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Letter X

O P P O R T U N I T Y

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They do me wrong who say I come no
more
When once I knock and fail to find
you in;
For every day I stand outside your
door,
And bid you wake and rise to fight
and win.
Wail not for precious chances passed
away,
Weep not for golden ages on the
wane;
Each night I burn the records of
the day,
At sunrise every soul is born
again.
Laugh like a boy at splendors that
have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf
and dumb,
But never bind a moment yet to
come.
Though deep in mire, wring not your
hands and weep,
I lend my arm to all who say:
"I can."
No shamefaced outcast ever sank
so deep
But he might rise and be again
a man.

--Walter Malone

On account of the probable sale of Brother Purden's house, where our printing plant has been located, we have moved our presses into a large Japanese building near by. The place is well adapted for our publishing work, and is really a better location. But we trust ere another year passes to be in our own quarters.

For nearly two years now we have had an application before the government for a "shaden," or permit to own property through a committee of the mission. The matter has lingered along until the present without a decision, on account of our doctrine of the coming of Christ and the attitude which one of our young men took while in the army toward Sabbath work, having refused to do service on that day. The matter is now in the hands of the Minister of Education with whom we expect to have an interview soon, and we hope the matter may be closed up favorably to the mission.

On Friday, December 5, a party of nine from the mission, six foreigners and three Japanese, went to Kuji-machi to assist in the dedication of our new church there. This church is located in the country among the farmers, who planned and built it. The building is 20 x 30 feet, painted, furnished, and dedicated free from debt. The dedicatory services were held Sabbath morning, with nearly all the members present, and a goodly number of interested neighbors and friends in attendance. In all four services were held with them while we were there. Evening after the Sabbath we gave a stereopticon lecture on the Holy Land, and no one but those who know how the Japanese can pack in can conceive of the number that succeeded in getting inside. We had with us a phonograph with records of sacred music, and with the pictures and music, undoubtedly it was a treat never before enjoyed by many who were present. Some, having come from a distance, arrived about an hour after the meeting was over, still hoping to see or hear a portion; but we had to disappoint them as everything was packed away and we were getting ready for bed. There is a good interest at the place, and meetings are being held several times each week, and we expect to see raised up a good strong, substantial, self-supporting church, of tithe-paying members who have their own homes and will be a factor in the support of the work of the Lord in this land.

--F. H. DeVinney.

Brother A. N. Anderson, one of the late recruits for Japan, writes as follows:

"We regret that our many duties have prevented our writing to the News-Letter before this. The brethren here have given us much kind assistance in the difficulties of becoming accustomed to the new conditions. Our association with them is also a source of great spiritual encouragement. We are quite comfortable in our little Japanese home, although our outfit has not yet arrived from America. Of course, everything is not so pleasant as one might imagine from first impressions of the Sunrise Kingdom, but we had not expected to find ideal conditions. Sometimes one would desire to flee from the unwholesome sights and smells that are so common. But we are glad for the trees and flowers, and other pleasant things that remind us of the great love and omnipotence of our heavenly Father.

"The language is indeed difficult, but we have the advantage of the best methods in the language school, where every effort is made to give us a practical knowledge of the language. We are trusting in the great Teacher to help us, and we hope to be able to assist in active work as soon as possible."

I have been thinking to write about my experience for the News-Letter, but I have been taking treatment in the Sanitarium since last August, and so could not report very much. I returned here (Kogoshima) a month ago, though my health did not recover wholly, yet I was obliged to come back.

I started to work again slowly. The dear Lord was good to me and gave me strength to preach and teach the Bible. Not only church members, but many others were wanting me to teach them the message. Last week I baptized three young men after thoroughly instructing them. One formerly belonged to the Methodist Church. He was a Christian for eleven years, but did not hear about the second coming of Christ. Of course he knew nothing of the judgment. When he began to study the Bible with me, his family opposed, and attempted to stop him from attending the meetings. Among his family are several sects, and they joined together to discourage him through his wife.

In the morning of his baptism, he told his mother about baptism, and said, "Mother, I am going to be baptized by Seventh-day Adventist pastor today. If you think I am going to heathenish church, why don't you say a word to prove me wrong? Do you think that I shall go to Satan's church?" She replied, "No, no. I don't think so. Your church is right. I will hear more about Bible from your pastor."

