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The Harvest Ingathering—Will You Do Your Part?

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A big work is easily done when many unite in doing it, if each does his full part. What one or more fail to do either has to be left undone or others have to do more than their portion of work. Here is a big timber to carry half a mile. It is all that ten strong men can do to carry this timber. Now if one man fails to carry his portion of the load, either the other nine men must carry their own part and must take the other man's load, or the timber cannot be carried.

Thus it is in all kinds of service in the Lord's work. If one church-member fails to do his full part, others must do more than their share, or the part is not done. Some men are always overloaded, while others never do their share. If each would do his portion of work in God's cause, none need be overburdened, and the work would prosper more than it can when some refuse to carry their just proportion.

In the Harvest Ingathering some have left the soliciting to others, feeling a delicacy about asking help for the Lord's work, or finding some justifying excuse for letting others do more than their share. If a few do very well, but many do nothing, the results cannot be large. If each would do his full share, tremendous results would follow.

Last year some workers got large amounts, taking their entire efforts into consideration. The sum total was the aggregation of many small or moderate gifts. But so many took no part in the soliciting that it made a small average for the entire Far Eastern force.

This year it is desired that our workers rally and do their best in raising a large sum for our growing work. We also hope that each Union organization will do its utmost to have every church take part in soliciting funds. The donations must be carefully husbanded, or criticisms will do much harm. One would think that the evangelist could so supervise the soliciting that the funds would be carefully safeguarded.

Every field greatly needs additional facilities that money alone will buy. If we could raise $25,000 gold this year in the Far East for local enterprises, it would be a great help to our work.

Our directors and superintendents will need to organize their forces early and have every detail arranged before the time for soliciting arrives, if the best results obtain. Union and local fields benefit from the funds received. Would it not be well to undertake something big and specific this year?

Our field secretaries will do all in their power to help in this effort. Let us work and pray for results.

For Our Mutual Encouragement

On the Doctrine of Holiness

(*Note.*—Some of our readers may have been puzzled, as we have been, over statements made by respected teachers that the victorious life can be lived without fighting against the flesh and the devil. We have been helped personally to keep from becoming confused, by a careful study of the article that follows, published thirty years ago, but as good to-day as when it first appeared. *True sanctification* involves *work, sacrifice, vigilance, conflict,* as truly to-day as it did in the days of our Lord upon earth and in the days of Paul and Peter and John. In this constant vigilance and ceaseless conflict we are "workers together with God." c.)

We cannot sanctify ourselves. We have come to see *the end of self* in its power to keep or to grow in holiness. "I wish to be holy, but I cannot make myself so!" Is not this true? More manifestly so in some things than in others. We think we have power, *e.g.,* to make restitution, but not power to subdue temper! Well, we have *power* frequently to make restitution when we have the *will* to do so. But who shall make us sure of that willingness? In both cases we are really cast upon God to make us "will and do." *God only can sanctify the soul.* There are other ways of expressing it which may seem less familiar, such as the statement that it is *Christ's indwelling within the heart which alone can purify it* and keep it pure. But this is after all only a part of the more general truth, that it is the Divine power only which can cleanse the man.

But if this be true, surely it follows that this is *what we must trust to,* and not efforts of our own. In other words, that our holiness is to come through trusting God to give it and to work it in us. And this must go the length of God doing it all, without our *help;* and of trusting God for it all, and not trusting for half of it to ourselves.

But then arises the question which many will put, Where does the human side, our part in sanctification, come in? Is not sanctification a work, rather than an act? And is it not a work which *we* have to do? And does not the whole action, effort, conflict, and sacrifice of Christian life consist just in the human side which is thus ignored? Now all this is founded on a total mistake as to what is meant, but it needs a little more patience than is usually given to it to see the difference. For this is just the point where outsiders lose their way. One has known more than one come right up to this distinction, and then impatiently throw up the head and break away. Be it observed, then, that there *is* to be work in the sanctified man—work, effort, conflict, sacrifice—more, and even far more than ever he has known. But it is a work which is done *through* him by God, not done by himself; it is an effort in which the divine power strains every faculty of the man as it pours out from within; it is a conflict which is urged by Christ Himself in the heart against Satan and sin without; it is a sacrifice of which Christ is not only the motive, but the *soul!* Let me put a case. A man yields himself up to God, to do His will wholly; and God, in a new sense, takes possession of him; but God's purpose is through the man to overthrow a combined effort of the enemy in that man's sphere of life. God calls for more labor than the man ever did before, and for the sacrifice of his dearest hopes and ambitions in doing it; but the man continues to yield, and God gives the grace, and wields the power within the heart. Is not this the human side, in which God finds His instrument? And is it not what is meant when the apostle tells us that we ought to "work" and "work out," for the very reason that God is "the worker" "in us;" and that He is so both "to will" and "to work of His good pleasure?" Here, then, is the power to be holy, which was being sought—it is the power of God; it is working from within us; it issues not in quietism or sentiment, but in work and sacrifice; and it is to be obtained by yielding ourselves wholly to God, and trusting Him, from time to time, to exercise the power.

I repeat, and emphasize "from time to time," for here there enters another frequent mistake. It is sometimes supposed that one great effort makes a lifelong change of a sort, more or less magical. But the truth is, the change begins suddenly by one act of yielding the will; and it continues by ever-repeated acts of similar yielding from day to day. The first yielding is (or may be) the giving up of self to God—a great conception when it is a real thing; and the subsequent acts are the carrying out of this self-surrender into the details of daily life. That is the secret of *continuance* from the human side.

But there is also a secret of *growth.* If holiness went no farther than at first, the living water would become stagnant, like a Dead Sea. Now, God provides for our growth by giving us new lessons, which are increasingly difficult, and by calling for sacrifices, which are more and more severe. If we still trust Him for these things, we grow; if we fail in faith, we cease to grow, and begin to go back.

Here, then, is another difficulty: What ensures the continuance of *the trust,* which secures for us the sanctifying divine power within? This opens up the subject of keeping, one which is not difficult, which is, indeed, elementary in character. It is not ambitious enough for some, but is most blessed. The answer to our question is—God offers to be our keeper! He asks us to commit ourselves and our concerns to Him; and He will keep what we put into His hands. One of the things which we specially commit to Him is *our faith.* We trust Him to keep us trusting! And ever and again, at the first symptom of failure in faith, we trust Him to put the failure down!

The holiness which has been spoken of in these paragraphs, is accompanied by certain things, which must be named in passing. It is followed by "Perfect Peace," there being no longer a divided heart, nor strife within. It passes into *victory,* and a sense of victory, which, however, means chiefly Christ's victory *over us,* and *in us,* but which makes us "more than conquerors." There is a sense of *wonderful security and quiet;* no fear, no anxiety, no hurry, no care, but a calm confidence in God. There is a *spirit of praise and thankfulness* in which we can understand what it is to give thanks "always, and for all things," because everything is sent by God, and is good. And while we labour, as we never did before, all the *friction* is gone, and the labour seems lighter and sweeter, and brings less fatigue.

