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Letter VIII  
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I shall pass this way but once.

Any good thing therefore that I can do,

or any kindness that I can show to any

human being, let me do it now.

Let me not defer it nor neglect it,

for I shall not pass this way again.

--A B Hageman.

### Central China

Leaving Shanghai in company with Elder R F Cottrell, enjoying a pleasant trip up the Yangtse River, we reached Hankow in time for the Hupeh general meeting.

There were sixty-five present at the meeting, eighteen of whom were Chinese native workers, three evangelists, three Bible women, and ten canvassers. The meetings were of a spiritual nature, differences were removed, and all hearts united in renewed consecration to service in the cause of Christ. The last Sabbath the attendance increased to one hundred. At the close of a consecration service Brother Frederick Lee was ordained to the gospel ministry, and twenty-seven were buried with their Lord in baptism.

The two mission homes for our workers are nearing completion. They are well arranged and neat in appearance. The laborers present at this meeting were Dr A G Larson, S G White, F Lee, R F Cottrell, the native evangelists, and the writer.

We were happily surprised to find so many in attendance at the Honan meeting. There has been such a condition of unrest that not many were expected to attend. One hundred forty were present from the beginning. This number increased until at the last Sabbath services one hundred sixty were with us. This is one of the oldest missions we have in China. It has shown excellent progress for the labor bestowed. The people show an intelligent Christian experience. At this meeting there were twenty-four Chinese laborers present. The evangelists rendered acceptable assistance in the preaching services. Elders Cottrell and Westrup and the writer were the foreign laborers present.

At this meeting twenty-eight were baptized, and a very solemn ordinance service was held the last Sabbath. Three or four of the recent converts to the faith give promise of making excellent evangelists and canvassers. Elder Westrup has manifested a real devotion to the work here, remaining for almost two years without his wife's assistance. Mrs Westrup is still in America, on account of a serious nervous difficulty. The work is on a good basis in this province. The school and foreign buildings are almost completed. They are comfortable, economically constructed, and well adapted to the needs of the work.

This is my first trip into Central China, and I am well pleased with the organization of the work and the progress made. I have seen a few of China's millions and noted their needs, and can truly say both are great and worthy of our best endeavors. Let us show our faith in a soon coming Saviour by our works.

R C Porter.

### South China

Under date of October 9 Brother J F Anderson, who, with his wife, has just returned from furlough to America, writes:--

"We enjoyed our stay at home immensely. Every one was so kind and good to us. Especially did we enjoy attending the General Conference and the camp-meetings. Nevertheless, I felt like a fish out of water, and wanted to return to China, and so was glad when I set foot on the steamer bound for Hongkong.

"We found our place in excellent condition. Our servant had kept up the yard, having mowed the lawn and hoed around the trees, so it looked like paradise to us when we saw it. We are more thankful than ever for our home. We found Brother and Sister Nagel well, and a right hearty welcome did they give us. Brother and Sister Meeker were visiting them when we arrived.

"The work has progressed nicely. We are now preparing for our general meeting. I am writing this from Canton, where I have been helping to plan their houses, the contract for which is now let. In a few days we go on to Pakhoi."

From private correspondence we get a little more from Brother Anderson which will interest all:--

"The work in my absence has progressed nicely. One new station has been opened, and all the old stations have an increased attendance. I found Brother and Sister Nagel of good courage. I am right in the harness again. Have preached every Sabbath since coming back--once in English in Hongkong, twice in Hakka, and once in Cantonese. I find that I have lost none of my language by being away."

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We have just returned from a trip to one of the out-stations. Mrs Nagel and Florence went with me on this trip, it being their first experience at visiting the out-stations. We went on Friday, remaining over Sabbath, and returning home Sunday. Mrs Nagel was the first Seventh-day Adventist woman to visit that part of the country, and in fact she was the only foreign woman many of them had seen.

I spoke to our people and the friends who came in Sabbath evening, and twice on the Sabbath. About one hundred were present. Our boys' school there has between twenty and thirty in attendance. Two of our brethren are in prison in that district because of an old family feud. As I know them to be innocent, I feel that we should all pray that they may soon be set at liberty. Our Hakka general meeting is appointed for November 24-29.

