and spiritual health, usefulness, and reformation. Students bear responsibility as fast as they are able, earn a large share of their expenses, and become thoroughly furnished workers.

As the principal conducts us through the buildings and out over the farm, we see that the industrial side of education is receiving

its full one-third of attention. We meet young men who have developed considerable skill in farming, carpentering, dairying, poultry raising, plumbing, painting, electric wiring, book-binding, cooking, health food manufacture, as well as the more mental and spiritual activities of bookkeeping, translating, teaching, Bible work, preaching, and canvassing. All kinds of work, even the cleaning, are made educational, a part of the curriculum, and not mere tasks to be performed in a perfunctory way.

The spiritual activities of the students are very encouraging. The Japanese teachers are leading the students in real soul-winning campaigns in the rural districts and towns near the school. We are beginning to see fruit from these plantings. A Korean student who narrowly escaped death by mobs at the time of the earthquake, is a faithful colporteur, working successfully every week day of the year.

This kind of school is something entirely new in Japan. Many prominent educators are deeply interested and are giving the school wide publicity. Some have come long distances and stayed some length of time studying the educational scheme of this school. This interest and the newspaper articles, have attracted quite a number of students. But only those who are in perfect accord with the ideals of the institution are admitted.

The new school is in its infancy. It needs many things—new buildings, laboratory and library equipment, more land, a truck, a touring car, farm and wood-working machinery,

etc. The need of an automobile is imperative in order to conduct a larger evangelistic effort for farmers, fisher folk, and townsmen. Our girls, too, must not be neglected. The best is none too good for the bright, capable young ladies under our care in Tokyo.

Here we must end our brief visit. I trust you are now a real friend of this good work. May God's love in your heart enable you to do something unusual for the early finishing of the great task in this empire.

Sabbath, May 5

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

SEED THOUGHT: "The day of deliverance is at hand. 'The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.' Among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, He sees men and women who are praying for light."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 376.*

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 482, first and last stanzas.

READINGS: Our Sabbath Schools in Japan. The Need of Our School.

PRAYER: That the Lord will bless the faithful believers in Japan and help us to do our part in extending the triumphs of the cross among its people.

Our Sabbath Schools in Japan

MRS. AI FUKAZAWA

[Sabbath School Secretary of Japan]

OUR Sabbath school members love the school, and I am glad to tell you that you will seldom see any Japanese missing the Sabbath school and coming to the church

service only. They have come to love to study the lesson every day, although all do not succeed in making a perfect record. As the interest in the study of the Word becomes stronger, we feel more and more the lack of books that we should have as helps in the lesson study. We have only a few of our books translated into Japanese. The only help we get is from the translation of the Senior lesson helps from the *Sabbath School Worker*. We have a strong appeal from our workers and members to have the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course translated into Japanese, to give more help in the training of teachers; but our Sabbath school fund is limited, and it is very hard to do more than we are doing now. It is a great pity that we are not able to answer the earnest appeal of our members who are so eager to learn and so happy to give. I would like to mention here how Japanese can take in the lessons when they are taught.

One of our Japanese workers who could read English started a class of the Sabbath School Training Course in his little church, and nearly all the members attended. Of course he had to translate everything before his pupils into Japanese and he had to write out some important points in mimeograph form. With all the work he had, he continued this class for three years, and that little church was very much benefited. The members were firmly established in the faith, and a Christian spirit prevailed. Naturally they were ready to help the worker, and anxious to lead

people into the truth. Last fall when I visited this little company, I could see the fruit of the faithful work of that brother, and could not help but praise the Lord. At the end of every quarter it is a pleasure to see their report, nearly all the members completing the perfect record.

We are sorry to say that there are only a few workers who understand English well, so we must put more force into the translating work, and help the school, so that the same fruit may be seen every year.

We have a great burden for the children. Here in Japan we have not one church school, and are therefore obliged to send our children to the public schools. Besides the bad influence they are under, they have to suffer, very often, to have their Sabbaths off from the school. It is the duty of our Sabbath school workers to make the children's class especially interesting, so that these poor little ones may be encouraged to take up their cross and follow Jesus. May our brethren and sisters in all the world come to our help that we may accomplish what we have not been able to do heretofore.

The Need of Our School

SYROH OGURA

[Teacher of Bible and English in the Japan
Mission Training School]

A SMALL country station called Naraha is the gateway to the hill where a peculiar group of young men are dwelling. Peculiar, because of their being polite, willing, and hard-working

young men making no complaint. They are students of faith and principle, very zealous in their studies. They are living in a home they themselves built, together with their teachers. It is a Christian school directed by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board, and is well known all around the vicinity, and even throughout Japan, especially among the educated. The educational problem has been a vital one for many years the world over, and this is the very problem that Japan also is now facing.

The banner of threefold education—the education of the heart, the head, and the hand—is held high, and the principles it represents are carried out to the very letter in our school.

It was on a day in the late spring of 1926 that a band of some thirty-five young men and three teachers, with firm faith and a fixed determination, landed on this uncultivated hill, there being no house except a small one built for a farmer. They toiled on and on from sunrise to sundown all through the hot summer with just one purpose, namely, to establish a school wherein they might be trained to become workers to shower Japan with the message for this time. Their untiring effort brought results, the fall of the same year seeing four cozy cottages for teachers, and three units for classrooms practically completed. But one of these is temporarily used for the office and chapel, and another for the dormitory. And so really only one unit is left for classrooms, and one of these is turned into a health food factory that we have re-

cently started. So only two rooms remain in which to carry on our class work.

