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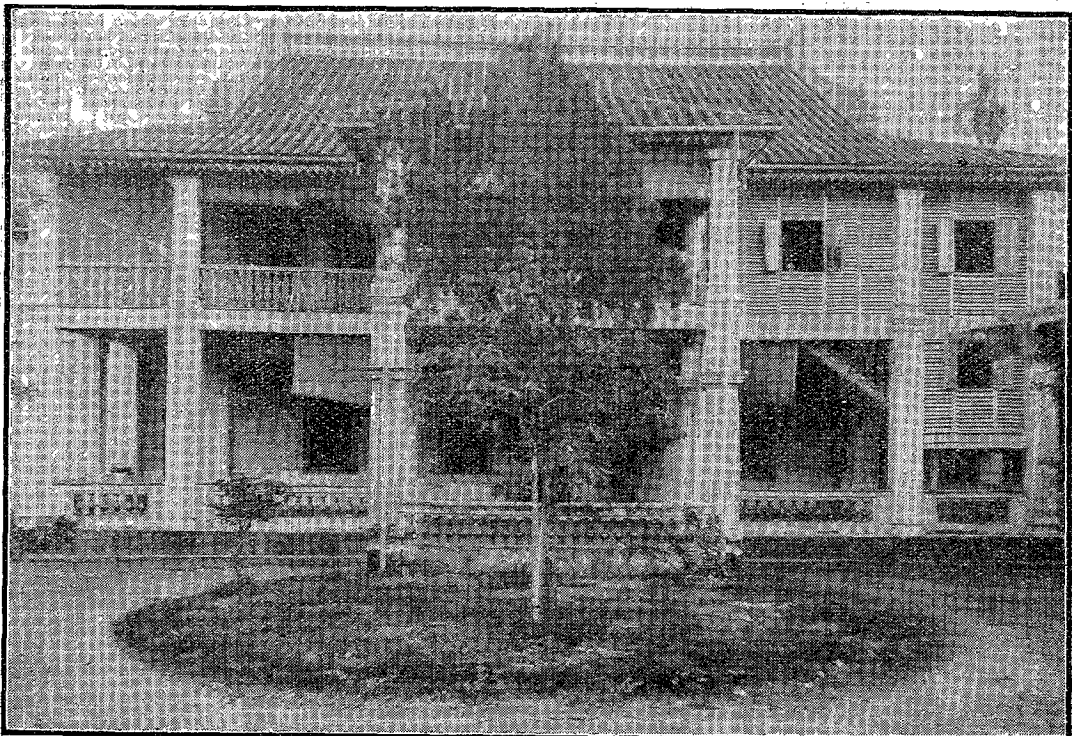
Our Expectation

"We are watching, we are waiting,
For the bright prophetic day;
When the shadows, weary shadows,
From the world shall roll away.

"We are watching, we are waiting,
For the star that brings the day;
When the night of sin shall vanish,
And the shadows melt away.

"We are watching, we are waiting,
For the beautiful King of day;
For the chiefest of ten thousand,
For the Light, the Truth, the Way.

"We are waiting for the morning,
When the beautiful day is dawning,
We are waiting for the morning,
For the golden spires of day."



OUR TRAINING SCHOOL AT SINGAPORE

Canton General Meeting

Thursday afternoon, November 9, in company with Mrs. Porter, C. E. Weeks, and H. M. Blunden, we left Hongkong to attend the general meeting at Canton. Pastors B. L. Anderson, and W. C. Hankins, Brethren Mountain and Thomas and their wives,

Brother Parker, and Dr. Law Keem met us at the station. We went directly to the chapel for the evening service, the writer speaking. This was the second day of the meeting.

Brother and Sister Ham and Brother and Sister Thomas had made every arrangement for our entertainment while in Canton, and although there was a

number of us to be entertained, their liberality was not overtaxed. Meals were served at the chapel Friday and Sabbath, breakfast coming at ten, and dinner at five. The committee began their work at eight in the morning, and with the public meetings was continuous until nine at night. Our Chinese brethren and sisters never tire of hearing the gospel story and of the advancement of the message. It is always new and interesting to them. Children of seven to ten years of age sat for hours at a time with the quietness of older people. They, too, had their part, singing the songs of Zion, repeating the commandments and scripture verses, showing that they are being trained for usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord. These children, with a good class of older girls, are students at our Bethel School.