S A Nagel.

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### East China

On Sunday, October 5, a special series of evangelistic meetings was opened in a large hall at No. 4, Kiangei Road. The building was erected for foreign business firms and is large and commodious, seating upwards of three hundred. It is centrally located, convenient to the car line, in a very busy district, and on the main thoroughfare from the Chinese City and the French Concession, to the International Settlement. The attendance from the start has naturally been a representative one.

The first few nights standing-room was at a premium, and many had to be turned away from the door. After the excitement of the opening had subsided the attendance continued to hold up well, and now at the close of the third week the average attendance is between one and two hundred, and the interest is so good that we have decided to rent the hall for another month.

What is of special encouragement is the interested way the people listen, and ask for instruction after the meetings. The first week's subjects started with the One True God, Creation and the Fall of Man, and finished with the Plan of Salvation and Conversion. On the first Friday night the invitation was given for all who wished to start on the New Life to rise, and over fifty stood at once. Cards were then distributed for the people to sign their names and addresses, and their thus manifesting a desire to seek for truth had such an effect on the audience that the ushers were kept busy handing out the cards. At the close of the meeting over a hundred names had been listed. Since then we have taken almost another hundred. We have made efforts to get out and visit these people, but as they are scattered all over the city, and our workers are few, we can not get around to them as we should.

Friday night has been set apart for an inquirers' meeting, and only those who have handed in their names are admitted. Last week instruction was given on How to Come to Christ, special emphasis being placed on repentance and confession, and when opportunity was given for those present to speak, a number gave excellent testimonies, afterward joining in a season of prayer. It was a blessed occasion for all, and nothing so rejoices the heart of God's workers as to hear men open their lips in prayer for the first time. A series of Bible lessons for beginners has been prepared and sent out to the inquirers each week. There is one verse to memorize each day, and all is arranged in such a way that it is a progressive study of the message for this time.

An after meeting is held each night in the guest room, when every one present is exhorted to study the Bible and learn to pray. In these meetings we are reading the Gospel of John by course, a few verses being read and explained each night and then opportunity given for questions.

Brother K H Wood has conducted meetings for English-speaking Chinese each Sunday afternoon on the Signs of the Times. These have been well attended, as there are a large number of the student class among our inquirers who are glad for the opportunity to hear English spoken. This is followed in the evening by a stereopticon lecture in Chinese on the same subject with views of the present-day world conditions. It is needless to say that we have a full house these nights. No admission is charged, but an intermission is given when half through the program, and every one is given an opportunity to buy a copy of our paper. Many have been sold.

Brother and Sister Wood are rendering efficient service in arranging the music for the meetings, which is greatly appreciated by all. We wish also to take this opportunity to thank our brethren and sisters from Yangtseepoo who have come in night after night to help us with the singing.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all our people in the Asiatic Division that these meetings may result in a great harvest of souls, and that many honest in heart may be converted, keep the commandments of God, and be saved at our Saviour's soon appearing.

F E Stafford.

Japan

From Tokyo Brother Chas N Lake writes as follows:--

"The Webbers and Andersons reached here a week ago last Sabbath. We were mighty glad to see them. They are not yet settled, but have engaged houses and will get into them as soon as they can get their furniture together. As they reached here only a couple of days before the opening of the Language School, they did not have time to look about the city even, and now must get settled during the time they can spare from their studies. We expect Elder and Mrs DeVinney to reach Yokohama a week from next Sabbath (the eighteenth) on the s.s. 'Mongolia.'"

Through the News-Letter I wish to extend my hearty welcome to Elder and Mrs Porter, and also those new missionaries who arrived recently from America for the Asiatic Division field. It is my great joy to see our earnest request fulfilled, which we made in an appeal to the people in the General Conference, to send over their sons and daughters to the Oriental fields. Indeed, the desire of my heart is about realized.

