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WHERE HAST THOU GLEANED TO-DAY?

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IT had been a good day for Ruth, the Moabitess. In the fields of Boaz, following his reapers, she had gathered a full measure of barley which she brought home to Naomi, her mother-in-law. When Naomi saw what she had gathered, she asked, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day? Where hast thou wrought?" The query is a practical one, for we all are reapers and gleaners in the Lord's harvest field. We may make this query personal, and put it to ourselves: "Where have I gleaned to-day?" Not only may we ask the place, but we may ask further, "What have I wrought? What has been accomplished by my work to-day?"

Here in the Far East no one is without his assigned task. Every foreign missionary over here is chosen and sent with one supreme purpose on the part of the Mission Board, and that is to extend the kingdom of God. Only as we win people to love our God and to accept His great salvation, only as we persuade them to change from a life of sin and rebellion to a life of faith and obedience, can we meet this purpose. Plainly, that is our work. None of us has anything else to do as far as this denomination is concerned.

Our salary is supplied without anxiety to ourselves, in order that all our thought and strength and skill may be used in working for God. It is our privilege to ask ourselves each day, "Where have I gleaned to-day? What have I wrought?"

Happy is the man who can truly say: "In my Master's harvest field, have I gleaned; with His reapers have I wrought." There is surely ripened grain on every hand. It needs the reaper's sickle to gather in the harvest. Perhaps never, since the Saviour was here on earth, was the time so ripe as now for working. Many doors of opportunity have been opened. From far and near the cry for help is heard. The heathen wait for His law.

The enemy would intimidate; he would drive from the field every reaper. He would weaken our hands, he would sow discord not only among the nations but among ourselves, and he would destroy faith. The land is filled with Sanballats and Tobiahs. The enemy would keep us all at home, through sickness, through fear, through love of ease. It is his business to hinder the work of the reapers by holding them from the field, but it is our business day by day to rise above these obstacles, to overcome them, and to join with sharpened sickle the reapers in the field. But if we reap not, and are busied with what does not count, the sheaves that we should have gleaned are not gathered.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14. Thank God we are sent. That is why we are here. We have been sent to win these people to love and serve our God. That is our unfaltering purpose, our very life.

Others cannot do our work, for they are not sent. We are fortunate to be the ones who enjoy this greatest of all opportunities,—the privilege of winning these people to become servants of our God. There must come to each of us a consciousness of our great privilege in being a reaper in the Master's harvest field.

O brother, are you reaping
In the harvest of your Lord?
Are you His joyful gleaner
Standing on His Word?
Thrust in your sharpened sickle,
And gather in the grain,
Heap high the sheaves about thee,
Stay not for sun or rain.

Every night let us ask ourselves, "Where have I gleaned to-day? Where have I wrought?"

GENERAL ARTICLES

Pray for Reapers

FREDERICK GRIGGS

Christ had spent the whole night in prayer. He had interceded with God most earnestly for wisdom in the selection of those who were to precede Him "into every city and place whither He Himself would go." For this work He chose seventy, and sent them out two and two. He gave them their appointed instruction as to their preparations for their journey, their method of approach and work for the people. They were to carry neither purse nor script nor shoes; they were to salute no man by the way. They were first to say to a house as they entered it, "Peace be to this house." They were not to go from house to house. They were to heal the sick and preach that the kingdom of God was come nigh to every city whither they went. Very pointed, definite instruction indeed, and it produced large results, for "the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." But all this instruction which produced such wonderful results, was prefaced by these words, "The harvest truly is great; but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

Jesus had many other followers besides those whom He had chosen, but His instruction to pray for laborers for the harvest was given to those who were going out into the harvest field. This was their first duty. As they prayed for help they could but work more vigorously, and the more earnestly they worked the more they felt the need of help. The situation of these workers might be likened to men trying to save a burning building. There are but five men to carry water. The building will burn if there are not more. It will take forty men at least to put enough water onto the fire to extinguish it. But the five, while working to their utmost, call as loudly as possible for help. So likewise are the workers to pray most earnestly for help to come to them that God's message may do its full work. No one can pray so earnestly as can the worker, if the burden of the work is really upon him. And evidently from our Lord's instruction to the seventy, it is a prime duty for every worker to intercede with God for help.

The prayer of faith is a prevailing prayer and produces results. It not only moves God's arm in behalf of the subject of prayer, but it changes the heart and the life of him who prays. Jacob offered a prevailing prayer at the brook Jabbok. He would not let go until God granted his request. God heard this prayer, and made his brother Esau kind toward him, but the prayer also changed Jacob's heart. New power and new life came to Jacob as the result of this prayer. New power and new life will come to the worker in God's harvest field if he will prevail with God. We have definite directions here that we pray for reapers. And surely if we can pray in faith for anything we can so pray for that for which God has told us to pray.

At the close of the Spring Council, Pastor Frederick Lee arose and called attention to the fact that we had not made provision for the opening of even one new station in the Far Eastern Division during the Council. There were no

funds available to send the workers, even if the workers had been available. And this has been our experience at the last three or four yearly Councils. Is it not time that this sad state of affairs ceased and that new stations be opened and progress be made?

