## NEWS-LETTER FOR THE ASIATIO

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### ASIATIC DIVISION NEWS

Frobably all the workers in the Asiatic Division have learned ere this that Elder Evans will not return to this field. At the late General Conference some advance steps were taken in organizing our work throughout the world into great divisions. This is only a step in advance in bringing about a more perfect organization for the work of the third angel, and there can be no doubt that much good will result from it.

Elder Evans has been chosen president of the North American Division, and since America is the great base of supplies for this work, the load carried by the North American Division will be tremendous. For this reason Elder Evans should have our prayers, that he may have strength and wisdom to rightly conduct the great work under his charge.

Sieter Evans eailed for America July 22, on the Pacific Mail Steamship "Siberia," followed by regrets and the best wishes of her many friends here. We believe that it was with deep regret that Brother and Sister Evans received the call to return to America, and I am sure the Oriental fields will always have warm friends and advocates in them in the home land.

Since it seemed best to retain Elder Evans in the United States, the Asiatic Division is to be congratulated on securing as his successor so old and tried a worker as Elder R C Porter. I am sure I state it truly when I say that Elder Porter is a man we shall all love, and whose judgment and counsel we can respect and place reliance upon. Elder and Sister Porter have just returned from five years' service in South Africa, and his experience in that dark mission land will be of great benefit to us here. Let us begin to plan at once to give Elder Porter our fullest support, and God will make him a great blessing to this needy field.

C. N. W.

A letter just received from Elder Spicer states that the late General Conference recommended one hundred and fifty-three persons to go to foreign fields, at a cost to the Mission Board of about \$75,000.

The Asiatic Division received a large number of recruits, and I am sure it will cheer the hearts of the lonely workers to know that help is at hand. We expect there will accompany Elder and Sister Porter, who are expected to reach Shanghai September 9, seven families who will enter the language school at Manking this fall, besides recruits for Japan and the south. All of these workers are young people, some of them just out of college.

It is too early to say at this time where most of them will labor, but it has already been decided for two men and their wives to open the work in Manchuria, as soon as they have spent a few months in the study of the language. There are several places in fields already occupied where more help is greatly needed, and no doubt they will receive attention as soon as laborers can be prepared for work.

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The sending of this large company of workers into the regions beyond is the best evidence we could ask, that the time has come for God to do a mighty work, and that our dear brethren in the home land are ready with their sons and daughters and their means to support such a work. Let each one be faithful at his post during this important time.

O. N. W.

# China

"Since Brother Harlow left us, we have had some experiences which I think beautiful and wonderful marks of the Lord's tender care over his sheep. Se-go is a fisherman of Tegact, where my husband took Brother Harlow, to show him the family who threw away their idols on account of the plague. This man was heavily in debt, so that no one would lend him anything, not even our Bible woman, who is a near relative. He came with a heavy heart to Takhoi sometimes, to keep Sabbath, and would often think he ought to go fishing instead, but the only son, who was saved from the plague after he began keeping the Sabbath, kept him from going. Some weeks ago, returning home from Takhoi, and in the evening starting out fishing, he went in a direction opposite to his fellowfishermen. He himself was aware that it was not a good place, and also the others told him not to go on that path. But he heeded no one, and went, following some inward guidance. Not long ere he had fish of a very large size of \$100 worth this load full. Some Sabbaths after, again going out in the evening, he made a draught of \$300 worth, and all the rest of the men oaught nothing, and were greatly astonished. He paid all his debts, and bought his boy, who is learning weaving with us, new shoes and clothes. His joy, as well as ours, is great.

"One woman, whom Tai-su, the Bible woman, visited had lost six members of the family through the plague. She is a good Chinese scholar, knowing about five hundred characters. Tai-su showed her many texts in which the plague was mentioned as the result of discobedience to the commandments, but she would not believe it or take much notice of it. At last Tai-su said to her that her case itself, of unbelief, was stated too, in the Bible, i. e., that in spite of

the plagues, they would not believe and be converted. When she showed her this text in Revelation, her heart was melted, and she was persuaded, and now is coming and keeping the Sabbath of the Lord.

