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The Triple Life

Oh, turn me, mould me, mellow
me for use,
Pervade my being with Thy vital
force,
That this else inexpressive life of
mine
May become eloquent and full of
power,
Impregnated with life and strength
divine.
Put the bright torch of heaven
into my hand,
That I may carry it aloft
And win the eye of weary wander-
ers here below
To guide their feet into the paths
of peace.
I cannot raise the dead
Nor from this soil pluck precious
dust,
Nor bid the sleeper wake,
Nor still the storm, nor bend the
lightning back,
Nor muffle up the thunder,
Nor bid the chains fall from off crea-
tion's long enfeathered limbs.
But I can live a life that tells on
other lives;
And makes this world less full of
anguish and of pain;
A life that like the pebble dropped
upon the sea
Sends its wide circles to a hundred
shores.
May such a life be mine.
Creator of true life, Thyself the
life thou givest,
Give Thyself, that Thou mayst
dwell in me, and I in Thee.
—S. D. GORDON.

Argao, Cebu, P. I.

We left Manila the last of Jan-
uary, and had a very pleasant trip
down here. On our arrival we
spent two days with Brother and
Sister Stewart, then the American
teachers entertained us in their
home free of charge until we were
able to get into our own home.
They have known Adventists in the
States, and like them. The hus-
band seems inclined to obey the

Lord, but the world has a big
hold on the wife. Their son at-
tends our Bible class, and is very
much interested. We may be able
to reach the father and mother
through the boy. They have done
all they could to help us get ac-
quainted here. They are leaving
for the States soon, and we shall
miss them very much.

We did not announce ourselves
as missionaries when we first ar-
rived. Of course the teachers and
the constabulary officers knew who
and what we were, but the natives
did not. The Presbyterians had
announced our coming among the
foreigners, but the natives seemed
not to have heard of it. From
the first they were very friendly,
and seemed delighted to have a
doctor in their town. We com-
menced medical work and language
study, using the Bible as the text
book. There is not a written
grammar of the Visayan. Soon we
heard through the teachers that the
people said that we "were very
strict Protestants, and had mass
in our own house every Saturday."
This they said referring to our
Sabbath-school which we held
every Sabbath afternoon, and the
people across the street could see
us as we prayed and studied. One
day the "presidente's" sister came
over and asked me to sing some
hymns with her in the Visayan,
saying that she had heard us sing-
ing them. You may be sure that
I was glad to do so. Now she
comes three and four times a week
to study the Bible with me. She
seems very much interested in the
truth. A week ago Friday she
had a study in the morning, and
in the afternoon she came to get

the doctor to go and see her
brother's wife, and she staid with
me to study. The conversation
turned on the commandments, and
I asked her if she knew them.
She said, of course she knew them,
and began to repeat them as she
had learned them in her doctrinal
books. When she came to the third
in which she said to sanctify the
the church feasts days, I handed
her the Bible opened at Exodus
twenty and asked her to read them.
Her amazement was genuine. She
quickly saw the point in the first
two, and said, then we must not
bow down before the image or
show them honor as we did yes-
terday in the possession. At the
fourth she was even more sur-
prised. Her first question was,
"then why do Protestants keep
Sunday?" After a long talk and
study on the manner of observing
the Sabbath, she looked at the
west and said she must be going,
as the hour for the Sabbath was
near. She has come for a Bible
study for two or three Sabbaths
in succession, often bringing others
with her. The "presidente" is
reading "Controversy" in Spanish
and quite a number are reading
the Visayan Testament. Doctor
has a class of boys who seem in-
terested. Sunday a young man, a
teacher from a town near by, came
in to ask us to lend him "Patriarchs
and Prophets" in Spanish. We
had loaned it to the father of our
teacher. He told his cousin that
he was reading the Bible and that
it made him think. Our teacher's
aunt died in their house the past
week. I went to call on her and
she told me she was so worried
about her aunt's soul. As there

were so many there I said nothing then, but yesterday I told her I wanted her to know what the Bible said about death. We read the Scriptures referring to the state of the dead and she was comforted. It seems that eight of them were all sleeping in a small room with the windows all shut for fear that the spirit of the aunt would come in through the windows and pounce upon them. On returning from Mr. Coppage's last evening with their boy we heard chanting in a most doleful tone and strange sounds. I asked Loyd what it was and he said that the men were beating themselves. You know that it is Lent now. We came home and got the doctor and went back to see about it. They were in the front room of the house. There was no light and the windows were all closed, even though it was a hot evening. We could hear the sound of some kind of an instrument as it fell with wonderful regularity on the bare backs of the men. It was indeed a sad sound. And we are the watchmen set on the walls here. I never realized how terrible a thing it is to be a watchman as I did last night.