The generation that witnessed the falling of the stars is fast passing. The message of Christ's soon coming must be heralded with far greater rapidity than we are now proclaiming it. We who believe this message are charged with a most solemn obligation to publish to every individual in the world that we are now in the awful day of God's judgment. To do this in this generation there must be a great increase of workers and of spiritual power.

As workers in Christ's harvest field, have we been heeding as we should this command to pray for reapers? Have we interceded daily with God to touch the hearts of those who could do good service to come to our aid? If not, let us now do so. We are to work with all our might, but we are to call loudly for help. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

The Place of the Medical Work in the Third Angel's Message

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

In every great awakening connected with the work of God, the health work has occupied a prominent place. This is to be no less true in connection with the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people in these last days. The great advent movement was truly born of God, and it is dependent upon His blessing and transforming power for its effective working. Regarding the object and ministry of the health work in our midst today, I refer to the following two statements by Sister White:

"The work of health reform is the Lord's means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church. Teach the people that they can act as God's helping hand, by co-operating with the Master-worker in restoring physical and spiritual health. This work bears the signature of heaven, and will open doors for the entrance of other precious truths. There is room for all to labor who will take hold of this work intelligently. Keep the work of health reform to the front, is the message I am instructed to bear. Show so plainly its value that a widespread need for it will be felt."—"*Counsels on Health*," page 443.

"In teaching health principles, keep before the mind the great object of reform—that its purpose is to secure the highest development of body, mind and soul. Show that the laws of nature, being the laws of God, are designed for our good; that obedience to them promotes happiness in this life, and aids in the preparation for the life to come.

"Encourage the people to study that marvelous organism, the human system, and the laws by which it is governed. Those who perceive the evidences of God's love, who understand something of the wisdom and beneficence of his laws, and the results of obedience, will come to regard their duties and obligations from an altogether different point of view. Instead of looking upon an observance of the laws of health as a matter of sacrifice or self-denial, they will regard it as it really is, an inestimable blessing."—"*Counsels on Health*," page 390.

Disease, accident by sea and land, destruction by death are everywhere in evidence, and they have their part in hindering and delaying the onward progress of our message to the world. Especially do I feel that this is true in the great Far East, where we labor in the midst of heathenism, superstition, ignorance and poverty, which, with the congested populations, make our problems greater, perhaps, than any that must be faced by the medical workers of other Divisions of the world field.



The East Visayan General Meeting,

ON Monday evening, February 8, was conducted in the city of Cebu the opening meeting of the annual session of the East Visayan Mission. The church building had been greatly enlarged by the brethren to accommodate the visiting delegates and brethren from the surrounding churches. The message of the evening, delivered by Pastor Murrin, brought cheer and courage to our hearts, and reminded us anew of God's wonderful guiding providence.

The meeting this year was the largest ever held in the East Visayan Mission. A few years ago we had only a few score of brethren and sisters there, and at the close of 1925 the membership was well beyond seven hundred. On the last day of the meetings, which was the Sabbath day, there were more than seven hundred in attendance. As Brother Griggs extended an invitation to us to lay our all at the feet of the Saviour, the Holy Spirit moved our hearts, and soon almost the entire congregation responded. Several stood for the first time, while many who had been holding back for various reasons decided to accept Christ fully as their Saviour. Those who were weak were strengthened, and we who have been longer in the way united in consecrating ourselves to His service. Before the meeting closed an offering of more than 2,700 pesos was given to help build the new central church in Cebu. Truly it was a blessed day for all.

The Manila Publishing House had shipped a nice assortment of literature to the Cebuan office, and a book stand was conducted every day at the meeting place. Cash sales amounted to considerable more than one hundred pesos. Our brethren were happy to see the large assortment of literature published by this people, and were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to buy. May this present year be the most prosperous the East Visayan Mission has ever had.—*M. F. Wiedemann, in "The Philippine Bookmen's Exchange."*

Every Whit Whole

IN one of the general meetings held in the Northern Luzon Mission, Brother Alvaro Roda, reported two cases of the healing power of God in behalf of those who chose to walk in the path of obedience and to exercise simple faith. Brother Roda's story, as written out by himself, is as follows:

"It may be of interest to every one to know that the Lord has manifested His power to heal the sick. An elderly woman became interested in the message in Camilang. Before anyone could come to baptize her, she fell sick. Prayers were offered for her healing, but all seemingly to no avail. She was given up to die. It so happened that Pastor Afenir came to pay us a visit. Her case was told to him. He hesitated to baptize her, but she insisted. She had to be carried in a chair from her house to the middle of the river to be buried in baptism. The next day she was around the house and cleaning the yard, with no sign of sickness upon her.

"Another case is that of a man who had had an issue of blood for three years. He was already very thin, with no prospect of help. He became interested in the teachings of the Bible, and began to obey the Sabbath and kindred truths, and finally was baptized. With his baptism his issue of blood ceased, and now he is strong and is working for the support of his family."

Into the Land of the Lama

SOME time ago we made a trip into Eastern Tibet from Tatsienlu. Eastern Tibet is still in the territory of China, and thus more or less open to foreign travelers. However, it is really Tibet, as far as the inhabitants are concerned. The country is high and mountainous,—all at an altitude of at least ten thousand feet; and excepting a few Chinese who trade with them, only Tibetans live there. Chinese have tried at times to settle in this country, but they have been unable to adapt themselves to the mode of life required there. These high hills and mountains support cattle, but will not grow rice, so the country has been left to the Tibetans.

