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God Still Leads

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AS in some sections of the world field, such as China, doors of opportunity that once were wide open are temporarily closed and prosecution of the work of God made exceedingly difficult, the tendency is for our workers and churches to feel a sense of discouragement. Satan, of course, rejoices to have it so. If only he could forge a chain of adverse circumstances that would throw the entire church into a state of discouragement he would be exultant.

Recently someone wrote to us of the great difficulties facing our workers in a certain country where the state laws made the propagation of the gospel illegal; and his message closed with the suggestion that the work in that country was finished. Actually it had only started. A small beginning only had been made, but the enemy was determined to hedge up the way of further progress.

The encountering of difficulties and obstacles is no indication that our task is finished. Actually, our greatest achievements in winning souls under the preaching of the great Advent message are just ahead. Under the latter rain the message is to swell to a loud cry, and thousands are to be converted in a day. Perhaps today there must be a retreat, but tomorrow there will be an advance. Every reverse experienced by the workers for God should be used as a stepping stone to greater advancement.

God has not promised always to smooth the way for His servants, but rather has warned them that "through much tribulation" their work is to be accomplished. Often they are to be as sheep among wolves and are to be made partakers of their Lord's sufferings.

At present, the foreign mission staff is being compelled to leave China because of the political situation. Most of them are scattering out to other near-by fields to labor while they await developments. But this will not stop the work of God. Strong national leaders will step in and take over the burdens formerly carried by the foreign workers. Our national church will hold up the hands of these workers. Should the time ever come when the national workers, too, should be forced into retirement, no doubt the very stones would cry out. God's message is of great urgency and it must be given. If it cannot be advanced in one way, He will find another. He has ways unknown to us by which to convey His messages to men.

Long ago the warning came to us that "the work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under the most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 463. But under no circumstances will the messengers of God be forsaken by Him. He has promised to be with them "always, even unto the end of the world."

Though the church may be forced into temporary retreat here and there, and though doors once opened may be closed for a time, yet no one should conclude that the work of God is therefore failing in such places. "We must have a true, abiding faith," says the servant of God, "that this message will go forth with increasing importance till the close of time."—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 154. We also have the assurance that "The Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done."—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 21.

Notwithstanding the obstacles that may be placed in the way, nothing on earth is so sure of success and ultimate victory as the church of Christ. Workers for Christ are admonished that they "are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their

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All Things Work Good

With strength of righteous purpose in the heart
 What cause to fear for consequence of deed?
 God guideth then, not we; nor do we need
 To care for aught but that we play our part.
 Most simple trust is often highest art.
 The issue we would fly may be a seed
 Ordained by God to bear our souls a meed
 Of peace that no self-judging could impart.
 "All things work good for him who trusteth God!"
 Doth God not love us with a longing love
 To make us happy, and hath He not sight
 From end to end of our short earthly road?
 This, Lord, I hold—aye, *know* that thou wouldst move
 The world to lead one trusting soul aright.

—Edward Harding.

"The Sabbath a Delight"

JOHN OSS

IN speaking of the troubles of the last days, the Spirit of prophecy refers to the pouring out of the seven last plagues, and makes special mention of the "short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary." In speaking of God's people at this time, it says: "We were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully."—*Early Writings*, p. 85.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of those who would "build the old waste places" and be called "the repairer of the breach." Among other things, this group of people are to elevate the Sabbath to its rightful place, and to "call the Sabbath a delight." (See Isaiah 58:12-14.)

At times I fear too many look upon the Sabbath as just another day of routine, and the following out of a fixed schedule. How much more this day would mean to us if we truly looked upon it as "a delight!" In proclaiming the Sabbath more fully, more emphasis should be placed upon enjoying the Sabbath day and its worship.