These earnest young people have put up with hard experiences. Two classrooms were put together and made into a dormitory for thirty-six boys to live in. They have bravely passed the winter in spite of every discomfort and inconvenience, but unfortunately several boys fell sick and in the close quarters one illness became an epidemic. Then the sultry summer came around. This temporary dormitory, eighteen feet long and forty-eight feet wide, which is not built for living purposes, does not let in sufficient fresh air, and there is no end of mosquitoes in spite of there being screens on all the windows and doors. Finally they quit the dormitory, spread mats on the floor of the chapel and the other classrooms, and thus passed the summer. But again the winter is coming round, and we are still crowded. Four years ago the prayer and faith of those who are directly connected with the school and the church members of all Japan were rewarded by a camp-meeting donation of Yen 50,000. Thirty thousand of this has been paid in and was spent for the above buildings, roads, and other improvements. All the believers in Japan have done their best and are still faithful in supporting the school. But now again financial difficulties seem to hinder our advancement. Some more money was donated recently for a unit of the dormitory, but there are no funds whatever, available for other urgent equipment.

However, we thank God that our people do

not know discouragement; they are pressing forward with what they have, hoping and believing that the Lord will provide. The school is mainly carrying on the academic work, but we must soon carry all the college grades. The school has already produced thirteen evangelists who are zealously working winning souls. We do believe that our graduates will play a big part in the evangelization of Japan. The school is the place where the force of workers is produced. Our need is great, but the need of the people in this part of the world is greater, and to fill the need of the school means to meet the need of the people. May God fill our hearts with a realization of the need of His indwelling Spirit, and give us a real spirit of sacrifice.

Sabbath, May 12

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: Ripe for the Harvest.

SEED THOUGHT: "It is now but a short time till the witnesses for God will have done their work in preparing the way of the Lord."
—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 406.*

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 583.

PRAYER: For the believers and workers in Korea.

Ripe for the Harvest

EDWARD J. URQUHART

[Acting Superintendent of the Chosen
Union Mission]

THE very rapid changes of the past few years have prepared the Land of the Morning Calm, for the speeding up of our work along all lines. The onward rush of twentieth century civilization has given to this land not

only the good things of the age, but the bad as well. Modern methods of transportation and news distribution are here, and with them the new thinking processes of modernism and communism. Thus in a very special sense Korea stands ready for the harvest, and with the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit the message of the hour might be carried very rapidly to the people of this nation.

The age-old habits of the people are changing, their old superstitions are being swept away, and even nominal Christianity seems to have lost its hold on them. The last report of the British and Foreign Bible Society of Korea reminds us that "at present there is a note of discouragement if not of despair in the life of the church, and the note of optimism of the earlier years is missing." As in the days of the Saviour, the people are as sheep without a shepherd. Feeling that all upon which they have built in the past is but sinking sands, they are feeling after something stable and secure on which to build.

Thus the situation confronts us. It is appalling on the one hand, but it is freighted with hope on the other. It is a picture wherein the very hopelessness presents assurances of advance and ultimate triumph for the work we represent. Surely the harvest is ripe, and just as truly the laborers are few. We face a staggering problem,—the problem of gathering in the harvest with few and improperly equipped laborers.

By such conditions and circumstances we are forced to the decision that our training

school at Soonan should be strengthened and a well-tutored ministerial class be graduated each year, to swell the ranks of our native ministry. Such a class makes imperative a strong ministerial department in the school, taught by men of deep spiritual experience and practical training. We have laid our plans for such a school, but it will take men and money to carry them into effect.

Among our many and varied needs none is more imperative than this ministerial department of our training school. Thus far we have been compelled to place on our pay roll workers who have had very little training, with the result that they could produce only meager results, or would become discouraged, and give up the sacred calling of the ministry. With the whitened harvest fields, and the end of all things just before us, we cannot longer disregard this important phase of our work in the Chosen Union Mission.

Perhaps the second greatest need of the Korean field is the erection of chapels in some of our large centers. For several years we have passed such requests in through our regular budget, only to find that the majority of them had to be turned down because of a lack of church extension funds. Here are these great centers of population peopled with millions who are poor indeed in this world's goods, and yet who must in some way be reached with the gospel message, and gathered together for worship and instruction until such time as they are strong enough to carry their own burdens.

Thus far our work in Korea has been largely in country districts where land is cheap, and the erection of buildings comparatively easy; but with the onward march of the message, and the ripening harvest fields about us, we are reminded that city work is imperative at this time. Our own believers are beginning to feel the burden of the cities, and last year about five hundred dollars gold was raised to buy tents for city efforts. This was a large offering considering the small number of our believers and their weak financial condition.

Another great need is to have more of the writings of Sister White translated and published for the benefit of native workers and believers. These books will have to be printed in such small editions that were we to charge a price for them to cover the actual cost of production, it would be prohibitive. Subsidies must therefore be provided before we can enter upon this important work. At present we have only a part of "Gospel Workers" and of "Patriarchs and Prophets" in print, with some miscellaneous material that we have run through our church paper from time to time. You can well imagine what the loss would be to our work in the homeland were we thus limited in the precious writings of Sister White. You can also readily understand that these people, who have practically no other literature, are greatly handicapped because of this lack of instruction.

