



A ZEPPELIN RAID

"Destruction upon Destruction is Cried—The Whole Land is Spoiled"

I hardly know how to begin to write to you since we have had such a fearful Zeppelin raid. Had it not been for the mercy of God, we should have been numbered with the dead. About 2:45 Monday morning, May 10, we were called by the sounding of the bugle. Notice had previously been given through the press, so of course we knew what to do,—to get up quickly, which we did. I can assure you that we never dressed so quickly before. It was a sight that I shall never forget. I hope I shall never see the same again. The sky was all aglow, and as quick as lightning about one hundred bombs dropped on our three towns, Southend, Westcliffe, and Leigh. One Zeppelin passed over our house and visited Leigh a second time. I do not know how many Zeppelins there were, but it is said that they were like ships at sea. The war was above us, and the sky was as though it were on fire for miles around,—there were so many fires at once. Some bombs were dropped not more than one-half minute from our house, and about thirty in Leigh altogether. There were also about one hundred at Southend and Westcliffe. Had they all been of the explosive kind, our three towns would have been blown to pieces, but, thank God, many were incendiary bombs. Our fire engines were going in all directions, but could not be at all the places at once. Some made holes large enough in which to bury a horse and cart. Ten fell around our gas works, and one only about a foot away. Had they set the gas works on fire, we should have been no more here at Leigh. The gas works are only about five minutes from us. Several fell around our hospital, where some of our wounded are, but did not hit it, through God's goodness.

All women were ordered to keep in the house by a force of police, but thousands would not. I for one was out. We had a prayer meeting at Sister Morgan's home at 3:30, and then I went around to the houses to see if I could do any good. I had to be about my heavenly Father's business, asking people to get ready for the end of time. People are beginning to think that Satan is let loose. The Germans left a message saying that they would visit us again soon, and intended to visit London this month. I have told many people that it was through the mercy of God that we were spared. "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." I can not find words to tell you how bad it is here, and we can not leave. If we could, where can we go? My trust is in the dear Lord. He only

can take care of us. We have a few clothes packed and ready to take in case we can not have time to dress. We also have water standing ready in case of fire. We all think it will be a long war, unless the dear Lord comes and makes an end of all things.

Mrs. W. Savage, England.

In Central Union Outlook.

Death of Sister White

In the sunny upper chamber of her "Elmshaven" home—her "refuge"—in a sheltered, hill-girt valley near St. Helena, California, where our beloved sister had spent much of her time and done much of her writing during the last happy, fruitful years of her busy life, Mrs. Ellen Gould White fell asleep in Jesus as quietly and peacefully as a weary child going to her rest. The end came on Friday, July 16, 1915, at 3:40 p. m.

Sister White was born in Gorham, Maine, November 26, 1827, and at the time of her decease was aged 87 years, 7 months, and 20 days. Her death was not unexpected, as the readers of this paper know from the bulletins that Pastor W. C. White has sent out from time to time. Her physicians, Doctor G. E. Klingerman and Doctor B. F. Jones, of the St. Helena Sanitarium, had done all that medical science could suggest to make her comfortable; but from the time of her accident on February 13 of this year, they could give but little hope of recovery.

It is unnecessary to repeat at length the precious experiences that characterized the life of our dear sister from the time of her call to ministry in early youth, to the day of her death. But rich and varied as were the spiritual blessings that came to her through the seventy years or more of loving ministry, some of the sweetest and most abiding of all were those coming as the fruitage of physical suffering and personal trial. Whatever the cross she was called to bear, whether the sad misfortunes of early childhood, the bitter privations incident to pioneer life, the scathing ridicule and the scorings of a gainsaying public, the loss of her cherished babe and of her firstborn, the unexpected and sudden death of her husband in 1881, and the long and painful sicknesses that came to her in different lands and under most trying circumstances,—these all caused her to reach a little higher and to lay hold a little more firmly on the help of Heaven promised every trustful soul.