We are hard at work on the dialect but find much that we can do in Spanish and English. This is a very religious town. During these days of Lent the people go to church twice a day, and it seems that the bells are busy most of the time calling them to prayer. Still they are not as afraid of the Bible as we had expected. This is due to two causes: There is a strong movement in the islands toward independence of Rome, and this movement permits the reading of the Bible; then the American teachers have done much to break down the fear of the Word, perhaps more than they realize.

I think often of the parable of the "house, empty, swept, and garnished". This is the condition of things here. They are ready to hear, but if the gospel is not accepted soon they will turn to infidelity, as have the youth of other nations where they have lost their faith in Rome and have not fixed

it in the gospel. The Lord helps us greatly in our study, and we hope to use it ere long. We have a good translation of the Books of Moses and the New Testament, so you see we are better off than many of our workers who have nothing to begin with. Surely God is preparing things for a quick work at the end. We want to stand in our lot and place in the latter days and see the consummation of the work that will surely triumph.

DR. U. C. & ELLEN FATTEBERT.

Honan, China

The men's school closed March 31. I never before received so much light and blessed strength from the study of Revelations, as I have this winter. The Chinese brethren know more fully the truth of Rev. 1:3. They all longed to go to work and make known to others this powerful truth. The most of them felt like Jeremiah: "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay."

The worker's institute began April 1, which proved an additional blessing and inspiration. Among the many things presented, was also the Sabbath-school work. Elder Cottrell spoke on the different phases of this line of work. At the close of the meeting nineteen were received into church fellowship by baptism, one being delayed by sickness. This was one of the best baptisms I have administered in Honan. The candidates had a real intelligent knowledge of, and thoroughly believed, the truth. I am confident that they will go through to the kingdom.

The robbers are bold and more active than ever. Chinese soldiers cannot be relied upon, and the northern soldiers do not know the country, and hence cannot travel with the rapidity of the robbers who know every inch of ground. Our mission station inland was robbed of its money, and seventy-four boxes, a year's supply which had just arrived. The missionary writes: "It is hard to be

here without money or food, and it is very dangerous to leave, as the whole territory is infested by local robbers."

We have had very good rains lately, and it seems that we might get a good crop of wheat, barley, etc. The early peaches were spoiled by a severe snow storm two weeks ago.

The coming of Brother and Sister Lee, and Brother and Sister Gibson, is very much appreciated. Being able to talk the language they can do a blessed and an efficient work, both in the field and in the school. Next Friday we will start visiting the out-stations. We look for a real blessed time, the Lord keeping us from every evil thing.

J. J. Westrup.

Pakhoi, South China

It has been over two months since we moved to Pakhoi. It has taken us sometime to get acquainted with the people and the work, but we are now beginning to feel quite at home here.

On April 14th myself and family with one evangelist went by wheel-borrow to Limchow, twenty-seven miles inland. Beside the company of believers there, we have an evangelist and his family, and a Bible woman. We held three meetings daily with them. Between meetings Mrs. Wilbur and the Bible woman visited the women in their homes, while I gave our evangelists instruction in methods of labor, Sabbath-school work, canvassing work, etc. On April 16, I had the privilege of baptizing a woman of sixty-nine years, and a young man of twenty-two. As the back door of the chapel is on the bank of the river, it is very convenient for baptizing.

We believe the Lord has precious souls in this field, and we are glad to have a part in bringing to them the precious truths of this message.

E. H. WILBUR.

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch; lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping."

America, since in the latter place the reader's general knowledge and racial temperament is akin to our own; but here all is different, and a knowledge of this fact gained from our previous short sojourn in the East, caused us to proceed with carefulness after much earnest prayer for guidance.

However, the Lord has seen our need, and has signally blessed, for His "strength is made perfect in weakness." The work that Brother C. M. Lee has done has also been a decided factor in making the magazine a success.

One thing that gives us courage is, that our brethren generally seem to be taking a more decided interest in the makeup of the paper by sending us contributions. Just now Elder R. F. Cottrell is contributing an excellent series of articles on "Church History." A Chinese brother in the south is writing a splendid series on "The State of the Dead." Brother Gillis is writing an instructive series on "Scientific Evidences of the Genuineness of Christianity," and Brother Lee has begun an important series on "The Sabbath from Creation," while I have been presenting the biographies of characters whom God used in the Reformation. These series are so written as to make articles complete in themselves for each issue, and still run throughout the entire year.