"Lately we had Lu, the evangelist, down from Limchow. He saw opposite our house a man, sitting near the altar dedicated to the snake idol. Often I had thought of means to destroy this idol. This man was looking very sad. Lu asked him why he was so sad, and said that he had come purposely to speak to him. This man told him that he had lost a dearly beloved girl, and that he had done all that the priests told him to do. The whole night we heard the noise going on, and he was lying prostrate before the idol all night. Lu, the evangelist, began to read to him the texts about the plague, and told him how to serve God and keep his commandments, and this man is a new convert. So we plainly see the good the plague is doing. In spite of the 2,300 who have died, a few have accepted the gospel who otherwise would never have turned to the Lord. All praise and honor to his name."

#### Fat shan

On June 11 I took my family to Macao to remain during the extreme heat. The Chinese house we occupy at Fathan is fairly comfortable during the cooler months, but is extremely hot in summer, as it is entirely surrounded by other buildings, the walls of which touch the walls of our house on four sides. There is no yard for the children to play in. In May our little boy three years old had a severe attack of measles, but made a good recovery. Other children here have died of this diesase. Our children are looking much better since going to Macao, where they have an abundance of fresh air and can run and play by the seashore and take daily baths in the salt water.

On Sabbath, July 5, I met with the Fatshan church. About fifty were in attendance. The Sabbath-school elected new officers for the last half of the year. The donations of this school from January 1 to June 30 amounted to \$28.52 Mexican. Sunday morning, July 6, at 8:00 A. M., we had a short service at the chapel, and then proceeded to the river, our company taking boats from there to a quiet, retired place, where the writer had the privilege of baptizing four precious souls. Three of these, the wife and two daughters of one of our evangeliets, were never members of any other church. One of the candidates is a man about forty years of age, who came to us from another church about two years ago. He was rebaptized at his own request.

At 1:30 F. M. the same day we had a canvassers' meeting. Canvassers from Canton, Im Bo, Sin Bin, and Fatshan, met together to talk over plans of work. The writer endeavored to encourage these workers by relating some incidents of what God has accomplished by the printed page. Opportunity was given for them to exchange experiences.

At 2:30 P. M. we had our Fatshan church business meeting. The clerk called the roll of members and those present responded by rising to their feet and giving a testimony of their faith. It was the best testimony meeting I have attended in a good while. All expressed strong faith in this message and a sincere desire to walk worthy of the heavenly calling wherein they are called. The four persons baptized in the morning were then received into the church by

vote, making twenty-nine as the total membership of this church. Among those who have recently accepted the truth here is a widow who has a sufficient knowledge of Chinese characters to read the Bible readily. She will likely be baptized in the near future.

E. H. Wilbur.

Brother and Sister Frederick Lee and infant daughter stopped in Shanghai a few days on their way to Mokanshan. Owing to the condition of Brother Lee's health, it had been decided that they should take this step, though they had planned to remain in Hankow during the summer.

### A Trip to Central China

In response to a telegram from Elder Cottrell, it was my privilege to spend almost two weeks in Central China during June. One of my objects in going was to audit the books of the provincial treasurers for last year, and to assist Dr Larson in opening his books for the Central China Mission, of which he is treasurer. Another was to meet with the Central China Mission Committee, as several important

matters were on hand for adjustment.

Upon arriving in Hankow I found Elder Westrup, from Honan, Elder Cottrell, from Hunan, together with Brother Fred Lee, and Dr Larson, the treasurer, of Hupeh. One of the first things we did was to visit the new houses which are being erected in the outskirts of the town for the workers. Although the location is not all that could be desired, the brethren felt that they had done the best they could, on account of land values being on a boom there. The full amount of their appropriation has been furnished them, and the brethren are doing their best to erect comfortable homes with the money allowed. It is expected that the houses will be ready for occupancy early this fall.

The committee spent some time visiting locations offered for a chapel in Hankow. The place now being used is not at all what we should have in so important a city as Hankow, but desirable places

are held very high.

Elder Westrup brought a good report from Honan. The work on the buildings being erected for the Honan headquarters is progressing, and they will also be ready for use this fall. Brother Westrup has his heart set on having an intermediate school in connection with the headquarters at Yencheng, Honan, and presented a plan for getting it which the committee thought they could sanction, and he was authorized to go ahead with his plans. It will be a mile-post in our work when several of the provinces can maintain strong intermediate schools, doing preparatory work for our training-school at Shanghai.