On Sabbath afternoon the young people's society rendered an excellent program, Sister Thomas giving a half hour's talk in the Chinese language with expression and feeling that touched all hearts. In her work for the women and young people of Canton Sister Thomas is being greatly blessed of God. She takes delight in her work and is happiest when working with and for those in such need.

There were seven public services on the Sabbath. Every seat in the chapel was occupied at each service, and each mind seemed alert to take in the message each speaker had to give. Brother Mountain acted as translator for Brother Blunden. Brother Mountain has been studying the language about two years. Three of the young men students at our boys' Canton school gave public discourses Sabbath afternoon on different points of our faith. Hearing them through a translator gave us the knowledge of their understanding of their subjects. This training will make them practical workers as they enter the field when their education is finished. We can give the message with strength and rapidity and with economy when we educate the Chinese men and women to go out and work for their own people. The educating is our part, and the giving of the message is largely theirs.

There were eighteen classes in the Sabbath-school, and the donations were over forty dollars. They gave of their penury and considered it a privilege, and God gave a blessing according to the sacrifice made.

Ten were baptized at the close of the meeting, and many others were deferred until their home station should be visited by a minister, when the rite would be performed there.

The minutes of the committee have not yet been written out, so we can give nothing of their work at this time. One matter of special interest to the canvassing department was voted. The subscription price of the *Signs* was raised from fifty to eighty cents (eight dimes), the canvasser getting forty cents and the Press thirty, five cents more profit than heretofore, and leaving ten cents for the mission. The deeper the truth sinks into the heart the greater the

sacrifice the Chinese colporteurs are willing and glad to make.

The work in South China is forging ahead in keeping with the times in which we are living. Other meetings are in progress which will be reported later. Brethren J. P. Anderson, S. A. Nagel, and A. J. Wearner will all soon be in this field, the first two returning from furlough, so will be renewed in strength and vigor, and we may look for and expect large results from the South China field this coming year.

Brethren Ham and Thomas are each carrying two men's work, and must be relieved soon if we would save them to the work here, and get the best results from their work. We need more harvest hands to reap the whitened fields before the storm of persecution breaks upon us.

R. C. PORTER.

A Harvest Feast in Honan

I am glad to report that the work in Honan is still onward, and there are bright prospects ahead. This province is so situated that its influence has gone out to the surrounding provinces, and although there is as yet no one appointed in the provinces of Shansi, Shensi, and Chihli, yet through the labors of our canvassers from Honan there are companies of Sabbath keepers in all these places, and many others who are interested in the truth.

The work in Shensi continues to be most encouraging. Pastor Liu of Gospel Village, together with another young man, attended our general meeting at Yencheng. They gave us very interesting reports concerning the little companies who are meeting every Sabbath in that province. There are now four places where Sabbath services are held; Gospel Village, where there is an average attendance of 40, Tan Gia Bu, with an attendance of 25, and two other places which have an attendance of 11 to 15, each. The pastor said that these include only those who are keeping the Sabbath, but that there are many other inquirers. About thirty persons will be baptized when Pastor Liu of Honan visits Gospel Village this fall.

Honan is doing all she can for these many openings. Our two leading workers go to Shensi this fall to hold a two months Bible institute. Besides this, one of our best young workers is to be permanently located there. When Pastor Liu of Shensi returns there will be a party of three evangelists to accompany him, and we are sure that this will be a great encouragement to the believers of that province.

While God has been blessing the provinces about us, He has not been neglecting Honan. Perhaps one of the largest general meetings held by Seventh-day Adventists in China, was held at Yencheng, Honan, October 27 to November 5. There was a total attendance of about 400. It was raining on Friday evening, but

our new church room, which seats 400, was almost full. After the Sabbath many more came in.