Thus I set before you some of the large problems that burden our hearts as we face the stupendous task of finishing the Lord's

work in this portion of His vineyard. With such vital issues before us, with such obstacles to face, and such evident difficulties to overcome, we appeal to you for aid and understanding, and we believe you will not fail us in this crucial hour.

Sabbath, May 19

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: Victorious Christians.

MISSIONARY TEXT: Romans 10:14, 15. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 700, first, third and fourth stanzas.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers in behalf of the work in Korea.

Victorious Christians

HAROLD BASS

[Field and Home Missionary Secretary of the Chosen Union Mission]

IMAGINE yourself with body so shrunken that you cannot stand without support, nerves so weakened that your limbs twitch continuously, and frame so twisted that you have almost to turn back to look ahead, and you have a picture of Kim Do Yung, one of the oldest members of our Kang Nung church on the east coast of Korea. Add to that the horror of watching your children grow up as normal, healthy boys and girls until they are twelve or fourteen years old, and then slowly begin to wither and distort into freaks like yourself, and you have an idea of the burden that has fallen upon the frail shoulders of

our smiling brother; for smiling he always is in spite of it all.

When I visited him, he and his crippled sons were busy making the paper lanterns and cloth pocketbooks, which the wife and mother sells in the neighboring villages. By sheer force of will the crippled father and his sons compelled their twisted hands to do the task before them. As I watched, I was thrilled by the heroic efforts this family is making to support themselves. The picture of that dimly lighted room and the bent forms at their never-ending task made an impression on my mind that can never be erased. Yet even while I talked with them, the shadows were banished from the room by the shining faces of the workers, which seemed to catch and reflect every ray of sunlight that peeped through the crack in the door.

The whole scene made me think of the cheery call, "Are we downhearted?"—with its triumphant, "No," thundering out in reply. That father and his sons looked anything but discouraged. One did not have to talk with them very long before he learned the secret of their cheer. To them Jesus is an ever-present Saviour, the victorious life is a daily experience, and the setting up of God's kingdom an eagerly anticipated event. They talked of these things as simply and naturally as children talk of their games.

Although they cannot go to Sabbath school or church unless carried, they are leaders in every church activity. Visitors who call to make purchases at the little shop are always

deeply impressed by the earnest words and bright face of this man, who never misses an opportunity to speak for Christ. I went to him when I needed a dozen large posters to advertise the series of meetings I was conducting. He is an excellent writer, and what pride he took in making each character as nearly perfect as possible! Physically incapable of standing upright without support, Kim Do Yung is the supporting pillar of the Kang Nung church.

His life daily testifies to the fact that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. He is a winner in the battle with thwarting circumstances. He has done more than make the best of a bad situation,—he has made the most of it. The world has its heroes and its mighty men, but there are few who have so thoroughly trampled Giant Despair beneath their feet as this humble shut-in brother of Korea.

In a village in West Chosen there lives another brother, who is meet to be his yoke-fellow. You remember the story of the lame man and the blind man who agreed to help each other. The lame man could not walk, and the blind man could not see; so they sat down by the side of the road in despair. As they talked together, the blind man hit upon a happy idea. Turning toward the lame man, he said, "You have eyes, and I have legs. If you will be eyes for me, I will be legs for you." The lame man agreed, and soon the two were proceeding joyously down the road, the lame man riding on the blind man's back

and giving instructions as to where to go.

This brother to whom I refer and his wife have played "lame man and blind man" to each other through life. And they are both victorious Christians. He is eyes for her in her work about the house, and she is legs for him when it comes to doing chores and directing the hired men.

For the past fifteen or twenty years the hunchback husband has been the leader of the little company in his village. Although he has never been able to go far afield in missionary effort, he has had no small part in the training of the six workers who have come out of that one company.

Of the two sons born to this man and his blind wife, one is dead, and the other, like Samuel of old, has been dedicated to the Lord and is at present in training in our Soonan school. It is indeed a sacrifice for these parents to be separated from the only one who can bring cheer and comfort into their lives. Nevertheless they do it gladly, for it has been their hope that this son will be able to do for the Lord what physical weakness prevented his father from doing. Again the gospel has proved to be the power of God unto salvation in Korea.

Scattered throughout the countless villages of this land, are hundreds of others who are daily triumphing over degrading habits, evil customs, physical hardships, and spiritual temptations because, "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined" in their hearts. 2 Cor. 4:6. There

are millions, however, who as yet know very little about God and the Light that dispels darkness. Shall we not count it a privilege to join hands in an effort that will change many among them into victorious Christians?

Sabbath, May 26

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READINGS: A Word from the President of the West Chosen Conference. Growing in Grace.

SEED THOUGHT: "Every one on whom is shining the light of present truth is to be stirred with compassion for those who are in darkness."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 53.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 479, first and last stanza.

PRAYER: In behalf of our native believers in West Chosen.

A Word From the President of the West Chosen Conference

NE KO NOK

UNDER God's grace, may you who dwell in every place, be at peace, and stand fast in the faith. May you gain the victory over the world, and may we dwell together in the everlasting kingdom, is my prayer.

Formerly, while a disciple of Confucius, I bitterly opposed by word of mouth the doctrine of Christianity. Twenty-four years ago, a few of the brethren in the church in my village began to keep the Sabbath. Upon hearing of this, the missionaries and a few of their Korean leaders came to our place. Hearing about the lively debates that were taking place between them, I went to see and

hear for myself what it was all about. I listened to both sides of the discussion, and although I was opposing Christianity, I saw that the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath was right.