All through the weeks and months of her last sickness, Sister White was buoyed up by the same faith and hope and trust that had characterized her life-experience in the days of her vigor. Her personal testimony was uniformly cheerful and her courage

strong. She felt that her times were in the hand of God, and that His presence was with her continually. Not long after she was rendered helpless by the accident that hastened her death, she testified of her Saviour: "I see light in His light. I have joy in His joy, and peace in His peace. I see mercy in His mercy, and love in His love."

Hers was the comfort that causes a child of the great Father of love and light to fear no evil, even while passing through the valley of the shadow of death. Not infrequently, during the earlier weeks of her illness, her voice was lifted in song:

"We have heard from the bright, the holy land,
We have heard, and our hearts are glad;
For we were a lonely pilgrim band,
And weary, and worn, and sad.

"They tell us the pilgrims have a dwelling there—
No longer are homeless ones;
And we know that the goodly land is fair,
Where life's pure river runs.

"We'll be there, we'll be there, in a little while,
We'll join the pure and the best;
We'll have the palm, the robe, the crown,
And forever be at rest."

In singing this hymn, Sister White always followed the phraseology of the hymnal published by her husband in 1849.

Arrangements have been made for the holding of a funeral service at her home, "Elmshaven," near the St. Helena Sanitarium, at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, July 18. Pastors J. N. Loughborough, George B. Starr, and E. W. Farnsworth have been asked to officiate.

A memorial service will be held Monday forenoon, at 10:30, on the Richmond (California) camp-ground, where the California Conference is in session; Pastors E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, and others of the Pacific Union Conference, officiating.

Interment will be at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Michigan, by the side of her husband. Pastor James White. The Battle Creek services will be held in the Tabernacle on Sabbath-day, July 24; Pastors A. G. Daniels and S. N. Haskell officiating.

Sister White leaves two sons,—Pastor W. C. White, of St. Helena, California, and Pastor James Edson White, of Marshall, Michigan; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Of the countless hearts turned heavenward through her public ministry and through the influence of her writings, it is needless to say more than that during her last sickness her own heart turned in loving solicitude toward the thousands whose prayers in her behalf she knew were ascending to the throne of grace, and who she hoped soon to greet in the blessed hereafter.

CLARENCE C. CRISLER.

Since receiving the above account of Sister White's death, we have also received full particulars regarding her funeral, but since these have already been printed in the *Review and Herald* and other journals, we will not reproduce them here. A funeral service was held at St. Helena, California, Sister White's home; another at Richmond, California, where the California camp-meeting was in session, and a third at Battle Creek, Michigan, where interment was made by the side of her husband. Her life of care and toil and usefulness is ended, and she sleeps awaiting the call of the Life-giver. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

PLEASANT EXPERIENCES

Pastor DeVinney Tours the Northern Portion of Japan

July 15th, in company with Brother S. Miyake, we left Tokyo for a visit to the churches, laborers and isolated members in the north of the mission. Baptismal services were held in Wakamatsu and in Yuzawa. One week was spent in different cities of Hokkaido, with the view of opening work in that field. Nothing has ever been done to give the message to this important part of the mission field except a little canvassing. The climate of Hokkaido and the general features of the country are much the same as the north, or middle eastern states of the United States; and American influence upon the methods of farming, tools used, etc., are very noticeable. It has several cities of over 100,000 population, and Sapporo is laid out like an American city, with two nice foreign parks. By the report of missionaries of other denominations who are laboring there, the people are more inclined to Christianity than are the people of any other part of Japan. Brother Miyake canvassed for a short time in two different cities, and found no difficulty in disposing of all the papers he had with him. This field is wide open for the message, and now is the opportune time to enter. The mission is calling for two families from the States to locate here, and they are praying the Lord of the harvest to send in the laborers before it is too late.