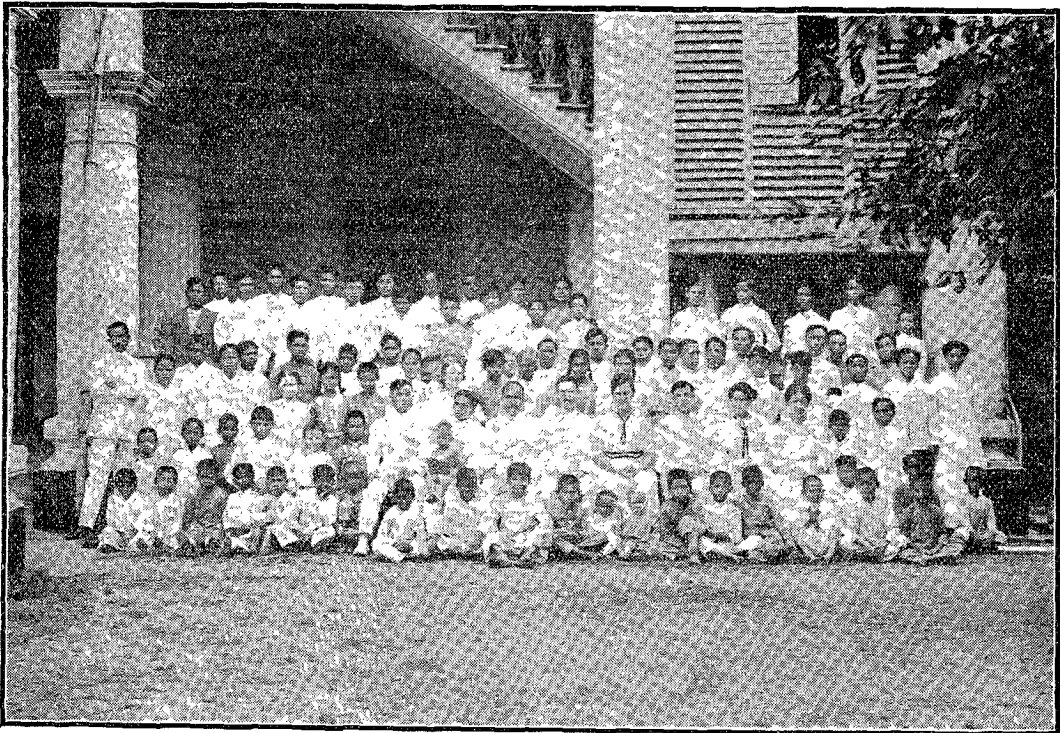
Our new church and school building was dedicated on Sabbath, when several hundred persons also dedicated themselves to God. This was one of our best meetings. Another interesting meeting was held after a stirring talk by one of our evangelists on tithing, when eighty-five persons arose and definitely pledged ninety-five dollars tithe that they had not previously paid. It was a good example to all and made a good witness to the duty of tithe paying. At another meeting two days later \$250 was donated in cash and pledges as a yearly offering. I never saw people more willing to give. The total donations and offerings during the meeting amounted to over \$360, Mexican.

stop, and it takes much diligence to keep apace. These central provinces truly are ripe and waiting for the harvest. All that is needed is consecrated workers who will go forth and reap the grain.

FREDERICK LEE.

Malaysia

Last quarter two of our Sabbath-schools showed how much they wanted new workers by the way they gave to the fourteenth Sabbath offering. In Batavia the church membership is forty-seven. Their fourteenth Sabbath offering was over fifty-five dollars, gold. In Singapore the church membership is ninety-



STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SINGAPORE TRAINING SCHOOL

On the last Sabbath 250 church members took part in communion services. Near the close of the meeting forty-five were baptised, making to date a membership of 415. In Honan we now have stations and out stations numbering thirty-four, besides ten places where there are interested ones. The workers to look after these places are as follows: evangelists and assistant evangelists 27, Bible women 9, school teachers 15, miscellaneous workers 5, canvassers 15, making a total of 71 workers.

Ten short years ago there were but two church members in all these central provinces, and but few knew the truth. But now there is not one province without Sabbath keepers. Territory and membership have more than doubled in the last three years. This truth has received an impetus which nothing can

nine. The fourteenth Sabbath offering of this Sabbath-school was over one hundred four dollars, gold.