The most characteristic thing about Tibet is its system of lamaism, or the priesthood, which holds the civil, religious and educational authority. Every little section has its lamasery, and around these villages are built. There are no great cities in Tibet. The people are scattered about, in groups here and there, where cultivation is possible. It was of course impossible for us to travel beyond where Christian authority extends; but we were told that the most populous part of Tibet is not the interior where foreigners cannot travel, but Eastern Tibet, to which we have access.

Tibetans cannot all read, but they are by no means a savage people. They have a written language, a system of study, a system of religion, and of art. From the high and low, the rich and poor, one or more sons from each family go to the lamaseries to become monks, and many more learn to read. In some sections of Eastern Tibet, it is said, nearly all the males can read. Every family has some representatives who have studied at a lamasery. Sometimes we have met nomads, wearing a single rough skin, with the fur next to their bodies, their faces unshaved, and their hair in a tangle. We always wonder if it is worth while to give a tract to such. But on handing them one, we have often been happily surprised to see them read it all through. Not all can do this, by any means. Yet we know there are many who will profit by the literature they receive.

We distributed over 13,000 tracts on this trip. Nearly everywhere people were very willing to receive our literature, though some of the older lamas refused it at times. We have now five tracts to give out, which cover the ground of our message fairly well. These are: "God's Love for Man," "The Law of God," "The Second Coming of Christ," "The Plan of Salvation," and the last one issued, "God the Creator, and the Memorial of His Power." We are now printing a new supply for trips during the summer. My helpers, Chinese and Tibetan, spend their mornings working in the dispensary, and afternoons they work in the printing house.

Tibet has withstood every advance of the outside world for centuries; but if we can keep our tracts going into the country in large numbers, good results must soon come.—*Dr. J. N. Andrews, in "The Far Eastern Promoter" for April, 1926.*

It is not your business and mine to study whether we shall get to heaven, or even to study whether we shall be good men; it is our business to study how we shall come into the midst of the purposes of God and have the unspeakable privilege in these few years of doing something of His work.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Sianfu, Shensi

W. E. GILLIS.

FOR more than a week now we have been observing a persevering attempt to take the city of Sian. Within the city are some 4,500 well-equipped and well-trained men. The gun fire shows some heavy artillery, and the attacking force must be quite large, for they are attacking on three sides, which means a line of battle not less than five miles in length. At night I can see the flash of the guns at no great distance, and one night the battle drew quite close to our east wall. However, thank the Lord for the angel guard, we have suffered no damage at all. Considerable destruction has been wrought in the city, and many have been killed by the shells.

I had prepared to start on a long itinerary on April 11, but on Sabbath the siege began, and we were unable to enter the city for services. We have been holding our services in the compound ever since, and realize that God has had a very special care for us in this time of strife and confusion.

Ever since our general meeting last fall it has been hazardous and difficult to get out into the country. Directly after the foreign New Year our tent was pitched on the south side highway, and a good series of subjects was presented, covering over three weeks' time. The coming of the Chinese New Year ended the effort abruptly, without apparent results.

About five weeks ago, we again went out into the country, this time some twenty *li* to the east of the city, in a populous center where we understood the people would be glad to hear the gospel. A splendid interest and attendance quickly developed, and private studies were being held with interested persons. Suddenly appeared a band of soldiers on retreat, who ruthlessly scattered the inhabitants and commandeered everything available.

We immediately struck tent in order to save our property, in which we succeeded with the exception of a lantern, which the soldiers borrowed, promising to return. Ever since the battle has raged. We know nothing of what is going on outside, and we do not know what to expect, or how long the fighting will last.

After a long siege of ill health I am again regaining vigor and hope. The Lord's mercies are forever, and His love unbounded.

Tent Meetings by a Departmental Secretary

M. F. WIEDEMANN

DURING the recent general meeting of the Northern Luzon Mission, it was voted that each of the departmental secretaries endeavor to conduct at least one tent effort during this present year. As a consequence, Brother Rafael Pilar, the home missionary secretary, pitched his tent in Urdaneta, Pangasinan, early in February. We quote part of his very encouraging letter recently received:

"Our series of meetings is progressing nicely. Every night the tent is packed full; many of the prominent men of the town are coming to hear the preaching, and all seem very much interested. The leader of the Spiritists here and the principal medium are now convinced of the Sabbath truth, and we hope that these honest-hearted people will fully embrace this last message. A man who is influential in the town is also very much interested. This man has been a candidate for Representative, and he has a live interest in our message."

High Officials Buy Our Literature in Japan

Twice it has been my privilege to talk with the Ambassador to Japan regarding our work and the truth we teach. He seemed much interested. At the time of my second call I presented some of our books, which he accepted with many thanks. A baron of the Embassy, who is well acquainted with the work of Seventh-day Adventists in China, bought a book (price three and a half yen) and handed me ten yen, with the remark: "The remaining part is for your mission." A secretary bought the same book, and paid five yen. At another Embassy also I was privileged to talk with the Ambassador personally. There I received four orders for "Home Physician."

