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He Leads Us On

He leads us on,
By paths we do not know,
Upward he leads us, though our steps are slow,
Though oft we faint and falter by the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;
Yet when the clouds are gone
We know he leads us on.

He leads us on,
Through the unquiet years;
Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears
He guides our steps. Through all the tangled maze
Of sin, of sorrow, and o'er clouded days
We know his will is done;
And still he leads us on.

And he at last,
After the weary strife,
After the restless fever we call life,
And the dreariness we call pain.
The wayward struggles which have proved in vain,
After all our toils are past
Will give us rest at last.

—*Australasian Signs of the Times.*

The Beginning of the Harvest In Szechwan

After almost two years of seed-sowing in Szechwan, we are now beginning to reap the harvest. Last Sabbath was with us indeed a blessed day, when fifteen precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Eleven of these were men and four women, and only four of them had ever been members of other missions. They were a very intelligent class of candidates, and several of them will, we believe, make us excellent workers, which is perhaps our greatest need in this field just now.

A daily class was held with the candidates for two weeks previous to the baptism, during which time all important points of the message were covered. Others also have requested baptism, and we hope to see them go forward later, after they have received further instruction. After the baptism we had the ordinances of the Lord's house. Our church membership is now thirty. We are greatly encouraged, and believe by faith that we shall see still greater things here in Szechwan.

Our school work is still growing. We now have in all four day schools with an attendance of one

hundred and ten, about all of whom are paying students. Nearly all these students attend our Sabbath services, and we are conducting daily Bible classes in all these schools. This is a very interesting feature of our work here just now.

We now have four colporteurs in the field, who are doing excellent work considering the political conditions under which they are working. With the rebellion and robbers all around, conditions are very much upset. It seems marvellous that they can make any sales at all when we consider the frightened condition of the people. But within the last week or two we have received no less than one hundred and twenty-eight subscriptions from two colporteurs, and these have come from a district which just recently has been in the hands of robbers.

The interest created at the town of Hochow by the colporteurs continues, and we have secured a chapel there. This is the town which was partly burned by robbers a short time ago. I am planning to go up there next week with an evangelist to conduct a special series of meetings. Thus we see that the literature is the forerunner of the message in this part as in others.

Just lately we have had some very bad thunder storms up here. During one of these storms the lightning struck the chimney of our house, splintered the architrave of our attic door, sending some pieces of wood no less than thirty-seven feet away. The lightning traveled down the brick wall, disturbing some of the plaster, and killed our dog, which was lying on the front porch. Our baby who was lying asleep in an iron cot within one foot of where the lightning struck was not in any way harmed, although his bed was strewn with plaster, splintered wood, and glass. We recognize in this our heavenly Father's special protection. The damage done to our house did not amount to more than a dollar Mex. During the same storm, several people were killed in the city. Since then we have had several other storms. In all, just around us, no less than five places have been struck by lightning. We recognize in this a call to be always ready for the summons when it comes, but we do believe that our heavenly Father has a special protection over His children.

F. A. ALLUM.

Manchuria

Having been away for three weeks attending the Asiatic Division committee meeting at Shanghai, I am glad that I can again be in the field. As I neared Manchuria on my return I noticed with interest the great change that had taken place in temperature. While in Shanghai, the heat was intense, and as I left, the heat still continued for a day's voyage or more, insomuch that the passengers complained of not being able to sleep at night. Every passenger was walking around on the deck in his lightest summer suit; but a great change had taken place by the time we reached Dairen, Manchuria. Here some were pacing the deck with a blanket around them in order to keep warm. I boarded the train at night and reached Mukden early the next morning. I had taken no rug with me, as I did not expect it to be so cold. When I stepped off the train in the morning, I actually shivered. Coming right out from such heat as we had in Shanghai, the change was too sudden, and I was unprepared for it.

I was very glad to notice the good progress that had been made in the buildings in the three weeks I had been gone. Brother Gjording has been kept very busy during these few weeks. When I left for Shanghai, I rather felt sorry for him, as he had to be taken away from his language study and spend most of his time with the buildings. But by the time I returned and heard how he could use the language, I could see that instead of hurting him, it had done him good, as he had had to make use of every word he had learned. Those who have had anything to do with Chinese builders know that one cannot keep silent very long. We expect that the houses will be ready about the first of November.

