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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 wanderers 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 light-
ning back,
Nor muffle up the thunder,
Nor bid the chains fall from off creation's
long enfettered 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 mayest dwell in
me, and I in Thee.

---Horatius Bonar.

Visit To South China

After the departure of Elders Harlow and Hills and their families for America, Elder B. L. Anderson, having had long experience in the field, and being the next man on the committee, was appointed to fill the vacancy as superintendent of the South China Division until the meeting of the Asiatic Division Committee.

By the invitation of Elder Anderson, on Thursday, the 27th of August, I took passage by a coasting steamer for a visit to Amoy, Swatow and vicinity. We encountered typhoons both going and returning which tested our seamanship to the limit, but I did not miss a meal, though I lost one. Our steamer lost one sailor while endeavoring to tie up to the buoy at Swatow. Three other sailors were rescued after their life boat was crushed against the prow of the steamer, and our vessel was obliged to anchor in a more sheltered

place, and wait until the typhoon had subsided. Elder J. P. Anderson met us in a sampan and we returned with him at some risk, but we landed safely.

Leaving Swatow we took passage on a Chinese river steamer for a four hours run up the river where we transferred to our small house-boat, and after a night's run reached Kityang where the Chinese meeting was held. Elder J. P. Anderson, Elder Ang, Evangelist Chang and I began meetings with a full hall. Later we were joined by Elder B. L. Anderson and Elder Keh.

The Chinese people who came in from the different stations took a great interest in the Bible instruction. Together with the local attendance the hall was inadequate to accommodate the people. The Chinese children two high and two deep, hung outside on the high fence which runs along the street in front of the chapel. All available space inside the fence was occupied. Although many were obliged to stand they exhibited the Chinese characteristic of endurance in a marked degree by remaining through service after service with no apparent fatigue.

At the close of the meeting, out of fifty candidates examined, twenty-three, all but one of whom were from heathenism, followed their Lord in baptism. It was the most beautiful and picturesque baptismal scene I ever witnessed. A high stone wall protected the river front, with stone steps leading down to the water. In front of this wall in water from knee to waist deep, stood a hundred Chinese children, half of them wore no clothes. On top of the wall eight hundred people, in the most primitive attire, satisfied their curiosity of seeing how Seventh-day Adventists administer baptism. Another hundred, grouped in the tops of the majestic trees, the largest I have seen in China, formed the right and left wings of the assembly.

Fully a thousand people, with little conception of the solemn rite of baptism, chattered and laughed while they waited. Many laughed as the first candidate arose from the water, but as the service continued, and one after another was buried in the watery grave and arose with countenances expressive of the joy and peace that reigned within, the spirit of

peace and quietness so constrained the audience that order and quiet prevailed.

Of those baptized, one was a village headman in the prime of life. Others were well-to-do farmers and laboring men. Thus a good beginning has been made by the outstation work in the Swatow field. Many others are interested but not sufficiently instructed to be baptized and enter church relationship.

The European war is arousing the people in the Orient. Many are anxiously inquiring, what does this great war mean? The message answers their inquiry and enlists their interest, in a preparation to meet the soon coming Prince of Peace. All workers should realize that now is the most opportune time to give the message throughout the Asiatic field. From every quarter the word comes that there is unusual interest, and much greater results from labor bestowed. Let us all make the most of this opportunity to meet the awakened people of this needy field with the message.

R. C. PORTER.

Soonan, Chosen

We were very sorry that it was necessary to withdraw the Shanghai meeting. But I am sure that the war situation, instead of hindering our work in the Orient, is helping it.

I have never seen the message grip the people like it does to-day. Both believers and unbelievers want to know what these things mean. One man who has known the truth for years came out boldly when he saw these conditions, for he said it was exactly as prophecy had foretold it.

Our church members are showing an earnestness not before manifest. There is a general desire for a deeper Christian experience.

The strongest corps of canvassers that has ever gone out are starting a campaign which will cover most all of Chosen.

A foreign missionary stopped me in the railway station and asked me what this condition meant. I quickly thought of Luke 21: 13, "And it shall turn to you" for a testimony."

Yesterday I baptized seven in a little brook near the Yellow Sea.

RILEY RUSSELL, M. D.

Anhwei Province

For nearly two years Anhwei has been without the immediate assistance of foreign leadership. Conditions have been such that other fields have called men away who have been supervising here.

Attempts have been made to establish permanent workers in this field, but because of some need elsewhere Anhwei has sacrificed to these demands and battled with its problems as best it could.

Ten months ago the superintendent of East China Mission made a hasty trip to the field, but since then the work has been simply controlled by correspondence from Shanghai. However, we have been looking and anxiously waiting for an opportunity to make a survey of this field, and have time to really know our field and become acquainted with the workers.