This message is going into every sect. Lately an old sister of Admiral Togo began to keep the Sabbath. She heard about Christian religion when her brother returned from England many years ago. But then she heard only about one great God who created the worlds. Now she is glad to hear more about God and Christ. I hope that she will come out from Babylon entirely and be saved; not only that but may some of her family be converted to Christianity through her influence.

Hundreds, nay thousands are tired of Buddhism, and searching for new religion, but because all protestant churches backslide, and have lost power, many are wondering. Now is the time to let our light shine. We are going to Tokyo to attend the institute which begins the 7th of January. We will have Bible study and prayer for three months. It will be a great help for all workers, but I am very anxious for these sheep. May God send his angels and guard them. Trusting in the arms of the Lord we will go up to Tokyo to be squared and polished.

I will extend Happy New Year greetings through the News-Letter to all co-yoke bearers in the Asiatic Division.

--H. Kuniya.

KOREA

Soonan, Dec. 7.

During the last six weeks we have made a round of the churches in the northwest of Chosen. Sixteen have accepted the binding claims of God's law, and several more are interested. Two patients (men) have taken their stand for the truth. On this trip we met a man who had formerly gone to the mountains to pray to Satan, but getting no satisfaction he decided to become a Christian. As there were so many different churches, he was troubled, but prayed to God to show him the true church. That night he dreamed he saw a tree with twelve manner of fruit, and by it a blazing Chinese character "seven." Next day one of our men gave him one of our papers and a short study on the binding claims of the law of God and the seventh-day Sabbath and the new earth. When he had read of the tree of life he said, "This is the true church," and he has kept the Sabbath now for nearly a year.

Piley Russell M.D

Manila, Dec. 11.

We are glad to be back to our field of labor and in the harness again. We wish to send greetings to all the Asiatic Division family. Our stay in the home land was enjoyed very much, but we were glad when the time came to start for Manila again. We were blessed with renewal of health and strength and wish to wisely use it in his service here. We were very glad also to be able to bring such a nice band of workers with us. It has been decided that Elder Roy F. Hay and family locate in the Ilocano province, in the northern part of Luzon. I accompanied them to their new field of labor about two weeks ago. They are now hard at work on the language. Dr. U. C. Fatteburt and wife are in Manila. The Doctor is studying preparatory to taking his medical examination in January. His wife is giving some most needed help in training some of our native sisters to act as Bible women. Brother W. F. Lanier and wife will connect with the work in the Tagalog provinces. All of our work thus far has been done among the Tagalog people, and as I will be called to help in the different parts of the Islands it seemed best that we have another man here to take charge of things when I would be away. Elder Adams and wife are now on a vacation at Paguio. They will take up work in Iloilo on the island of Panay. Brother Robert Stewart and wife will start their canvassing work in the island of Cebu. They are now studying Spanish in Manila. Brother Stewart is also rendering valuable help in starting our printing work. Brother Ashbaugh is recanvassing Iloilo. The Lord has greatly blessed him in keeping him in health, in giving success, and in giving him several souls.

I have visited all our companies since my return and find the work onward and most of our brethren of good courage. We were sorry to find that a few had fallen by the way, but considering the large number that have taken their stand for the truth, we might expect that a few would not prove true. One of our leading evangelists has left us, but I am glad to say that the church has stood firm although he has tried to start an independent church. These things have caused Elder Adams a good deal of trouble, but the Lord has wonderfully cared for his work.

We are now holding a tent meeting in Manila with a fair interest. Last Sunday I visited Piracava where one of our evangelists has been working and baptized ten dear souls. Next Monday we plan to start a two week's canvassers institute. Bro. Lanier has had considerable experience in this line and will be able to render much help. Our courage is good and we believe that the Lord is working in a special way at this time to hasten the work that will prepare a people to meet Jesus when he comes.

---I. V. Finster.

