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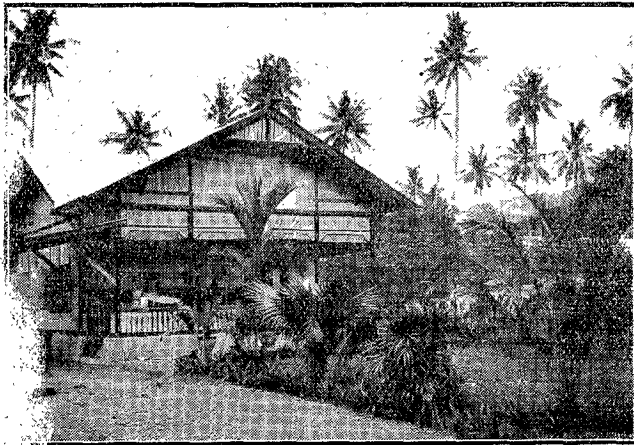
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Let It Go

That bitter grudge, that festering hate,
That viper nesting in your soul,
Pray let it go before too late!
Preserve your peace and self-control,
Your foe is but your own resentment;
Your chief ill is your heart's complaint;
You sacrifice your own contentment,
To think yourself a martyred saint.
What profit in a treasured grief?
What happiness can vengeance bring?
Is misery a woe's relief?
Do thorny crowns content a king?
Your hate harms not the other fellow:
You suffer; he may live serene.
Come, come! Let humor keep you mellow,
And patience keep your friendships green.

Java and Sumatra

The past two months have been spent in Java and Sumatra, and I am glad to report that success is attending the efforts of our workers in these fields. Land has been purchased for a headquarters in Batavia, and the work of constructing the first home will begin as soon as the money arrives from America. We believe



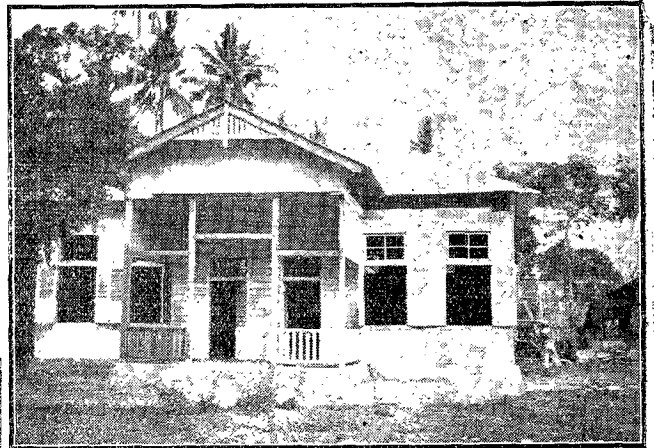
New Mission Home at Padang, Sumatra

The Lord has given us a very nice location, and that the work will grow more rapidly as soon as we have our buildings erected.

Brother and Sister Schmidt are getting the language so that they can use it some, and are still studying

that they may become efficient in it. With the help of several who are not directly connected with the work they are editing the Malay paper and carrying it to the people. Several have recently begun to keep the Sabbath, and are getting ready for baptism.

Brother and Sister Wood are still working alone at Soerabaya, except for the help of the little church there. They hope some day that we may purchase a headquarters for our work there. Much literature is being sold, the sick treated, and many Bible readings given to interested ones, some of whom are deciding to cast their lot with us.



New Schoolhouse at Padang, Sumatra

Several months ago the contract was let for two homes and a schoolhouse at Padang, Sumatra. The first home is nearly finished, and is now being occupied by our workers, Brother and Sister Yates. The schoolhouse is also nearly completed, and will make the school work much more prosperous. We all feel very thankful for these nice buildings, the first to be erected in Malaysia, and trust that we shall see the good work continue until every family of workers may have a comfortable home in which to live. The heat of these tropical islands is very wearing on one's health, and when the worker has to live in poor quarters, as many have had to do, and are still doing, he has a very uneven battle to fight for health, and often has to surrender his work and leave the field to save his life. Much of this is avoided by building sanitary homes.