While both sides were resting for a few moments, I said, "Although I do not believe, may I say a few words?" Both sides replied, "Why, yes, that is fine." I then said: "Those who are keeping the Sabbath are proving from the Bible that the seventh day is the Sabbath, but those who attend the church, do not try to prove their views from the Bible. I think the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath is the right thing." From then on the Lord has come very near to me by His Holy Spirit, and has led me into all truth.

Later on, these people who were expelled from the —— church, came to call on me because of the Sabbath, and since they were few in numbers and as they were without a church in which to worship, I greatly sympathized with them. I could no longer oppose the doctrines of Christ. So it was that these Sabbath keepers became my close friends. We had many interesting discussions about the Christian faith, and twenty-three years ago last spring I decided to accept Christ. From that time I began to keep the Sabbath. A little later I was baptized by Elder Kuniya [koo-nē'-a] from Japan. Today I am holding a responsible position in the Lord's work, and feel honored to be given the privilege to send greetings to you all. I cannot express my gratitude in words.

In the past we have been greatly benefited by the help you have sent us, and as I now hear that once again you will send your offerings to Korea, I am very, very grateful. In Korea we have about 5,000 Sabbath school members, and as the Lord's work is moving forward, we greatly need more workers. Because of shortage of funds we do not have sufficient preachers and still fewer Bible women.

Throughout Korea the doors are wide open to the gospel. This is the time when Bible women can do a great work, but shortage of funds keeps us from sending workers to these places. Shortage of funds keeps us from having a strong training school for Bible women, and so far few have received training for this work. We have laid plans to strengthen our school work. At present we are without a dormitory for the women. I trust you will come to our assistance at this time. Our training school at Soonan is in need of help and our primary schools throughout the country are very meagerly equipped.

We pray that in great love you will remember our needs, and we look forward to your unstinted assistance to equip our training school, so that many more workers may be trained to enter the harvest fields.

Growing in Grace

C. W. LEE

It is not so much the showy convert, who comes in like a comet and often goes out

the same way, that makes a strong church member or a strong church. The great need is that men *grow* in grace to the fullness of the stature of Christ. Growth is a slow process, and cannot be detected suddenly. It is only manifest after months and years. But it is this type that prepares for the tests that are before us, and that stands true all along the way. During the seven years that I have worked as pastor and director in South Chosen, I have devoted a large part of my time to the proposition of growth; for it is the prime essential in building up the body of Christ. I would that I could take each one of the hundreds of believers that we have, and tell you where each one started, and how far he has grown toward perfection, but this is not possible. I will, however, relate a few incidents that show the growth of men in experience, and indicate that they are prepared to go on from the fundamentals to perfection.

During 1926 twenty-nine finished the Bible Year, reading the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This means much for spiritual growth. Six became junior members of attainment, writing the same examinations as in America. Others wrote the Bible Doctrines only. Also during last year the average each quarter of those who studied the Sabbath school lesson every day in South Chosen was one hundred ninety-three, or almost one fourth of all the Sabbath school membership. All these things are among the means that tell for growth in grace. And it was not in vain.

Many times I have heard different ones tell of the impressions that they had obtained from the intensive study of the lesson. In this way many are laying a spiritual foundation that I believe will stand the test along with our own, and not wash away through the storms of opposition that we are soon to meet.

With the Confucian training of centuries that has instilled the idea of establishing worth by virtue, it is perhaps even harder for Koreans to grasp the principles of righteousness by faith, and justification by faith, than for us; and we know how hard it has been for us to overcome the pride that does not wish to accept righteousness on the ground that we have none. Until this fundamental principle is learned, there is little prospect of growth in grace; for there is a constant effort to establish one's own righteousness, and to overcome temptation by one's own strength, which only means failure. My heart is made happy as I see many grasping these principles, and living a life of victory by them. Not long ago one lay brother told me that Sabbath keeping used to be a burden to him, but that now it is a delight. The reason for the change is that he has learned that works of righteousness are not the means of becoming righteous, but that they are the natural fruits of a life that is united to Jesus by faith. This is only one of many such things that I have heard as I have lived with the people.

Sabbath, June 2

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: The Power of the Gospel in Korea.

MISSIONARY TEXT: Isa. 60:1. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 477, first and last stanzas.

PRAYER: In behalf of the colporteur work in Korea.

The Power of the Gospel in Korea

ERNEST BAHR

Two thousand years ago the apostle Paul wrote that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation." This is as true today as it was in Paul's time. In Korea there are the aged, the young people, and the children who can bear witness to this fact. On my last itinerating trip it was my privilege to meet one family in which four generations are serving the Lord. It is the great-grandfather's privilege to see the fruits of his labor in his great-grandchildren. Like Abraham, the father of the faithful, he has undoubtedly commanded his children to walk in God's ways and to obey His law.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace," is as true here as elsewhere, although the paths of the gospel worker are not always the easiest. A few weeks ago one worker rejoiced to bear witness to this fact. He said: "During the time that I have worked in the vineyard of the Lord, I have received much of God's grace; several times I have met lions in the way,

but the angel of the Lord has always protected me, and so I have been unharmed. Several times I have met robbers, but the Lord has always intervened. One day I sold many books, and so had much money with me. In the evening I was tired and soon fell asleep. Suddenly I awakened; and as I arose, I saw a man of rough appearance standing in front of me." Although the worker knew the intentions of this man, he greeted him kindly, and asked what he wanted. The man answered roughly, "Give me your money." Pointing to the satchel, he continued, "Give me all the money it contains." "Oh," said the worker, "there is something much better than money in that bag, and I will give it to you." While saying this, he went over to the bag, took out a Bible, and gave the man a Bible study. Under the influence of the Word the expression of the man soon changed, and he became an earnest listener. At the close of the discourse, he said, "You are a godly man, and now I do not want your money. In my neighborhood are people just like you who also keep the Sabbath." He then departed.