Brother Anderson and wife and Brother Webber and wife arrived safely in Japan. We extend our hearty welcome to them. Now I believe it is my duty to fulfil my promise to the people in the General Conference, and that is to take good care of their sons and daughters whom they have sent to Japan. I hope that all these young missionaries will enjoy their new home, and the work in the strange land as well as in America.

Since returning from the General Conference I have taken a few trips, visiting the churches and isolated believers in the northern part of the country. I found all believers of good courage. They were glad to hear from me the good and interesting reports from the General Conference.

I recently baptized seven candidates of the Tokyo Church, five of the Kuji Church, and also two persons at Uzawa. Praise our good Lord, for He is with us and blesses our work.

T H Okohira.

Korea

The general meeting for the central division--that in which Seoul is located--was held October 1-5, at Seoul. Work in this division was commenced four years ago, but practically nothing was done outside the city of Seoul until this last year. It was impossible for all the believers to leave home and attend this meeting, but there were eighty adults present, and on Sabbath over one hundred. Some of these persons walked nearly three hundred li in order to attend.

The meeting was a spiritual feast to all. The missionary side of our work was brought prominently to the front. Bundles of tracts had been prepared at a reduced price so that those present could buy them and take them back to their homes to work with this winter. In that way sixty-five yen and fifty sen worth of tracts (retail price) were sold, and we believe they will be the means of bringing the truth to many during the coming months. When the question

was asked as to how many had first heard the truth through our literature, over one third of those present raised their hands. So we thank God for the privilege of scattering the printed page, knowing that it will bring forth fruit.

During the meeting forty-nine were buried with their Lord in baptism. This was the largest number that we have baptized in Korea at one time; but as this rite had not been administered in this division for more than a year and a half, some of the number had been waiting for some time. We trust, however, that such scenes as this will become more frequent in the future until that glad day when the work shall have been finished.

Brother C N Woodward arrived in Seoul the morning of the fourteenth to audit our books. We are pleased to have him with us for a few days.

O L Butterfield.

Miss May Scott, of Soonan, writes: "Day before yesterday, October 1, we held school in the new school-building. The chapel is a large room and will also be used for church purposes. We had our prayer-meeting there for the first time Tuesday night. From the twenty-first to the twenty-sixth there is to be a general meeting for the workers and friends in this section of Korea, at which time the school-buildings will be dedicated. One of the little girls asked me if at that time the glory of the Lord would be present as it was when Solomon's temple was dedicated. We are very grateful for these new buildings, and want to work in harmony with the Lord, that his presence may continually abide with us.

"I am so grateful for the encouraging reports that come through the News-Letter. Am very glad, also, to welcome Elder and Mrs Porter to the Orient, and we here are anxious to know when they are coming to Korea."

### East Indies

We are now in the midst of the first tent effort ever held in Singapore. We began about a month ago, and have had six meetings a week from the first. The attendance has not been large at any time, yet a goodly number have come quite regularly, and some have shown real interest. We are now studying the Three Messages of Revelation, which will test the interest and bring people to decide whom they will serve. We feel convinced that the tent can be used here as well as at home to call the attention of people to the truth, as there are many who will come who would not attend church services.

It is encouraging to report that several here have recently begun to keep the Sabbath, and that there are many Chinese, who do not understand English, interested in the truths we as a people teach. Chan Teck Sung is giving Bible studies every day, and some come to the mission for lessons through an interpreter. Others are doing what they can to spread the light of the message. One young Chinese man is selling tracts. He meets some with whom he converses about the Bible, and often brings them to the mission for instruction. One business man whom he has interested comes regularly for studies. He is not a Christian, but has decided that the Bible is God's Word, and is now learning the ten commandments.

Many Tamils attend our meetings and seem to enjoy them. They like to ask questions, some of which are not so easily answered. Mohammedanism, Buddhism, and Hinduism have had their influence on their minds until it is hard for them to have faith in God. A few, however, are willing to learn, and we believe that the Lord will help us gather out the honest from among them.

Brother and Sister Sharp and Brother Van de Groep have been connected with the tent effort from the start, and have rendered excellent service. All are kept busy following up the interest and doing the other work connected with the mission. Sister Sharp has had some very interesting Bible studies with the women.