A word must be said here as to the possible extent of holiness. To use the apt phrase of my late dear friend, Dr. Andrew Bonar, "How far may a believer go in holiness in the present life?" My answer is—Never so far as sinlessness! Never, I would say, *near* it! The field of possible holiness has never been covered by any of us, and probably never by any saint that lived. The question is, not to define the doctrine continually, but to urge the duty, "Be ye holy, as I am holy!"—*Rev. J. E. Cumming, in "The Expository Times," January, 1894.*

GENERAL ARTICLES

Christ Wants the Best

Christ wants the best. He in the far-off ages
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the finest of the wheat,
And still He asks His own, with gentlest pleading,
To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at His feet:
He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;
He only asks that of our store, we give to Him
The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer,
And fills them with His glorious beauty, joy, and peace,
And in His service, as we're growing stronger,
The calls to grand achievements still increase.
The richest gifts for us on earth, or in the heavens above,
Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive
The best we have.

And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood
Gave up His precious life upon the cross;
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best He had.

—*Selected.*

Preparation for the Work

GOD does not call men to work for him without fitting them for his work, if they will allow him to do it. They may refuse to be benefited by his effort to instruct them, but it is nevertheless true that He does give them an opportunity and means of preparation to fit themselves for His work. It is not for the honor of God that men should enter into His work till they are prepared to do it in a manner that He can approve.

God gave to Isaiah a vision of heavenly glory. When he had seen it, he cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isa. 6:5. Upon this, one of the seraphim took a live coal from off the altar, and laid it upon his lips, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

Then he heard the Lord make this inquiry, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And thus he records his response: "Then said I, Here am I; send me." And the Lord then bade him go forth to fulfill his solemn commission. This teaches us a great lesson. Before men go out to work for God, they must have His work first wrought within themselves. When the live coal from the altar had been laid upon the lips of Isaiah, his iniquity was purged. Then he could speak for God, for he had something to say, and he was fitted to say it in a manner that God could accept.

God does not want men to go out to labor for Him till they have had their iniquity taken away. No man can lead others to Christ till he has first become personally acquainted with Him. When our hearts are right in His sight, our motives will be pure before Him. We shall not then seek our own worldly interest, the praise of men, nor our own ease and convenience, but shall seek only the honor which comes from God, and for this will cheerfully bear burdens and make sacrifices without one word of complaint. God will regard what men do, with such motives as these. He will not accept that which is done from other motives.

It is no light thing to work for God. The sacredness of the work cannot be overestimated. God will not be trifled with. He sees through all disguises, and He detects the most secret motives of the heart. The action is valued according to the motive which prompts it. Those who name the name of Christ must depart from all iniquity. They must not bear the vessels of the Lord without being themselves clean in His sight. Who is then sufficient for these things?—*J. N. Andrews, in "The True Missionary," published in 1874, fifty years ago.*

Definite Plans and Carrying Them Out

DEFINITE plans and these carried out "in all diligence" is an element of real success in the spiritual life. We too often think that the spiritual life is not bound up with well-worked-out plans adhered to and executed faithfully day by day. No spiritual life is possible in the most efficient service without this. Paul and Peter both emphasized this in a forceful way. The "one thing" and with "all diligence" point plainly to this method of labor in the lives of these two great Christian leaders in the apostolic era. In the mission field there are many things fighting against our time and hindering us in definite plans rigorously adhered to, but the most efficient soldier will stick to his plan of conquest, and make this his chief duty from the day he reaches the field until he has ended his labors. Men who have valiantly counted in the mission field in spiritual things, have had their time for each daily task, and have driven steadily along the path of duty and success with a regularity like the passing days.

I shall not seek to lay down rules or call your attention to the habits of our men of greatest power in the mission fields. I simply insist that these men had them, and the success of their labors in spiritual things was determined by their definite plans as the chief daily routine.

Definite time for prayer and devotional reading of God's precious Word, quiet periods for hearing His voice as to each duty, daily contact with Him for power and wisdom to meet the complex work of the various fields and problems, are prerequisites to the highest success. Just how this is to be done best must be left to the individual, but it must be done to assure needed spiritual results in the missionary work.—*J. R. Saunders, of Canton, in "Men and Methods," chapter 4.*

Progress

"PROGRESS depends upon what we are rather than upon what we may encounter. One man is stopped by a sapling lying across the road; another passing that way picks up the hindrance and converts it into a help in crossing the brook just ahead. We are too apt to think that our progress in a given case will depend solely upon the obstacles we may run against. It is more likely to depend upon what runs against the obstacles."—*Henry C. Trumbull.*

Our Divine Inheritance

"BACK of the parents and grandparents lies the great Eternal Will; that, too, is thine inheritance,—strong, beautiful, divine, sure lever of success for one who tries."—*Selected.*

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The Goal

We quit the goal that we have gained
To seek the one still unattained;
The records we have made we take
To point to records we shall make.
Man's hope lies not in what he's done,
But in the task he's just begun.
To-morrow's glory! That's the thrill
That spurs us on and strengthens will.

—*Selected.*

The Harvest Ingathering a Threefold Blessing

J. J. STRAHLE

WHEN Jesus was here on earth, He spoke of the spiritual condition of man and said that the fields were white and ready for harvest. How much more that statement is true in our day, and should we not put forth every effort to carry the gospel to the waiting millions?

One of the most effective ways that this can be done is through the Harvest Ingathering work. God has given us this plan in order that we might use it in bringing light to those who know not the third angel's message.

We read in Volume 6, p. 445, "All around us souls are perishing in their sins. Every year thousands upon thousands are dying without God and without hope of everlasting life. The plagues and judgments of God are doing their work, and souls are going to ruin because the light of truth has not been flashed upon their pathway. But how few are burdened over the condition of their fellow-men! The world is perishing in its misery, but this hardly moves even those who believe the highest and most far-reaching truth ever given to mortals. God requires His people to be His helping hand to reach the perishing; but how many are content to do nothing. . . . There is a stupor, a paralysis, upon the people of God, which prevents them from understanding what is needed for this time. God's people are on trial before the heavenly universe."

"The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth." *Vol. 6, p. 29.*

These words from the Spirit of prophecy should bring us face to face with our duty. The person who is faithful in the Harvest Ingathering work receives a blessing; the people who read the papers get a blessing. The money received is sent in to the mission to proclaim the truth to those in darkness. This message is the greatest blessing that can be bestowed upon them. The Ingathering work then brings a threefold blessing. Let us make the campaign of 1924 the best we have ever had. May God press home upon our consciences the conviction of our duty in a time like this.

Suggestive Harvest Ingathering Recommendations

J. J. STRAHLE

1 That the Harvest Ingathering campaign be thoroughly organized and all our people be enlisted in this good work.

2 That the goal for the Far Eastern Division for 1924 be $50.000 Mexican.

3 That the directors of Union and local fields assume the burden of promoting the campaign in their own territory, and that each Union and local mission take for its rallying cry its proportion of the Fifty Thousand dollars for missions.