Assuredly the gospel is a power. It is not only the power of God unto salvation, but also a power that makes one steadfast and courageous in trial and persecution. Two weeks ago I met a young man who is much interested in the truth, but whose grandfather hates it. One evening as we were having a Bible study, the old man came into the room, and cursed and scolded the young man who

sat crouched in a corner. The worker tried to make it clear to the old gentleman that only belief in Jesus and His power to save would help the young man to be a better man, and free from the evil of drinking and smoking. He also told the old man that it was the young man's first duty to obey God, next came his parents. The old man then said, "Who is God? The parents they are gods, and they must be worshiped." Worship of parents and ancestors comes before anything else in Korea; and under these conditions it is a pleasure to see young people accept the truth, and struggle through to the end. Such are the firmest.

Although much has been accomplished, there is still a great work left to do. Many go down into Christless graves without hope in God. A short time ago as I was on the train going to visit a company, it suddenly stopped. A man had thrown himself in front of the train, and had thus taken his life. The Korean worker who was with me told me that many commit suicide in this way. Those who have not received the joyful message of redeeming love become discouraged and despondent.

The calls for workers and for means are still many. Therefore, dear brethren and sisters, as you give your offering at this time, think of these dear souls who are without hope in God. Those who have been redeemed from among them will thank you throughout eternity for what you have given to save them.

Sabbath, June 9

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: The God of Cornelius Still Lives and Works.

SEED THOUGHT: "You, my brother, my sister, may not be able to go into the Lord's vineyard yourself, but you may furnish the means to send others."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VIII, p. 33.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 617.

PRAYER: In behalf of those who are scattering the printed page.

The God of Cornelius Still Lives and Works

C. W. LEE

[Director of South Chosen Mission]

LIKE the early apostles, we are prone to feel that the Lord will reveal Himself to us who have had a knowledge of Him for generations in a more marked way than He will to those who have not had the same privileges. But I am reminded very often of the experience of Cornelius, and how the Lord revealed Himself to this seeker after God. Even so, the Lord has come near to many in South Chosen.

Fourteen years ago a humble colporteur went to an island off the southwest of Chosen mainland. He sold a few copies of "The Third Angel's Message," as our present Korean *Signs of the Times* is called. One innkeeper bought a copy. Although this man had never had any knowledge of Christ, he learned to love Him; and when he first met one of our workers, was already communing with God. I have been in his home many

times, and have worked with him; for he has since canvassed and taken our ministerial course, and for the last two years has been in the ministry. He knows how to commune with God, and has implicit faith. He is now leading many others to Christ.

At the same time another paper was sold to a drunken man who, when he awoke from his stupor, regretted that he had spent his money for that which was not drink. However, he read it and was converted. He is now a Bible worker. When he learned of Christ, he began to attend a church near his home, never having met one of our people. But the members refused to let him attend, as he talked of the Sabbath. He then went to some of his former friends, and showed them the paper. They all united with him in his new faith, overcoming their bad habits. The name of the village where they lived, if translated, is "black mud." The minds of the people there were black at least as far as the gospel was concerned. For a time they went to a cave in a near-by mountain to worship, but later built a church. Now two of these men are in the ministry. I have many times slept and eaten and worked with one of these men. He is a soul-winner. The secret of it is that he talks with God. I have been with him more than once when he has wept as he prayed for souls. I see in this again how the Lord speaks to men here, and communes with them, and leads them.

There are many earnest, sincere hearts here, and we are looking to our brethren and

sisters in the homeland to help us with their prayers and means to give the closing message in its fullness to those who sit in darkness.

Sabbath, June 16

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: "Other Men Labored, and Ye Are Entered into Their Labors."

SEED THOUGHT: "The commission that Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension is the great missionary charter of His kingdom."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VIII, p. 14.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 588.

PRAYER: That the Lord will help us to do our part in hastening on the work in Korea.

"Other Men Labored, and Ye Are Entered into Their Labors"

THEODORA WANGERIN

[Sabbath School Secretary of the Chosen Union Mission]

It was in 1832—one year before the falling of the stars took place—that Dr. Gutzlaff, a Prussian pioneer missionary, came to Korea from China, and spent a month visiting the two southwestern provinces and distributing Scripture portions in Chinese. Dr. Gutzlaff was the first missionary who made an effort to bring the Word of God to Korea. He came over in an English vessel from China. The captain sent a letter to the king, asking permission to trade, but this was not granted. It is said that several boxes of books were landed, and that some of these were sent to

the king, but he refused to accept them, and promptly returned them. While waiting for word from the king, Dr. Gutzlaff tried to make friends with the people by distributing seeds and Scripture portions in Chinese.