EAST INDIES

On Sunday, Dec. 7, a nice large congregation met at Tanjong Katong, a beautiful bathing resort in Singapore, where four earnest souls were hurried with their Lord in baptism. One is a young lady teacher who has been attending the church services for more than a year, and is enjoying an exceptionally bright Christian experience. Another is a Chinese who has been keeping the Sabbath for months, and has thoroughly tested the various truths of the message before embracing them. He finds great joy in telling others of the good things he has found, and is rarely absent from a meeting. The other two are boys about fifteen and sixteen years old. Their young hearts were melted to tears as they stood by the seashore at the service. How good it is to begin early in life to serve the Lord.

The joy of seed sowing is the hope of a bountiful harvest. So the inspiration of scattering seeds of truth comes with the promise that "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Glorious above all earthly treasures are the souls of men and women, and to see them develop in Christian experience until they are ready for baptism and union with the body of the Lord, gives satisfaction to the laborer on earth, and causes rejoicing in heaven which surpasses all the pleasures of earth.

Quite a number of others direct from the ranks of heathenism are keeping the Sabbath, and attending the meetings at the church, and are also taking studies in the message. These with us look forward to the time when they may take the final step of union with the Lord. At our last study, while considering the texts that speak of the book of life, one man asked, "Have our names been written in the book of life yet?" He works for small wages, but said some time ago that he would rather work for six dollars a month and keep the Sabbath than to get ten dollars and work on that day. It is inspiring to see how rapidly some of them learn to turn from text to text. The interest continues to grow, and new ones come for studies.

About the last of September our church became aroused to do something with the Harvest Ingathering Reviews, and voted to cable for a thousand copies. These arrived Sabbath, Nov. 29, and we each took a certain number for which to be responsible for distributing. We decided not to give them out generally without getting a gift in return. The next Sabbath it was found that 226 papers had been disposed of, and that over \$75 gold had been received. Our people are of excellent courage over it, and are determined to prosecute the work to a finish. We believe that we can unite with our brethren at home in raising means for the carrying of the gospel to the world. We trust that the experience of this year will prepare us for a better work next year. It is a blessing to all our people, to those who donate, and to the cause in general.

We ask to be remembered by our brethren in this division as they come before the Lord in prayer.

--F. A. Detamore.

Miss P. Tunheim of Java writes for the News-Letter as follows:

"I have just returned from a week's trip to the country where a number are interested in the message. Three precious souls have taken their stand for the truth, and it gives me great joy to see their earnestness. They are Chinese, two from heathenism and one from the protestant church. As I was going to visit the last mentioned the other day, I met him on the street with the Malay Bible Readings in his hand. He said, 'I want to go and teach some of my relatives the truth. I cannot remember all the texts, so I bring the book with me and then I can easily find what I want.'

"One of the others gives promise of becoming a good worker. He can both read and speak Chinese. He has drawn a real nice copy of the prophetic chart which he uses in teaching the people who come to his store from day to day. We have been praying a long time that the Lord would give us such a worker to teach the thousands of native-born Chinese who cannot speak the Malay. The Lord is answering our prayers.

"We have sold the first edition of our Malay paper. Over thirteen hundred were sold here in Batavia and the outlying districts. The work was very interesting, although it is much more difficult here than in the home lands, as nearly half the Chinese cannot read the Malay and many cannot read at all. What has given me such joy in this work is that we have found quite a number who love to hear the message. We are now visiting those in the city each week. We go to the country places as often as possible.

"A teacher in one of the protestant churches, who has taught for years and knows the Bible well, is much interested, but is still counting himself as a heathen, although I know from what I see of his earnestness that he is a much better Christian than many who make a profession. I have asked him several times why he has not accepted of Christianity. Each time he has replied, 'I have waited to choose what is right because I have seen so much hypocrisy among the so called Christians.' I said to him on my last visit, 'My friend, the Lord has had his eye upon you and has kept you away from the present Babylon, so that you might learn his truth for this time and take heed to this last warning message.' He said, 'I believe it. Brother Tian Eng came here and stayed over night nearly a year ago and told me about this message, and since then I have been thinking much about the Adventist doctrine.' Oh, there are a few precious jewels everywhere!

"It gives us such joy to know that there are a few here and there in this great heathen darkness who have torn down their idol alters and are now worshiping the true and living God. Remember us in your prayers, brethren and sisters."