With this in view, we left Shanghai September 1, with plans for general meetings at both Nanking and Yingshanghsien, with visits to the other out-stations. September 2, we opened our general meeting at Nanking with a good attendance. Five services were conducted daily, thanks to the able assistance of Brother C. M. Lee and the evangelists Wu Dzeh Shan, Wu Tseng Shan and Du Djung Sin, the Nanking workers. We were made to rejoice as we noted their faces lighted with hope, and the testimonies of a set determination to not only manifest in their daily lives the power of God to change lives, but also to urge others to submit their lives to the same power. Names were presented as candidates for baptism, and on Friday afternoon, after a careful examination, six were buried in the figurative death of the Saviour.

Sabbath we organized the Nanking Seventh-day Adventist Church, with thirteen charter members, and then proceeded with the ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper. At the close of the last meeting we felt to rejoice with the little church in their determination to bring in other souls in the city of Nanking.

Sunday found us on the train northward bound. With us were Wu Dzeh Shan, Wu Tseng Shan, Du Djung Sin and a colporteur. We arrived at Beng Pu that afternoon and hired a Chinese house-boat that accommodated us, although a little "tight" in places. The distance, about three hundred and fifty li, took us six days. All went well until the 7th of September, and from this on to the 10th we were at the mercy of a fearful storm, both wind and rain. One evening while trying to make a little headway, all of a sudden our boatman lost control of the boat, and we were driven across the river by a fierce wind and against the shore. Here our boat lay all night with the waves beating and pounding her. Yet even with the situation as unpleasant as it was, after consigning ourselves to the Lord we lay down and slept soundly throughout the night. The next morning as we attempted to proceed, we saw sights that gave us no little cause to feel thankful, for within sight were five

boats floundering in the water, until only a mast or the top of the ship was visible above the water. The same sights were seen all along the way. Thousands of acres of crops were flooded by the waters and ruined.

One of our colporteurs who was a day behind us, and in a smaller boat, due to rapidly rising water, pulled anchor in the night, and drifted out into the middle of the lake, where it was tossed about all night. He says he knows it was only in answer to prayer that this boat was spared the fate of several larger ones that sank.

Arriving at Ying Shang we found a hearty welcome. The brethren from the out-stations were there, several of the colporteurs, together with the large church roll, made a very nice gathering. There was an average attendance of our own people of about sixty, while inquirers would easily swell the number to one hundred and often more. We opened the meeting Friday evening September 11, and such good meeting as we did have. The Holy Spirit was keenly felt by all present. We especially feel to thank Brother Liu Djen Bang for his assistance. Some of his sermons were as powerful as any of those of our best foreign evangelists. His words bore weight in every heart.

On Friday September 18, ten were baptized and added to the church. Sabbath afternoon we discussed the object and the lesson in the ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper, after which all bore a testimony.

As a result of this general meeting we see a change in many who were growing lukewarm and careless. We thank God with them for their new stand for the message. A large motto, written in bold Chinese characters was hung on the wall just back of the pulpit, which translated is, "This Gospel of the Kingdom to all the World in this Generation." In the workers meeting following the general meeting it was felt that they had caught the spirit of those words, for as the various appointments and changes were made they seemed only glad to be called to assist in fulfilling this motto, no matter where it led them. Many important actions were passed, some of which are as follows:

At Yingshanghsien, besides a girls' church school which has been running for about two years, it was decided to open a boys' school. This is partially self-supporting, and has a very good attendance at this writing.

Another important move was the general shifting of our Chinese workers, who had long been laboring in their respective stations. The opening of new work at Beng Pu, a very important water and railway center, which is practically the natural gateway into northern Anhwei. Also the enlarging of the work at Ying Djou Fu and Nanking, the later becoming the headquarters for the Anhwei Mission. The opening of a chapel at Wu Hu, where, as the result of our colporteurs' work this summer, several are keeping the Sabbath. An interest in many places all over An-

hwei has been created by our colporteurs, and now awaits an opportunity for developing it.

So as we now behold the fields we see how abundantly the Lord has watered the early planted seed in Anhwei, and how it has even seemed to thrive and grow uncared for. To us the outlook for the new year looks bright indeed. We ask the prayers of the brethren that we may have wisdom and judgment in caring for this part of the Lord's vineyard, that at the harvest time there may be an abundance of fruit for the labor.

O. A. HALL.

H. J. DOOLITTLE.

Wuchau, Kwang Sai

Since our last report we have had many encouraging experiences. The work here in Wuchau is very encouraging. We have a class of ten to fifteen studying the truth every day, all well educated men and along in years, except two or three young men.