In 1865 Rev. Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the National Bible Society of Scotland, visited the western coast of Korea, and distributed Scriptures in the Chinese language. The educated Koreans use many Chinese characters, and so were able to read some of these Scriptures. Mr. Thomas became interested in the Koreans, and with the help of natives who had gone to China, studied the language, and volunteered for service in Korea. In 1866 he returned to Korea on the American ship "General Sherman," acting as interpreter, and so received free passage. He and the entire crew were killed in Pyeng Yang after circulating the Scriptures on the bank of the river.

It was in 1860 that the Anti-foreign Tablet was made. The inscription read, "WHENEVER FOREIGN SAVAGES INVADE THE LAND, WHOEVER DOES NOT FIGHT AGAINST THEM, WHOEVER MAKES PLACE OR GIVES THEM QUARTER, THAT MAN IS A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY. I WARN MY DESCENDANTS FOR 10,000 YEARS." This tablet was erected in 1871, three years before our first missionary was sent to Europe. The feeling against the white man was very high at that time.

In November, 1926, I attended the most

unusual and most impressive meeting that ever took place in Korea. It was conducted by native Christian workers, and showed their appreciation of what had been done to give to them the Word of God. The occasion was the celebration of three anniversaries, one of these being the sixtieth anniversary of the death of Mr. Thomas.

The first baptized Christian of Korea, now an old gentleman of 75 years, dressed in his flowing white silk coat and white beard, graphically pictured the days when to believe in Christ meant danger of death. He told how he was the first convert to learn the song, "Jesus Loves Me;" how he went to China and assisted in the translation of the Scriptures into Korean; and how, later, he returned and distributed these portions in Korea. He told of the early efforts of Mr. Thomas to circulate the Scriptures among his people, and of his martyr's death. In that large audience many eyes filled with tears as he dramatically related the experience of Mr. Thomas, which he had heard as a youth from eyewitnesses. One could almost see this "messenger of the Cross" standing on the ill-fated ship, tossing copies of the Scriptures to the great mob that had gathered on the shore. He told how the ship had been set afire by means of fire-rafts, and how all who ventured to shore were stoned. Then in a very touching manner he related how Mr. Thomas came toward them from the ship, with books in each hand, motioning to them, and putting forth tremendous effort to give these books to them.

He spoke of how surprised they were to hear him speak to them in their own language, of how he stretched out his arms, held high the books, and while offering them to the people he bowed his head in prayer. While standing thus, he was stoned to death. He said: "At that time we did not know he was praying, neither did we know that it was the Bible he was trying to give us; but now we know." He wrung his hands, and said, "Oh, how was it possible that we could treat a missionary thus?"

Since that day thousands of Bibles and Bible portions have been distributed throughout this land. These noble men had a part in preparing the way for this last message of warning to be quickly given. Some of these first converts have accepted the third angel's message. In 1904, two Koreans accepted this message while passing through Japan. At that time the light was kindled, and since then many other lights have been kindled. Today we rejoice in a Sabbath school membership of 5,000. Everything is ready in Korea for a quick work. If we had the workers, I am sure we could more than double our membership within a year. The Spirit of the Lord is at work everywhere.

In days gone by faithful laborers have sown much gospel seed; some have made the supreme sacrifice; others have been compelled to leave the field; still others have come to join in the blessed work of gathering in the fruit. But still many more laborers are needed to gather in the ripened grain. Our native

brethren make good workers, and we should train many more of these. But money is needed to do this. This work demands our attention, for the time may soon come when we shall be compelled to leave the field, and then they will be the ones to carry on the work among their own people. We trust there will be a liberal offering at this time, and that you will remember Korea in your prayers.

Sabbath, June 23

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

READING: Our Needs in Japan.

SEED THOUGHT: "Brethren and sisters, will you not help in this work? . . . Through the teacher whom your money shall sustain in the field, souls may be saved from ruin, to shine as stars in the Redeemer's crown."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 30.*

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 565.

PRAYER: That the Lord will help us to give liberally that the needs of Japan and Korea may be supplied.

Our Needs in Japan

MRS. AI FUKAZAWA

LOOKING at Japan from the standpoint of civilization and its population of sixty millions, the five hundred church members are much too few. This fact is the strong Macedonian cry. We are working hard, and want to press on in our work with greater strength and force. We have learned to sacrifice. Some have sacrificed all they could, and are asking the Lord how to do more. They are happy to give, and are willing to sacrifice their very life if necessary.

By the help and prayers of our brethren and sisters in all the world, our school, which is the only training center of our workers, was moved to a suitable place last year, and the teachers and pupils worked hard to put up the schoolrooms and teachers' residences. But now they have no more money to go on with their work. The students have lived a whole year in their schoolrooms, and have put up with cold and heat as well as with many other inconveniences. But it would not help them either spiritually or physically to go on this way. We must have a dormitory for them now.

Though our school is only in its beginning, the government educational officers and other influential men have shown much interest in it, and are watching its growth. For though Japan has so many universities and colleges, as well as other different kinds of schools, necessary for the education of men and women, it has no other school where students can be self-supporting while gaining an education. Therefore these leaders look with deep interest on our method of work. They believe that our teachers as well as students are leading earnest Christian lives, and many newspapers have spoken well of our school. Some school teachers have come from hundreds of miles away to see how our school is conducted.

Surely our school can be a great light in Japan if we can conduct it in a proper way.