SOUTH CHINA

The general meeting for the Cantonese division was held at Fatshan, Nov. 10-23. The morning hour was set apart for prayer service which was a means of great blessing to all. From eleven to one o'clock Bible studies and preaching services were conducted daily. The afternoons were given to reports from native workers and we were favored with a sermon each evening. One afternoon was devoted to a discussion of Sabbath-school work. The discussion was led by Mrs. B. A. Meeker. Our Sabbath-school was conducted by Dr. Law Keem, and we endeavored to conduct a model service, so that our workers in returning to their fields would better understand how to conduct Sabbath-schools. We separated into sixteen classes. The attendance was one hundred nine. We planned for an offering of \$15.00 mex, and received \$16.00. After the Sabbath-school we conducted an ordinance service, the largest we have ever had in the Cantonese field.

Evening after the Sabbath, Elder Porter arrived, and he gave a most encouraging talk on God's Providences in Missions. Sunday morning and at the eleven o'clock hour Elder Porter gave us some practical lessons from the book of Job. At twelve o'clock Sunday Dr. Law Keem was ordained to the gospel ministry. Following this service, candidates for baptism were examined, after which more than one hundred of us walked to the river where two house-boats had been engaged, one for the men and one for the women. As we floated down the river to a quiet place all joined in singing songs of Zion. After we had anchored, the friends gathered upon the banks of the river and witnessed the baptism of twenty-two. Elder Law Keem assisted the writer in the service. Returning to the chapel a farewell service was held. I do not remember of having attended a better testimony meeting. Mothers rejoiced because their sons and daughters had gone forward in baptism. So many were eager to testify that it was difficult to close the meeting. Three different songs were proposed for closing, so while the audience stood we sang three songs, the last being "God Be With You Till We Meet Again!" Thus closed one of the best general meetings we have ever held in this section.

---E. H. Wilbur.

Just a word for the News-Letter. Four students left today to attend the Shanghai school. Our Hakka workers' meeting closed November 20. Elder Porter spent two days with us. It was the best, and most spiritual meeting we have ever held. Three were baptized.

We look forward with renewed courage. We are reading the Week of Prayer readings and enjoy every one. I have a class of young men studying daily and hope to see them develop into workers. As we approach the New Year things grow very unsettled. Thieves are more numerous as usual this time of the year. We are all enjoying good health and God's blessing. We can see the Divine hand leading on, and rejoice to have a small place in heaven's closing work for man.

--S. A. Nagel.

CENTRAL CHINA

The workers in this mission were much pleased to welcome Elder Porter to the annual provincial gatherings which were held during the month of October in Hupeh, Honan, and Hunan, respectively. We appreciated his presence with us the more when we considered that we were the first mission in the Orient to be thus favored. Brief reports of these meetings have already appeared in the News-Letter.

We plan to support twelve or thirteen students in the China Missions Training School this coming year. Some of these have been engaged in the work here, but new canvassers were taken on, so that our force of canvassers and evangelists remains about the same as before,--twenty-four in all.

At the meetings there was a ready response to the words spoken, and in many a heart was begotten the resolve to put away forever all unkind criticism and faultfinding, and be at peace with God and man. We believe that these resolves are registered above, and that the Lord will continue to give victories, both within and without, to his church and people.

Mrs. Cottrell and I spent a number of days last week at one of our nearby outstations; and on the day of our return, Brother Lillie left Changsha for a trip in southern Hunan, to be absent about four weeks.

During the first years of our missionary operations in this place, the compound rented for Chinese living quarters, chapel, dispensary and school purposes was a small, dark, damp, place. It was, however, located on a good street. Two and a half years ago we moved outside the city to our island home, and at the same time we moved our chapel and native workers to a large new building a short distance from the old compound. While this later place has been very comfortable for our workers, as it is located on a quiet street it has not been the best for evangelistic purposes.