One evening when riding on a crowded street car, I was impressed to hand one of our papers to a Japanese gentleman who was seated just before me. He began to read the paper at once. Soon he paid me twenty sen for it, and before he got off the car we exchanged name cards. Some time later I tried to visit this man in his home. Not being able to read all the characters on his card, I was much surprised to be directed by a policeman to a large castle. It proved to be the castle of Prince——, in whose bounds this gentleman holds a high position. At the time of my call I could not meet him; therefore I went again, this time in the evening, as I was advised. He was glad to see me again. We had an interesting conversation, from which I learned that the gentleman speaks fluently in English and French, having been in France for some years. Further, I learned that he is closely related to the now reigning Prince Regent. It was not necessary for me to say much regarding my business. He signed for one year's subscription for the Japanese *Jicho* and also ordered a copy of the English "Home Physician," paying the whole in advance. I thank the Lord for having impressed me to render such a small service to this man in the street car.—*Pastor A. C. Koch, in "The Far Eastern Promoter," for March, 1926.*

A Distinctly Malay Product

FROM a personal communication written in by Brother Melvin Munson, editor of the Malaysian Signs Press, Singapore, we glean the following advance word concerning the Arabic-character edition of "Health and Longevity":

"We are pushing the Arabic-character edition of the book 'Health and Longevity,' especially adapted for the Malays of the Peninsula and British Malaya. The work was done by a Malay Haji, and after critically reading the copy over I find that he has made a correct transcription from the Romanized Malay; in fact, on the whole, he has vastly improved the work. It is now being set up on our linotype by another Muslim who comes up here and works nights; and I am endeavoring to produce a distinctly Malay product from the standpoint of appearance and make-up. There is a great demand for this book in the Arabic character, and prophecy a large sale.

"The Muslim population is the largest single factor in our Malaysian Union field. A few converts have been won, but mostly through native help. It is my ambition that this medical book in the Arab character shall break the ground, so to speak, so that we can win the confidence of the Muslims. I am very sanguine about the salability of this book. Islam is eager for knowledge, and the medical book will supply this demand most effectively. The book is already well liked, and will be sold throughout the Malay States, where no religious book can be sold now."

A Bible Institute for Women, Hangchow

MRS. B. MILLER

ANOTHER Bible Institute for women has just closed in the city of Hangchow, and I believe it was one of the best that has thus far been held. The daily attendance ranged between forty and fifty, and God's presence was manifest in a marked manner. The sisters worked faithfully at their studies, and on the last day of the institute, sixteen took examinations, and some did well. We shall continue this method for three years, and those who pass satisfactorily on the Bible subjects presented will be given credit for their work.

At the close of the institute we conducted a school for those of our sisters who desire to learn. Three classes were formed, one for the beginners, one for those who could read, and a third for the Bible women who have a limited education. This latter class studied from "Gospel Workers." The school lasted two weeks, and was very successful. The women studied earnestly from morning until late at night. Next year and the year following we expect to hold school for one month, and those who finish the work outlined will be given credit for the same. We require our Bible women to teach the women how to read, but we find the progress very slow. These short school sessions held for a month each year will help to lay foundations and do much to encourage a steady effort to learn.

We have just finished our spring itinerating. There are evidences of progress in the different mission stations, but how much we need more of the Spirit's power for service. While at Hangchow I met a man who told me that three years ago I gave him a tract on the train. He said he read that tract, and has been seeking after God ever since; and he is now earnestly studying the truth with his wife. One family that we have been studying with for years, but who hitherto have been unwilling to give up their gods—the kitchen god and the ancestral tablet,—have yielded themselves to the Saviour. We visited them in their home, and learned of the struggles they have had, and saw them gain a wonderful victory. We held a praise meeting with them, and returned home rejoicing in the knowledge that Satan cannot hold in his control those who are honest in heart. Pray for the work in this mission, that many who are now ignorant of the love of God, and many others who are seeking for further light, may be led into the full knowledge of this precious truth.

For Inmates of Bilibid Prison

PASTOR L. D. WARREN tells of a most interesting hour spent week by week in Bilibid Prison, Manila, P. I., by some of the students of the Philippines Junior College who have regularly gone to the prison to conduct gospel services and to distribute truth-laden literature. "From sixty to one hundred men are present at these meetings. They are divided into three or four groups according to dialect, with a separate speaker for each group. The young men of the pastoral training class have done the speaking, and many points of our faith have been presented. A large number of the prisoners have expressed their whole-hearted belief in the truths we profess. Especially have they responded to the appeals for conversion and a better way of living. Those who are reached by the meetings pass on the good tidings to their fellow prisoners. Though it would be manifestly impossible to baptize them in their present condition, yet we are confident that upon leaving Bilibid, some of the men now hearing will accept fully the message we proclaim."

Sabbath School Department

Passed at the Spring Council

At the annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division committee, held in Shanghai, April 19 to 31, 1926, the following recommendations on the Sabbath school work were adopted. We recommend them to a careful perusal by every worker in this great field:

Sabbath School Membership, Care for the Children Kindergarten Songs

Whereas, Under the blessing of God our Sabbath schools can become the best soil in which to plant a church; and,—

Whereas, Many can be persuaded to attend the Sabbath school who might not at first be interested in other services; therefore,—

Resolved, (1) That special efforts be put forth to encourage all our Sabbath schools to be real evangelizing agencies by making every legitimate effort to increase their membership; and that we set as the Membership Goal for the Far Eastern Division—

"30,000 in our Sabbath Schools by the Close of 1926."