Our work in general is progressing nicely. The chapel in Changchwen has recently been opened, and Brother Grundset writes that there is a good attendance. While the other missionaries there have left to take up the fight for an earthly kingdom, we are glad that we can engage in a better warfare, that of saving souls for the heavenly kingdom. This is a very opportune time to open the work at Changchwen.

All our colporteurs are doing splendidly, and our subscription list is coming up remarkably.

A few days after I reached home, we had baptism here in Mukden, where eight souls were buried with their Lord. We have thus far baptized fourteen in Mukden this year. Four more were baptized at the outstations only a few days ago. We are meeting great opposition at some places, but we are thankful for what has been accomplished, and have the confidence that He will help us win many souls for the Kingdom.

BERNHARD PETERSEN.

God's Providences as Seen in Borneo

Just a few words from Borneo to let you know how the work is progressing in this part of our great field.

This last month has been a busy one for us. Pastors Detamore and Thompson have been here looking for land for our headquarters. The brethren finally decided that we could do no better than to buy the property known as the American Consul place. This is the same piece that we had made the request to the General Conference to buy. We asked for money to come before the first of June and when it did not come we had given up hopes. Yet for some cause, in spite of offers from outside people, the owners did not sell. Since we reached our agreement with the owners, two different men have gone to them and tried to get them to sell to them for more money. We went up today and made out the necessary papers for the transfer of title. We have the best house in B. N. Borneo; less than a half mile from the wharf and in one of the highest places. We are very glad that we can move into more comfortable quarters. We certainly appreciate the generosity of the Review and Herald Publishing Co. which made our new home possible.

While we are glad for a new home, we were more than glad to have fifteen precious souls ready for baptism, four in Jesselton and eleven in Sandakan. Beside this we have about twenty more who will be ready to take this same step in a short time. It makes us rejoice to see the Lord setting His seal to the labors of our Chinese evangelists.

We went to the Resident at Jesselton, when the brethren were on their way back to Singapore, and asked him why we could not visit our brethren at Mengattal. We asked if we were to be prohibited from going anywhere in the British territory. Pastor Detamore held up the principles of religious liberty, and how England had always been a champion of free worship. The Resident said he was only following out his instructions from the acting governor. We asked to see the governor.

The Resident said he would do his best for us, and telephoned to the governor and asked permission for us to interview him. After waiting nearly an hour, during which time we had a good visit with the Resident, the governor sent word that he was very busy, but if we wanted to go out and visit our people at Mengattal, for us to go. He said that they would not encourage us to start a mission out there, but to go out and meet with the people would be all right. We thanked the Resident and quickly left the office, and the next morning I went out to see the believers at Mengattal and Iunam. I had a hard day wading swamps and through the mud, but to see the joy on the faces of the people when they saw the "Mok Su" coming, was worth more than all the trouble. There are several interested ones out there, and they have signified their

intentions of joining our church. We will have to move cautiously there and I would ask that all the division family remember Brother Tsen En Fook, our worker over in Jesselton, before the throne of grace that he may have more than human wisdom in dealing with the problems over at Mengattal and Lunam.

When I reached home another surprise was waiting. A young Filipino, with whom I have been studying, came over to the mission and said he wanted to help the mission in buying a new house. He asked me if we would accept a donation. He then told me how he had lost \$130 which he intimated was what he was saving to give. I thought that perhaps he would give as much as \$25 in spite of that. But you can imagine my surprise, when the last of the month came, to have him come in and hand me a hundred dollars. This young man believes our message and at the close of his contract in ten months more he expects to be baptized and unite with our church. We believe he will make us a good worker to send among the Dusuns, Borneo's native people. Pray for us.

ROY AND MRS. MERSHON.

"They Call us to Deliver Their Land from Error's Chain."