At the time of Elder Cottrell's departure from Changeha for Hankow, Elder Lillie was on a tour among the churches, and it was not thought he would get down to Hankow, so I returned to Changeha with Elder Cottrell. Upon our arrival, however, we found that Elder Lillie had started for Hankow the day before. Although I spent only a few hours in Changeha, taking the next boat for Hankow, I was very glad to have a short visit with Sister Cottrell and Sister Lillie, in their

comfertable hemes on the island in the river. I also went with Elder Cottrell to visit the girls' school and the chapel in the city of Changeha, where I had the privilege of speaking for a few minutes to the students and workers. The work in Hunan is rapidly expanding, and some of the native laborers are becoming very efficient, trustworthy soul-winners.

On returning to Hankow I spent three days with Elder Lillie and Dr Larson on their books, and appreciated the privilege of helping them to render more efficient service. Having spent several months previous to this trip in close work in the office, I enjoyed the rest on the good river-steamers, and returned home refreshed and ready for work. I am more than ever in sympathy with the dear brethren who are working far inland, and feel to daily uphold them in prayer, that God will protect and prosper them in labor for him.

C. N. W.

Brother R F Cottrell writes, under date of July 17, as

"Following the Hunan general meeting and canvaceers' institute, Brother Lillie and Evangelist Hwang started for southern Hunam,
visiting seven of our out-stations in that direction. They found a
goodly number of inquirers at most of the stations, but the majority
of them had so meager a knowledge of the truth, that the brethren advised them to study the gospel more carefully before going forward in
baptism. At two places candidates were examined, and in all fifteen
were baptized and taken into the church. This trip consumed some
five weeks, and on their return the only regret that was in the minds
of the brethren was that, considering the fine openings throughout
the southern part of this province, we do not have a foreign family
to locate there this fall.

The company with my language teacher, it has also been my privilege to do some itinerating in the northern and eastern parts of this province. At Hwa Yung we have an out-station which is practically self-supporting. A church was organized there last fall, and during our recent visit we held a four days' meeting, and received

a small company into the church.

"Our next stop was at Ih Yang, where we also have an outstation and an organized church. A boys' school was started here this year, with forty-two pupils, and the number would have been more than doubled had there been sufficient accommodations. Our people at this place are not well-to-do, but this comes the nearest to being a tithe-paying church of any with which I am acquainted in China. Five were added to the church at this place by baptism.

"At Ning Siang, where a church was organized last Desember, the believers have been severely tried of late. Nevertheless, they are determined to overcome the attacks of Satan. Twelve received baptism here, and we left the people with better courage and strength than ever before. It was at this place that three generations entered the baptismal waters together—the grandmother, seventy—three years of age; the mother, about forty; and the daughter, thirteen. Some days before my arrival the little girl, on applying for baptism, was

told that probably she was too young; but she replied: 'There is a lake of fire coming, and I want to escape it.' We found that she had a very intelligent idea of the gospel, and certainly she was one of the class of whom the Saviour would say, 'Forbid them not.'

"On returning to Changsha, letters regarding business matters were awaiting us, which made a visit to Hankow necessary. Here we had a short meeting of our mission committee. We were also very glad to welcome Brother Woodward to our consultations. He had some to Hankow to audit accounts, and to assist our treasurers in this mission with their bookkeeping. His visit was much appreciated.

"After returning to Changeha, another trip was made, during which we visited the stations at Liu Yang and Li Ling, holding meetings and having baptismal services at each. The growth that our believers have made in spiritual things in these cities was a great encouragement to us. At the latter place a church of nineteen members

was organized.

"It is now midsummer, and most of the missionaries from Changeha have gone to the summer resort at Kuling. Just before their departure, the third Hunan Missionary Conference was held, which those of all denominations, including Seventh-day Adventists, were invited to attend. As our work is growing and spreading into new places, we encounter more and more the opposition of the missionary body. This spirit found expression in a number of the speeches that were made during the conference session. Some advised a gigantic campaign of literature combating the doctrines we hold, and some questioned our right to a seat in the conference. We replied that we came by invitation; that in our work, we would work in peace with other missions as far as they would allow us to; that we were not here to antagonize any missionary society; and that of the last ninety who have joined our church, eighty-five came to us from heathenism, while only five came from other churches. (Since this sixteen others have been baptized, all of whom came direct from heathenism.) In closing our remarks, we said that we could not consistently agree and conform to the division of territory among the several missions, because we stand on the same platform with John Wesley, who said: 'The world is my parish.' . . . Others arose and spoke in the most kindly terms of their Seventh-day Adventist acquaintances, and stated that they greatly regretted the turn that the discussion had taken.