Our Sabbath services are well attended though held in our house.

Our two canvassers are having good success with our papers. One, my nephew, went to a city one day's ride from here, and in two days sold over three hundred "Signs" and took forty-four yearly subscriptions. He has just returned from a five days' canvass up the river. He sold over six hundred papers, all he had, and received one hundred thirty subscriptions, bringing home fifty odd dollars in silver as a result of his five days' work. He had a grand experience too, talking with people about the truth. They would come every night to his room in the inn, and stay late talking and asking questions. He said the Lord certainly helped him to answer them, and to remember the right texts of scripture to use. He came home so happy and so full of courage over his experience, that his face beamed and at times his eyes would fill with tears as he told how the Lord helped him to answer those questions. He sold every paper he had and could have sold many more.

Our other canvasser is an older man and has less success selling papers, but is spreading the truth every where he goes. He is very earnest and is anxious that others should hear the truth he has found. We hope to have more canvassers next year.

This month I again visited our company of believers at Cheong Chau, about three days' trip up the river. We had some of the same experiences that Brother Allum had going up the rapids. Many boats are sunk on these rapids, and many lives are lost, but I have made three trips up there and the Lord has given us a safe trip each time. Surely "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him." I found our evangelist had increased his flock since my last visit. That evening, after having visited among the members during the day, we held our first service. The room was full. Every day we held two and three meetings,

and on Sabbath we gathered on the bank of a stream near the village and twenty-three earnest souls followed their Lord in baptism. Their faces all shone with new joy. Friday evening we held a short service at the close of which we met all those who wished to receive baptism. There was one rather old sister who had come in more recently, and had less knowledge of the truth, but she was very anxious to be baptized. I felt that perhaps she ought to wait till she had heard more of the truth and explained it to her, asking her to wait until my next visit. She felt very much disappointed and returned to her house that night and cried a good part of the night. Then she got up and prayed and told the Lord she was ignorant, and did not know Him very well yet, but that she loved Him and loved His truth so far as she had heard it. She wanted to learn more, and would believe whatever He taught her. "Now, Lord," she said, "You know my heart is honest, and that I love you and want to be baptized with the rest of my neighbors. Please let me."

Sabbath morning she came to me and with tears running down her cheeks asked me to baptize her with the rest, and I did, for how could I refuse such an appeal? After the service was over she was the happiest of all, I believe.

We gave them two Bible studies on tithing, making our study very plain and thorough, and then called on them to express themselves in regard to their stand. One after another took their stand firmly on the side of truth, and all said they believed it was right and promised to give to the Lord all that belonged to Him and to help His church in every way they could. The next day one man brought me four dollars sixty cents, mex. which was his tithe, and said, "after this, every ten loads of rice I have, I will give one to the Lord."

One little girl twelve years old, who sold peanuts on the street, came with her tithe also, and said, "From now on every ten cash I earn I'm going to take out one for the Lord." She was also baptized, being the youngest of the twenty-three candidates. It did my soul good to witness such willingness to obey the Lord's instruction in this matter, although all are poor.

They say this province is very poor, but we are beginning to think it is rich with honest souls who are longing for truth. O that we had more workers to search for these jewels. Pray for us here in Kwang Sai Province.

Dr. LAW KEEM.

The Message In Singapore

In looking over the last number of the Division paper we saw so many good reports from the other stations that it made us want to write the news from this part of the field. We have been so very busy that we have hardly had time to do much writing of any sort. Elder Detamore left

us the latter part of July to visit the other stations. We had just got nicely started in an effort in Singapore when he left. This left me with the burden of the work in the office beside the Sabbath services and the necessary visiting and Bible study in connection with the effort. We have thanked the Lord many times that we were fresh and could stand the extra work that fell to our lot.

Then when we began to get into the testing truths and saw some begin to take their stand with God's remnant people, we felt repaid for all our labor. One man, an Englishman, who is connected with one of the largest engineering concerns here, has taken his stand and we believe that his wife will step out with him before long. This man was so prejudiced against Adventists that he would not come to our meetings at first, but when this war came up and he had nothing to do but read to pass the time away, he began to read that good book "Daniel and Revelation." About the time that he had finished it he picked up the paper and saw the advertisement of the S. D. A. meetings, and that the topic would be Armageddon on the next Sunday night. He decided that he would go and see what the preacher would have to say on that subject. The Lord gave me freedom in presenting His word. As soon as the meeting was over this man got out before I could get back to the door to shake hands with him. The next Sunday night he was there, and this time he was not in such a hurry, and he asked me if I would come out to his house and answer some questions for him. I made two or three trips out to his home and now he is rejoicing in the truth and wishes to be baptized.