4 That each field be carefully districted for this campaign, each group of churches being definitely assigned to a mission worker who shall be responsible for the success of the campaign in that particular district.

5 That Union and mission committees so plan the work in their respective fields as to enable all of their laborers to give their undivided attention to the Harvest Ingathering effort during the time of the campaign.

6 That the Union and local secretaries of the Home Missionary and Young People's departments be asked to unite in securing the co-operation of all our missionary societies and the young people in the Ingathering campaign.

7 That September 20th be made a grand rally day in each church, a special program having been prepared by the Division Home Missionary department.

8 That the churches report each week to the mission office their progress toward their goals.

9 That during the campaign the conference and mission office send weekly to their churches a typewritten sheet listing the churches engaged in the campaign and marking those with a star that have reached their goal.

An Appeal in Behalf of Harvest Ingathering Work

BY ELLEN G. WHITE

AS I read the reports of labor published in the *Review* and other denominational periodicals from week to week, my heart is rejoiced over the progress of the third angel's message in the home field and abroad. Our workers are having many remarkable experiences. The Lord is going before them, preparing the way, and the cause of present truth is making rapid advancement. This should be a source of profound gratitude to God. As we contrast the present prosperity of the work with the early years of poverty passed through by the pioneers of this cause when our numbers were but few and our resources were limited, we can but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

Enlist every available church member for the Ingathering

Remember Harvest Ingathering Rally Day in every church Sept. 20

And yet there remains much to be done. In the past we have not been as diligent as we ought to have been in seeking to save the lost. Precious opportunities have been allowed to pass unimproved. This has delayed the coming of our King. Had the people of God constantly preserved a living connection with Him from the beginning of the great advent movement, and obeyed His word and advanced in all His opening providences, they would today be in the heavenly Canaan.

We have done only a small part of the evangelical work that God desires us to do among our neighbours and friends.

Time and again I have had presented before me a vision of people across the broad ocean, standing in perplexity, and pale with anxiety, earnestly inquiring, "What is truth?" They say: "We want the bread of life. Our churches are backslidden from God. We want to find the old paths. We want to come back to the simplicity of gospel religion." My tears flow as I see this picture rising vividly before me. The voice from heaven pleads, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." While so great a work remains to be done, shall not we, as Christ's followers, arouse to a sense of our God-given responsibility, and be active in doing our part?

Plans for Enlarging Our Laboring Forces

The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency possible on the part of all. If he were to depend upon his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal, untiring service from every man in his army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks.

And so it is in the army of Prince Immanuel. Our General, who has never lost a battle, expects willing service from every one who has enlisted under His banner. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as soldiers of His, are to render faithful service as minute men, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually.

The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we may watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God, will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh, when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake, are now to respond, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

The Example of Nehemiah

I would refer all to the example of Nehemiah. When about to journey to Jerusalem with the hope of restoring the walls about the stricken city of his fathers, he frankly told King Artaxerxes of the work he contemplated doing, and requested help to ensure the success of the enterprise. He obtained a letter to the keeper of the King's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that were to be erected. And the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow.

In writing on this subject in years past, I have said: "The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people. Those who are laboring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause. The agents through whom these gifts come, may open ways by which the light of truth shall be given to many benighted lands. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no acquaintance with His work; but their gifts are not on this account to be refused.

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favors as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause.

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of our world? To whom belong its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver?' God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and the disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set in a proper light before those who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken advantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world.

"Although now almost wholly in the possession of wicked men, all the world, with its riches and treasures, belongs to God. 'The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.' 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.' 'Every beast of the forest is mine; . . . and all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.' O that Christians might realize more and still more fully that it is their privilege and their duty, while cherishing right principles, to take

Enter into the effort with greater enthusiasm than ever before

Stress the necessity of preparing the hearts of our people for Work

advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world!"

"Why not ask the Gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them."

"Talk this over, and do all in your power to secure gifts. We are not to feel that it would not be the thing to ask men of the world for means; for it is just the thing to do. This plan was opened before me as a way of coming in touch with wealthy men of the world. Through this means not a few will become interested, and may hear and believe the truth for this time."

Spiritual and Material Blessings

J. J. STRAHLE

AUTUMN is a time of the year that is of interest to mankind. It is the time of harvest. In the spring we sow, in the summer we nourish and cultivate, and in the autumn we reap the harvest. We live in anticipation; we work, we pray for a fruitful harvest and when it comes, a spirit of thankfulness and liberality comes with it. Men are in a pleasant mood at harvest time, and when approached for a philanthropic work respond with open hearts. Is is because of this fact that the campaign among us known as the Harvest Ingathering has been placed at the harvest of the year.

The first and greatest purpose of the Harvest Ingathering campaign is the ingathering of souls for the Kingdom of God. This is the prime object. The Harvest Ingathering work is one of the most important factors in the laymen's movement to vitalize the work of the Third Angel's Message before Christ comes. In Isa. 60:1 we read, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come." The will of the Lord is clearly expressed in these two wards, "*Arise, shine.*" In view of the fact that we are to give a message of life to a dying world, we must arouse from our sleep and lethargy. *We must arise.* God's second command is "*Shine.*" But some fear to come out in the open and shine. Is it not time, brethren, that we come out from hiding and shine? Jesus instructs us as recorded in Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine." In the book of Phil. 2:15, we find the phrase, "Among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

The Harvest Ingathering is a vital force as an evangelizing agency. It serves as a light in the dark, pointing individuals to the Third Angel's Message. Men's minds are made to realize that our message is a universal one. In many instances their interest is aroused, thus the way for a missionary talk or visit is opened to sow seeds of truth. We know the Ingathering work wins souls, and if it served no other purpose than to create a favorable impression of our work as a people, its mission would be worth while. I believe the results of the Ingathering work have not been fully realized. Many people gain their first knowledge of this truth through the Ingathering work. Thus the seed of truth has been sown and later the harvest will be reaped.

The gathering of means is forcibly brought to our attention in Isaiah 60:5,11, where it says that the forces, or riches "of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Some of our brethren are inclined to look on the large gifts as being the most desirable and the biggest aid to the gospel. We have come to the time when we must carry on our work more extensively and intensively. We read in Volumn IX, p. 244, "The poor are not to be excluded from the privilege of giving, they as well as the wealthy may act a part in this work."

Christ called the disciples' attention to the widow's mite, telling them that the smallest willing offering given from a heart of love is as acceptable as the largest donations of the rich. This does not mean that we are not to ask for large donations. Holy Writ says, "Ask and it shall be given unto you." Let us apply this truth to the Harvest Ingathering.

Our greatest aid in making the Harvest Ingathering work a success is prayer. Through prayer we will have freedpm of speech and our personality will be such as to gain the confidence of men whom we meet. Let every Seventh-day Adventist improve the opportunity of taking part in the Ingathering work to win souls and solicit means to help send the Good News of Salvation throughout the Far Eastern Division.