About November 20th, our attention was called to a large place on a splendid business street near the geographical center of the city and at a good distance from any of the twelve other missions of Changsha. A large chemical factory had failed in business about two weeks previous, and the city magistrate imprisoned one of the firm and ordered the place sold in order to settle the outstanding debts. As the price was about \$3,500 gold, beside fees, it seemed quite beyond our reach. Our Chinese brethren were very anxious to secure it, and pledged themselves to do their utmost in giving and securing donations. After further consideration we decided that if the mission could not stand the expense, the property could doubtless be sold again at a

~~material advance~~; we also ~~contrasted~~ the work we have been enabled to do in our old place with the larger opportunities for usefulness that this place afforded, and after much prayer decided to step out by faith and secure the place.

This has now been done, and the deed is in the hands of the officials for stamping. It has never been our privilege to see any of our Chinese brethren so enthusiastic over anything as they are over this. Three letters have already been sent to each of our thirteen cut-stations to tell the news and solicit donations. Two of our brethren have pledged approximately \$65.00 Mex. each, and they say that \$1000 or more will roll in as the Annual Offering this year from Hunan. A good start has been made, but it is too early as yet to say what the result will be.

We believe that this is of the Lord, and it is now evident that with our 1914 budget allowed and the offering that we shall be able to raise in Central China, the payments can all be met. The good influence that this has already had, with our own people and with inquirers, portends blessing and development.

--R. F. Cottrell.

Brother J. J. Westrup, who is alone with his native assistants in the province of Honan, sends the following interesting report;

" May the dear Lord help me to write a few words to his glory and to the encouragement of my co-laborers. The power of the Word and the joy of the Holy Ghost are wonderfully sustaining and uplifting. We have peace and joy all the day, although the outward conditions here would naturally cause the very opposite. To learn to rest in the Lord under all circumstances is one of the most valuable lessons we can learn in this life. Thank God we are learning it. The building of the two foreign houses passed off very nicely under the blessing of God. We have also built two school-houses, seating about one hundred and seventy each, and other accessory buildings.

"The robbers are still playing terrible havoc in this province. We were surrounded by them all summer. Sometimes they were too near for real comfort, and the city which is half a mile distant has had its gates closed at times all day as well as night. The merchants have lived in fear and trembling. James the fifth chapter has literally been fulfilled here, as it will be later on in every country. The coldblooded grasping rich have reaped what they have sown for many years. They shut themselves in with their own comforts, throwing a cash to the starving and dying thinking they had fulfilled all righteousness. The poor are now having their revenge, but it is terrible. Whole countries are devastated and burned, and the frightened farmers do not dare to cultivate their land. Add to this almost two years of continual drought and it can easily be understood why we are not now able to sell many papers. The robbers disguise themselves in many ways,--as priests, rich merchants and beggars, hence our brethren when canvassing are invariably suspected of being robbers and no one will buy from them. But we have never sold so many tracts and small books, and those who buy are studying the truth and we are seeing great results.

"Our discussion with the Presbyterians last summer created a great searching for truth, and though we have been largely confined to the supervision of the buildings, through our literature the Spirit of the Lord has been working. As a result we now have nine evangelists and Bible women in our school. A number of others and many of the common people have taken their stand. Let our dear brethren connected

with the Press, who probably feel at times that their work is dry and monotonous, take courage and realize that you will share the stars with us on the day of regard. That day is very near.

"We have sixty-three in the schools, and I am truly thankful for the harmonious spirit that prevails. The devil tried to play havoc; but now all are well and are exercising due care as to how they eat. It is inspiring to see how earnestly they study and lay hold on this saving truth. Every Sabbath afternoon the young men go to the neighboring villages and preach. Many earnestly pray for relatives and friends that they too may hear and believe this saving message. I have just received two letters stating than one ordained minister with his wife and family and an evangelist is coming coming soon to study the truth with us. We praise the dear Lord for thus greatly encouraging us in these trying times. We have prayed earnestly all the year that the Lord would raise up workers and he is doing it far above our expectations. We long to see every province entered. How it inspires us to see the earnest effort made by our dear people in the homelands to advance this message as quickly as possible, both there and in the mission fields. Let us lift up our heads and be happy for our redemption is very near. Hallelujah!"

EAST CHINA

The Week of Prayer at Shanghai.

The readings were translated and written out and readers appointed for every evening according to the custom which is followed throughout the denomination. A special meeting of the workers was held on the day preceeding the first reading, and earnest petitions were offered that the Lord would give a special manifestation of his presence during the week.