The Sabbath should first and always be a day of joy and rejoicing. This joy does not come from simply abstaining from the toil and cares of the week, but from earnest contemplation upon God and His handiwork. It

should give us great joy and satisfaction to gather our families about us and go to the house of worship on the Sabbath day. It should thrill our hearts to sing with others of like precious faith the beautiful songs of Zion, to join with them in the study of the Bible in the Sabbath school, and to listen to the preaching of God's Word in the afterservice. Every aspect of our worship on the Sabbath day should afford us joy and satisfaction.

As we read the Bible and other spiritual books on the Sabbath,

we should thank God for the time and opportunity to be thus engaged. As we take our families out for a walk during the afternoon, to study God's handiwork in nature and to enjoy His great out-of-doors, it should not only give us satisfaction but should incline our hearts toward God and heavenly things. Our missionary endeavors for others on the Sabbath day should likewise give us much pleasure.

To be part of a loyal and understanding family, with common purposes and ideals, is indeed inspiring. It is an uplifting thought that when we are meeting on the Sabbath day, we are worshiping with hundreds and thousands of fellow believers in all parts of the world. Our minds can wander over all the earth, and we can see all kinds and classes of people in every land worshiping God in the same manner in which we are worshiping Him. What a delight to be a member of such a family!

So in our fuller proclamation of the Sabbath, let us place greater emphasis on the real delight and genuine pleasure that is to be found in its true observance. In our worship and in our ministry for others on this day, our faces should radiate a spirit of joy and gladness. Truly the Sabbath is a delight!

The Missionary Phase of Ingathering

T. E. UNRUH

UNLESS diligence is exercised, the original objectives of any movement or plan of service may in time be lost sight of quite unintentionally. When this happens, the results are always unfortunate.

That God has blessed our people marvelously in gathering money for missions needs no argument. The staggering sum of over \$3,000,000, gathered by our faithful workers and church members throughout the world in 1948, attests to the guidance and special blessings of God. A steady growth has been experienced year by year. As one looks into the future the possibilities appear al-

most limitless. Just as long as God keeps the way open for us it would seem wise to enlist an ever-increasing number of our members in this work, thereby enlarging the volume of financial returns.

But in the midst of all this financial prosperity it will be an evidence of wisdom to stop long enough to properly evaluate our accomplishments. Periodically the results of our efforts must be matched against original objectives to insure the fulfillment of God's original intentions. It might well be asked, "What were the original objectives? Were they solely financial? How well are

we meeting the divine objectives of this special denominational activity?" The answers to these questions can readily be found in the Spirit of prophecy. A study of this instruction reveals that:

1. A spiritual preparation should precede the Ingathering campaign:

"Let us first consecrate ourselves fully to Him whose name we wish to exalt."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 169.

"To all who are about to take up special missionary work with the paper prepared for use in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience."—*Christian Service*, p. 169.

2. A burden for souls should lead to special prayer:

"Let us also pray earnestly in behalf of those whom we expect to visit, by living faith bringing them, one by one, into the presence of God."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 189.

3. Since the Ingathering campaign is primarily a missionary endeavor, those engaged in it should be constantly searching for souls:

"One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions."—*Christian Service*, p. 167.

"Search diligently for perishing souls. . . . Watch for souls as they that must give an account."—*Id.*, p. 169.

4. If the Ingathering work is rightly carried on, the results will be twofold: Money will flow into the treasury to meet the needs of an expanding work, and the hearts of the givers will be led to investigate the truth that has power to transform lives. "As those not of our faith have been made acquainted with the progress of the third angel's message in heathen lands, their sympathies have been aroused, and some have sought to learn more of the truth that has such power to transform hearts and lives."—*Id.*, p. 167.

The objectives of Ingathering, then, are perfectly clear. Through this annual endeavor God designs to deepen the spiritual life of the church, warn the world of His soon return, and provide the

means for the enlargement of His work in the earth. What a wonderful provision! What a glorious opportunity the Ingathering campaign provides!