Since this magazine will naturally be a contributing force in shaping the future of our work in China, would it not be well for all our foreign workers to read it each month to see if it is really fulfilling its mission? Others are reading it outside our denomination, for our articles have recently been printed in their entirety by other church papers in this field. After you have read the magazine, we shall be pleased to have you send us suggestions as to ways of bettering it, and with these suggestions please inclose an article for publication on some phase of the truth which you would like to have presented.

In reviewing the past six months, we can but say, "Hitherto hath the Lord blessed us," and relying upon your prayers and assistance we face the future with faith believing that God has an even greater field for the "Signs of the Times" in the future.

J. E. SHULTZ.

Yencheng, Hunan Province

Last summer as we were building, I prayed daily, and almost constantly, that the Lord would

help us to get good teachers for our school. We little expected that our teachers would come from the Presbyterians. God gave us four instead of two as we had asked Him,—two gentlemen and two lady teachers. They are so well educated that they read music, and also play on the organ; but best of all they are real earnest Christians, and know how to manage a school. This year they have managed the school and taught the secular branches. They are rejoicing in their new found faith as they are daily studying the truth. This is another evidence that God gives us richly above what we ask or think. Often I say to myself, You must be diligent and faithful in this high and holy calling, read the holy Word, pray, teach and preach, and with the love and spirit of Jesus show forth the mind of Christ, and thus help sinner to return to Christ.

50,000 soldiers did Peh Lang (White Wolf) very little harm in the east of Honan where he did not know the country. Now that he has escaped to the western mountain fortresses where he knows every inch of ground, I do not suppose that 100,000 soldiers could crush him. His last two months' experience with the soldiers has made him more bold and ferocious. He does not fear the soldiers. His ferocious deeds in Loahokow are already widely known. Aside from killing and wounding, he carried away rich booty. I think the foreign legation will compel the government to do something that will soon put a stop to all this.

The soldiers have been withdrawn from this place, and Peh Lang, who travels very fast, could reach here in two days and make a rich haul, as this is a great business center. Last summer at the time of the uprising, when all the soldiers were called south, Peh Lang's spies came here four times, and we know he has his fierce and covetous eye on this place, and that we have been kept is surely by the power of God.

Every Seventh-day Adventist with this blessed truth can plainly understand the times in which we live. What a comforting thought it is to know that we are now finishing the work. We are glad to hear that the true revival has begun in the United States, and it will go around the world as the spirit of prophecy has told us long ago. Thank God we can plainly see Him going before us also here in this needy field, and many are made free in Christ Jesus. True we may not have many peace-

ful days in the future; but this is the very time when our dear Lord wants us to lift up our heads and rejoice because our redemption draweth nigh. I find that if we constantly pray for joy and courage (and practice it) we can be happy under the most trying circumstances. With such a grand hope before us we need never become despondent

J. J. WESTRUP.

Sabbath School Work

Thinking that the readers of the News might be interested to learn of what is being done in Sabbath-school lines in the Asiatic division, I will quote from a letter just received from Mrs. R. F. Cottrell, secretary of the Central China Mission, she says:

"Speaking of the Sabbath-school work, I know you will be interested to know that we had the best convention work at our recent spring institute that we have had thus far. I have been trying all winter to do what I could for our Changsha School, and have been greatly encouraged to see the interest that has developed. I think the teachers meetings which we are holding regularly each week, have done more than any one thing to arouse and develop earnestness here. Previous to our spring institute, I spent considerable time in helping our Chinese friends prepare papers on such timely topics as "How to Make an Effective School," "The Teacher," "The Secretary," "How to Work for the Children," etc. Mr. Cottrell kindly granted us an hour at three different times for our convention work, when the ones who had prepared these papers read them, after which they were open to discussion. In some instances we questioned the audience to see if they had gotten the points, and we were pleased to note that they had. We had our kindergarten teacher, whom I had been drilling, give a model lesson with the children before the audience. It would have been an inspiration to you, I am sure, as it was to me, to see between one hundred and one hundred fifty people taking notes, and showing considerable enthusiasm in this important work.

"We also had some of our papers illustrated by a man who has some artistic ability. All of these papers we asked to have copied, so that we could send a copy of each to Hupeh and Honan to be used in their conventions."

Brother Miyake writes from Japan: I am very glad to let you know that we reached our goal for

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last year in offerings. Our donation was doubled from what it was in the year 1911. Our goal this year is \$220. I wish you would pray that we may reach this goal by the end of this year."

A word from Sister Hall, who is the secretary of the East China Mission. She says: "A little Sabbath-school of four members at Ying Djou Fu, Anhwei, who, on an average, give about ten cents each Sabbath, gave one dollar on the Thirteenth Sabbath, thus making nearly as much on this one day as they generally give in a full quarter. A good interest was taken in the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the past quarter in the East China Mission."

MRS. C. N. WOODWARD.