(2) That in harmony with the purposes of the Sabbath School Department, special care be given to the children and young people of Sabbath school age, providing for them the best teachers procurable, and the necessary equipment to make their work effective.

(3) That we are in sympathy with the call that comes from various parts of the Division field for songs for the children; and that we look with favor upon providing such songs as the way may open.

Sabbath School Offerings

Whereas, An increasing membership enables us to increase our Sabbath school offerings annually, and since there is a pressing demand for more and more funds with which to carry on our growing work; therefore,—

Resolved, (1) That we set as the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Offering Goal for 1926, the sum of \$36,000 gold; and—

(2) That we adopt the goal of "A Thousand Dollars A Week for Missions," to be reached within the ensuing quadrennial term.

Reporting—Sabbath School Department Statistics

Whereas, We have seen good results from the efforts put forth, to effect reconciliation in the reports of the Sabbath School Department, the Mission treasurer, and the statistician; therefore,—

We reaffirm the action passed at the Sabbath School Convention in 1925, as follows:

"(a) That local Sabbath school secretaries and church treasurers make sure that the Sabbath school offerings are carefully and correctly counted and uniformly recorded by each for their respective records and reports.

"(b) That in preparing their reports to be forwarded to the next higher officer, the local Sabbath school secretaries and church treasurers make sure that their reports cover the same period of time, which should include the entire thirteen Sabbaths of the quarter."

You will note the points covered in the foregoing resolutions to be: Our Membership Goal for 1926, Special Care for the Children, Songs for the Little Ones, the Sabbath School Offering Goal for 1926, and the matter of reporting. These cover points in which we are all interested, and which every one will do his utmost to carry out.

Our Membership Goal was mentioned in the May OUTLOOK, and just a special word may be in order concerning offerings goal here. At the Convention held in the spring of 1925, an estimate was made of what our Division offering should be. This was based on the 1924 church membership (not the Sabbath school membership), taking the goals set by the different Union Missions. Several of the Unions went over their goals; it all had even reached them, the Division goal of approximately \$35,900 gold would have been easily reached.

Just twenty years ago, in 1906, the financial goal of the world Sabbath School Department was "A thousand dollars a week for missions." With an increasing membership, and with

an increasing need for strengthening the foreign mission work in all parts of the world, we believe that the Far Eastern Division should take this goal for its own with the aim of reaching it by the end of the ensuing four years. And with this plan in mind shall we not all faithfully set ourselves to the task of reaching the \$36,000 goal as our offering to missions in 1926? If we can do that—and we can if we will—we shall reach the greater goal easily.

All these recommendations look toward the strengthening of this feature of our great world message; but resolutions and recommendations will never accomplish anything without individual faith and co-operation and prayer behind them. With these all things are possible.

Mrs. I. H. Evans

Further Recommendations and Resolutions

When making up the May issue of the OUTLOOK, containing recommendations and resolutions passed by the Spring Council, it was found necessary to hold over some of the proceedings for a later number. We present these in the paragraphs that follow:

Provision for Translation of "Ministry," "Object Lessons," Volume IX

We Recommend, That the publishing boards of the various language areas in the Far East undertake to secure by the close of 1928 the best possible translations of three volumes from the Spirit of prophecy; namely, "Ministry of Healing," "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Testimonies for the Church," Volume IX, insofar as it may prove practicable for this to be done on an economical basis and largely with help already in our employ; and further, that the publishing boards endeavor to plan ahead carefully so as to have perfected and approved translations of these three volumes in hand by the close of the year 1928.

Literacy of Chinese Church Members

Whereas, The "Popular Education" movement in China, which is designed to raise greatly the literacy of the Chinese people, suggests a way by which many of our Chinese church may become able to read; and,—

Whereas, In this plan there is also an opportunity given to engage the literate church members in active educational and missionary work for their neighbors and friends, thus bringing the whole church into more intelligent and effective soul-winning endeavor, therefore—

We Recommend, That earnest attention be given to this matter by our leaders of Chinese believers, to the end that the benefits promised by this aid toward literacy be taken advantage of in every practicable way.

A Resolution of Gratitude for Mission Extension Funds

Whereas, The Mission Extension Funds passed through to the Far East during the past five years, have enabled us greatly to strengthen and increase the efficiency of our publishing houses, thus aiding materially in our general evangelistic endeavor and hastening on the last message of salvation in these non-Christian lands; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the Mission Board, institutions, and individuals in the homelands for their sympathetic and untiring effort to bring ever-increasing strength to our publishing plants and other institutions, through the raising and disbursement of Mission Extension Funds; and we hereby pledge ourselves to endeavor to the utmost to raise our portion of the same.

Missions Offering Goal for the Far East and for Various Unions

Whereas, Manifold blessings have come to our people through following the plan of having a definite goal for mission offerings on the basis of an average of a fixed amount per week for every individual church-member; therefore,—

Resolved, That an average of ten cents gold per week per member for mission offerings, be the Far Eastern Division Mission Offering Goal for the year 1926; this average to be attained as in the homelands; namely, through Sabbath-school offerings, Mission Offerings, the Week of Sacrifice, the Big Week, the Harvest Ingathering, and offerings for missions other than that which is given for the support of the local church and home missionary work.