One young man whose salary is one hundred dollars, Mexican, gave ten dollars, and his mother, who is dependent on him, also gave ten dollars. One man who gets thirty dollars, Mexican, a month, gave three dollars and his wife gave one. A girl in school who receives an allowance of six dollars a month for food gave one dollar for missions. When we know of sacrifices like that no one asks whether these people love the truth or not. God will bless these cheerful givers, and we pray that their gifts will result in fruit for heaven.

K. M. ADAMS.

Man is as much made for education as the earth is for cultivation.—B. Sears.

En Route to India

Our little party leaving Shanghai,—the names of those making up the party are already familiar to the readers of the News,—boarded the steamship "China" at Woosung, November 6. The hour was late, but a gentle rain falling served to revive the sleepy ones and cool the spirits of those over-anxious for the welfare of the baggage.

The hundred and thirty first-class passengers were all lined up on the deck passing inspection, but there was no impatience manifest, for ninety-five of them were missionaries, entering different parts of Asia, and they were taking their first lessons in developing patience in a mission field. The little folks of our party, Dulcie, Earl, and Vivian Blunden, were as happy and good natured as though it had been high noon instead of midnight. It was two o'clock before our cabins were in readiness for us, so there was no tossing on account of wakefulness that night. A nap the next day put us in good trim for the delightful passage to Hongkong. Brother Blunden and family, traveling on second-class tickets, were given first-class accommodations, the officers of the ship favoring him out of consideration and respect for our large party of forty coming over on the previous voyage. The other missionaries seemed to have a knowledge of the action of our mission board voting so many to the Orient this year, and perhaps this is what inspired them to go and do likewise. They were a fine class of people, modest in dress and deportment, and may God use them in bringing a knowledge of Himself to those who know Him not. These workers were largely bound for India and Burma. Thirty-eight were of the Baptist Society.

The evening of the third day we entered the harbor of Hongkong, Brother Mecker being there to welcome us. The launch fare being high in this British port, we put our baggage into one sampan and we entered another, so saving a good many dimes and enjoying a little experience of merriment, when the launch into which we had stepped to enter the sampan started before our party were ready, and for a moment it looked as though some of us were to be given a free bath. The launch, seeing our situation, stopped, and soon we were all nicely settled, and when the Chinese woman was assured of her fee, she quickly rowed us to shore. Rickshas were called, and we were soon on our way to the pleasant homes of our workers in Kowloon and were made comfortable for the night.

We received mail here from Manila which caused us to change our plans somewhat, as the boat we were expecting to take from Manila to Columbo was reported ten days late. We then made inquiry here as to passage to Columbo and found a boat going December first, reaching Columbo thirteen days late, good second-class accommodations, and granting missionary rates, brought the price much lower than by way of

Manila. We at once decided to book for India from Hongkong instead of Manila. Some business matter pertaining to the work in Manila demanded that Mr. Porter visit Manila, and as his ticket from San Francisco would carry him down without extra expense, he decided to go, returning on the "Empress of Asia" the 26th.

We were sorry to hear that Pastor W. A. Spicer would not visit our field this year as planned, having been called to Europe to assist Pastor Conradi in some general meetings. Without doubt he will visit us later, when his coming will be a greater blessing to the field than now, in view of the large number coming over at this time.

More as we proceed on our journey,
MRS. R. C. PORTER.

Others in Korea for Him

Most of this past month I have been working among the churches and companies on the east coast. I took the train from here to Wonsan, about thirty miles to the north of there, and at the end of the line; from there I went nearly two hundred miles further north on a bicycle, but returned by boat. I baptised eleven while on the trip, and had many precious experiences in seeking God together with the native workers and believers. At one place a man who had attended church for some years, but had not been baptised because he had two wives, put away his second wife, providing for her support, and they were both baptised. It was a hard trial, for they had lived together for nearly twenty years, yet God gave them strength to do that which they knew to be right.

I now plan to spend the next month's time among the churches nearer to Seoul, holding meetings from three to five days at each place.

The work has moved along nicely throughout the field this year, nearly two hundred have already been added to our membership, and the receipts in tithes and offerings from Koreans alone for the first nine months of this year were only seventeen dollars less than for the full twelve months of 1915. The receipts during the last three months are usually the largest of the year.