While at Yuzawa, through our Japanese laborer, Brother T. Matsukura, I received an invitation from the principal of a large girls' school to address the pupils. Upon reaching the school I was received very cordially by the principal, and taken to the reception room where the usual "oeha" and cakes were served, and one by one the different teachers dropped in to be presented before the talk. When I was taken into the assembly hall, to my surprise, though the notice had been short, I found all the teachers of the school, the president of the Educational Board, and a number of the leading men of the city present. There were four hundred girls seated upon the mat floor in perfect lines and order. As I came before them, at a word from one of the teachers, all gave the Japanese salutation, a bow with the face to the floor, with military precision. It was an interesting and never to be forgotten sight. The school work was interrupted, and an hour in the middle of the school day was given me, without restriction as to what I was to talk about. By means of a large map of the world, I took them upon a trip around the world by the route Mrs. DeVinney and I took to and from the last General Conference, spending a good share of the time in the Holy land, and by that means getting Christianity before the young ladies and officials of a Buddhist school without prejudice. All listened with evident pleasure, and at the conclusion they gave me a hearty American-style applause. The principal of the school and a number of the teachers attended the Bible studies at Brother Matsukura's house while our brethren remained in the city, and the president of the school board called upon me at my hotel. The officials of the school said that if I would come later I would be given the free use of the assembly hall of the school for public Bible lectures and Christian meetings.

F. H. DEVINNEY.

Drs. J. N. Landis and wife, D. E. Davenport and wife, and Elder George Harlow and family, are leaving America September 11 for China.

Higher Service in Sabbath School Work

God desires the highest service possible from those engaged in the Sabbath school work, which He holds up before us as "nothing less than Bible societies" where the truths of God's word may be taught.

We read in James 1:5 that the wisdom needed in any line is obtained by the earnest longing of the soul who is willing to ask for it in faith, and which God "giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." In "Special Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," pages 29, 50, 51 and 83, are some impressive statements, setting forth our great need at this time, and realizing this let us present our wants before the throne. "nothing wavering," and it will be given us.

Much good will result from having the Sabbath school lessons translated and printed in the native tongues. By having the simple lessons for the children, as seen in a recent report from the Philippines, the younger members receive the benefit needed, and are drawn nearer to the Saviour of men.

All are willing to fall in line with suggested methods for encouraging more liberal giving, and also the method of setting goals, and the offerings are materially increased. The goal for Japan for 1915 is Yen 1000, or \$500 gold, which they expect to reach.

The membership is steadily increasing, reaching a total of 5,373 for quarter ending March 31, 1915, a gain of 1,605 over the three months before. The offering, which amounted to \$753.86 at the close of the fourth quarter of 1914, has increased to \$1,027.43 in the three months, making an increase of \$273.57. We note also the amount of Thirteenth Sabbath offerings, the total for three months being \$292.77.

Envelopes are being prepared for collecting the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings. This is part of the great plan, and is designed to be one great feature in creating an interest when these offerings are to be taken. In Korea the girls in the day school assist in preparing these envelopes, which gives them something to do, and in doing they get the blessing. In Manchuria this work is receiving attention, and the people are being instructed as to the purpose of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering before it is to be taken.

"Are All the Children In?" is a question which is stirring the hearts of our people, and new classes are being organized as seen in a late report from Szechwan, and also Malaysia. Memory Verse Cards are being ordered for the children in South China, and with this and many helpful methods we may expect great advancement in this part of the field.

Central China's encouraging reports are coming in through the newly appointed secretary, Dr. Bertha Selmon, and with the new report blanks East China finds the work going easier, these being calculated to benefit all in the Chinese field.

The plan to have the Thirteenth Sabbath offering pamphlet translated and printed in the native tongues is a splendid one for placing the needs before the people on these occasions. By having this printed in the Mandarin and also the Weni they can be used in Korea and Malaysia, as well as China. A small beginning brings glorious results sometimes, and let us not slacken our pace as we near the entrance into the heavenly Canaan, but let us realize fully the prize set before us, giving heed to the call for higher service given us by the Spirit of God, and put forth every effort hastily to gather in such as shall be saved through the influence of the Sabbath school.