We are greatly in need of more help for the other portions of the field. Without doubt Brother Van de Groep will soon go to another place. We need at least six men to fill the calls for directors and school work. We ought to have a training-school here now, but can not start it until we can get a man to put in charge.

We have recently published a Malay paper, the first of its kind to be offered to that people. An edition of 2,500 was printed and is being sold in Java and Sumatra. We look for good results from this work.

Our faith and hope are strong in God, and we are glad for a small part in His great finishing work which is to close the long struggle between truth and error.

F A Detamore.

We have been favored with a translation of a letter just received from Mr T. H. Chan, of British North Borneo, by his son-in-law, O M Lee. Of late there has been considerable opposition to our work at Swatow, and the Torrey-Carrington tract has been translated and published against us, to which Mr Lee has made a reply. A proof copy of this reply was sent to his father-in-law in Borneo, reaching him just in time to be of much service. He says:--

"Just two days after receiving your reply, the German missionaries here received a supply of the Torrey-Carrington tract from Swatow, with which they hoped to embarrass us and hinder our work. I was requested to debate the question with them and so met them at one of their homes. The house was crowded with people who naturally were anxious to hear. When I arrived the minister asked me if it was necessary to keep the Sabbath that one might be saved. I replied that the fourth commandment was one of the ten, and if men kept the ten commandments they would keep the Sabbath. After the usual evasive ways used by those who fight the truth, the minister asked if there was a text in the New Testament which said one would perish if he did not keep the Sabbath, and I answered that those who knowingly disregard the law come under the condemnation of the law. One in the audience, chairman of a local society, took exception to these evasive ways of the minister, saying that if Bible proofs were presented they ought to be accepted. Here I was relieved of the necessity of further debating the subject, and these two men continued. Mr Li, chairman of the local society, said he understood from the Bible that Sunday was the mark of the beast, to which the minister replied, 'No! no!' Mr Li then asked him to explain, but he could not. Li took exception

to the minister's lack of logic and urged that as he could not substantiate his claims from the Bible, and as there was one present who did prove his positions from the Bible, that it was foolishness to continue the debate, and the minister was laughed down.

"This proceeding somewhat enraged the minister, but he wanted to discuss the question further, so Mr Li volunteered the use of his hall where both parties would have an equal chance. Meetings were appointed and advertised. When the time for the minister to present his subject came he failed to appear, and I was asked to present my views. I took the tract and reviewed it from A to Z. It was a great victory for the truth, and the people were satisfied. Thus we see that if God be for us, nothing can be against us.

"Another incident is worth noting. An elder of one of the native churches, who formerly was weakly, somewhat addicted to the use of wine, a raiser of swine, which brought him a nice round income, is now keeping the Sabbath and has given up the things which formerly bound him, and enjoys good health. His eldest son also held a position in a printing-plant, where Sunday is observed, but had to resign on account of the Sabbath. He is now running a small shop of his own and keeping the Sabbath. The last Sunday in September, this man and his family not having attended their old church for some time, a minister from another place, an old friend of theirs, called and asked them to attend communion service that day. So on account of the existing friendship they consented to do so. After the reading of the law the minister, with the congregation, repeated the words, 'Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.' After the prayer the minister stood and said that he thanked Jesus that he had freed them from the law and that it was not obligatory to keep the Sabbath now, whereupon the man with his family left the church and returned to their home. Next day the minister and some of his associates called to see them and talk matters over. The man told the minister that he was in the wrong, and that now as the Sabbath truth had been presented, their sin was the greater. The proceedings of the previous day, at the church, were gone over. At length the man raised a question regarding the seventh commandment. This confused the minister, and he with his friends left the house without making further replies. Another man who was formerly a student of the Swatow man who translated the Torrey-Canright tract, has accepted the truth, and has written his former teacher explaining the errors the tract contains in an effort to set him right on the subject. Other instances might be mentioned, but this will suffice to show how the truth is making its way in this field. To-day these men are living witnesses for the truth. Two of them, Mr Li and the one last mentioned, were formerly infidels, and came to our services out of curiosity. Curiosity led to study, and now they are with us in the work."

