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“NOT by MIGHT nor by POWER”

W. H. BRANSON

IN the great commission of our Lord to His church, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, we read, “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” This thought should encourage all our hearts. It is good in a time of stress and trouble, when we do not know which way to turn or what to do, to remember Jesus’ promise, “Lo, I am with you alway.” How long? “Even unto the end of the world.”

We have not yet gone beyond the bounds of this promise. The end of the world is not yet. We are expecting it; it should come almost any time now; but we are still in the period covered by this text. If this church is Christ’s church, if He is its head, if it is giving God’s message for this time, then it is also true that Christ is with us. “I am with you alway.” There is never a time, place, or circumstance when Christ is not with His people. He is always willing to lead and guide when His church is willing for Him to do so. He brings with Him into the church “all power in heaven and in earth.”

It is a comforting thought that we are following a Leader who has never lost a battle in His conflict with Satan. The Captain of the Lord’s host is with His people. In Romans 9:28 we read: “He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” Notice the personal pronoun: “*He* will finish the work.” Sometimes we are led to inquire, How are we ever going to finish the work? Look at the millions all around us. How are we to warn them? Our resources are so meager, and our force of workers so pitifully small. How can we ever accomplish the task? I answer, We cannot. We are as helpless as the disciples when told to feed the hungry multitude. This isn’t our responsibility. Our business is to be workers together with God, and to follow His leadings. “*He* will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”

Today the church has come into troublous times. The perils of the last days are upon us. We labor under the burden of a great commission to carry the judgment hour message to all nations, and yet we feel so incapable of accomplishing the task. What we need today is to listen to the voice of Jesus, as it rings down through the ages, saying, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” With God, nothing shall be impossible. Trusting in His power we cannot fail.

Hold High the Torch

Hold high the torch!
 You did not light its glow—
 'Twas given you by other hands, you know.
 'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,
 Yours to pass on when you no more need light;
 For there are other feet that we must guide,
 And other forms go marching by our side;
 Their eyes are watching every smile and tear,
 And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,
 Are sometimes just the very helps they need,
 Actions to which their souls would give most heed;
 So that in turn they'll hold it high
 And say, "I watched someone else carry it this way."
 If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,
 Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?
 Hold high the torch!
 You did not light its glow—
 'Twas given you by other hands, you know.
 I think it started down its pathway bright,
 The day the Maker said: "Let there be light."
 And He once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—
 "Go! . . . Shine—for Me."

—Anonymous.

The Believer and Our Unfinished Task

G. J. APPEL

GOD is giving to His remnant people today the greatest opportunities for world-wide evangelism that have ever been given to His church. Events are taking place so rapidly that crisis follows crisis, calamity follows calamity, the prospects of peace give way to despair, and the hearts of men everywhere are seeking for a way out of the perplexing problems that are increasing to such an extent that it is feared the whole world will be plunged into another mighty conflict. Statesmen everywhere are bending every energy to find some way to patch up national differences, with little or no success attending their efforts.

The angels are holding the winds of strife. We are living, as it were, in the world's day of grace. It is the church's golden day of opportunity, for the fast-fulfilling signs of the times are causing men everywhere to think seriously of the future in relation to their own eternal destiny.

This truly is probationary time, when the church should be pray-

ing and preparing for the outpouring of the Spirit of God in the power of the latter rain. This will endow her with the strength and courage needed to give the loud cry to the message that now encircles the earth. The time has surely come when every individual believer should enlist in the ranks of Prince Emmanuel. Probation's door will soon close, the eleventh hour call for reapers is sounding. Soon darkness will cover the earth. Then Jesus will come to meet His sheaf-bearers and say unto them, "Well done."

It is a wonderful privilege—but one often lost sight of by church members—that when one works for God he has the presence and help of His Holy Spirit and of holy angels in impressing hearts and leading them into His kingdom. The apostle Paul knew this from personal experience when he wrote, "For we are laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9. Disciples of Christ should not have to be urged to do missionary work for the One who has done so much for them. All should

stand ready for service, and be willing to go wherever there is work to do.