Another Englishman is very much interested and keeping the Sabbath when he can. When we began he could only get one Sabbath free in every month, but we have prayed for him and with him so that his employers, he is an inspector of traffic for the tramway lines, have given him every Sabbath off, only he must report at the car-barns just across the street from his house one Sabbath in the month. I think that it is the fourth. As soon as he reports, and see that all the men are present, he is allowed to go home for the rest of the day.

It is certainly a privilege to be connected with a source of power that does so much for us if we only trust Him. We thought that we would be so busy that we would not attempt to go out and get people to study the Bible with us. We told the Lord that we were strangers here and that we could not very well go out and find the ones that were hungry to hear the glad tidings, but that He knew where they were and that if he would bring them to us we would study with them. God heard us and sent so many that we are almost tempted to tell Him that it is enough; but then we think of our promise and we ask for strength enough for the one just before us, and the needed strength comes. We have studies every night

in the week and on some of them two. Our office work takes time, and our language study comes three times a week. In this way we find our time filled and no time to think whether we are homesick or not.

Our church members here are beginning to take hold of the work in a way that will mean much for the work in Singapore. In the past six weeks they have given away and sold about 17,000 pages of tracts and over 700 Australian Signs. We believe that this will mean a harvest of souls in the kingdom of God. God says that His word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that for which it was sent. We believe that this promise applies to us and are looking forward to the time when this seed-sowing will bear fruit.

We are of good courage and are thankful for the Lord's care over us the past few months since coming to Singapore to labor. Pray for us that our faith fail not, and that we may have strength to do all that the Lord gives us to do.

Mr. & Mrs. ROY MERSHON.

Obituary

Ang Jiak Tian. ---The eldest daughter of Elder and Mrs. Ang was born in Chao Chau Fu City, Kwangtung, in 1892, and died near Yeung Mui Kit Yang, Kwangtung, August 7, 1914.

The cause of her death was drowning. Elder Ang and family had gone to his country village to visit, and while there received an invitation to visit Yeung Mui, a distance of twenty miles, where an evangelist wanted a chapel opened. He was to come and take them over, as Elder Ang did not know the way. It seems that there was a mistake and the evangelist did not come, so Elder Ang made up his mind to go, taking his family along with him. Near Yeung Mui they had to cross a small stream. Before crossing Sister Ang and the children waded around in the shallow water, and suddenly stepped into a hole. They called for help and Brother Ang rescued his wife and second daughter. Jiak Tian became so frightened at the thought of losing her mother, that she lost control of herself and lay down in the water, which at that place was not over three and one half feet deep. By the time Elder Ang had returned for her she had floated down stream quite a distance where the water was deeper. A search was made but they could not find her. Some boats were anchored close at hand, and a large sum of money offered if the boatmen would help in rescue, but no amount of money or persuasion would induce them to help, for they said the water-devils have her. After eight hours' search the body was found.

Sister Jiak Tian was buried near her country home. She was a good faithful girl, and her place in the Swatow field will be hard to fill. We feel that she will come forth in the first resurrection. While the family mourn they have this consolation that their daughter and sister had long been prepared for her summons. Father, mother, one brother and five sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends are left to mourn.

J. P. ANDERSON.

Advances in Central China

Believing that some of the actions taken at the recent annual meeting (September and October,) in Central China may be of general interest, we have translated them into English. To all those acquainted with conditions in the Orient, and the methods prevailing in these fields, the advance steps here taken should be a source of true joy and heartfelt gratitude. Pray earnestly that the brethren and sisters may have strong faith and courage to carry out their resolutions.

Resolved, That each colporteur shall sell literature at a fixed price; that he shall be furnished a price list of all our publications, and that from this time onward the *Signs of the Times* shall be sold at two cents a copy.

Resolved, That every colporteur who has done faithful work for a preceding period of at least six months, shall receive from the mission \$3.00 for personal expenses while attending general meetings; in case of a married canvasser accompanied by his wife, \$6.00 shall be allowed. Outside of this, the mission grants no subsidy or travel expense.

Resolved, That this allowance be granted only to colporteurs who have reported promptly and clearly, and who have sold at least \$10.00 worth of literature each quarter.

Resolved, That during the coming year colporteurs shall sell on an eighty per cent commission basis, and that this commission shall be decreased by at least ten per cent a year until the fifty per cent standard is attained.

Resolved, That each colporteur now in mission employ, shall be given twenty strings worth of literature free of cost as initial capital, and that during the coming year he shall pay twenty per cent of the list price in advance for all literature received. New canvassers hereafter employed shall receive ten strings worth of literature as initial capital.