Some of the High Points

Read Suggestive Harvest Ingathering Recommendations,
Remember the date—October and November.
Create faith in the speedy triumph of this message.
Encourage every member to put in at least ten hours.
Keep in mind the objective—winning souls.
Place a Special *Signs* in every home.
Assist in giving our message to all the world in this generation.
Add your prayers to the many that are ascending to the Lord of the Harvest that the undertaking of this year shall prove a great success.
Take your share of the responsibility placed on every worker.
Help to make this a great spiritual movement.

J. J. S.

Where to Secure Supplies

The English paper may be obtained direct from the Southern Publishing Association, 2119-2123 Twenty-fourth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., U. S. A. Their cable address is "*Watchman,*" *Nashville.* Papers ordered from them must eventually be paid for by those in foreign lands who order.

Foreign-language Ingathering papers, in many of the European vernaculars, and in Yiddish, can be obtained through Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Ill , U. S. A.

Japanese papers can be ordered direct from Japan Publishing House, Box 7, Yodobashi P. O., Tokyo, Japan.

Chinese papers should be ordered through the Union treasurers, or from Mr. H. W. Barrows, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The Chinese receipt books that some desire to use, should be obtained through Brother Barrows also. C.

Add your prayers to the many ascending in behalf of Campaign



From the West China Union

PASTOR M. C. WARREN, of Chungking, Szechwan, under date of July 29, writes:

"We have just closed a special series of meetings. I might not have been able to keep up under it during the hot season, but for the fact that the Lord has blessed with exceptional weather. I expect to go right on with thn work as long as the Lord gives me strength. I wish that we could report many converts to show for the half-year's work. We apparently have very little to report, but the Lord has added His blessing, and we have reason for rejoicing.

"All that I can do is as nothing when compared with the great work to be done in this field. If it were not for the fact that I know that God only can finish this work, I would lose heart. Although we can never hope to have a large number of workers, still I know we should have more than we now have. I do not know what I would do if Mrs. Warren did not carry or look after all the accounting.

"After my Bible class in the city last night, I worked with one man, who has been learning for some time, till in the early hours this morning. It is not very often that we get as promising material to work on as this man.

"Another man, after a desperate struggle with the enemy, has taken his stand to close his place of business and live up to the message. He is now experiencing his first love. He hopes to be able to lead others to accept this truth within a year. He operates a circulating library, and in this way comes into contact with a large number of progressive men."

In Far-off Menado

AFTER sailing for many days through sultry seas, and after following the palm-girt shores of the island of Celebes, we finally saw looming up before us the long-hoped-for landmark of Menado, a steep mountain island standing boldly there at entrance of the harbor.

You can imagine my pleasure, as our good ship dropped anchor, to see a canoe push out from the shore carrying two of our brethren smiling their welcome, their teeth showing white against the brown of their faces. That day, Nov. 14, 1923, was the beginning of wonderful things for our work in the Island of Celebes. At that time there were only three or four Seventh-day Adventists in the city of Menado; but now, after a short six months of work there is a fine company of believers from every section of the town, and they are real Seventh-day Adventists. The Malays, all told, who are Sabbath-keepers, and who count themselves as believers, number at least 120, and in addition to this several families of Chinese people are beginning to keep the Sabbath.

It has all been so wonderful, and things have happened in such rapid succession, that we have been too busy to tell the story. At first we began by opening up twelve or fifteen cottage meetings in different parts of the town. The interest was keen, and as time went on those who were convinced of the truth became more and more in earnest.

Filled with the zeal of the Lord, we preached this warning message to sinners in need of a Saviour, and called on men to turn away from sin and seek after the living God. Scoffers arose; there was strife and bitter feeling between parents and their children, and children and their parents, between husband and wife. Often while I was preaching stones were thrown at us, and attempts were made to drown our voices; but the truth of God cannot be silenced. The opposition made earnest seekers more in earnest, and the power of God was mightily felt. Several times those about to die were raised out of the bed of sickness through our earnest prayers, and devils were cast out. One woman who I believe was actually possessed is now clothed and in her right mind. Her whole family accepted the faith because of the evidence of God's power in their own home.

We preached in every part of town, and kept at it seven nights in the week for six months, and marvelous were the results.

One remarkable feature of the work here is the way it has converted some of the most violent and unruly men in the country, men who for years have been the terror of the countryside. They were champion fighters and heavy drinkers and gamblers, men ruled by violent passions; but now they are tamed; they have been converted by the power of God in this message. A magistrate who has jurisdiction over 3,000 souls was once so violent that all who came before him sat in terror for fear of his blows; but now all that has disappeared; he is a humble, loving husband, and a meek Christian. All his relatives marvel at the change in him and in his home.

One brother was once a murderer. He struck a man one blow with his first, and in three days the man was dead. This brother, whose name is Andranius, has been called the "Blow Fly," for he would alight on anyone who dared to displease him and beat his victim to unconsciousness. He drank as much as one gallon of native liquor daily. But when this message came to his village and he felt its power, he states that soon all his passions disappeared, leaving him a quiet, temperate Seventh-day Adventist. He himself cannot understand by what process he was liberated from the power of Satan; he only rejoices that he is free.

This work has not been the result merely of the quiet preaching of our system of belief; but of the mighty operation of the power of God's Holy Spirit upon the hearts of a people hungering and thirsting for truth.

The people of this part of the island of Celebes, the northeastern corner, are nominally Christian; but Christianity here is a dead plant, and a great majority are sunken in spiritual darkness. They are Christian only in name, and are really devil-worshipers; for immediately upon the advent of trouble or sickness they go to the medicine men who work their exorcisms, calling upon the evil spirits to help them. With a smattering of Christianity and a deep longing for the truth, they have shown an earnest desire to know what we teach.

Health reform is a great test. The people eat pork, and dogs, and rats and snakes, and are great drinkers and betelnut chewers. But when they hear the truth all their appetite for these things disappears.

On May 10, 1924, a large company gathered on the beach as the sun rose over the tops of the cocoanut palms, and as the songs of Zion mingled with the music of the waves, twenty-four of these dear brethren and sisters were buried in baptism.

A. MUNSON.

Kema-weg, Menado,
Celebes, Netherlands East Indies.

Baptisms in the South Fukien Mission

PASTOR B. L. Anderson, writing from our mission headquarters in Kulangsu, Amoy, South China, tells of the net results of a trip recently made into the interior to visit some of the churches and companies. He writes:

"During my itineracy I baptized three souls at Chin Chiu. These were received into church fellowship at this place, after which the ordinances were celebrated. At the Hui An district city, ten peole were received into the church by baptism. These people were glad to join with the older members of the church in celebrating the ordinances. An election of church officers was held at this place. Those who have been chosen to serve, will immediately enter upon their duties. It must be pleasing to the Lord to see these souls from heathenism come to worship and serve the true and living God.

"Our general meeting for the South Fukien Mission is set to be held at Kulangsu, Amoy, August 26 to 30, inclusive. Following this there will be a two-days workers' institute."