It is interesting to note that where the original objectives are kept before the church, where they enter into all the planning of the campaign, there the promised results are always in evidence. Forget those objectives and make the campaign a financial drive and you have a campaign that is burdensome. The constraining motive must always be a love for lost humanity.

Genuine missionary work can only be effectively done by direct contact with men and women. Therefore, in planning the Ingathering campaign, provision needs to be made for much house-to-house work. Here is where the people live. Here, in the quiet of the home, the purpose of the work can be explained and

the appeal can be made. The opportunity for a brief prayer often presents itself. Literature left in the home will be more readily studied. Members need training and instruction for this house-to-house work. When this work is undertaken by our people for their neighbors and friends, the interests can readily be followed up by those who were instrumental in creating it. Follow-up work is imperative, whether our Ingathering activities center in the home or in the shop and the office. In-between-campaign contacts with donors are so vital. Where there is but little follow-up work, the fruitage must of necessity be meager. But God intends that this yearly activity shall yield an abundant harvest. The missionary phase of Ingathering will stand out in bold relief if throughout the entire year our people show themselves to be genuinely friendly to all.

Give THEM Something

"NOW, what do you have to give me?" the kindly business man asked.

The young people stared at him, taken off guard. What could he mean? He had just given them a liberal Ingathering donation, to be sure. But—what could he be talking about?

"I have given you an offering for your work," he smiled. "Don't you have something for me?" There seemed to be a trace of wistful longing in his eyes as he spoke.

Light dawned in the minds of our youth. He wanted spiritual help! There followed earnest words concerning the times in which we live, a short but sincere prayer, then, with the memory of a warm, grateful handclasp from the man they had helped, they were on their way. A warm glow of happiness filled their hearts and radiated from their faces as they realized that they had given something of value to the man who had donated to God's cause—something of far greater value than the financial gift he had given them.

"Ingathering" means the finding of honest souls as well as

the gathering of money for the most important work on earth. It means *giving* as well as getting, with more giving than getting. It means that, first and most important of all, we must give ourselves to God. A miracle takes place whenever a sizeable gift is given to God's cause, and God is the only one who can work miracles. We must be fully surrendered to Him, with the channel of our life swept clean of every hindering sin, before He can work through us. Then we must *take* supplies from God's storehouse before we will have anything to give. Gather up the gems of promise from the treasury of His word, breathe in deeply the invigorating atmosphere of grace that surrounds you as you bow before His throne in prayer, and then, with your ears attune to His voice, you are prepared to go out Ingathering—and to *give*.

Give, for there are honest souls longing for a knowledge of the way of life! Give, for some soul may find his way into the kingdom as the result of your gift! Give, for God is watching, to

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FROM THE FIELD

Mokiang Trip

W. A. HILLIARD

FOR several months we had been making plans for a trip to Mokiang in order to become acquainted with the work there. Since last fall mail had been very irregular, and when the local political organization from the southern part of the province took over only an occasional bit of news came through from the Christensens and the work in Mokiang. The news that did come nearly always told of Sister Christensen's illness.

As it became apparent that the bandit situation was not improving noticeably and it seemed that Sister Christensen's condition was worsening, we made investigation about landing a small plane there. However, there seemed to be no place large enough and the plan was abandoned. We decided to try to make the trip overland.

The Division and West China made it possible for Miss Muriel Howe and Dr. Hu to go with us. P'an T'ak-k'ang, a nurse for the Mokiang clinic; Li Feng-chen, a student returning to his home; Miss Howe, Dr. Yu, and I made up the party, which left Kunming on May 6. Since the regular caravan route through Yuhsi has had so much banditry, it was decided to go down the railroad three days to Chiensui and go across from there to Yuanchiang, which is on the regular road into Mokiang.

Being unable at Chiensui to arrange for horses, we hired three *hwa kans* (simple sedan chairs) for the trip. Miss Howe had one and two were loaded with baggage. We learned to our grief (all of us were "green" at this sort of travel) that all but one of the carriers were opium smokers. Most of them were Szechuan men who had moved down here to opium country when the government tried to clean the opium out of Szechuan several years ago.