Brother and Sister Judge have recently returned from their furlough in Australia, and we are glad to welcome them back to us. They now plan to begin school work in the north of Battakland, where the call for help has been sounding so long. The Lord is opening the way that has seemed closed for so long, and though we are not granted permission by the government to teach the Bible, still we are being permitted to start schools, and trust that the way will open soon for regular evangelistic work. We should remember our workers who enter this important field at this time, and ask God to give them wisdom to know how to proceed in the best way. On the part of many is manifested a desire for education, and some are eager to learn the teaching of "Sabbatists" as they call us.

As we look upon the millions who are held in the bonds of Mohammedanism, and at the same time realize that our time to help them is very short at best, our hearts cry out to God for the power of His Holy Spirit that a great work may be done ere it is eternally too late.

F. A. DETAMORE.

Annual Meeting For Kwangsi

According to appointment the annual meeting for Kwangsi was held May 24-28 at Wuchow, the port of the above named province. From the beginning the attendance was good, and at every meeting the chapel was filled. Many people found sitting room in the court, for which provision had been made, and a covering from the rain and the heat of the sun was provided of bamboo.

All the native workers were present, and rendered reports from their respective stations. The companies of believers are scattered far and wide, so by reason of the long distances they would have to travel, and the large expense, only those nearer the place of meeting were privileged to be present. The attendance averaged about fifty, and the interest was good from the beginning to the close. In the evening people from the outside would come in, and as they listened to the prophecies of the Bible on the second coming of Christ, tears would come to their eyes, and they would say, "that is the truth."

There were about ten people who presented themselves for baptism, but for good reasons it was thought best to defer this rite until a later date, when they could be baptized at their home stations. On the Sabbath day a very interesting and model Sabbath-school was conducted. The offering received amounted to over ten dollars for the day.

Brethren Mountain and Ham were present at this meeting. The former gave special instruction in regard to literature work, while the latter assisted Doctor Law Keem and the writer in looking after the spiritual interests of the people, and establishing them more firmly in the present truth.

B. L. ANDERSON.

Kobe Tent Meeting

On May 8 we opened a series of meetings in a tent about in the center of the city of Kobe. The brethren in the church have volunteered and helped faithfully, and the Lord has blessed us in our efforts. From the first the attendance has been good, and now that the insincere or merely curious have dropped off through the presentation of the test of obedience, we find we still have a good representation of those who seem anxious really to know the truth. A number are coming regularly in the daytime to be taught, and others have requested special Bible studies in their homes. Some have already said they will surrender all and obey.

Aside from this new work that is being accomplished the tent effort has been a blessing to the Kobe church. In our Sabbath consecration services, several old members who had grown indifferent and were on the verge of spiritual death have been revived. Our hearts have been warmed by the testimonies of confession and reconsecration of some of these for whom we have been praying and working.

We would add our praise and thanksgiving to God for all His mercies, and our greetings to the brethren throughout the Division.

B. P. AND MRS. HOFFMAN.

A Little Press that Speaks Loud and in Many Languages

The Philippine Mission job press has been very busy the last year. It has been running two shifts a day throughout the year, and part of the time all night. It has printed books and tracts in the Tagalog, Cebuan, Panayan and Ilocano languages, besides our native paper in the Tagalog. Our books show that \$12,678.74 worth of literature has gone from our office. A little over \$200.00 worth may have been returned by our agents, leaving more than \$12,400.00 worth of books, tracts, and papers put in the hands of the Filipinos.

But what has this accomplished? Our Bible workers are kept more than busy following up the interests thus created. In the northern part of Luzon a man walked two days, after reading some tracts, to inquire further of the truth from Pastor Hay. Our tent meeting at San Pablo, where more than one hundred have been baptized, was started by our canvassers. At our last missionary meeting one of our canvassers related the following experience.

In a certain town he was stopped by a police and questioned as to his work. The police then saw his book bag and said, "I expect from your bag you are an optician carrying glasses." He answered, "Yes." The police asked him to open his bag and let him see them. When he saw the books and Bibles he exclaimed, "Why, these are books!" The canvasser replied "Yes, but they are glasses for the souls of men. Man is in darkness, but these help him to see. 'The Bible is a light unto our feet.' There are many people needing

these to help them find the way into the kingdom of God." After having shown these glasses, he was allowed to go on his way in peace.

We have twenty-six Filipino and two foreign canvassers at present in the field.

Last week I baptized two men from the town of Luta who had received the truth from our canvassers. A Pampangan who lately accepted the truth has translated four tracts into his native language. Thus a new tongue has joined in proclaiming the message of the coming King.