To James, a Brother in the same faith:

I received your answer and understand all you wrote. May God give you peace, and also peace to your household in Christ. Your most humble brother knows that you love us, because in your letter, referring to the Bible, it has taught us. Truly we thank and praise God because God has bound together in one bundle us.

Now according to the scriptures we understand the custom of keeping the Sabbath from sunset to sunset. Now the church at Djeng Ding-fu, Yao Giaying, Wu Giaitsuen, Yuen Shih-hsiendy, Wah-li, Luh Shih Djwang and the chapel in Peking, with the church in Gwang Chang-hsien, governed Swen Gia-Djwang; in all seven churches, all keep the Sabbath. Because of this we also have many members of the church who are very weak, and they receive the ridicule of Sunday keeping church members, but that makes no difference; because in God's sight those who keep the Sabbath have happiness and peace, and from the doctrine obtain carefulness. Although it is thus, your useless brother greatly is anxious your people shall quickly come to this place and establish a church, because there those here who have the same heart as do I, who have a place which we wish to give for your use. There are also several brethren who are very anxious to study the scriptures.

When you have read this letter, please convey the important facts to Doctor Selmon and ask him to please soon come to this place and establish a church. The time has come, because in my vile place

of residence we have very difficult affairs, but we must pray God to cause hot-hearted brothers to quickly come, and dependent upon God's strength to come and save men. May Jesus Christ pity us, because in this place there several of Jesus little children who eat great bitterness, and we vile men have no strength. Please all foreign brethren quickly come, quickly come and finish God's work. Please brethren with us pray. Amen.

SIN SHENG MIN.

Djeng Ding-fu, Chili; Aug. 27, 1916.

Our Sabbath Schools Are "Marching On"

Cheering news comes from Japan concerning the Rally Day service to be held in that field August 26. The church paper for July has been devoted to this work, and is to be read in all the Sabbath schools in Japan on that date. Special instructions in the form of a small leaflet have been printed as an aid to the superintendents in conducting this service. Brother Miyake has visited most all of the Sabbath schools in Japan this summer, taking with him many helpful devices for creating an interest among the members, one being a large picture of a steamboat, with torpedoes ready to strike, as was given in the *Worker* some time ago. This held the attention of the people, and a deep interest was aroused. They are now using the regular Memory Verse Cards with the study of each lesson, and the people like these very much.

One native father in Japan did not see the need of using the Memory Verse Cards, but when he saw his small son learning the verses, and showing them to the heathen children, telling them the lesson story, he was convinced that they were necessary, and now his boy has them every week.

A very interesting Sabbath school is being conducted in Hongkong at present, and Sister Meeker writes that she is enjoying the work very much. With the extreme heat of South China, our Sabbath school workers are of splendid courage, although working under difficulties.

The middle of June the fifth Sabbath school in Szechwan was organized at Giangbei, a large city across the river from Chungking. Sister Warren writes that they used 125 sets of Memory Verse Cards the second quarter. "These cards," she says, "seem to take well with the Chinese children, as they are such bright colors."

The offering for Central China shows an increase this quarter, as reported by Dr. Bertha Selmon. In Honan the offering goal being \$100.00 for the second quarter, the sum of \$103.57 was collected, as reported by Brother O. J. GIBSON.

It is gratifying to note the increase in membership and offerings in the Manchurian field, as reported by Mrs. Petersen this time.

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The maps used in connection with the Thirteenth Sabbath offering pamphlet, showing the travels of our missionaries to foreign fields were distributed by Sister Hall among the workers in East China. Special instructions were sent out as to the most effective way these could be used during the service to be held the third Thirteenth Sabbath offering day, September 30.

In Malaysia the Sabbath schools are conducted in a most satisfactory way, and Brother Adams writes that he has visited some of the schools at the outstations this summer, and in a late report the attendance and donations show an increase over the previous quarter. Malaysia is especially noted for its large amount of Sabbath school offerings paid in per capita.

Miss Schaffenberg writes that for some delay in getting the articles ready for use the latter part of August, the Rally Day service was to be held at a later date, Sabbath, September 30. She says:—"A general interest is growing in our Sabbath school work, and some of our native members are beginning to be original, and work with more interest in the Sabbath school. We are planning to get out the perfect attendance card, so we can have it for use the last quarter. I am enclosing our rainy day badge we use to pin on the children who come to Sabbath school on rainy days. They seem to like it."