Our first stage was over des-

olate, uninhabited country where there has been a history of banditry for many years. The coolies nearly ran all that day. We wondered how we would make it when we came to the mountains. Late in the afternoon we passed a beautiful lake tucked away in a little valley. Just a few *li* from there we dropped down into the valley and came into Kuant'ing, where we spent the night.

Ministering by the Way

We immediately attracted a crowd of youngsters. Mr. P'an took over and had an attentive audience until we had to send them home at bedtime. Before they had gone, they had heard a fair portion of the stories in the Bible and had learned two songs: "Jewels" and "Jesus Loves Me." At nearly every stop we set up clinic and Dr. Yu and the nurses treated all sorts of patients. Eye trouble seemed to predominate.

The next day took us through a little valley for about half the day. The pace slowed down considerably and the scenery was beautiful. In the afternoon we climbed up over the ridge which follows the Yuanchiang river. It is in a tremendous gorge and the trail drops very steeply all the way to the river. We spent the night at Iwansui, about half way down the steep slope. The next day being Friday and the stage being long we got an early start. After crossing the river on a little ferry we started the climb up the other side. The trail follows the ridge most of the way from there into Yuanchiang. It was very hot and there were no trees in sight nor water to drink. It was nearly sundown when we pulled up the last abrupt climb into Isa.

Isa is as nearly a medieval fortress as one could find in this twentieth century. Its wall is of

chiseled granite, and surrounds the peak of the mountain, while the hill comes abruptly up to the wall on all sides. It is really an imposing city. Without modern weapons, strategy would be about the only means of conquering it. Water is somewhat of a problem in the city, as there are only small springs where people wait through the day and night for water to seep into the holes. We learned later that this is the opium center, and much trading is done with French Indo-China and other foreign countries.

Students Beg for Gospel

We spent Sabbath in resting up, having our own Sabbath school in the afternoon, when the coolies joined us in worship. Just at sunset the students from the high school came to request that we preach the gospel to them. There were between forty and fifty fine young people in the group. They said the gospel had never been preached in Isa before. It seems there is no mission organization in that section. The students almost insisted on our staying over at least another day and coming up to the school for services there. They would not take "No" for an answer. Finally we had a short service there in the courtyard, telling briefly of God the Creator, and Jesus our Saviour. They stood very attentively the whole time while I spoke to them from the steps of the little hotel. After the closing prayer, I promised to send them some Bibles and literature. I felt keenly the challenge and wished to stay with them for a short time but the urgency of our mission prevented. I hope we can return some day and give the gospel to the people in this needy section.

The next two nights we were with different Nosu tribes. It was very difficult to find anyone who would open his home for us to spend the night. All went inside and locked their doors when strangers approached, then, going to the flat roofs, they looked down upon us. After much talking, and promises to treat their sick, we were finally taken in. Once inside, they treated us royally. At

no place along the river had they heard the gospel preached. The people in Suit'ang, where we spent the first night, are of the P'oulan tribe. This is one of the few tribes having a written language. Our host showed us their written characters, which are similar to the Chinese but generally much less complicated.

Every City a Challenge

Every one of these cities should have the privilege of hearing the gospel. Every one is a challenge to us to send in workers. Each morning before leaving on the trail we sang a hymn, read some Scripture, and had prayer. This made quite an impression on our coolies and the tribal peoples where we stayed.

Yuanchiang is a prosperous city in a rice-producing valley. The city sits on the bank of the river by the same name. Floods have completely destroyed the wall and gates along the bank, leaving it open for attack. It is a stifling hot town with many epidemics every year and a very high death rate among children.

The most beautifully dressed tribal peoples I have seen live in this valley. The women's costumes are very colorful and have a belt about ten inches wide of silver ornaments, besides much silver on their headdress and around the neck. On the return trip Brother Christensen tried to get some pictures but the women are so camera-shy it was impossible.