"As we shall in the future come more and more into conflict with other missions and their teachings, it behooves us to seek God earnestly for wisdom, that in laying the foundation for a strong work in these heathen lands, we exercise great care in the selection of

material and in the manner of building."

The readers of the News-Letter will perhaps be interested to know that at last we have been able to begin work on the China Training-School buildings. After the long delay in this matter it is a source of encouragement to know that we are soon to have permanent quarters of our own in which to conduct this important work. We have been hindered in starting the buildings because of conditions which prevented the stamping of the deeds. During the revolution which took place last year the business of the Chinese Land Office was transferred to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs. Since affairs have become more settled in China, the question of titles has been placed again in the hands of the Chinese office. The other powers seem to

question the advisability of this. The question, therefore, as to whose seal should be recognized delayed the stamping of all deeds. As this threatened to greatly delay our work, the American Land Office secured a statement from the Chinese office that our titles were clear, with an agreement that as soon as the question of stamping was settled the deeds would be forwarded to us. This enabled us to proceed safely with the work of building. On the thirtieth of June the contract was let for five buildings: (1) A school-building 40 x 60 feet, two stories high, having on the first floor four class-rooms, a laboratory, and two offices; on the second floor a chapel and library and book room; (2) a building 35 x 96 feet, to be used as a boys' dormitory, living rooms for Chinese teachers, and boys' dining-room; this building will accommodate sixty boys; (3) a building to accommodate thirty-six girls, with their teacher, also rooms for dining, and morning and evening worship. Besides these, there will be two houses for foreign teachers.

A large amount of material is already on the ground, and the work of excavating and laying of foundations is under way. The contract calls for all work to be completed by October 31, and it is hoped that we may be able to open school about the middle of November. Definite notice of the time of opening will be given as soon as it can be determined.

O. A. Hall.

Sister B Miller writes, after her return from Hankow June 26, as follows:--

"Upon my return to Shanghai I found the Bible women of good courage, and that they had done good, faithful work during my absence. It cheered my heart to know that four of the women with whom I had studied for some time had been baptized.

"A well-educated woman with whom I have been studying for several months, and whose husband is a silk dealer, and has considerable wealth, seems to be taking a firm stand for God. She has now gone to tell her parents about this truth, and also says that her husband has given up idol-worship, and prays twice a day to the true God. He is an opium fiend, and formerly used over thirty dollars' worth of opium every month. Let us unitedly pray for this man, that he may find full deliverance from this terrible habit.

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"Over a year ago I began studying with a certain family in Shanghai, going almost every day for three months. There were three daughters and a daughter-in-law who took part in the Bible readings, and sometimes the father and mother would join us. On my return from the mountain last year, however, I found that they had decided to attend a school of another mission. Later, one of the girls was taken sick, and I continued visiting the family occasionally. The youngest daughter has now been baptized, and the other girls have returned from the school.

"I learned a great lesson from this experience. I feared we would lose the whole family, but I see that the precious metal is never lost. We sow many times in tears, but Jesus, the True Shepherd, will not everlook one of his sheep. Every one will be gathered into the fold. I often think of the dream that William Miller had, in reference to the wonderful casket of jewels, and how distressed he was to see scattered the spurious jewels and false coin among the genuins. While he was weeping and mourning, he saw a man enter and begin to sweep the dirt and rubbish from the room. He cried to him

to forbear, for there were some precious jewels scattered among the rubbish. He closed his eyes, and when he opened them the rubbish was all gone; he looked into the casket, but he was dazzled at the sight. The jewels shone with many times their former glare. So will it be until the work is finished—the wheat and the tares will grow to—

gether, but Jesus knows where his jewels are, and not one will be lost.

"Surely the Lord will do a great work in the earth, and the promise is that he will cut it short in righteousness. May God help us to be faithful in giving the third angel's message to the benighted souls in China, is my prayer."

Brother W F Hills, of Swatow, writes that they are enjoying their new home very much.

Sister Nagel and little daughter spent a few days at the home of Brother and Sister Hills, while Brother Nagel made a trip into the interior.