Resolved, That no new worker be employed by the mission who has not been a faithful tithe payer.

Resolved, That each colporteur shall secure acceptable guarantors, who shall, with himself, in the presence of the provincial treasurer, sign his canvasser's contract.

Resolved, That evangelists shall receive but fifty per cent commission on all literature sold by themselves.

Resolved, That church members in good standing, being faithful tithe payers, be urged to enlist in home missionary work, and that the evangelist in charge of any church or company, in consultation with any one member of the provincial advisory committee, may enlist church members in the selling of literature on a fifty per cent basis, said evangelist to be financially responsible to the mission.

Resolved, That we, the native church members of Central China, undertake to raise thirty per cent of all money expended in this mission during the coming year (literature workers and salaries and expenses of foreign workers excepted); that

we only ask the Mission Board to supply seventy per cent; and that we strive to increase our tithes and offerings from year to year until we reach the goal of self support.

Resolved, That the mission only bear such outstation expenses as are incurred for rents and lighting, and that all other incidental expenses be met locally by special contributions.

Resolved, That each provincial mission hold an annual meeting to which delegates from all organized churches shall be appointed on the basis of one for each church, and one additional for each ten members, and that all mission employees holding credentials be received as delegates at large.

Recommended, That we undertake to publish a Central China Mission monthly news' letter (for the Chinese), and that each church member be urged to subscribe for this together with the *Signs of the Times*, the club rate for both being fixed at four hundred cash.

Resolved, That in each church and company we urge the organization of a home missionary band; that we appoint a field secretary to give his attention to this and the Sabbath school work; and that we further request the Asiatic Division Committee to provide for a Morning Watch Calendar, together with suggested program for each weekly meeting of the home missionary society for the ensuing year, the same to be ready for circulation not later than December 15, 1914.

Whereas, Faithfulness is required of all those laboring in the Lord's service, therefore.

Resolved, That no regular mission employee engage in any form of private business, and that any evangelist conducting a dispensary shall receive all supplies from the mission, and shall return to the mission all proceeds from the sale of same.

Resolved, That we request the Asiatic Division Committee to prepare outline courses of study for our church and intermediate schools, together with a list of textbooks to be used in each grade.

R. F. COTTRELL.

Out-Stations in Hupeh

We ought to be grateful to the Lord for the manifestation and working of the Holy Spirit in advancing the truth in new places in the province of Hupeh.

In company with a Chinese brother I have visited some out-stations, and some new places where we think to open work. The prospect in two of these places is very good. We were heartily welcomed, and in one place there were about thirty intelligent persons that are well respected in their neighborhood, who are keeping the Sabbath. Some of the brethren have sacrificed much time in helping us to get a house for worship. These people came out from the Wesleyan Church. The superintendent of that mission happened there at this time and he searched us out

and came to see us. He tried to persuade us not to open our work there. I could only answer him that if it was the purpose of God, we could not do anything else but open our work there. He said his members were very good members, and he was afraid if we opened our work in that place that most of these brethren would attend our meeting in Hankow.

During our trip the Lord protected us from meeting any robbers. We have seen how these robbers have beheaded people, and nearly every one fears them; even soldiers have been killed by them. One of our Christians was robbed by them two days before our arrival. It was a pleasure to see how this brother received with joy the comforting words we tried to give him.

We can see that the truth is advancing in so many places, and my prayer is that may be found faithful in the Lord's work.

J. O. RYD.

Central China Sabbath-School Items

A good interest has been manifested in the meetings devoted to considering plans and methods for the advancement of the Sabbath school work in Central China. Our visiting foreign workers, as well as several of our Chinese brethren, offered helpful suggestions. Honan has appointed a Chinese secretary whose business it is to visit all outstations, remaining with each until the Sabbath school is well organized along right lines. We expect this will greatly facilitate more thorough organization in that field.

Prior to last quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, Elder Spicer's appeal for the work among the Inca Indians of South America was translated into Chinese and sent out to each outstation. Hunan alone responded with an offering September 28th of 200 strings, or \$133.00 Mex., while Hupeh, with a much smaller church membership, report \$75.81. We are satisfied that when our Chinese brethren and sisters become informed regarding the needs of the work, a real missionary spirit will be developed in their hearts, and in proportion to their means will donate as liberally as our schools in the homeland.

Model Sabbath school teachers' meetings were held at the Honan and Hupeh General Meetings, conducted by foreigners, to give our Chinese workers a better idea of the possibilities for good in the teachers' meetings. We are glad to note some real teachers developing among our native brethren.