C. L. BUTTERFIELD.

Examples of Faithfulness

We quote from the *South African Missionary* the following article written by I. J. Hankins:

According to *The Missionary Worker*, some of the Watford students have had to decide whether they would obey God or man. Four times they were brought before the captain regarding the Sabbath, but he, being a subordinate officer, could not exempt them from duty on that day. On Sabbath morning:

they were required to work as usual on the docks. They refused, and an attempt was made to force them to go. Finally they were advised to go to the docks and there refuse, which they did. There their names were taken, and they were placed in full view of laborers and officers, a gazing stock, for an hour and a half; and all knew that they were there because they refused to work. But instead of being ridiculed many came to them and asked them why they would not work, giving an opportunity to teach the Sabbath truth. At the end of the hour and a half they were marched back "home," to the camp, where a sentence of fourteen days field punishment was passed upon them by the captain. This consists of hard labor during the day, followed by two hours crucifixion,—being strapped together, back to back, the arms tied up to a tree or gun carriage. Held now as prisoners, they waited transfer to the detention barracks, and at two o'clock were marched off with full kit to Boulogne. They arrived too late to be accepted at the barracks, but were taken to be examined to see if they were medically fit for their punishment. At two places where they went the doctors were away on duty. The next thing was to put them in the guard room in the camp for the day, but when they arrived it was full up; then they were made prisoners in one end of their hut. After tea they sat reading our papers, reviewing their experiences, and closed an eventful Sabbath with songs and prayer.

Sunday morning they were examined, and were pronounced "fit" to endure their sentence of punishment; but to their surprise they were marched back to the hut for an hour. Finally three officers entered and commanded, "Attention!" Then the camp commandant said, in a very firm tone: "I understand you have refused to obey orders by not working yesterday. Let me tell you there is no bargaining in the army. When an order is given it must be obeyed, or else certain severe punishment follows. Let me repeat, 'There is no bargaining.'" Then with a moderated tone he continued: "Now you boys are an intelligent set, and the reports of your work are excellent. You are the best set we have down at the docks. It seems too bad that there should be such an unfortunate hitch in your work. I, with the other officers, have considered your cases, and have decided to offer you the Sabbath off on condition that you make up the time during the week." He gave them five minutes to decide what they would do, and he said, "Your sentence of fourteen days will be expunged." I will not repeat the expression of the boys' feelings. We can imagine this in a small degree. This is but an illustration of God's working in behalf of men who are faithful to Him. Young men in this field are inquiring what they ought to do when called upon to serve the government. It is not possible to advise any one just what to do in all the details, but it is always safe to obey

the Lord; and then trust Him, whether it results in suffering, or in deliverance from punishment. Those who are led by the Spirit of God, and are prompted by supreme love to Him, will know what to do when the hour of trial comes. These Watford students were faithful to God and faithful also to the government.

The Sabbath-school Work In the South China Field

It is gratifying to note the increase in interest in the Sabbath-school work since my visit more than two years ago to the South China field. The membership has doubled that reported one year ago, and the offerings for one quarter show the same increase.

The suggestive outline for conducting Thirteenth Sabbath services, found on the inside cover of the Missions Quarterly, is being followed in parts of the field with marked success. This, with various charts and maps showing the progress of the work from time to time, and also many helpful devices for increasing the offerings are the prime factors for bringing up this interest so much desired in this field.

In the chapel at Kowloon hangs a splendid device for encouraging an increase in offerings. A Chinese man holds in his hand a bag for collecting the fruit from a tree he is standing near, each orange representing a big dollar. In Hongkong a large cardboard is hung on the chapel wall. A road leading from a church is marked in step style, and a man is represented as taking a journey from the church, or Sabbath-school, to the mission field, which appears in one corner of the cardboard. Sister Meeker hopes to land this missionary, who has already journeyed some distance safely, at his out-station in the interior of the country to which he is going, before the quarter closes.

These devices are indeed unique ones and will prove to be of great benefit for collecting funds for the Lord's treasury.

Such topics as, "Personal Work for Pupils," "Importance of Sabbath-school Progress," "Importance of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering," and "Devices for Increasing the Offerings," were presented at the rally day service held at Canton in June. To the Lord be all the praise for the success attending the efforts to advance the Sabbath-school cause in South China.

NANNIE L. WOODWARD.