"Men are in peril. Multitudes are perishing. But how few of the professed followers of Christ are burdened for these souls. The destiny of a world hangs in the balance; but this hardly moves even those who claim to believe the most far-reaching truth ever given to mortals. . . . There is a stupor, a paralysis, upon the people of God, which prevents them from understanding the duty of the hour. . . ."

"The professed followers of Christ are on trial before the heavenly universe; but the coldness of their zeal and the feebleness of their efforts in God's service, mark them as unfaithful."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 308.

These statements should arouse every follower of God to renewed activity and to more earnest labor for Him who has promised to give fruit commensurate with the labor expended.

Results from the seed sown are not always immediately seen. A man and his wife were encouraged to attend an effort we were holding in a small city before we came to the mission field. The man became interested, and at the close of the series of meetings joined the church on profession of faith, as he had been baptized by immersion in another church. However, his wife outwardly became bitter, refusing at the time to yield to the influence of the Spirit on her heart, and did everything in her power to oppose her husband. They moved away and for a time we lost all contact with them. Nearly thirty years later, at the close of a service at one of our campmeetings, this man and his wife earnestly shook my hand. Both of them, with their children, were rejoicing in this blessed message. The wife had been slow to yield, but the gospel seed had not been sown in vain. She had finally given her heart to God, and both she and her husband had become real soul winners, leading many to the foot of the cross. Truly the promise to increase one hundred fold the seed sown in His name, had been fulfilled.

How true it is that every believing child of God has a missionary task to perform for Jesus, in giving the gospel of a soon coming Saviour to his neighbors and friends. To give money is good as far as it goes, but unless it is united with personal effort, missionary work falls far short of the divine commission. Jesus' command is "Go ye." It may be in the home, in the neighborhood, in the city, or to some far away field, that God's spirit is calling each believer to a definite place in His finishing work.

How often we are led to pray as we see the conditions around us, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." Yes, for centuries Christians have prayed this prayer. They have hoped and looked for

this glorious day as the consummation of all their hopes. As sorrow and suffering have increased they have cried out, "Thy kingdom come." They have repeated it as they have had to flee from their homes due to the ravages of war. The best way to hasten the fulfillment of this prayer is to help finish the work. Then we literally hasten His coming.

Eternity is just before us. We are on the borders of the eternal world. The clock of time is ready to strike the last hour of this present world's history. It is waiting for us to link ourselves with our Master in wholehearted service in completing the task given to the church. Now it is our privilege to share in the joy of service, then with Him we shall share in the laborer's reward.

our faith manifest in our lives, and the best method of extending the influence of our hope and faith to others." After a few introductory statements he continued, "These general appeals, and this trying to raise means to sustain the cause, without form or system, seem to be proving a failure, and something more definite and effectual must be done."

Elder White then said: "We, therefore, brethren, urge upon your consideration the subject of '*Systematic Benevolence*.'" The following texts were then quoted; "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. 16 : 2. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, . . ." 2 Cor. 8:12-14. "That the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:5-7.

Briefly stated, Elder White's plan for systematic giving called for each member to lay aside a definite amount each week, to be given through the local church. Emphasis was placed on each person giving regularly and systematically and as he was able. This plan later developed into our present tithing system.

In speaking of the expansion of the work and the need of funds to further extend its influence, Elder White emphasized the fact that workers had gone "from Maine to Iowa." He spoke of the "west" and the "new fields" as being the states of "Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota." How greatly has our work expanded since his day!

Brethren and Sisters of the Advent hope, let us all bring more

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Systematic Giving

JOHN OSS

HOW are we going to finance our work during this time? What can our local churches do to attain a greater degree of self-support? These are questions that have been going through my mind during recent days, as I have thought about the future of the church in China.

It was to get an answer to these questions that I went to our publishing house files, where I found a folder entitled "Tithe and Offerings." As I fingered the many booklets, tracts, articles and clippings in this rather voluminous folder, I found a treasure entitled *Systematic Benevolence*. This is an original copy of the tract published by the General Conference Committee in 1859, when the leaders met to consider means for financing the expanding work.