NOTES

Brother H. and Mrs. Stacy of Australia, arrived in Japan April 16.

Elder R. C. Porter was unexpectedly called to Hongkong on April 17.

Elder F. A. Detamore and family returning from their furlough in the homeland to their field in the East Indies, will have one day in Shanghai, May 5th.

Brethren Hall and Doolittle visited some of the native evangelists in Nanking and Pukow a few days in the interests of the work in East China.

A cable from the mission board sets the date for our Division meeting Nov. 1st. Two of the three named Brethren from the General Conference will attend,—Elders Spicer, Evans and Knox.

Elder DeVinney writes under date of April 10, that an ideal place has been purchased for the headquarters of the Japanese field, and that building operations will begin at once. A full report will appear under Elder DeVinney's signature soon.

A wire from Elder Allum to Sister Allum gives the information that he and Brother Warren arrived at their destination, Chungking, Szechwan, April 16. Some thrilling and interesting experiences were encountered on the way, of which Elder Allum will report.

As questions are repeatedly coming in in regard to Sabbath-school lessons and Memory Verse cards for the children, I will say, that it has been thought best that this matter be given consideration by the leaders of the different missions, and the need be temporarily supplied until the general meeting this fall, when these matters will be taken up and due consideration given them.

—MRS. C. N. WOODWARD.

The first wedding in our new College Place Church was solemnized Sunday evening, March 15, when Miss Bessie Flaiz became Mrs. F. A. Detamore. The informal ceremony that united them was performed by the bride's father, Elder C. W. Flaiz, president of the North Pacific Union Conference. Elder Detamore will return to his work of Superintendent of Missions in the East Indies about the middle of April, cheered by the company of his family; and God speed them, say we all. —North Pacific Union Gleaner.

Elder F. A. Detamore writes that three couple have been secured for the East Indian field. They are Brother A. Thompson and wife of the Western Washington Conference, Brother Roy Mershon and wife, and Brother Kay Adams of Walla Walla College. Brother Adams and his bride-to-be, Miss Florence Kime, will remain in Walla Walla and Pacific Union until the close of the school year, at which time they will receive their graduation papers, before joining the others in the work in the East Indian Mission. It is needless to say that Elder Detamore's cup of joy and thanksgiving is running over, and the entire Asiatic Division is also very appreciative of this excellent help supplied by the General Conference.

Elder A. G. Daniells and wife are to sail from Vancouver June 10 for Australia. A month will be spent in New Zealand visiting the most important places in that conference. August 1st they will go to Sidney, where there is to be a ministerial institute and Union Conference session held. They will then attend campmeetings in Queensland, Victoria, and South Australia, sailing early in Nov. for Colombo. They will attend a meeting early in Dec. at Lucknow, after which they will go to Burma. At the close of this meeting they may return to the States via the Asiatic Division. While Elder Daniells is not in good health, he hopes to be able to make this trip, if the Lord wills.

Kiangsu Mission Notes

Sabbath, Apr. 4, it was my privilege to organize a Sabbath-school of thirteen members, with a full corps of Chinese officers, at Ying Ziang Kong, where we have recently conducted meetings. Although some of the members are undergoing persecution from relatives, they continue to come to the Sabbath services, and are faithful to their conviction that they should keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

In our work at Shanghai, we have met several young men from Soochow and other cities north of here, some of whom are now attending our China Union Training School.

Feeling that the time had come when we should extend our work into some of these fields, on April 6th, a party of eight of our workers left Shanghai in a native houseboat, for a trip through the central part of Kiangsu Province. Our purpose in making this trip was to scatter literature in the places where we hope later to begin work, and to make definite arrangements for opening new work in Naziang.

We spent two days at Soochow selling papers and distributing tracts, and acquainting ourselves with the city, and with conditions existing there. Later, we visited Naziang where one of our workers had spent some time canvassing. It seemed evident that the Lord desired us to open a station there, for we were able in one day to rent a suitable building for a chapel, and to find a very desirable location for a mat shed in which to conduct a series of meetings. We hope to commence aggressive work there soon after the first of May.

The annual meeting of this mission was held in Shanghai, April 12, at the Kiangsi Road Chapel. Following this meeting, a workers institute was conducted for a week, during which time all received much valuable instruction. The afternoon studies on the life of Job, given by Eld. R. C. Porter, were especially appreciated.

Some of our workers have now returned to their former stations, while others are continuing the work of preparation for service, all having received encouragement and inspiration for the work which the Lord of the harvest has called them to do.

We desire the prayers of our brethren and sisters that we may have the presence of the Holy Spirit with us to convict men of their sins and convert them into true light-bearers for the Master.

K. H. WOOD.