M. B. COTTRELL.

Two of our sisters from Scandinavia arrived in New York City September 3. They bring the news that the Skodsborg Sanitarium has been taken over by the government, and is being used as barracks for soldiers. The physicians, nurses, and other employees have all scattered.

---Atlantic Union Gleaner.

Mat-Shed Meetings

On October 12, Brother F. E. Stafford and the writer opened a series of meetings at Kading in a bamboo mat-shed similar to the one we used at Naziang last spring. Quite a number of our foreign brethren from Yangtzeppoo, as well as Chinese from Shanghai and Naziang, were present at the opening service. There were twenty-eight new believers from Naziang at this meeting which we considered quite a good representation. Many of these remained for several days doing what they could to assist us during the first few meetings.

Sister B. Miller and son, Brother Stafford, Mrs. Wood and I took up our abode in a small house-boat for a week, as that seemed about the best accommodations we could secure.

Thus far, the meetings have been very well attended, especially in the evening, when the tent is crowded, and many find standing-room outside at a premium. There are many intelligent and educated persons who appear to be taking a deep interest in the subjects which are presented day by day. We have been greatly impressed with the absence of prejudice which is so often manifested toward our work. In fact, the people have given us a most hearty welcome.

The meetings conducted by Sister B. Miller have been well attended by a very good class of women, many of whom are able to read.

We are praying that the Lord will give a rich harvest of souls as a result of the meetings at Kading. K. H. WOOD.

Week of Prayer in Manila

We have been holding our "Week of Prayer" as this is our rainy season and hard to hold public meetings. The Lord has greatly blessed our native brethren and many of them have found a deeper Christian experience than they have ever known before. At many meetings the Spirit of God came in and hearts were all broken up. Our young people also have had a great up lift.

Our quarterly meeting came at the close of the week of prayer here in Manila, and I think it was the best we ever held. Our offerings have been very large for these poor people. I think they will reach over one hundred pesos. Our tithes the past quarter will be the largest we have ever had. The same is true with our Sabbath school offerings. I have baptized twenty-nine the past quarter.

I am glad to report good work from all our out-stations. In Cebu they are gathering together a nice company, and getting a lot of literature prepared for the people. In Panay the work is steadily growing.

A Baptist native minister has taken hold of the truth, and will give his time in helping Elder Adams prepare literature, and in his study of the language. At Vigan Elder Hay reports the secretary of the municipal council has taking a firm stand

for the truth. He also wishes to prepare for the canvassing work.

Here in Luzon a Methodist native minister has taken a stand for the truth. He is a minister of many years experience. Brother Lanier is working hard in the printing office directing in the preparation of literature. We are all of good courage.

L. V. FINSTER.

Wai Chow General Meeting

The fall general meeting for the Hak Kas was arranged for at Wai Chow September 25-29. Owing to Brother Nagel being sick, Brother A. L. Ham accompanied the writer to Wai Chow to help in the meetings. He rendered valuable help, and I greatly enjoyed his company. It was a real pleasure to see old Wai Chow once more. The mission compound so well kept, with its lawn and variety of shrubbery, makes it a veritable little garden of Eden.

Over fifty were in attendance, and a beautiful spirit of mutual help and thoughtfulness characterized all. It seemed good to greet old familiar faces once more, also to see the addition of new ones, which indicated that progress is being made. The Lord gave freedom to the different speakers. Fourteen candidates presented themselves for baptism, and had the writer not been called home by telegram on account of the sickness of his little girl they would have been baptized; for the above reason the meeting was cut short two days. We regretted that Brother Nagel could not be with us. The Wai Chow field has a bright and promising future before it.

Our baby is practically well again; she seemed to have had measles.

J. P. ANDERSON.

Lo Kang General Meeting

The general meeting for the Swatow field was held at Lo Kang September 3-6. Although being called on short notice we had a good attendance both of our own people and from the outside. We were especially glad to have with us Elder Porter and Elder B. L. Anderson, the superintendent, also Elder N. P. Keh; all of the Chinese evangelists were present.

Good attention was given to the different speakers. Our meeting place was small, so that the three rooms were literally packed, and large crowds were standing on the outside. Sunday twenty-three were baptized, all excepting one, were from heathenism. Over one thousand people of the village came down to the water's edge to witness the rite. We all concurred in saying it was a beautiful scene, and can only wish that such scenes could be witnessed at every station often.

We go to our work in the Swatow field with renewed courage and zeal. We have high hopes of gathering in a large harvest of souls in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

J. P. ANDERSON.

From Shanghai to Mukden

Less than a week ago we left our home in Shanghai, which it had been our privilege to share with Elder and Sister Porter during the past year. While we were sorry to leave our comfortable and happy home, still on the other hand, we were glad that the time had come when we, together with Brother and Sister Grundset, could proceed to our appointed field of labor. We are only pilgrims and strangers here in this world, so meeting and parting, locating and moving, is just a part of the lot that we as missionaries must share here, until the time comes when we are privileged to be citizens of the eternal kingdom.