### The Philippines

I am sure we do not appreciate, for we do not realize, the care the good Lord has over us every day in sparing us from dangers seen and unseen. We are freshly reminded of this by the sudden death of William Crozier, the editor of the Daily Bulletin of Manila. He died of Bubonic Plague. It is said that he was bitten by a flea from a dead rat that he found in his desk.



We celebrated our regular quarterly meeting rites last Sabbath in Manila. About one hundred were present. The Lord blessed, and all seemed to take a lively interest. Next Sabbath we will hold these services with two other companies, and the following Sabbath with a new company that have been keeping the Sabbath for some time but have not yet united with the church. Our numbers have not grown so rapidly of late, but I believe the work is becoming more firmly established. We have had some very testing experiences here, but God has helped us in all these, for which we are very thankful.

It has been my privilege and great joy to be instrumental in helping a young man (an American teacher) to take a full stand for the Sabbath. He has been in the Islands for about one year, and has had a conviction for some time that he ought to keep the Sabbath. In fact, as his late employment required him to work only half a day on the Sabbath, he tried to keep the other half. But now, though he has lost his position and has had to refuse another good one because of the Sabbath, he is happy in the Lord and trusting that some way will open for him. A very interesting phase in connection with this experience is that other prominent Americans here are having their attention called to the truth. One man whom we have been interested in for some time, but to whom we have not had opportunity to speak of our faith, has become so stirred as to indicate his desire to see me and have an explanation of the Sabbath. Pray for us that we may have the needed grace to present aright the blessed truth which has given us so much comfort and hope.

Mrs Adams and myself have both been somewhat indisposed of late, and little Elinore is having a rash which has the appearance of measles, but nothing seems to indicate serious results. Our courage is good and we look forward to the speedy finishing of the great work.

Elbridge M Adams.

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In addition to the foregoing, we take the following from one of Brother Adams' letters:--

"I am glad to report that our work is going on promisingly. I might have added in the report that we plan to pitch our tent in a few days, as the rainy season seems to be sufficiently over to permit the beginning of tent work again.

"We are beginning to plan for the new workers. Our little home is altogether too small for all, as it will scarcely accommodate us, so we will have to rent another house for them. I hope they will all like the work here as well as we do. It is quite different from the work at home."

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Brother Floyd Ashbaugh reports as follows:--

"I received your letter to-day, and am glad to add my report to the News-Letter. I can imagine you were all glad to welcome the new workers. We are waiting expectantly for the recruits for the Philippines. I understand they were to sail October 1.

"I hardly know which will be of greatest interest to the readers of the Letter--figures or experiences. While I haven't much of either to report, still, considering the financial depression this year, I feel that the dear Lord has abundantly blessed me in my work. A few weekly reports may be of interest.

"I began canvaessing in Iloilo the fifteenth of August for "Home and Health." The Lord blessed the first week with

	57 orders, value in gold	\$182.00
Second week	45 "	142.00
Third week	50 "	188.00
Fourth week	40 "	178.00
Fifth week	50 "	151.00
Yesterday	7 "	21.00

"In addition to the five weeks here enumerated, two weeks were taken by deliveries and a typhoon.

"Aside from my language study I have had the opportunity of giving a few Bible studies to a young man who is interested in the message. The American with whom I am living has purchased several of our books and fully believes the Sabbath truth. I hope he may have the courage to take his stand.

"My health is good, for which I feel very thankful. I send greetings to all the News-Letter readers, and a welcome to the new workers for the Asiatic Division. May the dear Lord bless them in their labors. I ask an interest in your prayers for the work in this field."

#### GENERAL

The China Mission Training-School buildings are nearing completion, and all preparations are being made to open school December 1. We will only be able to put in a thirty weeks' school year, owing to the late date of opening.