Some of the actions recorded in this little tract seem insignificant indeed when compared with our present thinking in terms of thousands and millions of dollars, but the principles enunciated are sound, and show that even at this early date in our denominational history our leaders recognized that it was of utmost importance to have system in our giving. The title page reads:

Report of
GENERAL CONFERENCE
Held at Battle Creek, Michigan,
June 3-6, 1859

Containing an Address on
SYSTEMATIC
BENEVOLENCE,
Also
PRACTICAL DISCOURSES

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1859

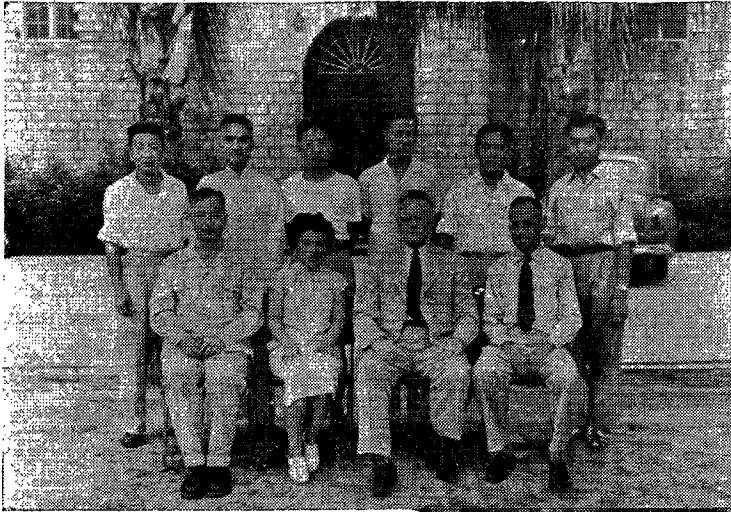
Joseph Bates acted as chairman of the business session held on the second day of this meeting. At that time James White delivered an address on "*Systematic Benevolence*," which appeared in the tract above referred to. In his opening remarks he said: "This meeting is not to learn the reasons of our faith, as it is supposed that all present know why they believe; but the great object of this general gathering is to learn how to make

Whetting the Linguistic Scythe

P. E. QUIMBY

THE consecrated, enthusiastic missionary to China need never be idle. Political and social unrest may make it necessary for him to withdraw from active service on the field for a time, or may delay him in proceeding to his appointed post, but always

or to gain a further knowledge of Chinese history, culture, and religion—all of which have served to fit him for more effective service when he could resume his regular work, and have thus advanced, rather than retarded, the gospel of Christ.



Above: Teachers and Staff of the Institute of Chinese Studies.

Right: Student body. Front Row: Oliver Seurens, Thora Thomsen, Dr. J. A. Scharffenberg, Mrs. Robinson, P. E. Quimby (Principal); Mrs. Sargeant, A. K. Davis, Francis Sargeant. Back Row: Mrs. Fischer, Karl Fischer, Ella May Stoneburner, Dr. W. G. Dick, Mrs. Dick, R. C. Hill, Mrs. Hill, Arthur Robinson, Irene Grove, Harold Cole, Mrs. Davjs, Stanley Sargeant, Mrs. Bowers, J. L. Bowers, Dr. R. H. Dunn.



before him is the urgent and seemingly endless task of mastering the Chinese language—a task that demands his very best mental efforts and every available moment of his time.

Many times, in the course of Christian missions in China, these seeming delays have proved to be golden opportunities for the foreign missionary to gain increased efficiency in the use of the Chinese language, to work with his Chinese colleagues on the translation and preparation of Christian literature in the tongue of the people,

Again we have found ourselves in such a period in China, and many of our missionaries have been drawn into the Hongkong area to await the passing of the storm. Among these are a number of new recruits, as well as some who have had little opportunity for language study in the past. The need for a language school was obvious, and even before our withdrawal from Shanghai the Division committee laid plans for such a school to be operated in the New Territories, Kowloon, Hongkong. Buildings

were rented to house the families assigned to language study, as well as to provide classrooms and teachers' living quarters, and the Institute of Chinese Studies was opened on January 18, with an appropriate address by Pastor E. L. Longway.