NANNIE L. WOODWARD.

S. S. QUARTERLY REPORT**Report of the Asiatic Division Sabbath School Department
For Quarter Ending March 31st 1915.**

Missions	No. Schools	Mem.	Av. Att.	Con.	Do. to Mis.	T.S.O.
Central China	41	1103	1042	\$ 68.21	\$ 68.21	\$32.62
East China	9	377	345	79.99	79.99	27.27
South China	41	1605	1443	273.57	273.57	56.09
Manchuria	1	20	17	11.82	11.82	2.91
West China	1	28	22	13.25	13.25	2.26
Philippines	16	437	346	122.48	122.48	
Malaysia	7	271	220	213.89	213.89	70.12
Japan	15	300	251	138.27	138.27	59.87
Korea	49	1232	934	105.95	105.95	41.63
Totals	180	5373	4620	\$1027.43	\$1927.43	\$292.77

Singapore Training School

I thought that the readers of the NEWS and the workers in the Division would like to know something of the progress of the school in Singapore. We feel that we are really equipped for aggressive work now. We have a teacher for the Malay department who will put in his whole time instructing those students. As we already have Mr. Lo, one of the students of the Shanghai school, who puts in his full time in the Chinese department, and three teachers in the English work, we feel confident that we can handle a fairly large number of students.

There are sixty-three enrolled. Many of these are older students who are preparing for the Lord's work. Just a few weeks ago four young men came to the school from Battakland and applied for admission. We feel especially thankful for this, as evangelists are not allowed to enter Battakland. It seems as if the Lord is bound to have the truth scattered there.

Our school is not entirely dependent either. We receive about forty dollars gold each month in tuition. As more of the students from Singapore come in, this amount will be increased.

Our earnest prayer is that the Singapore Training School will be effective in training large numbers of our young people to give the truth. Pray for the success of our work here.

K. M. ADAMS.

Appreciation of Health Restored

I am very happy to say that I am quite well again. The Lord has been very good to me. When one has been so near the gates of death and restored again, one can not help feeling that he truly owes all to God. It has been much impressed upon my mind how frail a thing life is. When one in perfect health can be suddenly stricken down, and within twenty-four hours be in the arms of death, it surely behooves one to live day by day prepared for such an emergency.

When God overruled in this experience and kept me from death, I believe it was for no other reason than the great need for workers in this field. He spared me for more work in China, and I only feel to dedicate my life more fully to this work than I have in the past.

I am now anxious to return quickly to Honan, and work more consecratedly and earnestly for these people. I plan to return August 30th. Pray for us and God's church in Honan. The reports I am constantly hearing from there are most encouraging. One new place in west Honan has been opened this summer with a nice company studying the truth. We were especially

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urged to open up this place, the people donating quite a sum to help us.

I have also had a letter from a company in Shensi, just over the border of Honan, who are keeping the Sabbath. They are very anxious for us to send someone to teach them more of the truth, and they have donated twenty mow of land for this work. This seed has been sown by one of our canvassers. So the work has been going forward in spite of our weakness, for we have a mighty Leader. FREDERICK LEE.

Baptisms in Japan

Lately I baptized three young men in Hiroshima, and two young men and one lady in Kagoshima. Most of them desire to devote their lives to the Lord, and started to canvass. One young man was a school teacher before. He went out to sell the paper several weeks ago himself. I feared that he would be discouraged because he is so timid, but he returned with happy face and said, "I can sell the paper all right as well as others." He is not only a good seller but a good Bible worker. He visits the people and brings them to the meetings. The Lord will use those humble and trusting ones.

I expect to bind off the work in this city as soon as possible, and move to northern country in this fall. Now we hear the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, so must bestir the heart of the Shintoists and Buddhists.