Very encouraging reports reach us concerning Brother Stafford's stay in Chefoo. The change has proved a great benefit to his health, he has gained in flesh, and the prospects are good for his being able to return in the fall to take up his work with renewed strength.

A brief letter just received from Elder Allum, mailed at Honolulu, stated that he was en route to his home in Australia, to meet his family and spend the remainder of his furlough. He reports a wonderful time at the General Conference.

On Sabbath, July 12, a telegram received from Brother Fred Lee at Mokanshan stated that both Brother and Sister White were down with typhoid fever, and asked for help in caring for them. Dr A C Selmon responded at once, taking with him Brother and Sieter K H Wood and Miss Olive Osborne. Dr Selmon spent about ten days with them, returning to Shanghai the twenty-fourth. He reports that they are doing as well as could be expected. We know that all the readers of the News-Letter will unite in praying that God will restore Brother and Sister White to perfect soundness, that they may be able to labor for him in this field.

# The East Indies

Brother R P Montgomery writes, from Sandakan, British North Borneo, that they are finding some good honest people in that place. They are holding meetings in different parts of the town, and report that the prospects are bright for raising up a good company of believers. They have twenty-two in attendance at Sabbath-school.

Under date of July 9, Brother F A Detamere sends the follow-

ing interesting and encouraging report: -"A little over a week ago I arrived in Singapore from British North Borneo, after an absence of nearly a month. The trip was a pleasant one, and it was a pleasure to meet the new brethren in that land and to know that they were anxious to learn all the truth. On the way to Sandakan, where Brother and Sister Montgomery and Brother Chan are located, we spent a day and a night at Jesselton, enjoying a visit with Brother Wong, our Chinese brother at that place. We studied some points of truth with him, among which was the subject of tithing. On my return trip I saw him again, and he expressed his joy in accepting the different points of truth, and was planning to pay his tithe. This illustrates how anxious a true child of God is to obey, when he knows the Master's will. This brother has moved to Labuan and purchased a plantation, so that he can support his family and keep the Sabbath. He gave up a lucrative business when he accepted the truth, and has since refused large salaries because he could not accept them and keep the Sabbath. His friends say he is going mad, but he replies by telling them of the truth in which his beart finds joy and peace.

"At present we are studying every night with some Chinese persons here in Singapore, and the interest is very encouraging. would be a source of great satisfaction if we could talk their language, but we are glad to be able to present the truth to them

through an interpreter.

"Brother J Van de Groep arrived from Australia this week, and is now looking for a house. He will remain here and help with the tent effort which will begin seen. Our tent arrived from and America last week, and we hope it will prove to be a great blessing to our field.

"The church and Sabbath-school here in Singapore are doing nicely in the matter of tithes and offerings. During the first half of this year they paid \$624 tithe, \$300 Sabbath-school offerings, and \$73 offerings to missions, a total of \$996, besides church expenses and tract funds, and part of the church-school fund. (This is Singapore money, one dollar being worth .56 5/8 gold.) Word recently received from Brother Wood, of Socrabaya, states that they have repeived 800 guilders tithe, and 111 guilders in collections and donations, not including Sabbath-school offerings. This makes 911 guilders from that little company, or about \$364 gold. We trust that the reports for the last half of the year will be still more encouraging."

## The Third Angel's Message in the Philippines

There is nothing of greater interest to the Christian than to see "this gospel of the kingdom" going to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." I feel to praise the Lord as I see how he is going out before us and preparing the hearts of the people for this message. Our work is growing steadily here. There were so many at our last quarterly meeting in Manila and so much to do that we had to hold meeting both in the morning and the afternoon. Before we had been holding it in the morning only. It was a beautiful sight to see the new faces of those who had just recently been brought to the knowledge of this truth. There were thirty-three members taken into the church, and twenty-one that are keeping the Sabbath applied for membership.

Last Sabbath I went to Malclos to hold quarterly meeting with the believers, and there, as in Manila, I was impressed with the growth of the work. The Sabbath school has grown from thirty to about fifty members. Of these there are twenty bright little children I visited their class and found that learly every one was ready with the right answer to the question asked. And what touched my heart more was to see these children bearing their testimonies with the older ones during the roll-call. One little girl, weeping so that she could hardly talk, said: "I am too young to battle against the wiles of Satan, but I hope that I will not be overcome."