The last Monday evening at Shanghai will often loom up in our minds as a pleasant occasion. As Brother Allum and family, and Brother Warren and family were to leave for Szechwan only a week later, the sisters had arranged a farewell reception for us all. One could hardly realize that the large room above the press could have been transformed into such an attractive parlor as we saw that evening. Brother Stafford with Brother and Sister Roberts furnished us with some fine music, after which Elder Porter gave an appropriate missionary talk with reference to Christ's method of sending out the twelve and also the seventy. A few remarks were made by the brethren leaving, following which several took part in prayer. Before parting, the good old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was joined in by all. Our hearts were filled with joy and appreciation for the efforts put forth in providing such a profitable social evening.

Two days after we left on the "Kobe Maru," but our trip on the steamer was not as pleasant and comfortable as we should have preferred, for the sea was rather high, and our boat acted like a chip on the ocean. We were therefore glad to catch the first sight of land the morning of the 9th. It was about 11:00 o'clock before we could disembark. This made us too late for the Mukden morning train, so it became necessary for us to spend the day in Dairen. We very favorably impressed with this city. It reminded us more of the homeland than any city we have seen since leaving America. Only a few years ago it was a small fishing village, but it was occupied by the Russians in 1898, after the convention between Russia and China, and with remarkable push and energy the Russians undertook to construct a modern commercial port. The building of houses, laying out of streets and water works were being steadily pushed forward, until the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war put a sudden stop to these undertakings. In 1905 the lease of territory was transferred to Japan, and they went forward with the improvements which the Russians commenced.

We boarded the train for Mukden at 8:00 p. m. It being late, we did not have the opportunity of viewing the country, as

we otherwise would have been able to have done had we left on the morning train. But the next morning we awoke early enough to realize that we were in a country where farming was carried on on a larger scale than we hitherto had seen in China. There was quite a marked difference in the climate, being colder and the air considerably lighter.

Our train pulled in at Mukden at 8:00 a. m. the next day, where we were met by Elder Butterfield, who had spent several days prior to our coming in search of a house for us. It was no easy matter to find a dwelling, as there are only a few foreign houses, and they are in the Japanese part of the city, three miles from the Chinese city. After some good hard searching, we were able to obtain a small compound at a reasonable price, just outside the inner wall. There are two houses, also containing sufficient room for a chapel for present. Looking at the houses from the outside, they are rather neat and on a semi-foreign style, but stepping inside, you will see at once that they are Chinese. It will be necessary to make some alterations before it can be occupied. All things considered, this compound was the most suitable all around, and we feel grateful for the way the Lord has led us. We certainly appreciated that Brother Butterfield was able to be with us and assist us in getting located here. We have a great work before us in giving this message to the many millions of Manchuria. We are now alone, but we have a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, for He who has been our stay in times past, will be the same now, for He abideth faithful. However, our thoughts will often travel back to the dear company we left behind in Shanghai. As we take up this work, we are of good courage, and ask our brethren and sisters to kindly remember us in their prayers.

BERNHARD PETERSEN.

NOTES

Elder A. G. Daniells wires from Australia that he expects to reach Shanghai early in November.

The party for China, the Malasian field and India, are expected to reach Shanghai the 3rd of November

Elder A. O. Hall has returned from visiting East China, over which he is superintendent. His report will be found elsewhere.

"We have just reached London alive, and are very thankful to be this far on our journey. I have been sick all the way. We were stranded about three weeks in Port Said."
--Pauline Schilberg.

Brother E. M. and Sister Adams of the Philippines are the proud parents of a baby boy. Thus another missionary will

get the language of his country without the troublesome foreign accent.

Elder L. J. and Sister Burgess, of the India Mission field, returning to their work after their furlough in America, spent a few days in Shanghai. Their talks to both foreigners and Chinese were helpful and encouraging.

Among the new workers coming to the Orient, are Miss Florence Shull, stenographer and office assistant, and Miss Florence Willson, the church school teacher, who will enter upon her educational work soon after her arrival.

Elder R. F. and Sister Cottrell have delayed their furlough for at least one year and six months. They have done this in the interests of the work in the Orient, for they feel that now, while the wind's of strife are being held here in China, is a most opportune time to carry the light of truth to the millions who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Our workers in Spain, on account of being disorganized by the war, have entered the canvassing work, preparing a special paper to sell. Thus instead of the war arresting the onward march of the message it is creating a special demand for our literature, and sending the forces into the field with renewed zeal, that the people may quickly know of a soon-coming Saviour.