Please remember me in your prayers.

H. KUNIYA.

NOTES

The portion of the Shanghai compound who have been spending the summer months at Mokanshan returned to their homes the evening of August 26.

Brother and Sister O. J. Gibson and family returned to their home at Yencheng, Honan, August 27, after a stay in Shanghai of four months.

Pastor Porter returned August 27 from his tour of South China, North Berneo, and the Philippines. He reports a profitable trip through these fields, and the work advancing nicely.

We hear through Pastor Butterfield that Brother and Sister Oberg are spending a few days the latter part of August at Wonsan, for rest and recuperation, they being somewhat worn after the summer's work. We trust they may receive benefit from this trip.

We learn that two new recruits have been added to our missionary family. Brother B. P. Hoffman and wife are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, born the morning of August 6; and Brother and Sister O. J. Grundset are boasting of the arrival on August 29 of an eight-pound daughter.

Sister W. E. Gillis and Ithiel left Shanghai for Chefoo the morning of the 8th of August. Sister Gillis, not being in the best of health, will try ocean-bathing as a medicine. They will remain three or

four weeks. While there they will make their home with Brother and Sister C. P. Lillie.

Pastor DeVinney reports that the new house under process of construction for Brother C. C. Hall and family is nearing completion; and with the improvements put in this summer, the growing hedges, grass, palms, shrubbery and flowers, the compound is taking on a pleasing appearance.

On account of ill health, Miss Olive Osborne has been granted a furlough of one year. She expects to spend this time in America, visiting friends in Washington, D. C., and New York. The China Missions Training School will miss the services of Miss Osborne the coming year, but their prayers and good wishes will follow her in her quest of health.

One of the actions of the late general meeting was that a subscription rate of 50 cents gold a year should be affixed to the Asiatic Division Mission NEWS; and that it should be issued semi-monthly instead of monthly as heretofore. Our readers will please take note of this, and those wishing their subscriptions continued will kindly send subscription price at once, addressing the Asiatic Division Mission.

Great changes are taking place at the Shanghai compound these days. On either side we hear the sound of hammer and saw, and box after box is added to the stacks on the front porches of Brethren Hall, Selmon, and Blunden, who are all moving this week to their new fields,—Doctor Selmon to Hankow, and Brethren Hall and Blunden to Nanking. H. J. Doolittle and wife, who are moving down from Nanking to take charge of the Training School for the coming year, will occupy one of the houses, and Brother K. H. Wood and wife from Shanghai will occupy another; so this will help to relieve the feeling of loneliness.

Word from Australia tells us that they are sending nine young men and their wives to this Division to engage in literature work. Three of these, Brethren C. H. Davies, Edgar James, and Ross James, will work in China; two others, Brethren Roy Wallace and J. W. Davies, will engage in work in the Philippines; one, Brother C. T. Everett, goes to Malaysia; and the three others will engage in English work in China. Brethren Ross James and J. W. Davies will remain some months in Australia for further training before coming over, while the others are expected the latter part of September. We rejoice to see these new recruits coming out to join our force of laborers in this field.

A letter from Brother B. A. Meeker tells us that the newspaper reports regarding the flood and fire in Canton were somewhat exaggerated. The section burned over by the fire, he says, is not so extensive as was first reported. The latest reports are that about five hundred houses were destroyed. However, he states that there has been much suffering caused by the flood, and that many were drowned and burned to death. There was scarcely any damage done to our chapel in the city, and the flood did not reach our mission property at Tong Shan, so that our workers did not suffer. Brother Meeker says: "It is remarkable to see how patiently the Chinese people take these misfortunes. It has been impressed upon me that they will not be slow to learn the meaning of the destructive elements when some one teaches them. Their gods could not save them; they were flooded with the rest of the things. Our meetings have been better attended since the flood. I believe that this is partly due to the fact that the people are losing confidence in their gods."