From Yuanchiang we followed the main caravan trail up over the mountains to Mokiang. The first day we followed a river all day, climbing almost constantly. The last ten *li* of that stage, almost straight up, is a real test of one's endurance. Again we spent the night where there was a crying need for the gospel and for medical work. The room we slept in had a pillar in the center. The base was surrounded with unhulled rice. From the pillar was hung rice in the stalk and incense had been burned to this god. The room was so small that it was difficult to unroll the bedding without getting into this

rice and I asked the lady of the house to move it for me. She looked aghast and said, "*Hui kuai jen!*" (Can harm people.) When will the gospel ever be preached to all these superstitious people?

Friday morning we followed down the Mokiang river to the city of Mokiang, and coming through town hurried across the little valley and up the hill to Ko Yuan where the mission is located. Needless to say the Christensens were surprised and glad to see us.

The Return Trip

After a ten-day trip to the stations round about we made plans for Christensens to come out with us. The post office had opened service again two days after our arrival, and letters from the Division urged them to come out if the way was open. Dr. Yu felt it would be safe for Sister Christensen to make the trip. A *hwa kan*, (simple sedan chair) was prepared so that she could recline, and with an air mattress she was made quite comfortable.

The local government provided a guard of six men for the trip to Yuanchiang. They reported one group of lightly-armed bandits driven off. At Yuanchiang we were able to hire small boats for the trip down the river. This saved three and one half days of walking. The boats looked flimsy and narrow, leaked water, and were very unsteady in the river, but they got us through without accident. At a number of places where the rapids were bad and the rocks thick we had to disembark and walk around, while the boats either shot through empty (a sight to give one a real thrill!) or were let slowly through the rocks with ropes. The second morning we passed a leopard drinking from the river bank. He seemed to enjoy our passing as much as we were thrilled over looking at him.

We left the boats where we had crossed on the ferry on the trip in, and followed the same trail from there back to Chiensui. Three days by rail brought us into Kunming. It was with thankful hearts that we came into town

and realized the trip had been made safely with God's protecting hand over us through all the dangers of that long trail!

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

Truth Taking Root in Tihwa

BRETHREN Wang Shu-teh and Wang Tsi-twan, who went out to the province of Sinkiang for colporteur work last year, write from Tihwa under date of July 22 of the growing interest in the truth in that city. Their letter reads in part:

"We have had to quit our colporteur work and spend full time visiting the people and giving Bible studies. Ten days ago we opened an evangelistic effort with more than fifty attending every night and bringing their Bibles. Our Sabbath school has already grown to more than fifty members. We have never seen such encouraging conditions for doing evangelistic work as we find here in Tihwa now. The local city government has given us a permit to preach. Many members of other churches are now studying the truth with us. Many have made donations of money so that we could buy some benches for Sabbath school and evangelistic use. If we can organize a church at Tihwa soon we believe it would quickly become self-supporting. It is peaceful here, and there are no hindrances to our work. Living costs are high, but we are going right ahead.

"Our great desire is for a pastor to come and hold a baptism here and organize a church, then follow it with a good revival meeting."

Plans have been laid for Pastor F. Y. Wang, president of the Northwest China Union, to spend some time in Tihwa soon to care for this interest that has sprung up. Let us remember in prayer the work in this section of our field that has waited so long for the message of truth.

Kunming Effort

MILTON LEE

IT is with a feeling of sadness that we prepare to leave Kunming. This has been a wonderful seven months, and we thank God for giving us the opportunity to witness for His truth here. Moreover we are grateful to Him for holding back the winds of strife during this evangelistic period.

For three months we were able to have six meetings a week in the centrally located Kuomintang Party Hall. The seating capacity was 1,200, and the meetings were well attended from the opening night until the concluding lecture.