Borneo

IT has long been the desire of the writer to visit this land which is in reality little known even by the people who live around on the coasts. The opportunity came when on the first of June I left Singapore, our Union headquarters, for a visit to this field. After a five-days' journey by steamer I arrived at Jesselton, the headquarters of our work in North Borneo. Brother and Sister L. B. Mershon were at the wharf to meet me, and I was taken at once to the mission compound, in which are located the mission home, the church, the school, and homes for two native workers.

As our Jesselton station is the most beautiful of all our mission stations in Malaysia, a few words describing it will not be out of place. It is situated on top of a bluff which rises almost perpendicularly to a height of more than three hundred feet at the back of the little town. From one side you look down on this pretty little town and its still more beautiful harbor; and boats coming from either east or west are seen long before they are visible from the town. Looking from the other side, one sees the gardens of the Chinese, and beyond these rise the mountain peaks of the interior.

Of the 3 000,000 people in Borneo, 150,000 are Chinese, and of the Chinese many live in British North Borneo. The Government's attitude toward the Chinese is worthy of mention. During a visit to the Resident he outlined the plan for inducing Chinese farmers to come into the country. This in brief is: Five acres of land, with no charge whatever, are given for five years; after that time, if the land has been worked, they are given a 99 year lease on the garden with a rental of fifty cents per acre per year. Not only this, but any family desiring to come, say from Hongkong, are sent tickets covering all costs of transportation.

The whole island has been placed under the British North Borneo mission for the canvassing work. The reading public embraces the Chinese and a few Mohammedans who read the Arabic Malay, in which we do not as yet have literature. Pastor Mershon estimates the literacy of the Chinese at ten per cent. This gives us 15.000 for the whole island, and these are scattered through the towns around the coasts. There are 289,755 square miles in this great island of Borneo. We could put two groups of islands the size of the Philippines inside its boundaries and still have 59,343 square miles left, or an area equal in size to one of the medium sized states in America. From the information at hand it would take from two and a-half to three months to make the trip around the island. While at Boelongan, where I spent a few days waiting for a boat, a company of over one hundred Dyaks came down from the interior to take back supplies for a military post. The Resident told me that about three months would be required to make the return trip up the river.

I am now on my way to Menado, Celebes. I have enjoyed my stay in the British North Borneo Mission. Arrangements have been made for a permanent canvasser to enter the field. Home missionary work was organized in Jesselton and Sandakan. Paster Mershon has one of the most difficult fields in the Union, from an itinerating standpoint. He accompanied me a part of the way down the coast, and by the time he gets home again two months will have passed by. V. L. BEECHAM.

Aboard s.s. "de Grens."

A Letter from Pastor W. J. Harris, of Peking

"IN the past twelve months we have nearly doubled our book sales," writes Pastor W. J. Harris, director of the Chihli Provincial Mission, with headquarters in Peking, "and we have more than trebled our *Signs* list of subscriptions to the Chinese monthly magazine, and we are planning to add another thousand to the list before the year closes. Our tithe month by month shows practically double the amounts reported for the same months a year ago. Our Sabbath-school offerings are slightly less, but this is because of the departure of several foreign members to other fields.

"As to gains in membership, the report in a recent number of the OUTLOOK, showing a loss of six for the first quarter of 1924, should really have appeared in connection with the 1923 records. We did not get at this work until too late to include the losses in the 1923 totals. During the present year there have been gains.

"We have a soul-winning goal. You may not have heard about it, but there is a reason. Our problem, as you know, is not one of getting people to 'take a stand,' as they say in the homelands. We could get any number of people to 'take a stand' and desire baptism. At every baptismal service there are some who have been asked to wait a little longer until they have become more fully instructed. In setting a goal we must emphasize not only the *number* of souls to be baptized, but also the *purpose* and *meaning* of baptism itself and of what is involved in church-membership. 'Old things' must truly have passed away.

"Our goal for 1924 is twenty-five good, solid people. And we are going to reach this goal—we have attained it by more than half, already. A few Sabbaths ago I had the privilege of baptizing eight here in Peking, and afterward five more at Tientsin; and we are to have two more baptisms in the fall. Last year we baptized twenty-four. This year, with a less number of workers, we hope to pass this record. I have faith to believe that we shall. The workers are united.

"I was interested in what has been written recently regarding the church building fund in behalf of congregations in large cities. Peking should benefit from such a fund. Here is the foremost city of all China, the head of all that is characteristically Chinese, the seat of her government and her culture; and we have not even a house of worship of our own in all this city. We have five chapels, but not one church building. A church building gives character to the work. It is one of the very first moves that other missions make in order to become established. I do not see how we can put this duty off any longer. Here we have nearly one hundred baptized believers, and no house of worship. I hope our brethren will remember us, and think of Peking when they think of the church building fund.

"This leaves us all well, excepting our little girl, Dorothea, who has been very sick with dysentery. We thought once we might lose her, but thanks be unto the Lord, He helped us, and she is recovering."

In the Bicol Language Area

BROTHER ALBERTO AUGUSTIN, a faithful Filipino colporteur who is working in the Bicol language area, recently entered by our laborers, reports a willingness on the part of many to investigate. In one of his letters to the Manila headquarters, he speaks of "climbing many hills, and suffering the heat of the sun, and of being caught many times in hard rain-storms." Difficulties such as these do not deter him from continuing in the needy Bicol field. He writes further: "I find that the priest had told the people that they must not buy any kind of books from Seventh-day Adventists; yet the people seem interested to learn more about the Adventists."

Stablished, Strengthened, Settled

IT was my privilege on Sabbath, June 28, to visit the brethren in Lucban, province of Tayabas. For many months I have not been able to see them, although during this time their elder died. Notwithstanding his death, I am glad to report that church is in good condition. The brethren are all of good courage, and we ordained the one who had been acting as assistant elder with Brother Manconido for a number of months, as the elder of the church.

Good reports are coming from other places. We are glad to see the working of God's Holy Spirit, which assures us of success in our work.

Manila, July 1. E. M. ADAMS.

News Items from Central China Union

A. Mountain

Our long-felt need of workers to man the neglected province of Shensi has at last been met in the return of Brother Gillis and family from furlough, accompanied by Brother I. O. Wallace and family, both of whom are now safely located in Sianfu. The long and arduous journey out to Shensi was shortened by the seemingly providential opening of a new section of the line running west into northern Honan from the main Peking-Hankow Railway. The new terminus of this line brought them to a river, which provided a water route, not previously used, to within a few *li* of Sianfu, a half a day's journey in ox carts landing them in the city. Aside from being spared the body-racking experience of the usual ox-cart trip, they were able to effect a saving of over $300 Mex. by taking the new water route. Both families are living in temporary quarters in the city chapel compound, until proper homes can be erected on our mission headquarters site just outside the city walls. Wells are being sunk and walls made on this property, and contracts ars being let for building the foreign homes. Brother Wallace is hard at work on the language. An increase in tithes and offerings, which had dwindled to almost nothing, indicate a quickening of the work as the immediate result of locating these workers in this long neglected field; and we feel that bright times are ahead of us in this province.