The main building is 40 x 66 feet. There are four classrooms and two offices on the ground floor, and a chapel, 38 x 45 feet, and small library room on the first floor. The dormitories are two-story structures. The boys' dormitory will accommodate sixty students and two teachers, and the girls' dormitory will accommodate thirty students and a couple of teachers.

Plans have been drafted for a one-story dispensary building, 51 x 26 feet, to be located in the southeast corner of the school lot. Provision is made in the building for the treatment of both men and women, so that young women students in the school will have privileges in the way of medical missionary training equally as good as those the young men students will enjoy.

The teaching staff is as follows:--

O A Hall	Bible
Miss Clive Osborne	Mathematic
Miss Pauline Schilberg	General History, Geography
C M Lee	Wenli Composition
T Y Wu	Mandarin
Mrs O A Hall	Instrumental Music
W E Gillis	Drawing
Dr A C Selmon	The Sciences.

A.C.S.

The Signs of the Times Publishing House at Shanghai is rapidly taking its place among the great distributing centers of the third angel's message. From month to month a steady advance is noted. This quarter the sales promise to average more than \$500 gold per month. Although the war has tended to decrease the circulation of the Signs, our average for the year will still be quite high. At present we are running 34,000 Mandarin and 14,000 Wenli magazines. The committee in session last month decided to increase the size of the paper four pages in order to provide room for brief news notes. This addition began with the November issue, in time to announce the formal election of the President of the Chinese Republic.

This year marks a new era in the demand for our literature in tract and book form. The first trial editions of 500 copies each of "Revelation" and "Bible Readings" in both the Mandarin and the Wenli were sold out before the binder could get them on the bookroom shelves. Five thousand editions of several of our tracts have been sold out in three months.

What we need and must have is consecrated educators to direct the efforts of our native colporters. Just one instance in point: A colporter at Changsha had been for months barely eking out an existence to the tune of three and four dollars per month. Brother Lillie, busy as he is with the multifarious details of station work, undertook to help him one afternoon, and the result of four and one-half hours' work was sales to the amount of \$7.50. Right here in Shanghai, Brother Stafford has had similar experiences with his men.

Our type room is now putting in type the new exposition of the prophecies of Daniel. There is a strong advance demand for this book. We are planning to have it off the press early next year.

W.F.G.

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#### NOTES

The Chinese Press states that returns show that the cost of the recent uprising was upwards of \$19,000,000.

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October 5 Mr and Mrs A L Ham left Shanghai for Hongkong. We have no report from them but understand they arrived safely.

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On the morning of October 24 Mr Woodward returned from Korea after an absence of two weeks. He reports a pleasant trip.

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Mrs Fred Lee and S G and Mrs White report a hearty welcome upon their arrival at Hankow. The homes there will be ready for occupancy about the first of the year.

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Elder Porter is expected to reach Shanghai November 6, and after a few days at home he will leave for South China to attend some general meetings appointed by Elder George Harlow, the superintendent.

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Sickness has disturbed the harmony of some of our Shanghai homes the past month. Mrs Warren was first to be taken ill. Three of the children--Ithiel Gillis, Loleta Hall, and Clarence Stafford--have also been indisposed. Mrs Doolittle suffered considerably with her vaccination. All but one are well again.

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Miss Schilberg is back to the office again after a two weeks' vacation. She spent the time in Shanghai, with Mrs B Miller.

Up to October 18 the amount subscribed to the Nanking Relief Fund was \$33,413.93. Distress in the city is everywhere apparent. Ponds in the city are drying up, and the wells are getting low. For the past three months there has been practically no rain.

Nothing is more cheering in our Letter this month than the report of so many baptisms. Elder Okohira reports fourteen from Japan, Elder Butterfield from Korea forty-nine, and the Central China Mission fifty-five, making a total of one hundred eighteen.

On October 10, 1913, two years from the outbreak of the revolution, the formal election of China's President took place. Coming on the heels of civil war as it does, it rather looks like a forced measure, yet this may be a harbinger of peace and prosperity. While there is no guarantee for it, let us hope for the best. Much yet remains to be done in China.