The student body consists of three ministers, three physicians, three nurses, the manager of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, one Division builder, two industrial educators, seven missionary wives, and two sons of missionaries. The instructors, all of whom are Seventy-day Adventists, have been most diligent and faithful in their work. A distinctly denominational atmosphere has been encouraged throughout the school at all times. Leading Division workers have lectured to the student body from time to time. A long series of lectures on evangelism and pastoral work, by Pastor F. W. Detamore, has

been most valuable, and has helped to give a spiritual mold to the work.

Correlated with the study of the language, which receives primary consideration, the year's curriculum includes lectures on Chinese History, Chinese Religions, Far Eastern International Relations, and the History of Christian Missions in China. Through the kindness of Pastor J. P. Anderson and the Signs of the Times Publishing House library, the Institute has secured the loan of scores of books on China and the Far East,

which provide the students with extensive collateral reading.

A number of the students are now being called to labor in other fields, but it is the sincere hope of the Institute board and staff that the knowledge here gained will contribute in a very refinite and contribute in a very refinite way to the advancement of the Advent message in the Orient.

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system into the giving of offerings. In addition to paying a faithful tithe, let us exercise greater liberality, system, and regularity in giving church offerings. All contributions to special campaigns and projects should be given prompt and systematic attention. In spite of economic and financial difficulties all these offerings should not only be maintained but greatly increased.

This plan of systematic giving, which had its inception when the work was confined to small areas in the eastern half of the United States, is vitally more important today, when the work has extended to the ends of the earth and when recent changes are calling for a far greater degree of local self-support.

How God Led Me Into His Church

(The following personal experience was related by one of our language teachers.)

MY father and mother were not Christians, and I grew up knowing little or nothing of Christianity. After graduating from school, I left my home in Nanking and went to Shanghai, where a friend introduced me to Mr. Scharffenberg, and I became a language teacher in the school that he was then operating.

About a year later came the war with Japan, and we had to leave the Ningkuo Road compound. I went to the city office, where language classes had been conducted. There was a Japanese teacher there, who had been teaching Japanese to some students. Everyone else seemed to be afraid of him, but I was not afraid to be with him, so we slept in the same room. In the days before

TO the office of the Voice of Prophecy there comes a welcome stream of mail indicating a real desire to know the truth. Following are a few excerpts:

"I thank the Lord for His will and His great power. This evening, after listening to the Voice of Prophecy broadcast, we were greatly stirred. We are amazed at the mercy of God. In this troubled world, we all are of a heavy heart, but this evening the Lord says to us, 'You must be patient.' This somehow deeply touched our hearts, and I could not keep from weeping. After the broadcast I prayed, and felt an abiding peace. May the Lord bless His faithful servants. I am a college student, a sincere Christian. Please send me a copy of the Voice of Prophecy sermon. Good-by."

"I am a youth at the crossroads of life; perhaps I should say that I am a youth who has lost his

way. Two weeks ago when I heard your program, I thought it was just some kind of propaganda. But after hearing it again this week, I could not help asking you to introduce me to my Father in heaven. I know very little about Him, and don't know what I should say, so please help me."

"Thank you for the radio sermons. I have been greatly helped by reading them. . . . Since your subjects are of such a vital nature, why is it that you preach only once a week? Furthermore, you occupy only thirty minutes, during which time you sing and make announcements, so that you have only fifteen minutes for preaching. Many other radio programs, such as fairy tales and folk songs, take more than an hour of time. Please try to come on the air more often."

Many such requests come to us. Please pray for these sincere seekers, that they may find the way of life.

fierce fighting there. My parents were in great danger. I could get no word from them, and did not know how they were faring. I could do nothing for them except pray God daily to watch over them. Later I learned that other homes, before and behind and on every side of them, were in ruins, but my father and mother were safe and their home was standing. This made a great impression upon me, for I know that only God can protect in this way, and I praised Him for hearing and answering my prayer.

After I returned to Shanghai, one of the ministers at Ningkuo Road opened a Bible class. I enrolled as a member, so that I could study the truth further, and when those studies were finished I was baptized and became a member of the church. I ask your prayers that I may ever be faithful.