Resolved, That inasmuch as variations in certain sections of the Far East necessitate the fixing of varying amounts for these sections, in order to make practicable the attainment of the general average of ten cents gold per week per member for the Division field in its entirety, the following weekly Union goals be fixed as follows:

| | On basis of published membership for Dec. 31, 1924 |
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| Philippines - - | 20 centavos per week per member |
| Chosen - - - | 20 sen per week per member |
| Japan - - - | 50 sen per week per member |
| Manchuria - - | 20 cents Mexican small money per week per member |
| Central China - | 20 cents Mexican small money per week per member |
| North China - - | 20 cents Mexican small money per week per member |
| South China - - | 20 cents Mexican small money per week per member |
| West China - - | 20 cents Mexican small money per week per member |
| East China - - | 20 cents Mexican small money per week per member |
| Malaysia - - - | 20 cents Straits per week per member |
| Malaysia - - - | 30 guilder cents per week per member |
| Malaysia - - - | 30 tical cents per week per member |
| Malaysia - - - | 20 Borneo cents per week per member |
| Sungari-Mongolia | 12 cents gold per week per member |
| Foreign workers | \$1 gold per week per member |

Distribution of Church Extension Funds

We recommend, That in the distribution of the \$9,000 (gold) available for church extension, the sum of \$4,500 be appropriated in favor of the Hankow church enterprise, and the sum of \$2,500 to the Philippine Union for use in connection with the erection of a memorial church building in the city of Cebu, in harmony with the suggestion of the General Conference; and that the remaining \$2,000 intended for disposition by the Division committee, be referred to the Division officers and Union superintendents for distribution.

The Coming Crisis

THE crisis presses on us; face to face with us it stands,
With solemn lips of question, like the sphinx in Egypt's sands!
This day we fashion destiny, our web of fate we spin;
This day for all hereafter choose we holiness or sin;
Even now from stary Gerizim, or Ebal's cloudy crown,
We call the dews of blessing or the bolts of cursing down;
By all for which the martyrs bore their agony and shame;
By all the warning words of truth with which the prophets came;
By the future which awaits us; by all the hopes which cast
Their faint and trembling beams across the blackness of the past;
And by the blessed thought of Him who for earth's freedom died,
O my people! O my brothers! let us choose the righteous side.

—Whittier

With Our Colporteurs

Colporteur Institute in Shanghai

J. J. STRAHLE

ONE of the best colporteur institutes I have attended in China was recently held in the city of Shanghai. Pastor John Oss, the field missionary secretary of the East China Union Mission, had selected twenty-three brethren from the churches of the various missions in his field, to attend. Often the institute was referred to as "The Colporteur School." It was more than an institute; for regular classes were formed in Bible Doctrines, Denominational History, History of the Publishing Work, Gospel Salesmanship, Book and Magazine Study, and Methods. Visits were made to the publishing house close by, for first-hand information on the processes of bookmaking. Reviews and examinations were given frequently. As a result, this group of twenty-three went back to their task filled with courage and hope, and we are expecting great things of them.

Institutes in Cebu

M. F. WIEDEMANN

FOLLOWING the general meeting of the East Visayan Mission in Cebu, two institutes were held in the city of Cebu, one for the colporteurs and another for the Bible workers and evangelists. The two institutes continued for about a week. More than fifty attended the colporteurs' institute. There were a number of brethren in attendance who had never canvassed or attended an institute before, so the instruction was quite thorough in all features of gospel salesmanship.

About forty-five colporteurs are now out in the field selling our literature. About thirty are taking orders for the Cebuan Medical Book, and about fifteen are selling the Cebuan undated magazine. Judging from the orders coming in, these workers are having good success. We have shipped 1,400 copies of the health book to the tract society in Cebu, and 10,000 copies of the undated magazine. Since that a telegram has been received asking us to send another 5,000 magazines.

Big Week in Japan—Three New Colporteurs

"WHEN I reached Japan, after the convention," writes Brother E. J. Kraft, "many were planning to do their best in the Big Week. On my way home I called at nearly all the churches, spending several days with the colporteurs in that part of the field. All were looking forward to passing the Big Week goal for Japan.

"In my visits to these churches I found three splendid young men who will be ready to enter the colporteur work soon. One of these young men bought and read a copy of the *Signs* on January 4 of this year. A few weeks later he 'happened' to pass our church in Kagoshima, where he saw advertised a series of tent-meetings, beginning that night. He attended the first meeting, and the second. The things he heard began to sound like what he had read in the magazine. He got out the magazine and read it again. This time it made such a deep impression that he attended every meeting that followed, and also had special studies with the pastor. He has now decided to give up a high-salaried position that he may live the truth.

"Pray for these three young men that they may become earnest, God-fearing colporteurs."