The answer came early in the week. One of our brethren took cold and developed a severe lung affection. He coughed incessantly, breathed with great difficulty, and could not eat or sleep. Monday night after the reading the church united in earnest prayer for him, and he slept that night. The next day he was up and carried on his business as usual and only coughed a few times. He regarded it as a direct miracle, and the next evening when it was told in the meeting, it was the means of greatly strengthening the faith of the brethren and sisters, and a great wave of new life and vigor seemed to sweep over the whole church, making a profound impression upon the inquirers and outside visitors who were present.

On Wednesday evening when Brother Thompson's article was read, regarding each church member taking an active part in the work of soul saving, the influence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all. Tears were shed, confessions made, and one and all renewed their consecration to God and his work and determined to take a new stand and carry out the instruction, that the work may be quickly finished and the Saviour come and receive his own. The church was crowded on the last Sabbath and all listened with deep interest to the reading from the pen of Sister White. At the close of the service a substantial offering was taken for missions.

We are sure all our friends will be glad to hear that we have made arrangements to keep the hall on Kiangsi Road as a permanent meeting place for the coming year. By putting a partition through the center and sub-renting one side, we still have sufficient room for our

church services, and the rent is thus reduced to a reasonable figure. The first of the year we will open a Tract Society for the sale of denominational literature in connection with our chapel. Will our friends in the Asiatic Division please take notice and send us samples of their publications with price list, etc. We will also open a free Library and Reading Room in connection with the chapel and subscriptions to our denominational magazines in any language are solicited for use in the library. Send to the Kiangsu Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Box 523 U.S. Post Office, Shanghai.

As a result of our evangelistic effort this fall fourteen requests have been received for baptism, and we plan to have a baptismal service the evening of Dec. 26. The candidates can then be received into the church and have the joy of celebrating their first quarterly meeting the last Sabbath of the year. Some of this number are hardly prepared for baptism, but the fact that they have requested the ordinance is encouraging.

Sister F. Miller reports an excellent interest among the women, and is kept more than busy answering the calls for Bible readings and instruction in the message. Special meetings were held for the women this week in the afternoons, time being taken for the readings and prayer and social service, as many of the sisters were unable to get out to the evening meetings. The whole church received such a refreshing as has never been experienced before.

Thank God for the Week of Prayer.

--F. E. Stafford.

Mrs. Miller writes: "The Week of Prayer has indeed been a great blessing to us foreign workers as well as to our Chinese brethren and sisters. My teacher said to me this morning, 'God's Holy Spirit has taken hold of me and caused me to be willing to do contrary to my own will and desire.' I have never heard more earnest petitions to God than this people has offered for clean lives and strength to finish the work. How happy it makes us when we see evidences of God's transforming power on the lives of those whom God has sent us to labor for. We have a good interest among the women. New ones are taking hold, but it is rather slow work when we must teach them to read before they can understand much. But I find the honest ones make rapid progress both in reading and understanding the truth.

"I like to think of and repeat the words of the Lord to Joshua, 'Be strong and of a good courage, be not dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.'"

GENERAL

The Chinese have an expression they apply to a man in perplexity, that "he hangs in mid-air, his feet not reaching the earth and his head not reaching heaven." This somewhat represents the condition the Training School faculty have been in for the last three weeks. Before the first of December arrived we saw that it would be impossible to open the school on that date, for the buildings were still alive with workmen. But the opening could not be long delayed as we then had thirty odd students on our hands.

School work was finally begun December 7, at which time the main school building could not be used, so we were compelled to use the Press chapel for our chapel exercises, and rooms here and there

In the dormitories for class rooms. We had no school kitchen which necessitated that the whole company of Press employees and students be looked after at the Press kitchen. The kettles were too small so two lots of food had to be prepared for each meal. There was no room there for the girls students and so we had to secure the help of Mrs. Wu in providing food for them.

The Press chapel and kitchen are about thirty rods from the school and the running back and forth was not so bad in good weather, but when it rained, as it did, then our mud roads were well-nigh impassible. But this is all in the past, and I only mention it because that through it all the students have displayed a Christian spirit and very little complaining has been heard. When all the inconveniences such as those mentioned, together with a lack of hot water for washing face and hands, no place to bathe or wash clothes, etc., etc., are taken into consideration, we feel that this absence of faultfinding speaks well for the future usefulness of most of the students now here.