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY

Responses from Listeners

DAVID LIN

FROM THE FIELD

Close of Kunming Effort

TWENTY-TWO persons were baptized in Kunming on Sabbath, May 28. Twelve of these were students from our school near Kunming and ten are from a branch Sabbath school. Another baptism is planned for June 18, when it is expected that about fifty will be baptized as the first fruits from the evangelistic effort conducted by Pastor Milton Lee and his associates during recent weeks.

A personal letter from Mrs. William Hilliard, gives an interesting description of the baptismal service and the concluding service of the effort:

"Sabbath we had a beautiful baptismal service. It was right in the hall where the meetings have been held. They had a large wooden tub built, which was hidden by a large white screen, reaching across the back of the platform and leaving only enough space to enter on each side. In the screen a square was cut like a window, which was draped with white curtains tied with gold paper. The screen and window were trimmed with gold, and across the top of the screen and down each side of the window were large Chinese characters, in gold, on squares of red. Through the window, on the wall back of the baptismal tank, could be seen a pretty picture of water, mountains, etc., drawn by Mrs. Cooper. In front of the picture were potted plants and flowers. It was very beautiful and impressive.

"Last night (May 29), we had the final public meeting of the effort. The program consisted largely of music and the giving out of prizes to those who had attended the meetings almost every night. Five, who had come every night, each received two books. Many had missed only a few nights, and each of these received a book,—fifty-six altogether. Some boys from our school sang several hymns, one of which was especially nice. The lights were turned out, and the boys came in

one at a time, each carrying a lighted candle and each repeating a Bible verse about light. Then they all sang. Pastor Lee gave a short talk, after which he had thirty of us come in, one at a time, each carrying two white banners. On each banner was written one of the subjects presented during the series of meetings—sixty in all. At the close we sang, 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds.' It was a lovely program, and everyone seemed to enjoy it."

"It Shall Prosper"

A RECENT letter from Pastor Chen Ming, who has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at our Range Road church in Shanghai, relates the following interesting experience:

At the close of the meeting one evening, a man came forward and stated that he was looking for Elder Swartout, and wanted to thank him. He said that nine years ago he had bought a copy of Elder Swartout's book, *A Great Man of Western Asia*, from a second-hand book store. After studying the book he accepted its teachings, began to tell others of his new-found faith, and raised up a company of believers. He led these believers to three different churches to attend services, but three times they were refused

admittance,—once because they were poorly dressed, and at other times because they were not considered qualified to attend. He became convinced that he and his followers had no share in these big churches, so they did not try to gain admission again. He and his men, more than a hundred in number, decided to build a thatched shed for their meeting place, raising the money for it by savings on food and vegetables.

Recently this man saw the announcement of the Range Road meetings, the subjects aroused his interest, and he decided to go and hear them presented and also to find out whether Elder Swartout was there. He wants to turn over his company to our people to shepherd. They are independent, without any connection with any denomination. They want to learn more of the truth. This man asks that we hold meetings at their humble little chapel—on Sundays for the present, but later, as the Sabbath truth is made clear, he thinks it will be very easy to change to Sabbath meetings.

That a book written many years ago by a former worker in China is still bearing fruit for the kingdom, impresses us anew with the power of God's Word, of which He himself says: "It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." Isa. 55:11.

Let us pray for this group of people who are groping for the light, that it may shine upon them in all its beauty, and show them the path to heaven.

Good News from Mokiang

IN the May issue of the REPORTER, mention was made of the illness of Mrs. J. E. Christensen, at Mokiang, our isolated mission station in southern Yunnan. After many weeks of effort to bring relief, either by sending in a small plane to bring Mrs. Christensen out for medical care or by sending help to her, Pastor William A. Hilliard, director of the Southwest China Mission, Miss Muriel Howe, Dr. Yü and

a nurse from Chungking were able to get through safely to Mokiang, arriving May 20. Recent letters bring the first word we have had from the Christensens for many weeks, and we are glad to report that Mrs. Christensen is improving.

A short letter to Brother and Sister W. I. Hilliard, dated May 29 and dictated by Mrs. Christensen herself, reveals the deep joy that the coming of these workers

brought to her, after she had lain ill for five long months. She writes:

"On Friday, May 20, something seemed to tell me, Your captivity is turned. I was lying here all alone in the bedroom. Ruthie was outside, playing, and Jerry was working in the new building at the back of the house.