An Incident in Tabayas

In a barrio of Tiaong, Tabayas, one of our men took several orders. After the delivery the priest found out that there was a man who had been to that place selling books, and he preached to the people telling them not to buy books from that man. In happened that the priest went to the barrio after our man had delivered the books. When the priest learned that, he collected the books and burned them in the Plaza. An old woman heard of this, and she hid her book in a box. When the priest came she sat down on her box, and the priest could not open it. The priest demanded the book, but she refused it, saying that she had paid for it. There are seven people keeping the Sabbath as a result of reading this book.—*The Philippine Bookmen's Exchange.*

A Notable Convention

DURING the time Brother H. H. Hall was in Manila, leaders of the book work were brought in from several sections of the field for a convention of the field missionary and home missionary secretaries of the Philippine Union Mission. Besides Brother Hall, there were in attendance Brethren M. F. Wiedemann and Eugene Woesner of the Union Mission headquarters; Brethren E. A. Moon, L. A. Corda, Regino Villanueva, A. M. Cruz, and Feliciano Ponce of the Philippine Publishing House; Brethren Crisanto Carbajal, Rafael Pilar, and Eugenio Sanidad of Northern Luzon Mission; Brethren R. R. Figuhr, L. P. Fernandez, Jacinto Beltran, and Florentino Jabola of Central Luzon Conference; Brother Marcos B. Comilang of Southern Luzon Mission; Brethren Manuel J. Kintanar and Vicente Rodrigo of East Visayan Mission; and Brethren Fausto Jornado and Pedro Habana of West Visayan Mission. Three days were crowded with good things, and all left the convention "with new enthusiasm and courage, and with renewed determination to press the work forward in the field." Some of the reports given during the convention are being published in these columns from time to time.

It was reported during the convention that there are now one hundred fifteen colporteurs at work selling our books, pamphlets, and periodicals in the territory of the Philippine Union Mission. The year 1926 bids fair to exceed that of any other like period in literature sales throughout the archipelago.

Into the Heart of Bohol and Mindanao

(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother Vicente Rodrigo, field missionary secretary of the East Visayan Mission, during a convention of literature leaders in Mactach, 1926)

Our territory is scattered, and separated by seas, but God is blessing the efforts of our colporteurs. In 1924 we had thirteen colporteurs and sold about 27,500 pesos worth of literature. Last year we doubled the number of our colporteurs, and sold about 33,000 pesos worth. I am glad to report that as a result interests are being created throughout the different parts of our territory.

We now have forty-five men in the field. We have three groups in Bohol and two in Mindanao. Lately I received a letter saying that our men are going to the very heart of Mindanao. The people are kind and hospitable, and ready to receive spiritual light from our books. The people among whom some of our colporteurs are now at work in Mindanao are Subanos. They speak a different dialect. The Subanos have their own letters and alphabet, principally derived from Cebuan. In Lanao the people are mostly Moros, but they are trading among the Subanos. The prospect there is really bright. There are Moros who have bought books from our colporteurs, and they are friendly to us.

We expect soon to have more Sabbath-keeping brethren in Northern Mindanao. We have received calls to send workers to those who are reading our books, and we believe many will yet understand the truth, and be saved.

In one part of Bohol eight have been baptized as a result of colportage, and there are fifteen more ready for baptism.

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Pastor and Mrs. C. H. Davis, on furlough in Australia, left Brisbane, Queensland, April 16, en route to China.

Professor Frederick Griggs is attending general meetings in Chosen, Mukden, and Harbin. His present itinerary will probably occupy two months. He expects to return to headquarters about July 1.

Miss Ida E. Thompson, of the China Missionary Junior College, and Miss Edith Johnson, of Yencheng, Honan, sailed May 31 per s. s. Taiyo Maru for the States, on furlough

To You, Parents

If you live in the country on a farm, you doubtless read a farm journal or two, or three. You study how to raise corn and wheat and oats and cotton and potatoes and beans; yes, and flowers, too. You study how to feed the cows and horses and chickens in order to get the very best stock and the most valuable products from them. You do hard thinking on these subjects.

If you live in the city, you have something else to study and about which to read. We have seen people,—parents, too,—who seemed to have plenty of time to read the popular magazines (stories and all), but who do not find time once in five years to read a book on child culture. The culture of corn, beans, potatoes, and cows is important, to be sure, but we leave them all when our earthly journey comes to an end. We can by study and prayer and God's grace take our children with us. Shall we leave them behind with the corn and potatoes?

You say, "No; a thousand times no!" But what are you doing about it? We must embrace every opportunity, for we all need to get as much help as possible from others. The Home Commission (Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.) promotes a Parents' Reading Course. Write for a leaflet describing the work for 1926. You will find that the plan is unique, and the work is made easy enough so that every parent can do the reading.

Mrs. Flora H. Williams.

The Kuala Lumpur Church Building Project

Pastor Geo. C. Leedy, director of the Malay States Mission, has been working steadily toward the goal of having a good, commodious church property in the city of Kuala Lumpur, the beautiful capital of the Federated Malay States. A lot valued at \$2,800 (Straits currency) has been purchased, and already funds are in hand to the extent of \$13,000 (Straits) for the building. These funds are largely the fruit of years of personal solicitation. During the recent Spring Council in Shanghai the sum of approximately \$1,700 (Straits) additional was made available—savings accumulated the past few years in connection with the operation of the Malay Mission Tract Society. Thus the building fund has been swelled to \$14,700 (Straits—about \$8,023.87 gold); and this, with what can be raised this summer through Harvest Ingathering, will probably suffice to meet the cost of the church building that is to stand as a memorial for God in a promising, fruitful field. The years of sacrifice and toil are about to be crowned with the successful fruition of a project born in faith and nourished by earnest prayer and unremitting labor.