On October 12 the last obstruction (?) to inter-ocean passage on the Panama Canal was blown up. President Wilson from the White House pressed an electric button which ignited the charge. It is said that small crafts will be able to pass the whole length of the canal by the close of the year. Landslides are still a great menace to the work, but the likelihood of these is gradually being reduced.

In a letter from Brother W A Spicer to Brother Porter, he says: "I hope you will put out the word through your circular News-Letter asking your different fields in making up their reports for the year to take special pains to give information as to about what number of converts have come from heathenism and Catholicism, and what number from other Protestant societies." Let our workers take note of this request when making up their report at the end of the year 1913.

"During the first seven months of this year, the Pacific Press printed 1,730,000 tracts, the Review and Herald Office 170,241. In the same period the Review and Herald finished off 108,963 books, and the Pacific Press 60,000. We do not have the figures from the Southern Publishing Association, but these given show something of the large amount of literature our people are putting in the hands of the public. The more the better, for the sooner the work will be done."

Waichowfu, in Kwangtung province, our headquarters for the Hakka work, has recently experienced a typhoon which did considerable damage. The river traffic was paralyzed. Our mission property suffered some, but no serious damage was done. While trees and fences were blown down, the houses stood the test, for which all will feel grateful. Since the storm, pleasant weather has prevailed.

On October 24 another severe earthquake occurred along the whole isthmus. The canal zone remains undamaged. The locks are reported to be undamaged and great confidence is expressed in the reinforced concrete work. This is said to be the severest shock since work on the canal was begun.

On October 24 Dr H J and Mrs Williams, of South Africa, passed through Shanghai en route to Cape Town. Dr Williams is in charge of the medical work in the South African Union, and is returning to his field. They were disappointed in not being able to see Elder Porter, but he was away at the time. However, they spent a pleasant day with Mrs Porter visiting some of the interesting parts of Shanghai. Late in the afternoon they came out to the Mission, and in the evening Dr Williams spoke to us in our chapel regarding his work in Cape Town. They took boat again that evening for Hongkong.

October 1, when the s.s. "Mongolia" steamed out of San Francisco harbor, there were nineteen Seventh-day Adventists on board, the majority of whom were booked for the Asiatic Division. There were two who came as far as Honolulu, the rest of the party journeying together to Yokohama. Here Elder and Mrs DeVinney left the party, taking train for Tokyo, thus completing their homeward journey from furlough in the States. Four of the party came on to Shanghai on the "Nippon Maru." Mr and Mrs J O Ryd are our latest recruits for China. Brother Ryd was formerly connected with the Swedish Missions in China, having spent about seven years in the field. While in the States on furlough the truth found him, and he united with our church. Since that time he has spent one year at the Swedish Seminary, and the last few months of their stay in America were in tent work in New Jersey. We are glad to welcome these recruits to this field. The Philippine party, consisting of Elder L V and Mrs Finster, and Mrs Finster's sister, Miss Blodgett, a graduate nurse, Dr U C and Mrs Fattbert, W E and Mrs Lanier, Roy E and Mrs Hay, and Robert and Mrs Stewart, continued on the "Mongolia" to Manila, where we are sure they received a hearty welcome.

#### Notice to Foreigners in Charge of Stations

We are constantly receiving post-cards and letters from new subscribers to the Signs (Wenli and Mandarin), stating that they have not yet received their paper, and in many instances these remonstrances are written within the week that the colporter has taken their order. We will be greatly helped if all those connected with this phase of our work would see that the colporters are instructed to make very plain to their patrons that it will be impossible for them to expect their papers to begin to arrive short of six weeks, and never to promise that the subscription will begin with the current month. We do not lead our shelves with back numbers.

The Signs Office has just published a tract in answer to the present propaganda by our friends of the opposition, who are strenuously introducing Torrey and Canrightism among Chinese Christians in order to hinder our message. Wonderful results have already been reported from the use of this answer. It is not a debate. The tract is a splendid presentation of the truth in just the lines that will make Seventh-day Adventists out of those who have been stirred up on the subject by our opponents. One hundred pages, price five cents. Postage one cent.

Signs of the Times Publishing House.