"Soon I heard the dogs barking furiously at the front gate, and for some reason or other my heart started to pound. The next thing I heard was Ruthie talking to someone, and I could hardly believe my ears when I heard a voice ask in English, 'Where is your Daddy?' Then my heart did race! I turned over and looked out of the window. Walking down the path toward the new building at the back of the house was a big blond boy. . . . His hair shone like gold in the morning sunlight. It was your boy.

"Jerry," he called, and it was like music in my ears, for it was the first time that I had heard another American speak for over a year. Soon Jerry came tearing in. 'Miss Howe is here, and a doctor and a nurse,' he said. All I could say was, 'Oh, it's wonderful! Oh, it's wonderful!'

"Our house has been turned into a little dispensary and hospital, with two rooms set aside to take care of patients. This is only temporary. Miss Howe is superintendent in charge. She is also my special nurse, and takes care of us all like a little mother.

"From the day they arrived I started to improve. I do not know how we shall be able to thank the Division for sending us help just when we needed it.

"Bill and Jerry are out visiting the churches now. We expect them back at the end of this week. . . ."

For a later issue of the REPORTER we hope to have an account from Pastor Hilliard of his trip to Mokiang and the tribal work in that section.

Later: Word has come that the Christensens are en route to Kunming with Pastor Hilliard, and will proceed to the coast.

A Word from Shanghai

SEVERAL messages have been received from our workers in Shanghai since the change in the administration of the city, and they report that all are well and that every line of work is proceeding quite normally.

The Shanghai Sanitarium on Rubicon Road was largely evacuated before the turnover came, and the furnishings and equipment were transferred to our medical offices in the city. Pastor and Mrs. S. L. Frost, Pastor and Mrs. S. T. Wang and several others remained with the institution practically all the way through. Possibly they may have gone into the city for a very brief time at the last, but of this we have no definite report.

We understand that about nineteen shells struck the sanitarium building. The damage sustained amounted to some U.S.\$1,800. Repairs have already been authorized, and are reported to be under way. Already the furnishings and equipment have been returned to the institution, and its doors are again open to receive patients. The last report received is to the effect that there are now thirteen patients in the sanitarium.

Dr. H. W. Miller and his associates are carrying on at the medical offices and the Range Road hospital, and are much overworked. They are calling loudly for help. We hope this can be sent them very soon.—W. H. BRANSON.

Mid-year Committee Meeting

The mid-year meeting of the Division committee convened in the Division office chapel at 2 Duke Street, Kowloon, June 15. Pastors W. E. Nelson, A. W. Cormack, and W. P. Bradley, of the General Conference; V. T. Armstrong and P. L. Williams, of the Far Eastern Division; and A. L. Ham, president of the Southern Asia Division, had arrived a few days earlier to join the Division officers in preliminary

conference and to be in attendance at the session.

In view of the present situation in China, making it necessary to withdraw a number of our missionary families from the interior, and rendering it inadvisable to send new workers on to the fields to which they had been assigned, many changes are being made in our missionary personnel. A number of our workers have been called to fill pressing needs in the Far Eastern and Southern Asia divisions. These transfers will be duly reported when consummated. While we deeply regret the necessity for seeing any worker leave China, we recognize that our work is one the world around, and rejoice that these young people who have responded to the call of the mission fields can find a place of usefulness in a sister division at this time. It will be necessary for a few families to return to the homeland, due to health conditions. The Division staff will continue to function from the office in Kowloon.

The counsel of our visiting brethren and the spiritual help they have given in the devotional meetings and other services have been greatly appreciated by all.

The Far Eastern Academy commencement exercises were held on Sunday, June 19, when Francis Sargeant and Verle Erich were graduated from the twelfth and eighth grades, respectively. The temporary home of the Academy is now a busy place, as students prepare to return to their homes or proceed to the States for further training, while those in charge of the school are engaged in the laborious and heartbreaking task of disposing of the school equipment, it having been decided to suspend the operation of the institution for the present. The necessity for such an action is deeply regretted by all. The school has filled a real need in our mission program in China and the Far East for many years, and many tender memories cluster around it.