L. V. FINSTER.

An Important Service

June 3 was a date set by the Sabbath-school department of the General Conference for the purpose of promoting the interest in all lines pertaining to the advancement of this branch of our work. This call reached our workers, and they immediately set about preparing literature adapted to the needs of the people, translating into the native tongues for use when a service of this kind could conveniently be held. For this reason it was deemed impossible to hold this service upon the date mentioned above, although perfect cooperation prevailed in regard to conducting a service of this kind.

Being privileged to visit the central field, reaching Hankow June 16, I was pleased to learn that arrangements had been made for a rally day service to be held June 17, the day following our arrival. Being a joint session of the Hankow and the Wuchang Sabbath-schools, there were eighty members present who heartily participated in the forenoon and also the afternoon services.

Dr. Bertha Selmon had manifested great tact and skill in the arrangement of her programs, which consisted of congregational singing, solos, a song and memory verse drill by the members of the girls' school at Hankow; and talks and papers bearing on many important features of our Sabbath-school work. Maps, charts, and illustrations of different kinds were used to impress the lessons designed to be taught, which will prove very beneficial to all present.

During the forenoon service the Sabbath-school lesson study was conducted in the form of a review by the superintendent, Dr. A. G. Larson, Dr. Bertha Selmon assisting. A chart was displayed, giving eight proofs of Christ's resurrection from the dead. A liberal collection was taken, and after a short intermission a talk was given by the writer, the subject being, "Sabbath-school Management; Cooperation." A brief outline of the object, importance, and some thoughts in connection with the general management of our Sabbath-school work were given, and also the progress as seen in facts and figures.

Dr. Bertha Selmon followed with a talk, her subject being, "What May We Expect of the Sabbath-school Work in Central China?" Three points characterized

this talk: what the Sabbath-school was ten years ago and what it is now, the purpose of our Sabbath-school work, and how to accomplish this purpose. A map of Hupeh Province was displayed on which could be seen the different Sabbath-schools located and marked with red stars. The names of the different stations were called for and given by the Chinese brethren and sisters present.

The afternoon service was devoted to the consideration of other valuable topics connected with this branch of the Lord's work, the ones taking part being Dr. A. C. Selmon, Pastor George Harlow, Fang Sien Seng, C. N. Woodward, Dr. Bertha Selmon, and Mrs. C. N. Woodward. I trust the services for the day were as profitable as they were interesting. The work in Central China is being greatly blessed of God.

NANNIE L. WOODWARD.

Singapore Training School

This morning Pastor Detamore baptized ten of the students of the school. Nine of them are young men between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five; the tenth is the wife of one of the young men. Seven of them are Chinese, and three are from the island of Celebes. They are all in school with the sole purpose of preparing for the work. As these young people entered the water to bury the old man and come up in newness of life in Christ Jesus, it filled one's heart with solemnity to think of the great work that they might do in this last gospel message.

Three of these,—two Chinese young men and the wife of one of them,—were brought into the truth by Mr. Low, our teacher who came from Shanghai. They are all tailors, and so we opened a tailor shop, that the students of the school could learn that trade. Finally there was so much work that we had to hire another Chinese young man from the outside to help with the work. He lived in the school home, and attended worship and Sabbath-school from the first. When it came to payday at the end of the month, I gave him his full wages. In about two hours he came back bringing his tittle, and told me that he wanted to pay tithes. No doubt he had heard about that from the other boys. We had one of the students give him Bible readings, and before long he wanted to leave his work at full pay and enter school to prepare for gospel work, receiving less than one third as a school allowance than he received in wages. He is now in school and will be baptized in a few months. Thus it is that the influence of the truth spreads.

The school enrolment is ninety-eight. Only two more and we will have reached our mark set for this year. I think that we shall get these two next month. Pray for the success of this school. K. M. ADAMS.

"I ask not wealth, but power to take
And use the things I have aright.
Not years, but wisdom that shall make
My life a profit and delight."

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NOTES

Lloyd Harrison, a fine little fellow of seven pounds, arrived at the Doolittle home in Shanghai July 21.

Brother Chas. P. Lillie announces the organization of the Shantung Mission Church, with a membership of twelve.