We are glad to get reports from Sister Finster who has been earnest in her endeavors to advance the Sabbath school work in the Philippines. Many souls are responding to the call for higher service.

You will notice some gains in our statistical report this time. Please follow this gain column hereafter. To the Lord be all the praise for the success attending our efforts. We can truly say that our Sabbath schools are indeed "marching on."

Missions	No. Schls.	Gain	Mem.	Hme	Dept.	Off.	Gain	T.S.O.	Gain
Central C.	42		1166			\$141.94	\$20.42	\$73.01	\$8.03
East China	14	2	529	7	109.21	2.52	24.45		
Japan	15		318	58	171.19		74.82		
Korea	73	8	1531	40	151.03		59.91		.96
Malaysia	6		338	62	258.52	6.76	54.19	10.58	
Manchuria	3		46	1	39.12	10.13	8.94		.54
Philippines	22	3	786	7	98.35		11.09		
South China	45	6	1946		156.96		22.20		
West China	5	3	130		20.19	3.05	6.05		
Total	225	22	6730	175	\$1146.51	\$46.88	\$334.66	\$2011	

NANNIE L. WOODWARD.

Errata

By an oversight the name of Brother H. M. Blunden was omitted from the list of committee members attending the Shanghai Council.

Notes

Prof. and Mrs. Griggs reach Australia Oct. 1, and will leave Freemantle Nov. 1 for Ceylon, India.

A wire from Pastor F. A. Allum Oct. 8, gives the information that he with his family are as far as Hankow on his way to Shanghai.

A line from Brother and Sister E. J. Urquhart reports their safe arrival at Keizan, Korea. They received a warm welcome to their new home, and will take up language study at once so as to get in closer touch with the people who are looking to them for the light of the gospel.

Pastor J. E. Fulton and H. M. Blunden left Shanghai the first of the month to attend some general meetings in Central China. They will hold meetings in four provinces, namely, Honan, Hupeh, Hunan and Anhwei. A late word from Pastor Fulton says he is suffering with a severe cold.

Pastor R. C. Porter and H. W. Barrows spent Sabbath, Sept. 30, with the company at Nanking. They report the language school opening up splendidly, and judging from the amount of enthusiasm manifested by our students, they will make an unexcelled record this year.

The Shanghai brethren and sisters were pleased to meet Brother T. L. Heyde and family of Russia who are en route to America to seek a home beneath Old Gloria's stars and stripes, their own country being in a state of confusion and distress on account of the war. While not officially connected with our work in Russia, they are loyal lay members. They are leaving for the States by the s. s. Ecuador Oct. 17.

By action of the Asiatic Division Committee, Prof. S. L. Frost will act as associate editor of the News; Florence Shull, the former associate editor, having taken up work in the East China Mission as a Bible worker. We are sorry to part with our former associate, and we most heartily welcome her successor. Mrs. W. P. Henderson has been chosen as proof reader. We extend to her a most cordial welcome as a member of our staff.

"We are always glad to hear the news through the News, so will write of our work here. Bethel School opened with an enrolment of thirty-one students, not counting teachers, matron or the cook. The girls are happy in their studies, and are as busy as bees. We still have room for six girls, and these will doubtless come soon. I teach eleven classes each week, and am still trying to continue the language study. Mr. Thomas teaches two classes each day in the boys' school, besides having his book keeping work. We are thankful for the Lord's continued mercies and blessings. It surely is a sacred and responsible work to lead these young people into the right way, but the Lord has promised help, and will send the Holy Spirit to direct us. We are always glad to hear of the progress of the work in the different parts of the field, and pray that many may be won from darkness to the light. It is nice and cool here now. We are surely enjoying the cool breeze. We will still have hot weather, but not so hot as in August.

—Carrie B. Thomas.

"'Twere better to send a cheap bouquet
To a living friend this very day,
Than a bushel of roses, white and red,
To lay on his casket when he is dead."