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Week of Sacrifice Offering

Let us all remember the time appointed for the Week of Sacrifice offering this year, July 17, 1926. During the Far Eastern Division Spring Council the following recommendation was adopted:

We Recommend, (1) That the plan for the observance of the Week of Sacrifice, as provided by action of our 1925 Spring Council, be carried out in all our fields.

(2) That we request each church to set a goal equal to \$1 (local currency) per member.

(3) That we earnestly invite our conference and institutional workers to set an example in sacrifice, by giving one week's salary, and that we encourage the rank and file of our people, as far as possible, to join in a similar sacrifice.

(4) That for 1926 the Week of Sacrifice and the Midsummer Offering be combined, and that the same be observed during the month of July; the date suggested for the offering to be taken being July 17, 1926.

We feel confident that those in charge of our work throughout the field will encourage every church member and worker to have a part in making the Week of Sacrifice offering a liberal one this year.

H. W. Barrows.

Big Week—June 5-12

By the time this issue of the OUTLOOK reaches the more distant sections of the Far Eastern Division, the Big Week campaign will be under way, perhaps over. To those who are approaching the date set for this effort we would say once more: The Missions Extension Fund helps the Educational, Medical and Publishing departments. Don't fail to take part in the campaign. Don't forget to bring your offering with you to church on June 12.

Are you a good leader? Remember, the sheep follow the shepherd.

Publishing Department.

A Note of Progress

We always rejoice in the progress of our cause in any portion of the vineyard, and we have good reason for rejoicing in its prosperity in the West Visayan Mission. The annual Conference meeting has just been held, in the new central church. This new church is located on the mission property at La Paz, about a mile and a half from the center of the city of Iloilo. It is a commodious building, capable of seating fourteen or fifteen hundred people.

Elder Bergherm, the director of the West Visayan Mission, has a very encouraging report to give. There have been 507 baptisms during this past year. The membership of the mission is now 2,091. The tithes for this last year were 10,329.90 pesos. Their tithes and offerings have increased during the past year about 33 per cent, and the work of this mission at the present time is about 52 per cent self-supporting. The mission has thirty-two paid workers, beside colporteurs. They have erected eight new church buildings in addition to this large central church during the year.

They have brought out a new book on Bible Doctrines arranged for use by the church members with their neighbors and friends, and they have taken as a slogan "Each one bring one." The courage and progress of this mission will enhearten the whole Far Eastern Division.

Frederick Griggs.

A Colporteur Institute for Publishing House Employees

A colporteur institute for publishing house employees may be a little out of the ordinary, but it is adding *Signs* subscriptions to the mailing list. It came about in this way:—

Shanghai is considered such a difficult territory to work that it has seemed almost impossible to get colporteurs to work here. But the people of Shanghai must have the message as well as people of other parts of China. The fact that there were only 139 subscriptions to the Chinese *Signs of the Times* in all of Shanghai, weighed so heavily on our hearts that we determined to try sending some of our Press employees out to canvass. Success on the part of one or two led some others to put in their spare time at selling single copies of *Present Truth*. One young man who had never sold anything before has now sold about 500 copies. Others are also selling during their spare time.

"Nothing succeeds like success" is an old saying, and ever true in the colporteur work. Successful colporteurs are always a drawing card for adding more men. An increasing interest in the colporteur work on the part of the employees resulted in the announcement of an institute to be held evenings. When the time came for the meetings to begin, we were surprised to find twenty-five of our workers attending.

Some became eager to try out what they had learned, so they went out before the institute was over. Others have gone out during spare hours, and have even taken a day off for colporteur work.

Our Press workers have now taken more than 300 subscriptions for the *Signs* and several hundred single copies of *Present Truth* have been sold. We hope to have some of our employees out selling books before long.

W. P. Henderson.

The Shanghai Sanitarium

To readers of the OUTLOOK who are interested in the Shanghai Sanitarium enterprise we would state that the work of this institution is making a very satisfactory showing. The patronage is keeping up well, and at no time has it fallen below the usual average, notwithstanding we are gradually approaching what we may term the dull season. The list of out-patients and office patients is increasing steadily.

It is very evident to us that many of the residents of Shanghai are learning about our work at the sanitarium, and are coming to know it, as a place where they can obtain, not merely hydropathic treatments, but also the highest medical attention. Many patients, returning from the institution to their homes, are recommending it to others. This is the best advertisement we could possibly have.

The nurses' training school shows progress. The carrying on of this school has presented some difficult problems, but we are endeavoring to push on this feature of work as rapidly as possible, for the need of efficient nursing ability is very great indeed. To have a corps of young men and young women thoroughly trained in the art of ministry to the sick, and able to teach to others the principles of healthful living, is one of the paramount objects to which we hope to attain.

The building project at the Rubicon is making good headway. The wall, gatehouse, bridge and workshop are all in process of erection, and will be completed in due time. The workers are of good courage, and look forward to brighter days when our medical work in this part of the Far Eastern Division will attain to greater magnitude and when more far-reaching results will be seen.

Roger Paul, M. D.