In addition to the dormitory and other necessary equipment to make the school

worthy of its name, more teachers are needed. If we fail in this work now, we shall be a reproach, and that would be a terrible thing. We can very well see that the Lord is going before us. Shall we fail to follow Him? We feel the present situation and need very keenly, but our Japanese brethren and sisters have given all they could. They have given donations for the school three times already. Some have sold their properties, others have given all they had. When we were asking the Lord very earnestly to open the way, we were told that the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of the second quarter of 1928 was coming to Japan and Korea. We earnestly pray that our brethren and sisters in all the world may be generous and liberal as they were four years ago, and that the overflow will be even greater than then.

Our need is not only in the school work. We have in Japan one publishing house, and every one is working hard to get books and magazines ready for circulation. But the Japanese have a thirst for reading, and to satisfy their demand we must do a greater work. When our publishing house gets more help to prepare and publish literature, Japan can quickly be warned for the coming of the Lord, and many honest souls will be brought to the truth.

Our medical missionary work has been a problem for many years. The time is ripe for us to put all our strength to this work. We are praying that the Lord will send us a capable and consecrated doctor, and that

through his work we shall be able to reach many souls that we could not otherwise reach. In Japan we have many good doctors and large hospitals from the worldly point of view, but many have come to see that the doctor's medicine cannot cure disease, and to give peace to patients is the first step to get them well. I was asked many times by heathen doctors why we did not build our sanitariums at least in the larger cities of Japan. They wonder why we are so slow to get at this work. They know we have fine methods, and that we will succeed if we only get at it. Our Japanese brethren and sisters have donated some money already, and they are anxiously waiting for some help to come from our people all over the world. Please give your means for this end, too, and pray also that the Lord may move the heart of a good doctor somewhere to come over to Japan to help us.

Sabbath, June 30

[Suggestions for the Thirteenth Sabbath Program]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 28:18-20. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

RECITATION: Pray—Give—Go.

RECITATION: The New Penny.

RECITATION: Japanese.

RECITATION: Korea and Japan.

DIALOGUE: Saving for Missions.

EXERCISE: "The Children's Pledge."

SPECIAL MUSIC.

OFFERING.

PRAYER: That Jesus will bless our gifts to the finishing of His work in Korea and Japan.

The New Penny

I have a penny here, shining and new;
Keep it or give it, which shall I do?
Shall I buy candy or pop corn to eat,
Or something else that I want for a treat?
John gave his penny for missions today.
A penny's too little to help, though, I say,
But mine put with John's and with Edna's and
Ray's
And Helen's and Mabel's and Arthur's and
May's
Would soon make a dime; so I guess, anyway,
I'll just give my penny to Jesus today.

—Louise M. Oglevee.

Exercise: "The Children's Pledge"

FIRST CHILD:

O dear little babies far over the sea,
In China, or India, where'er you may be,
In Africa, Burma, Korea, Japan,
We're going to help you as fast as we can.

SECOND CHILD:

Your little brown faces are looking this way;
Your little brown hands reach for ours today;
And this is the secret we'll tell far and wide;
With *you* our best *things* we're going to divide.

THIRD CHILD:

We'll send you *our* Jesus; He's *your* Jesus,
too.
We wish all your mammas knew how He
loves you.
We'll send you our Bible, then when you are
grown,
You *never will* worship those idols of stone.

FOURTH CHILD:

The light that shines *here*, you will see by
and by,
If to send it in earnest we little folks try;
So we're saving our nickles, and praying each
night.

(Four children in concert bow heads and
clasp hands over can in prayer.)

"Dear Jesus, help the little babies far over the
sea,
And make their lives happy and bright."

(Remaining in the attitude of prayer, the four children sing, in concert the following prayer song: Music, "Kindergarten Chimes," page 10.)

"Father in heaven, while this prayer ascending
Bears to Thy throne expressions of love,
Help us to be mindful of Thy needy children,
And our love to Thee by kindly actions
prove."

Korea and Japan

EDWARD J. URQUHART

Would you in imagination
Continents and oceans span,
And go with me on a journey
To Korea and Japan?

Far beyond the broad Pacific
Where the Isles of Morning rise,
Beautiful with flowers and forests,
Smiling 'neath their languid skies?

Where the Morning Calm entrances
Sprinkled fresh with shining dew,
Where the trees hold out their branches
And the sunbeams glimmer through?

Yet where spiritual darkness lingers,
Deep and dense as Stygian night,
Where the millions grope in shadows,
Waiting, waiting for the light?

There the mart of life is moving
On its roads to many ends—
Life and death contest and battle,
Hate defeats or love transcends.

Intellectual men and women,
Children beautiful and gay,
Ply their trades and their professions,
Work and study, serve and play.

Rich in everything but Jesus,
Beautiful in all but God,
By their very plight entreating
For the everlasting Word.

See them there, your sisters, brothers,
Know them in the Father's sight
Precious as yourselves are precious
Who have kenned the gospel light.

Will you leave His sons and daughters
Who have wandered thus away
To the awful fate impending?—
Can you leave them thus, I pray?

Will you not by strong endeavors
Carry them the living Word?—
By the faith that fills your bosoms
Light their way to home and God?

Vow to God today, as never
You have vowed to Him before
That you'll help these groping brothers
By the bounty of your store.

Answer now the plaintive pleadings
Of the millions over there—
Answer with your prayers and purses,
Oh, be strong to do and dare.

Not much longer will your efforts
Precious souls for Jesus win,
For the day will soon be over
And the harvest will be in.