Service for Christ Brings Joy

In a recent letter Brother K. M. Adams writes: "We are of good health and working hard. The school is growing all the time. The enrolment is now 120. I am glad Miss Mead is here. She is a great help. I have time now to give instruction to the Malays and Chinese in Bible. How they do drink it in! They keep me busy answering questions, but I enjoy

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that. I tell them the more questions they ask, the more they will learn.

"We have four married men and their families and five other young men ready to enter the work. These will go out after the conference here next spring. How our hearts yearn after these workers! We pray daily that God will use them to His glory."

Asiatic Division Conference

The Asiatic Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its first regular session, April 5-26 at Shanghai, China, for the election of officers, making changes in the constitution, and the transaction of other necessary business.

R. C. PORTER, *President.*

J. E. FULTON, *Secretary.*

Only what we have wrought into our character during life can we take away with us.—*Humboldt.*

NOTES

Pastor O. A. Hall recently spent a few days at Shanghai.

Pastor A. L. Ham, who has been suffering from malaria, is improving.

Word from Brother Nathan Brewer informs us that they are now settled at Nanking, and are beginning the study of the language.

Do not neglect to send short stories, incidents, and pictures to be passed on to the Mission Board for the next Harvest Ingathering number of the *Watchman*.

Brother C. E. Weaks has had good experiences in Shanghai with the Harvest Ingathering papers, collecting about sixty dollars. Others have collected small amounts.

Brother H. W. Barrows passed through a very rough sea on his return trip from Singapore, where he has been auditing. He sailed from Hongkong to Manila, November 29.

We learn that Professor and Mrs. I. A. Steinel are moving into their new home in Manila, and Professor and Mrs. O. F. Severns are moving into a suite of rooms in the training school.

We hear that Brother H. M. Blunden is busy with institute work in South China. He will have a few days rest about the middle of December, then more institute work until the last of January.

In a letter from Pastor B. A. Meeker, we learn that Sister Meeker is in the Matilda Hospital, sick with malaria. At the time of writing she was much improved, and was expected to be at home again in a few days.

From the *Lake Union Herald* of October 25, we learn with sadness of the death of Dr. David Paulson, which occurred at Asheville, N. C., on October 15. The same paper, in the issue of November 1, brings us the sad news of Sister R. B. Thurber's death at the Washington Sanitarium, October 27.

Pastor B. A. Meeker has had excellent success in the Harvest Ingathering work in Hongkong. While the following item was not sent for publication, it is too good to hold back. He says, "I have been very busy the last few weeks. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is on. I have collected \$372."

Pastor Porter made a trip to the Philippine Islands in the interests of the work, returning to Hongkong in time to take the short trip to Canton with Elder and Mrs. Knox before taking the boat, December 1, for Columbo. Their trip to Canton was in the interests of the school soon to be erected there.

We are glad to see Manager W. P. Henderson at his desk again in his office at the *Signs of the Times* Press. Brother Henderson found it necessary to go to the hospital for a week to get treatment for one of his eyes which had become badly infected with some unwelcome germs. While not able yet to use the eye, he makes the other do service for two. We trust that it may soon be well, as Brother Henderson needs both eyes to carry on his rapidly expanding work.

Owing to the fact that Elder Spicer will visit Europe instead of coming to this field, we understand a change has been made in the plans for the general tours. Elder and Mrs. Daniells, Elder Fulton, and Brother C. E. Weaks, all of whom are now in the Philippine Islands, after a few weeks in that field, will pass through South China, and then proceed on for the northern part of the Division. Elders Porter and Knox with their wives will make the southern trip through Malaysia, India, and Burma.

We are very sorry to learn from a letter to Pastor R. C. Porter that Brother R. C. Wangerin, who was a laborer in Korea, and who only recently returned to the States, is now in the Muirdale Sanitorium, Wisconsin, for tuberculosis. The doctors define his case while not so serious, yet serious enough to advise him to make use of all precautions against its advancement, and also counsel him to remain there in his native climate. He hopes to learn in the hospital how to take care of himself, and return soon to his family. While Brother and Sister Wangerin feel heartaches, their faith and hope and courage is in God. They long so much to be able to come back to this field, and ask the brethren here to pray for his recovery. May our readers not forget this request.