We now have fifty-eight student in attendance, —forty-two boys and sixteen girls. Manchuria, Shantung, Szechwan, Honan, Hupeh, Hunan, Anhwei, Kiangsu, Chekiang, Fukien and Kwangtung provinces are all represented. The circumstances of the opening have also given us a chance to try the metal of the students along the line of manual labor. There were a hundred and one things to be done, and with the exception of a few, who could be numbered on the fingers of one hand, all have willingly taken hold in doing any and all kinds of work.

—A. C. Selmon.

NOTES

Dr. H. C. Fetteburt is in Manila studying ^{for his} medical examinations.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lee, of Shanghai, Dec. 22, a seven pound boy. Mother and child are both doing nicely.

On November 29, Elder Kuniya baptized two brethren in the ocean at Kogoshima. Both were adults, who have been studying the truth for more than a year.

Brother Robert Stewart will soon enter upon his work as book missionary in the southern island of the Philippines. He will work among the Spanish.

Elder L. V. Finster visited the company at Binacaya Dec. 7 and administered the rite of baptism to a number there.

A canvassers institute, lasting two weeks, was held at Manila beginning December 15. Later then plan another institute for the training of native workers.

Elder Roy F. May, in entering upon his work in the Philippines has located in northern Luzon, among the Ilocano people, who are among the brightest of the Philippines.

The South China Mission have asked Dr. Law Keen to open up work in Kiangsi province in the near future. All will remember Brother Harlow's report of his trip through that country last month, and will be glad to know that steps have been taken so soon to give the message the

The Central China Mission now has a memorial for the third angel's message, having purchased property in the city of Changsha early in December. Elder R. F. Cottrell, the superintendent, speaks of the property as providentially secured, and at a very reasonable price.

We are informed that Brother and Sister Lake, of Japan, will be obliged to return to the States on account of Mrs. Lake's health. This will be a hard blow to the Japan mission and will create a vacancy in their working force. How good it will be when we all get home where such changes never come. Here we meet, labor together for a little while, become attached to one another, and then have to part, perhaps, never to meet again on earth; but when we get over there such partings will be no more. Let us all hasten that glad day by our faithful, untiring efforts.

On December 12 a son was born to Brother and Sister R. P. Hoffman of Japan. Unfortunately it was a still birth, and sometime prior to the event the mother developed alarming symptoms. The doctors for the safe arrival of the child and were anxious about Sister Hoffman. The last word, December 14, stated that the mother was still in a very critical condition, not having recovered consciousness since the birth of the child. Our prayers and sympathy are for our brother and sister in this time of their affliction.

A few items of interest pertaining to the South China Mission general meetings have been gleaned from Elder Porter's letters. We had hoped for a full report, but this will come in later. He says: "We have had some most excellent meetings. They voted to establish the headquarters for the South China Mission field at Hongkong as soon as they can arrange for some one to take Elder Harlow's work. He will remove from Canton to Hongkong. Brother and Sister Ham were voted to Canton to connect with the school and city mission work."

I visited a place here in Fatshan in company with half a dozen of our workers, where a family live in the same house with ninety-six hogs. One pen of them is in the dining-room and bedroom. The others are separated by a partition, but the doors between are generally open, so that there is not much of a separation. We visited another place where they had six buffalo cows and a calf in the house. One bed was over the cows, with no floor to separate them except under the bed.

--R. C. Porter.

The Signs office is very busy at this season. The January issue is quite a natty magazine, totaling 55,500 copies. Work is progressing on the two school books based on McKibbin's Old and New Testaments. The prophecies of Daniel are also well under way. Much of our stock is reduced to the lowest limit. How we are to supply the present demands of the field without another large press is a puzzle that is taking considerable of our thought at the present.

NOTICE.- The Press has secured ten volumes of the Swatow book published by the London Mission, giving in the Chinese language valuable data in support of the Bible Sabbath. Rebound in one volume with strong cover at one dollar. One copy only to one address.