We are glad to welcome Brother A. J. Wearner to our fiel to take over the directorship of the Hupeh Mission that Brother Lillie was compelled to lay down on account of failing health.

After a year's service in charge of the Bible Department of the Shanghai Missionary College, substituting for Brother Conger, Pastor O. B Kuhn has been released to return to Central China. Brother Kuhn has charge of the pastoral training class in the Kuling Summer Institute; and at the close of the season will locate in Hankow as evangelist for the Wuhan cities.

Brother Longway has just returned from accompanying the Shensi families out to their new field. Having already been to Shensi in the interests of the colporteur work, Brother Longway was familiar with the road and local conditions and so able to give them valuable help.

Prof. D. S. Williams and wife have been in Shanghai, helping in the Teachers' Summer School. Nearly all of our Chinese teacher in Central China have been in attendance at this school.

The Kuling Summer School for Evangelists has been in full swing during July-August with an attendance of about forty. Pastors Hall, Kuhn, James and Prof. W. A. Scharffenberg are carrying most of the teaching work. Prof. D. S. Williams joined the staff later. Other local workers assisted in the round-table discussions, etc. Our Chinese workers evince a lively appreciation of this privilege of increasing their knowledge of the Bible and of successful methods for the carrying forward of the work. Several have stated they had felt that they were getting "talked out," and in need of gathering fresh material and studying better plans for giving the message. With such a spirit they certainly get the very most they can out of the six weeks' course of instruction given.

Our provincial schools are now closed for the summer vacation. A week of prayer and special effort on behalf of the students was held before the close of the term; and as a result forty were baptized in the Honan School and sixteen in the Hankow School.

Pastor W. E. Strickland reports sixteen baptisms on a recent trip to some of his stations in Honan. Past r Liu Djen Bang also baptized six candidates at Shui Dzai, where he is stationed.

Brother Wearner reports the baptism of ten candidates as a result of the work of our Chinese evangelist in the city of Hankow.

Pastors O. A. Hall and Mo Gi Ren accompanied Brother Wearner on his first trip into the province of Hupeh to see some of the main stations. Several of the chapels visited had not seen a foreign worker for eighteen months, on account of the unsettled conditions and prevailing banditry.

Mrs. C. H. Davis has been compelled to return home to Australia on account of their little boy Alwyn, who has hip disease There is every prospect that under favorable conditions and proper treatment he will make a good recovery. Brother Davis is staying by his work in Hunan until the latter part of 1925, when he will leave for furlough to join his family again.

We were glad to have Brother G. S. Luther with us on Kuling for a brief stay, auditing the Union accounts and giving helpful advice on financial matters.

With Our Educational Workers

Too Poor?

"Too poor to maintain schools?
The man who says it is the perpetuator of poverty.
It is the doctrine that has kept us poor.
It smells of the alms-house and the hovel.
It has driven away more men, and more wealth, and has kept more away, than any other doctrine ever cost us.
Such a man is a victim of an ancient and harmful falsehood."
"The ability to maintain schools is in proportion rather to the appreciation of education than to the amount of wealth.
We pay for schools not so much out of our purses, as out of our state of mind."

Education

EDUCATION is the knowledge of how to use the whole of one's self. Men are often like knives with many blades; they know how to open one and only one; all the rest are buried in the handle, and they are no better than they would have been if the knife had been made with one blade. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every faculty; how to open it, how to keep it sharp, learning to apply it to all practical purposes.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

The Succession of Crops

KEEP up the succession of crops. If you want the fertility of your ground to be soon exhausted, just give it the same treatment, and plant in it the same crops, year after year. And if you want your mind to be sterile, just keep it fastened year after year to the same narrow set of ideas, jealously excluding everything that would bring you a fresh suggestion or a new thought. Read new books, welcome new thoughts, take up new studies; thus only will your mind retain its fresh vigor, thus only will it attain to a breadth and depth to which it has not yet attained.—*S. S. Times.*

From Friends Across the Seas

F. A. Pratt, Modesto, Calif., July 24:

"We arrived safely in Modesto July 6, and have been here ever since. We are waiting for our clergy transportation books, and will start East as soon as they arrive.

"Received the OUTLOOK yesterday. Please send the paper on to South Lancaster, Mass., from now on, as our address while on furlough is to be South Lancaster.

"I have spoken several times in the church here. I surely want to do all I can to meet with our people and tell them of foreign missions.

"We went by auto to St. Helena last week. This is a wonderful country, but we have not forgotten our field of labor. Pray for us."

W. I. Hilliard, Fairmead, Calif., July 20:

"Have just had a letter from Brother C. H. Jones, telling us that he has secured booking for us on the *s.s. 'Empress of Canada'* sailing from Vancouver August 14. I am glad we are so fortunate as to get this boat, as I understand there are some ten six other families going over on the same ship.

"We have had a very pleasant furlough, and Mrs. Hilliard and the children are feeling fine.

"Kindest regards to all of our friends. Trust we shall be seeing them soon."

C. E. Weaks, Berrien Springs, Mich., July 20:

"You ask what the prospects are for our returning early to the Far East. I am glad to report that Mrs. Weaks is beginning to gain quite a little in strength, and I am more hopeful now than I was a few weeks ago We will not be able to get back early this fall, but we have not given up hope that we shall be able to return by mid-winter. We are still here at Berrien Springs, but are thinking of starting for Colorado late in August or the first of September, where we shall have a change of climate. From Denver it would not be far for me to return to the Fall Council to be held in Des Moines in October.

"The Emmanuel Missionary College are having a wonderful summer school here this year. The enrolment is nearly two hundred. It is by far the largest they have ever had. The medical people have one department of the work. Brother L. A. Hansen, Miss Jensen, and Mrs. Lindsay are all here, leading out in the instruction along medical lines. Brother L. A. Hansen is conducting studies in 'Ministry of Healing.' I am trying to keep in touch with his class, and I find it very interesting and helpful. It does seem to me that as a denomination we ought to do more with that wonderful volume.

"Brother P. A. Webber is here just at present. As you doubtless know, he has been connected with the educational work in California since his return from Japan last winter. He has now accepted a call to head up the school in Honolulu, and expects to leave for that field within a few days. The brethren do not seem to think that his wife ought to return to Japan until she gets stronger. As there are so many Japanese in the Hawaiian field, he feels that he will still be able to do a large Japanese work. In fact, I think that about half the attendance at the school with which he is to connect, are Japanese."

L. L. Caviness, Gland, Switzerland, July 4:

"Yes, as you say, I would have to start to learn new languages that differ much from the languages of southern Europe, if I were in your Division. Still, I am very well satisfied in Europe. We have enough languages to learn right here,—at least more than fifty.

"We are glad to see the work developing in Italy and in France; but it really should go more rapidly. We have 250 believers in Italy, and about 1,100 in France. This field is divided into three conferences and one mission field, the whole comprising what is known as the Latin Union."

E. F. Petersen, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 17:

"We shall do all in our power in the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, to see that the Chinese Harvest Ingathering papers sent us are used judiciously in the various fields where they are mailed out. . . .