Before moving back to the Kunming church, a special meeting was held in the Tang Hall in honor of those faithful listeners who had attended at least fifty out of the sixty lectures. Over sixty received souvenir books as a reward for their faithfulness.

Since returning to the church, there have been weekly Sunday night meetings, aside from the regular prayer meeting and Sabbath services. The Sabbath School membership is 180, with a weekly attendance of nearly two hundred.

To date there have been three baptisms totaling fifty candidates. This Sabbath, July 30, there will be another ten ready to receive this sacred rite.

It is encouraging to see how the new members are taking an active part in soul winning. With their help, about fifteen cottage meetings have been organized in all parts of the city.

The effort has cost about \$1,700. Offerings totaled \$220.

We solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout China on behalf of the members of the Kunming Church, both new and old.

Pastor C. I. Meng has recently returned from Amoy, and reports the baptism of 64 as a result of his evangelistic effort there, with many others preparing for baptism at a later date. Pastor Meng is to be connected with the Bible Department at C. T. I. during the coming school year.

GOD'S PATTERN IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Educational Arithmetic

T. S. GERATY

True education ADDS wisdom to knowledge;
True education SUBTRACTS the sins of ignorance;
True education MULTIPLIES capacity by training;
True education DIVIDES the shallows from the depth;
True education yields the PERCENTAGE of happiness;
True education gives INTEREST to personality;
True education DISCOUNTS chances for failure;
True education grants the LOAN for service;
True education is the SECURITY BOND of earth and heaven;
True education INSURES success with man and God.

The Church—Saving Its Youth

The summer has passed quickly—for time is fleeting—and soon another school year will begin. How are you preparing for it? It is a grave responsibility, for

“Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death.

“God has appointed the church as a watchman, to have a jealous care over the youth and children.” *Counsels to Teachers*, p. 165.

There may not be many children in *your church*, but *your children*

need a Christian education. Can you not group together and support at least *one* teacher for the boys and girls in your local church?

“The Lord would use the church school as an aid to the parents in educating and preparing their children for this time before us. Then let the church take hold of the school work in earnest, and make it what the Lord desires it to be.”—*Ibid.*, p. 167.

If your church has been so unfortunate as to overlook the special Sabbath, Christian Education Day, on July 23, why not set aside another Sabbath day and plan for your young people?

Re-organization of South China Union

At a joint meeting of the Division and South China Union committees, held on Sunday, August 14, it was voted to re-organize the territory of the present South China Union to form three union missions, namely: The South China Union, with headquarters at Canton, made up of the province of Kwangsi and the province of Kwangtung exclusive of Hainan Island and that portion of the province occupied by the Swatow Mission; the Southeast China Union, with headquarters in Amoy, to include the province of Fukien and that por-

tion of the province of Kwangtung comprising the Swatow Mission; and the South China Island Union, which will include the island of Hongkong and surrounding British possessions, the colony of Macao, and the islands of Taiwan and Hainan, with headquarters at Hongkong.

It was further voted to organize the colonies of Hongkong and Macao into a local mission to be known as the Hongkong-Macao Mission, with headquarters in Hongkong. These new organizations will begin functioning September 1.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

WORKING the Investment Plan

BESSIE MOUNT

YES, the Investment plan really *works*, when it is *worked* by earnest, enthusiastic Sabbath school members. This has been proved in thousands of Sabbath schools all over the world, and for several years past this special offering has added more than a third of a million dollars to our mission funds annually. How much more it might accomplish if *every* Sabbath school member were an Investment enthusiast is beyond computation, for the possibilities in the plan are unlimited.

A little branch Sabbath school in Wisconsin caught the Investment spirit, and after weeks of earnest effort brought in an offering totaling U.S.\$206. How was the money earned? A little three-year-old girl saved her pennies for Jesus, and had a offering of \$1.87. A seven-year-old girl and her brother sold rhubarb and gave the proceeds. One family canned all the nickels that came their way. A mother and her daughter each pledged a calf, and had a fine offering when the calves were sold. A man who was a road patrolman took his stand for the truth and asked for his Sabbaths off. His request was granted, and he was permitted to put in his time on Sundays. He gave the proceeds from all his overtime work. Another brother gave the fruit from two of his best apple trees, while his wife gave her Sabbath eggs. Still another gave his earnings from filing saws in his spare time. One sister gave five per cent of all her income.