Elder De Vinney writes that their new buildings are nearing completion. The contractor is doing better work than they expected when they let the contract. They are working early and late to have everything in readiness at the time of Elder Daniells' and Porter's visit, at which time they plan to hold a small general meeting and dedicate the buildings.

Brother R. T. Sisley of Java, a teacher of English, desiring to be represented on the frontier line of mission work, has, for some years been supporting native evangelists from his earnings. His latest contributions total one thousand dollars. Brother Sisley says: "This world is not a very secure place to keep one's earthly treasures, but it certainly is the only place where insurance on immortality can be obtained."

Sister W. S. Hyatt and daughter Helen who have been spending a few months in America after years of faithful service in Africa, are hoping to get reservations by the first of October to return. The mission board suggested a longer furlough, or until they could discuss the question with Elder Hyatt whether his health would require him to return to the North, but Sister Hyatt feels that they ought not to leave Africa, and wants to get back. Thus again we hear the ring of the true missionary spirit.

Brother F. E. Stafford, K. H. Wood and Sister B. Miller began a series of meetings at Kading, October 12. A party of our people from Shanghai was present on the opening day, and the sight that greeted us was most inspiring. Long before the hour for the service arrived, the mat tabernacle was crowded with a good class of intelligent Chinese men and women. They eagerly drank in the gospel truths that Brother Stafford presented from the Word. As we go to press word reaches us that between fifty and one hundred have arisen for prayers, and asked that the Bible be taught them in their homes.

The evening of the 5th of October a reception was held in the chapel at the Shanghai compound in honor of our departing missionaries for Manchuria and Szechwan. A musical programme was rendered by Brother Stafford and Brother and Sister Roberts, which was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present. Elder R. C. Porter gave a timely practical exhorta-

tion to the outgoing missionaries, to which each responded in a way that showed they felt the responsibilities resting upon them. A season of prayer followed, led by Elders Porter and Schultz. The remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation.

October 19 saw Elder A. F. Allum, his wife and three little boys, Brother M. C. Warren, wife and daughter, off for Szechwan. Five weeks or more will be spent en route. These dear courageous workers are facing their new territory with the true spirit of sacrifice. They will not find a comfortable foreign house awaiting them, such as they are leaving, but instead will locate in the upper story of their chapel, where in the summer season they will be driven below on account of the heat. The chapel is located in a thickly settled district of Chinese, and near an outer gate, thus making much noise and confusion all hours of the day and long into the night. No word of murmur is heard from any member of this devoted band of workers, but they go gladly for Christ's sake. It is to be hoped that later on the funds will warrant the building of a foreign house in Chungking, that the health and lives of these missionaries may be more safely guarded. Let us not forget them when we pray that their lives may be precious in the sight of God, and long be spared to be a blessing to the forty-one million inhabitants of Szechwan.

The morning of the 7th of October saw the departing of our four loyal missionaries, Brethren Peterson and Grundset with their wives, for Manchuria. Two years ago and more these workers were chosen to carry the light of the third angel's message to Manchuria's eleven million people, and since then, all during their preparation they have had an eye single to Manchuria's needs, and were most happy when they could go forward. They will be missed here at Shanghai, in the church, in the Sabbath school and in the compound, for their spirit of helpfulness was very marked, but our loss will be Manchuria's gain. As our little company bade them farewell by the water's edge, tears of mingled joy and sorrow testified to our joy at seeing another beacon light established where the heathen darkness is so great, even though the parting of their companionship was keenly felt. The readers of the News will not forget them at the throne of grace that their efforts may be so blessed of God that many now wandering in darkness will be led to the Light of Life and be ready for a place in the soon-coming kingdom of peace.

A letter from Dr. A. B. Olsen, of the Caterham Sanitarium, England, to Elder B. Peterson, under date of September 1, speaking of the war says: "We are at the present time in sore distress on account of the war. When I say distress I do not mean so much physical distress, for that has not reached us yet; but on the Continent there must be terrible suffering both physical and mental, and the end is not yet. It must be a sign of the times, and one of the things that we as a people have been looking for for years. Now that it has come, it seems almost unbelievable. The worst feature for us is that most of our Seventh-day Adventist ministers on the Continent must be directly affected, and are, as far as we know, in the war, and probably in the fighting line. This is a terrible situation, because we as a people have always been opposed to war, and do not believe that we ought to engage in fighting. I dare say that many of these people have been forced into it, and simply cannot help themselves. Some one was telling me the other day that they must either desert, be shot, or else submit to fight their fellow-men."