Hasten then, while time still lingers,
Grasp the meaning of this hour,
Rise to do the Father's bidding,
Claim His promises and power.

Forward then in paths of duty,
Lending aid to every plan
That will help to save God's children
Lost in Chosen and Japan.

Then when all our work is over,
And we gather round the throne
You will meet and know these loved ones
Know them e'en as you are known.

Saving for Missions

EDWARD J. URQUHART

[A dialogue for three girls from ten to fourteen years of age.]

FIRST CHILD: Enters, sits down, opens a book, and is intent on reading when a second girl walks onto the stage.

SECOND CHILD: Entering, "Hello, Nellie! Isn't this a hot day?"

FIRST CHILD: "Yes, Mary, it is hot. Where are you going on such a hot day?"

SECOND CHILD: "Oh, I have a quarter to spend, and I'm going up town to get some ice cream and some candy."

FIRST CHILD: "I will ask my mother if she will give me some money, so I can go too."

(First child leaves stage to ask about going. A third girl approaches, with a pail in her hand.)

SECOND CHILD: "Hello, Ruth, little milk-maid, where are you going in such a hurry?"

THIRD CHILD: "I am going to Mrs. White's house to pick berries."

SECOND CHILD: "What! pick berries on a hot day like this?"

THIRD CHILD: "Yes, even though it is hot I want to earn some money, you see."

SECOND CHILD: "It's pretty hot to work, but I suppose you can buy some ice cream when you get through, and cool off a bit."

FIRST CHILD: Returning, "Hello, Ruth! Say, Mary, mamma says I can go with you for ice cream. And she has given me a quarter to spend. See! (Holds up money) (aside to Ruth.) Of course you will go with us?"

THIRD CHILD: "No, I cannot go. I am on my way to pick berries for Mrs. White. I want to earn some money, you know."

FIRST CHILD: "It is too hot to work, Ruth! Mary and I have enough money so that we can each have a dish of nice, cold ice cream."

THIRD CHILD: "No, I must earn money for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. I have fifty cents now and I want a whole big dollar to put into the offering next Sabbath."

SECOND CHILD: "Well, I don't think we ought to suffer on a hot day like this, just to have a big offering for Sabbath. Sabbath school offerings don't amount to much anyway."

THIRD CHILD: "Oh, yes, they do! My teacher was telling me only last Sabbath about the thousands of little children in the mission lands across the sea who have scarcely anything to eat or wear, and have never even heard of Jesus, or——"

SECOND CHILD: Breaking in, "Yes, but what difference do a few cents make, and, anyway, aren't there grown-ups enough to give what money is needed? Besides, I heard a man say, yesterday, that these people don't want anything better than they have. They don't want the Christian religion."

THIRD CHILD: "I know. I used to think that way too. Sometimes it does seem as if they want nothing better than they have. Still, Jesus loves them. I know He does, and I have an uncle out in Korea who writes to mother about these people. He says that many among them have already been transformed into new beings by the power of the gospel. He says that right now is the best time to work for them."

FIRST CHILD: "Maybe that is true, in a way; but I think we should not deprive ourselves of everything just for them."

THIRD CHILD: "I used to look at it something like that, but recently my uncle sent mother two pictures, one of a group of heathen children, half clothed and dirty, and another of a group of children whose faces are clean and bright, and whose clothes are whole and clean. Christianity has done all this. They know about Jesus, and love Him, and hope to be saved when He comes. Then I think perhaps there might be some saved out of the other group, if we are faithful in sending our mission money over there. Whenever I wish to spend money foolishly, I just look at those two pictures—the scowling dirty, little faces, and the clean little faces that reflect such happiness, and I remember what my uncle said about those boys and girls. Then I go away with a song in my heart in spite of the self-denial."

FIRST CHILD: "I never thought of it in just that way before. I think I'll not spend my quarter for ice cream after all."

SECOND CHILD: "Neither will I. I am going to save mine for the Sabbath school too. And say, Ruth, do you suppose Mrs. White would like another berry picker?"

THIRD CHILD: "Yes, I am sure she would like more help, especially when she hears that you want to earn mission money."

FIRST CHILD: "I want to pick berries too. Let's hurry and ask our mothers if we may do this to earn more money for our thirteenth Sabbath mission offering." (The three girls walk off the stage together.)

Pray—Give—Go

Three things the Master hath to do,
And we who serve Him here below
And long to see His Kingdom come
May pray or give or go.

He needs them all,—the open hand,
The willing feet, the asking heart,—
To work together and to weave
The threefold cord that shall not part.

Nor shall the giver count his gift
As greater than the worker's deed,
Nor he in turn his service boast
Above the prayers that voice the need.

Not all can go; not all can give
To arm the others for the fray;
But young or old, or rich or poor,
Or strong or weak,—we all can pray.

Pray that the full hands open wide
To speed the message on its way;
That those who hear the call may go,
And—pray that other hearts may pray.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

Japanese

[The little girl having this part should wear a kimona, with her hair dressed high. She should hold a fan in her hand.]

I am a little Japanese,
I came from far across the seas,
I've heard the story of Jesus, too,
From a missionary sent by you.
I wish today, that you could see
Just all that story means to me;
Just how it lightens all my way,
Just how it brightens every day.
Just how it warms me through and through,
To know that Jesus loves me, too.
Each night I thank Him on my knees
That I'm a Christian Japanese.

—Florence A. Richardson.