The sister who reported this splendid endeavor wrote, "Yes, we are just a handful of branch Sabbath school members, but we believe God's promises and find pleasure in proving them,"—and herein is the secret of their success.

Another Sabbath school of about forty members, in California, brought an offering of \$860 on their annual Investment day

two years ago. Some of the methods used to earn this money might be suggestive to others:

"A business woman gave fifty cents for each \$5 order she received—\$109.50.

"A brother gave every fifteenth day's wages—\$119.50.

"Every silver dollar which came into the doctor's office—\$120.

"A little girl and her brother were given 25 cents for every 'A' on their last year's report cards—\$36.75.

"Kindergarten and Cradle Roll children saved new pennies—\$8.70.

"One woman saved the receipts from old hub caps she sold at her husband's junk yard—\$57.75.

"A little girl received two cents for each old *Signs* she handed out—\$9.62.

"The Junior class sold home-made candy—\$18.17.

"One sister has a buttonhole attachment for her sewing machine. She made buttonholes and alterations—\$20.

"The fruit from a neglected orchard—\$10.

"One junior girl and her mother saved small change—\$10.

"One family sold the extra furniture which had been stored in their garage—\$14.

"One dear old sister, too ill to work, rented out her washing machine—\$27.75.

"One family saved pennies—\$50.

There are countless plans, and unlimited opportunity for the exercise of initiative, originality, and ingenuity in finding the one best suited to *you*. Have you found it, and is your offering growing from week to week? September 17 is the day for the annual In-

vestment rally in our Sabbath schools, and for receiving the third quarter's Investment offering. Let us make it the best Investment offering we have ever given—and then let us begin at once with our project for the next quarter. If we "believe God's promises and find pleasure in proving them" He will work with us and give us success.

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work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things. . . . We may draw upon His fulness, and receive of that grace which has no limit."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 19.

Again the Lord's messenger speaks of His workers, saying, "Courage, energy, and perseverance they must possess. Though apparent impossibilities obstruct their way, by His grace they are called upon to surmount them. They are to despair of nothing; and to hope for everything."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 39.

Thus in the midst of the most discouraging circumstances we have ground for hope. The way may not become easier, but God will teach us how successfully to carry on His work, regardless of the hardness of the way. Perhaps the sun that is obscured today may shine again tomorrow; but if not, then we must learn to work in the shadows. So long as we have the assurance that God is leading, outward circumstances should make little or no difference.

Surely it is good to know in these days of peril and perplexity that God is at the helm guiding the affairs of His church, and that He has promised not to "fail nor be discouraged until He have set judgment in the earth." We should face our task with absolute assurance in our hearts that success will surely crown our efforts. The God of Israel is still abundantly able to open the waters of the Red Sea or the Jordan; and He would send legions of angels from heaven rather than permit the weakest servant of His to fail, if only His trust is in Him.

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DIVISION NOTES

Pastor G. J. Appel spent the first three weeks of August in Kunming, Lanchow, Chungking and other points in the west, in the interests of the Ingathering work.

Pastor S. J. Lee left Hongkong July 29, to return to Shanghai via Tientsin.

Pastor Milton Lee and family reached Hongkong August 7, coming from Kunming via Canton. Pastor Lee is to connect with the Bible Department at the China Training Institute, and also to oversee the work of the Chinese section of the Bible Correspondence School.

Pastor William A. Hilliard and family arrived in Hongkong from Kunming August 7. Pastor Hilliard will be connected with the Detamore-Meissner evangelistic effort.