We had a little experience in electing and ordaining another deacon at Malolos which made me feel that we are near the time when the Lord will let his blessing rest upon and indicate his will to his church even as he did in the days of the spostles. The church was so divided as to who should fill this new office that we called for a season of prayer to decide the matter. After prayer the selection was clear, and before the roll was called this brother was ordained. When his name was called, in place of bearing his testimony he asked to pray. We bowed in prayer, and his prayer brought the Spirit of the Lord into that meeting so that hearts were touched and the people wept. After this he bore his testimony. While he was speaking, the evangelist that was sitting by me, said to me: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon the new deacon." O, for a closer walk with God!

A few weeks ago it was my joy to see some of our brethren in the Sabbath meeting in Manila moved by the Holy Spirit to confessions that I had tried, without success, to cause them to make before. It came about in this way: One of the sisters was sick, and had sent in a request for prayer. I spoke about praying for the sick and showed that every sin must be put out of the way before we can claim God's healing power, citing the experience of Achan. To give an opportunity for individual confessions to be made we stood and sang. It was not long till a sister went to another who had been the most stubborn in the matter. That broke her all down, and then she was ready to go and make her confessions. Others followed, till a complete cleaning up was made. Indeed it was a blessed meeting. A man who has not fully identified himself with us said at the close of the meeting: "God made you an instrument to-day to show me the working of the gospel in the heart."

I have never been of better courage and of greater determination to put my whole self into the finishing of this work.

Elbridge M Adams.

Brother Adams writes that on the night of July 4, they had a very large fire in Manila, and adds: "I never lived in a city where there were so many big fires in so short a space of time. I suppose that the city has lost over \$2,000,000 in fires the last twelve months.

#### Korea

About one year ago we started holding meetings each quarter in a central location for our churches in the north. Our last meeting showed many interesting lines of advancement. There were representatives from seventeen companies, and reports from six more. Fifty-four

new believers were reported; Yen 118.95 tithes, yes 95.16 Sabbath-echool donations (all given to missions), and Yen 22.85 special donations for the building fund at soonan and the Bible House, also forty six baptized in the same time. Some of the canvassers for the paper had interesting times. One native ordained man had told his congregation many times not to buy our paper or read it, but our canvasser happened to stay all night with a Christian family who, when they found out that the canvasser was an Adventist, asked for a Bible study, and when given one on Daniel 2, they sent for their pastor, and said: "Now you are an ordained man, and this man is only a canvasser, but you have said so much about him and his work, now please show him where he is wrong, for we want to know; his Bible study sounds like truth." The preacher turned on the member, and said: "What! Do you "What! Do you believe this doctrine?" The member said: "You have failed to show wherein the brother here differs from the Bible." The preacher said: "If you believe this, I will take your name off of the church book." But the member answered: "You may take my name off of the church book But you can't take it out of the book in heaven," and the man and his Tamily kept the following Sabbath. This man is in a new district where there are no Sabbath-keepers.

Riley Russell, M. D.

## Japan

From Kagoshima Brother Kuniya writes, June 30, as follows: --"After we closed the tent-meeting, we soon started to preach in the hall again. This time I proposed to let young workers preach, while I talk two or three times during a week. We have quite an attendance all the time. Two weeks ago one of the canvassers who was converted during the tent-meeting went out to canvass in the vicinity, and found one young man who listened to a sermon once. This young man, hearing the new canvasser's experience, made up his mind to follow him, but he knew nothing about the Bible. I told him to come for Bible study; and while I was absent, he had Bible studies with Mrs Kuniya. The Spirit of the Lord worked wonderfully, and he began to tell the gospel to others, but his parents forbad him to do so. 'I can not but speak the things which we have seen and heard, was his answer. His father became very angry, and drove him out. The poor bey has no place to stay, no food to eat, but he would not yield to his parents. Upon my arrival, he came to counsel with me, and we took him into our home, and are educating him for the Lord's service. He is a bright boy, and strong phy sically. He is fully determined to be a Christian eoldier.

"We had a baptism—two sisters whom I mentioned in my former letter were buried in the ocean with Christ by faith, and joined with us. One of them is a sister of the governor of the next prefecture. She is a devout Christian. I hope the way may be opened among the higher class through this lady.

"Last week I went to celebrate the wedding for our young workers in Sose-ho; then I baptized two souls."