"We shall watch with interest your plan to enlist the native members in the Far East, in the distribution of Ingathering magazines for a stipulated gift for missions in return. Even if you do not realize so large a sum as you might desire, from this work, the experience should nevertheless prove helpful to the native church-members taking part, and will doubtless educate them for more effective service later on.

"Just now I am away from the Washington headquarters, visiting churches in the Central Union, and stressing especially the Ingathering effort for this year. Am pleased to note a good response from the church-members, who are consecrating themselves anew for active service."

T. E. Bowen, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., July 15:

"There seems to be a very energetic spirit being manifested by all the conferences throughout North America to make this coming autumn especially fruitful in the gathering of mission funds. Surely we want to make it our banner year, it being our Jubilee Anniversary, fifty years since our foreign mission program began."

W. K. Ising, Berne, Switzerland:

"According to present plans, Brother George Dietrich and wife, with their six-months-old babe, will be sailing on the North German Lloyd *s.s. 'Trier,'* which they will board at Genoa, Italy, landing at Shanghai September 16, in time for the language school.

"Our work is onward in the European Division, and one very encouraging feature is the advance in the sale of our literature. During the month of May we sold $60,000 gold worth of literature by colportage, which does not include the direct sales of the publishing houses. More than half these sales were reported by Germany, where the ranks of our colporteurs have increased by several hundred during the first months of this year, which is largely due to unemployment. We sincerely hope the German *mark* will continue as it is, which is a great factor in our Division finances, Though our people here earn only small wages, yet the fact that we have some 35,000 members in Germany does affect our funds materially when their small but faithful individual contributions are in the stabilized *mark*."

Frederick Griggs, Berrien Springs, Mich., July 23:

"You may be interested to know that Miss Bessie Mount, of your land, is taking my dictation for this letter, and, she interpolates, wishing she were again in China. She is taking some work in our summer school, and may be here next year. We are glad to have her with us."

O. W. Morgan, Ferdinand, Idaho, July 24:

"My health is much better and my strength is gradually returning. From now on I think I shall improve faster. We are living out in the country on a ranch. The elevation is about 4,000 feet, and we are right among the pines. The summers are quite cool. It is an ideal place in which to recover. I do some light work each day, and am getting along very nicely. I truly have much to be thankful for.

"I wish we could look forward to returning to China soon, but as all physicians recommend that I stay outdoors for the next three or four years or longer, it looks rather dark at present. We think of our workers in China often, and pray for the progress of the work there.

"Mrs. Morgan has gained much since returning, and is in excellent health again.

"At this writing it is undoubtedly real hot over in China. We so often wish our workers could spend a few weeks of rest here in Idaho, where it is so cool.

"Our kindest regards to you and to all the workers associated with you."

R. R. Breitigam, Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City, Calif., July 3:

"We are located at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. We have been here for about ten days. I accepted an invitation to connect with this institution, as chaplain and as pastor of the church here. Immediately upon earning that it was not deemed advisable by the physicians for us to return to the Philippine Islands at present, we felt it our duty to locate as soon as pos ible, so that my salary might be released for a new worker to go to the Philippines. Just as soon as the General Conference notified the Pacific Union that we were available, we were invited to connect with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium; so within a very few days after we received the word, we were located here. Elder J. A. Burden has been called to Glendale. Brother Cook has taken his place as manager of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.

"This is a splendid climate, and a good place in which to build up one's health. There is a new hospital building here, filled. The institution is prospering. There is an inviting field of service among patients and nurses. In the few days I have been here, God has blessed with encouraging experiences, and I am assured of His continued presence as we serve Him. . . .

"I have been gaining continuously. At present I weight about twenty pounds more than when we left Manila. I feel that through the blessing ot the Lord I shall be back again to normal health within a few months. Since our arrival in the States, we have been giving ourselves seriously to an effort to regain health. We hoped to return; but we bow in submission to the decision of our brethren. I have surrendered myself and my future to the Lord, and have soul-rest and trust. Wherever He leads my brethren to place me, there I want to be, although I must say we dearly love the work in the Philippine Islands. The hardest thing I was ever called upon to do, was to surrender to the decision of the brethren to leave the Islands. Kindly remember us to the brethren. Our hearts are with you. We sincerely regret that we cannot be over there; for we know the burdens and the need. Our prayers are with you, and we desire an interest in your prayers in behalf of our work here."

C. H. Watson, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., July 15:

"Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Andrews are booked to sail September 11. It is quite possible that Brother and Sister Alton Hughes, the workers for West China, may sail on the same boat. Brother Hughes was quite willing to try for the August 14 sailing, even though the time was very short; but inasmuch as there is no possibility now of our getting them onto that boat, they may wish to go with Dr. and Mrs. Andrews. They have only just received the appointment."

S. A. Wellman, Poona, India, July 22:

"We have noted with deep interest the difficult situation surrounding the brethren in the Far Eastern Division, because of their inability to secure recruits sufficient to cover losses. We are having a somewhat similar experience over here in Southern Asia. The North-eastern Union lost two of their workers this year. All parts of our field are heavily undermanned. We could easily use a twenty-five per cent. increase of working force, and still have heavy calls to send on to the Home Board.

"These past two years seem to have been ones during which there has been a great deal of sickness everywhere. Weather conditions in many districts have been unusual, with consequent illness. In the United Provinces they were troubled with floods last year, and the rains are coming so heavily at the beginning of this season that they indicate a similar situation in that portion of the field again the present year. Lucknow saw the highest flood-line in its history last year, and some predict that this year's flood-line will go above it a foot or two at least. The last I heard from Lucknow is that they have not seen the sun for fifteen days, the skies being constantly overcast, and rain falling every day. . . .

This past winter saw the plague in the north part of the country the wrost it has been for a number of years. We lost a number of our believers in the Punjab, and a few in the United Provinces. Our workers laboring among the villages, were in constant contact with these conditions, and naturally had a hard and trying time.

"I trust conditions in your field, especially with regard to the arrival of additional workers, may improve, and that, under the blessing of God, the work may move steadily forward."

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Recent Arrivals

Pastor Wm. H. Bergherm, wife, and child reached Manila, Philippine Islands, the morning of July 26, having had a pleasant journey most of the way from their Michigan home. Brother Bergherm was pastor of the church in Flint, Mich., when called to the Far East. He has been stationed at our Iloilo headquarters of the West Visayan Mission, in the territory pioneered by Bro. E. M. Adams, F. Ashbaugh, F. Jornada, and W. Rodriguez twelve years ago, and now a growing mission. Of late years Pastor and Mrs G. H. Murrin have been located at Iloilo, and now they are to have the help of Brother and Sister Bergherm.

Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Morris and children, of the Foochow Mission, reached Shanghai from their furlough August 3, and went on to Foochow a few days later. They report a pleasant and profitable sojourn in the homeland, and renewed health and strength. Pastor Morris will continue his work as director of the Foochow Provincial Mission.

Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Blandford arrived in Shanghai August 14, per *s.s. "Empress of Asia,"* and went on to Chungking, enroute to their station in Chengtu, Szechwan, the evening of August 22. Pastor Blandford feared at one time he might be unable to return; but careful attention to health, with special help obtained at the New England Sanitarium, has finally given him his former s rength, and he gladly returns for another term of service in the West China Union. To Sister Blandford, who comes among us for her first term in the Orient, we extend our hearty greetings in behalf of the Division family of associate workers throughout the Far East.

On Friday, August 29, the *s.s. "Empress of Canada"* brought to us some families returning from furlough; namely, Brother and Sister W. I. Hilliard and children for Central China; Mrs. A. J. Wearner and children for Central China; Pastor and Mrs. N. F. Brewer and child for North China; also Pastor and Mrs. H. F. Benson, who disembarked at Yokohama for their station at Tokyo; and Brother and Sister Fred A. Landis, stopping a fortnight in Japan, enroute to Shanghai for language study.

The same ship brought to us Brother and Sister D. L. Millam, who went on the next morning to Manila, where they are to teach in the Philippine S. D. A Academy; and Brother and Sister Paul E. Quimby for service in the Central China Union following a few months of language study. All these friends are welcomed.

From the *Australasian Record* we learn that Sister Albert Munson and her children were planning to sail from Sydney, Australia, on July 16, by the *s.s. "Houtman"* for Makassar, transhipping from that port to Menado, Celebes, where Pastor Albert Munson is conducting a large evangelistic work among the people of the Minnehassa district.

Troublous Times

Revolution and anarchy are so constant in various areas of the vast realm known as China, that we seldom make mention of such conditions. Of late the situation has become complicated, and many of the provinces may quickly become involved in civil strife. Portions of Kwangtung have been under martial law, and battles have been fought from time to time. Kwangsi has often been isolated from the outer world. Last year we sat in an upper room of the mission home in Amoy, and watched a naval squadron battle with near-by forts for nearly an hour; and next day we witnessed a like engagement lasting two hours or more. We were about a mile away from the ships. Sometimes we reach places, only to find that railway communication beyond has been discontinued because of war. In going into Szechwan, one sometimes runs a gauntlet, as it were, past strategic points between Ichang and Chungking, and even foreign flags are not respected overmuch. Only a little more than a year ago, some of our mission workers in Peking went up on to the great wall surrounding the city and watched an engagement between two rival *tuchuns,* or provincial military governors, each of whom had several tens of thousands of troops under command.

As we go to press, there are reports of another period of strife in Szechwan, of an advance from Manchuria upon the Chihli border, of intense military activity in Kwangtung, and of an invasion into the province of Chekiang by armies from three adjoining provinces. Several tens of thousands of soldiers are to-day bivouacked within twenty miles of Shanghai. The Chinese section of Shanghai is under martial law. Traffic on the railway line between Shanghai and Nanking has ceased, owing to destroyed bridges and cut telegraphic communications Opposing armies are drawn up in battle array only five or six miles apart.

What the outcome may be, is problematical. It seems inevitable to many that the present civil strife will end in bloodshed, with consequent hindrances to our advancing work in various sections of the China field. We should at this time pray the Lord o the harvest to keep us calm amid the scenes of conflict, and help us to do our work with unflagging diligence in troublous times as well as in times of peace and quiet. More and more we shall be meeting with difficulties as we advance; but we must not be deterred by untoward circumstances, but rather seek to make these a means to an end. God can and does everrule the wrath of man, to the upbuilding of His divine kingdom in the hearts of many. In these troublous times let us keep our eyes upon our great Leader. c.

Departures

On August 3, per *s.s. "Empress of Russia,"* Mrs. Theodora Wangerin and her two daughters, the Misses Dorothy and Gertrude Wangerin, of the Chosen Union Mission; Miss Edyth L. Roberts, of the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House, going on furlough. On the same boat were Mrs. Dr. Vinton Scott, of Shanghai, with her two children, en route to New Orleans; and Pastor I. H. Evans, on his way to the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee.

On August 30, per *s.s. "Empress of Asia,"* Mrs. O. B. Kuhn and her two children, Master Henry and Miss Alice; and Mrs. H. R. Dixon and her two children, Sister Kuhn plans on spending some time on the Pacific Coast. Sister Dixon will go direct to her parental home at Yuma, Colorado.

Special Campaign for the "Review"

The publishers of *Review and Herald,* our denominational church paper, announce on page eleven of this issue a special campaign for new subscribers and for renewals of old subscriptions, at the rate of $2.75 gold for fifteen months. This offer holds good for only a limited time. Subscriptions must be mailed by the subscriber or by the tract society or other denominational agency through whom he is ordering, not later than October 31 of the present year. Practically all our workers in the Far East can mail their orders prior to that date. Let us strive after the ideal of all our mission families being permanent subscribers to the *Review.* c.

Notes

During the first quarter of 1924 the number of baptisms reported in the United States and Canada totals 1,086. Our baptismal records in the Far East seem to us very small, yet we should be encouraged by the knowledge that during the first quarter of this year our total, 414, is 38 per cent of the total in North America.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Longway, of Yencheng, Honan, a son, Delbert Edgar, August 18.

Brother C. F. Colton has been working for several weeks on architectural plans for a group of buildings to be erected in the near future, at Chiao T'eo Djen, the new country site for the Shanghai Missionary College. Contracts are being let for only four buildings at present, inasmuch as funds in hand are insufficient to cover the entire needs at the beginning.

The literature sales report of the Philippine Publishing House for January to July, 1924, shows a total of $42,370.63 gold for the seven months, which is $4,793.84 gold in advance of the amount of literature sold by our Manila House during the same period last year.

Through Brother M. C. Warren, of West China, we learn that Pastor S. H. Lindt, of Chengtu, Szechwan, has completed the five-year Mandarin language course offered by the Union Language Schools operating in the China field.

Brethren in Mukden report the sale of a portion of our mission compound land formerly held for school purposes but now sold in order that a larger tract farther away from the city may be purchased.

Pastor T. T. Babienco sends reports from Harbin of difficulties surrounding his effort to cross the Amur into Russian territory. He is doing all that one can do to secure a permit to cross the border.

Bibles for the Philippines

Large stocks of Bibles for use in seven language areas in the Philippines, with the plates used for printing these, were totally destroyed in Yokohama during the earthquake last year. The American Bible Society is transferring the publishing of Bibles for Filipino people, to Manila, and at present seven sets of plates are being made for seven of the language areas to be served, at a total initial expense to the Bible Society of $36,500 gold for plates alone. To buy paper and meet other expenses of printing and publishing a first edition of three thousand copies for each of the seven languages will require another $23,500 gold, or a grand total of $60,000. Our Mission benefits very decidedly through the production of these Bibles; for those who are studying the truths of the third angel's message are eager to possess a copy of the Holy Scriptures for themselves. Let us thank God anew for the Bible Societies and their beneficent and sacrificing work; and let us support these Societies liberally.

Brother Harley Anderson, factory superintendent of our Manila Publishing House, has been assisting the agents of the American Bible Society to get their printing work under way. c.