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DIVISION NOTES

Pastor and Mrs. Warren I. Hilliard and little daughter reached Hongkong, May 24, having come from Nanning, Kwangsi.

Mrs. E. H. James recently returned to Hongkong from Tsingtao, Shantung, on the S.S. *Repose*.

Pastor and Mrs. C. S. Cooper and two children arrived from Kunming, Yunnan, June 12.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Slough left Hongkong for the States June 17.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Scharffenberg and two children sailed from Hongkong for Korea June 19, the doctor having responded to a call to connect with the medical work in that field.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Dougherty, of the Canton Sanitarium, left Hongkong for the States June 20.

Miss Irene Grove has accepted a call to connect with the medical work in Korea, and will go forward as soon as transportation can be arranged.

Pastor E. M. Adams, acting president of the Philippine Union, and Brother and Sister H. R. Emmerson, of Singapore, were recent guests at Division headquarters.

Pastor F. Y. Wang and P. H. Shigley, of the Northwest China Union, Pastor C. O. Goh, of the West China Union, and Pastor M. C. Warren, of the Central China Union, have been in attendance at the mid-year meeting of the Division committee. Pastor S. J. Lee arrived in Hongkong

from Shanghai June 21, for the closing days of the meetings.

Pastor W. E. Nelson left Hongkong June 24, bound for Tokyo and Korea. On the same date Pastors A. W. Cormack, W. P. Bradley, and A. L. Ham took plane for India, via Bangkok. The visit of the General Conference brethren, and of Pastor Ham from India, has been a treat to our workers here. To Pastor Ham, who has given many years of service to South China, this visit was like a home-coming, and has served to strengthen the bond between the China field and Southern Asia.

Pastor and Mrs. O. G. Erich and daughter Verle, returning to the States, sailed from Hongkong on the S.S. *General Gordon*, June 24. Miss Carolyn Boynton, going to the States to continue her school work, was a passenger on the same steamer.

Misses Mary Lou Ragsdale and June Dyer, who have been studying in the Far Eastern Academy, returned to their homes in Manila June 24.

Miss Ludmila Rezac left Hongkong for the States by plane June 24.

The beautiful cantata "Queen Esther" was rendered in the Bible Auditorium in Kowloon on Sunday evening, June 19, by students of the Far Eastern Academy and the Institute of Chinese Studies, under the direction of Minnie Iversen Wood. A most appreciative audience filled the auditorium to overflowing.

Twenty-two persons were baptized in Kunming on Sabbath, May 28, twenty-five at the China Training Institute on June 4, and forty-four at the Ningkuo Road compound in Shanghai on June 4.

Pastor F. Y. Wang, president of the Northwest China Union, reports the baptism of 24 as the first fruits of the evangelistic effort which has been conducted in Lanchow during recent months, and of 17 as a result of the effort at Yucheng.

News of the death of Pastor Charles F. Larsen brings sorrow to the hearts of his many friends and former co-workers in China. He passed away on April 19, at Marietta, Georgia, following a long illness. Pastor Larsen gave fifteen years of service to China, first in the Far Eastern Academy and later as pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hongkong. In both capacities he won the respect and love of his associates and of those for whom he labored. He was a man of deep humility, piety, and devotion, one whose sincerity and consecration were questioned by none.

Following the fall of Hongkong, early in 1942, Pastor Larsen spent six months in Stanley Prison Internment Camp before being repatriated on the S.S. *Gripsholm*. He had a deep desire to return to China, and though he was unable to do so the work in this field was on his heart till the very last. On the Sabbath preceding his death he was heard to remark, "I belong to China."

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Larsen and other relatives. Mrs. Larsen's present address is: Route 5, Box 130, Marietta, Georgia.

"Now is our time to labor for the salvation of our fellow men. . . . All are to labor in winning souls to Christ.

"Every moment is freighted with eternal consequences. We are to stand as minute men, ready for service at a moment's notice. The opportunity that is now ours to speak to some needy soul the Word of life may never offer again. God may say to that one, 'This night thy soul shall be required of thee,' and through our neglect he may not be ready. (Lukè 12:20.) In the great judgment day, how shall we render our account to God?"—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 343.

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