Word has come from Bro. R. J. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer of the Central China Mission, announcing the arrival of a son July 17.

Two assistants have arrived to Bro. J. E. Shultz, editor of the *Signs*. These are twin boys, each weighing six pounds, who came to Shanghai July 28.

Word has just been received that Sister Wilbur of Canton has had a hemorrhage of the lungs, and our brethren in the south have some concern for our sister. They write that she has made progress toward recovery, and we know that the readers of the NEWS, many of whom know Sister Wilbur personally, will join together in earnest prayer that God will deal mercifully with His handmaiden. Sister Wilbur has been an earnest worker in the southern field.

At the close of the China Missions Training School several students left for different parts of China to canvass for the new book, "Hygiene and Longevity," by Dr. Selmon. This is the first canvassing for books that has been done in China. We have not yet had time to hear from all, but those reporting have met with success beyond our expectations. Two canvassers, working together, report orders for thirty-seven books the first day. Two others, working together, report one hundred books the first week. One man sold thirteen the first two days, and an average of ten a day for the remainder of the time. Seventy-five per cent. of the books sold are in the best binding.

Mrs. Bertha Peterson of Manchuria writes the following cheering words regarding the Sabbath-school work: "I think the memory verse cards are simply lovely, and I wish you could have seen how delighted the children were with them. We have also made use of the goals, and we hope to see good results therefrom. Mrs. Gjording painted another bunch of cherries, and the teacher wrote the characters in Chinese, and we had a short exercise last Sabbath in place of the review, during which it was all explained. A diagram was put on the board, showing the advancement made in offerings in the Sabbath-schools for the last twenty-seven years, and the members were exhorted to help us in reaching the goal. You will be pleased to note that we are still climbing. I was pleased to note that the last three quarters we have made a gain of about seven

dollars, gold, each quarter. We received this quarter about twice the amount we received the quarter before last. Our donations have climbed from \$8.57 from the time we started, to \$28.99, and our attendance from seven to thirty-four." These are very encouraging words from our youngest mission, and it is evident that God is setting His hand to finishing the work in the northern part of China.

A Roman Catholic Choir

One of our Filipino evangelists recently began a series of meetings in one of the villages adjacent to the city of San Pablo, about a hundred miles interior from Manila. The opposition from the Roman Catholics was at first strong, and they would entertain themselves by throwing stones at our brother while he would be speaking. But he remained by his post, and the opposition gradually grew less while the interest increased until a larger meeting place had to be secured. A transfer was made to the home of one of our brethren who conducts a private school for fifty Roman Catholic children. This brother has faithfully taught the children our songs, and now they compose the choir for the services being held by the evangelist. To have a Roman Catholic choir for Seventh-day Adventist meetings is indeed something "new under the sun."

I visited this company while on a recent visit to the Philippines and found a live interest in the village. More than two hundred attended the evening service. The present building is far too small to accommodate those who attend so it is necessary to open the side of the house next the street, and here seats are placed in the open for those unable to gain admittance. I greatly enjoyed my visit to this village, but the thing that interested me most was to see a large company of bright Roman Catholic children and youth stand before their Catholic friends and sing the songs of Zion. Surely "out of the mouth of babes" He has perfected praise.

C. E. WEAKS.

Good News from Australasia

The Week of Prayer has recently been held in Australasia, and the reports have come to hand telling of a most successful time. It was a time of heart-searching and obtaining of spiritual victories. In New Zealand the spirit of revival took hold of our people, and at one place it is reported that they continued the meeting all night. Large offerings for missions throughout the union is also reported; in some places the offerings are double what they have been in the past. Many of our brethren and sisters in that field are very loyal to the cause of missions, and now that the work in the Asiatic Division is a part of their interest we expect that that union will do much to advance the work in this field. At the college in Australia many of the students were impressed to help support evangelists here in the Far East, and so gave what they could toward this object. Enough money was pledged to support several.

Some of the readers of the NEWS may not know that commencing in July, this year, the Australasian Union Sabbath-schools give their offerings to the Asiatic Division for the work here in the Far East. In that union they raise, as a rule, \$5,000 a quarter. So we may expect that our brethren in Australasia, for the year ending June 30, 1917, will give about \$20,000 from their Sabbath-school offerings alone. There are many ardent supporters of this great mission work among our brethren and sisters of Australia and New Zealand.