Pastor and Mrs. N. O. Dahlsten and daughter Joyce, Pastor and Mrs. M. C. Warren, and Miss Svea Hoglund have recently come to Hongkong from Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Shigley and two sons reached Hongkong August 14, from Lanchow, where Brother Shigley has been serving as treasurer of the Northwest China Union, while Mrs. Shigley has been on the staff of our hospital in Lanchow.

Brother H. W. Barrows, associate auditor of the General Conference, after spending some time auditing the Division books, left August 16 for Singapore. After auditing the Far Eastern Division books he will proceed to the Southern Asia Division for a like service before returning to the States.

Pastors C. H. Davis, T. C. Chin, and A. R. Mazat, of the South

China Union, were in attendance at the Taiwan Mission annual meeting held at Taiph, Taiwan, July 22-31.

Departures

Recent weeks have witnessed the departure of a number of our workers, as well as several of our young people who are going to the States for further schooling. The latter group includes Victoria Miller, who left Hongkong by plane August 3 and will enter Lynwood Academy; Francis Sargeant, sailing on the S.S. *Luxemburg Victory*, to enter Walla Walla College; and Arlene Detamore, leaving by plane August 26, to complete her academic work at Lodi Academy.

Those leaving for the States are: C. A. Carter, on the S.S. *Peter Maersk*, August 3; Mrs. C. A. Carter, Miss Irene Grove, and "Grandma" Dawson (mother of Mrs. C. B. Miller), by plane on August 3; Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Clausen and children, August 17.

Workers leaving to take up work in other fields include: Pastor and Mrs. C. S. Cooper and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson, who sailed for Ceylon on the S.S. *Carthage*, August 5. Brother Cooper is to become pastor of our church in Colombo, while Brother Robinson will be engaged in school work at that place. Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Dick and family left August 5, to connect with the Manila Sanitarium. Albert Schimke and family and Pastor C. R. Holford and family, for evangelistic work in India, sailed August 8 on the S.S. *Shirala*, while Miss Ella May Stoneburner left by the same steamer to connect with the Giffard Mission Hospital at Nuzvid, India. Pastor

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measure your faithfulness! With Peter, face those whom you are asking to donate to God's cause, and say within your heart, "Such as I have give I thee!"

Yes, young people, go out and gather funds for God, but, while getting, give.—G. W. Chambers, in *North Pacific Union Gleaner*.

and Mrs. J. L. Bowers left August 10 for Guam, en route to their new field of labor on Palau Island. Miss Lockie Gifford left August 14, for teaching work in Rangoon, Burma. Pastor and Mrs. Alwyn Davis and child left August 15 for their new appointment in Japan. And Miss Thora Thomsen sailed on the S.S. *Sunnyvale*, August 23, to connect with the Penang Mission Hospital, in Malaya.

Voice of Prophecy News

DAVID LIN

RECENT moves have been rapid ones. The Voice of Prophecy studio has been set up at the Pioneer Memorial Church, Hongkong, and a full-time quartet has been organized, made up of Frank Lin, Hsing Tao-sheng, Chou Jung-chao and Chiao Hung-en. The organist is Shen Bin-jen. The quartet is being coached by Henry Meissner, while Mrs. Meissner contributes her part by giving organ lessons to the organist. We hope that within a few weeks, the new Brook recording amplifier will be functioning, and new transcriptions can be sent out to the field. Remaining stations carrying the Voice of Prophecy program are Canton, Chungking, Kunming, Kweichow, Lanchow and Kangting. We hope to develop Taiwan and Hainan islands as soon as possible.

The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence school has been divided temporarily. The English department has been placed under Brother and Sister D. M. Barnett. Milton Lee resumes leadership of the Chinese Bible School, which has been moved to the campus of the China Training Institute. Four single workers have been released, while Ouyang Yu-tien remains to help Yang Chung-pei conduct the Bible School with student help. Brother Yang is also being requested to serve as Dean of Men at the C. T. I.

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