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"Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37.38.

Lord God of Hosts! Open Thy people's eyes

That they may see earth's whitened harvest field

Widespread. May note the precious grain that lies

Unreaped. Open! that they may see the promised yield

Perish because no sickles touch the grain,

Making Thy Son's great sacrifice in vain.

Lord God of Hosts! Quicken Thy people's hearts!

Cause them to feel what pain, what grief, is Thine
While wasted lie these heathen lands, vast parts

Of Thy domain, untouched by Love divine.

Help them to share Thy bitter grief,

And move them, Lord, to send relief.

Lord God of Hosts! Open Thy people's purse,
That they may give—not less but more and more!
O, may they never taste the bitter curse
Of Meroz! Help them their treasures all to pour
Into this saving work of grace,
Thy coming hastening on apace.

Lord God of Hosts! Call forth our young and strong
Into Thy harvest field where die the lost
In sin's black night of fear and hate and wrong.
Lord! call them forth to toil at any cost
To self in gain and home and life;
Baptize them for earth's final strife.

Lord God of Hosts! Open Thy church's door!

Send forth Thy flock, north, south, and east and west,
To reap the ripened fields! Upon them pour

Thy Pentecostal power for toil, not rest.

That ransomed multitudes may stand

With those who reaped, at Thy right hand.

GENERAL ARTICLES

For My Sake

Three little words, but full of tenderest meaning; Three little words the heart can scarcely hold; Three little words, but on their import dwelling, What wealth of love their syllables unfold! "For My sake" cheer the suffering, help the needy; On earth this was My work; I give it thee, If thou would'st follow in thy Master's footsteps Take up thy cross, and come and learn of Me. "For My sake" let the barsh word die unuttered, That trembles on the swift, impetuous tongue; "For My sake" check the quick, rebellious feeling That rises when thy brother does thee wrong. "For My sake" press with steadfast patience onward, Although the race be hard, the battle long. Within My Father's house are many mansions; There thou shalt rest and join the victor's song. -Selected.

An Important Goal

FREDERICK GRIGGS

At the last Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Conference, a goal of advance in church membership was set. The Council resolved that during the year 1926 we would secure a net increase of 5,000 members. This would mean upward to 6,000 baptisms, for there is a natural loss of membership through deaths and in other ways.

A net increase of 5,000 members is none too much. It may be questioned as to whether we have set the goal large enough. But, it is a large increase over that of last year, when the total increase of our membership was 2,653, though our net increase was only 2,163, owing to the loss of 490 members in the transfer of the East Siberian Union Mission to the European Division Conference.

Now it will be seen that this goal of 5,000 is nearly twice as large as our gross increase of last year. Can we make this great increase over that of last year? Yes. There is no question about it if we set ourselves to do it. Prayer and hard work can accomplish seemingly impossible tasks, but this is not an impossible task.

We now have a total church membership of 17,410 in the Far Eastern Division Conference. If each one of these believers would work earnestly in seeking to save lost souls. he could bring at least one to Christ during the year. One Sabbath morning this last winter I was sitting in the home of one of our believers in Misamis, (Philippine Islands), and his little girl, some ten years old, was talking from the window of the house to another little girl on the other side of the street. Their conversation was animated. The brother, noticing that I was observing it, explained to me that his little girl was urging her friend to go to the Sabbath school with her. Now this is the spirit that wins souls to Christ. If every one of our believers would, as this little girl was doing, seek to lead others into a belief in this precious message, we could double our church membership this year. There is no question about it. This Laymen's Movement can be made of great help in the winning of souls. Every church member must be taught to become an earnest, capable worker and every conference and mission worker must set for himself a higher individual goal than ever before.

The Laymen's Movement is being speeded up in an encouraging way in the Philippines. A book on Bible doctrines is being prepared so that the church members can read and study the truth with their neighbors. By voice and by pen are the regular conference workers encouraging the church members to work for souls, and the hope of the working force in the Philippines is high that they will be able to double their church membership this year over that of last. It is to this Laymen's Movement that we must look to for substantial help in reaching this goal of 5,000 additional members.

Again, we must have a great increase in the sale of our literature. As it is carried into new places it will teach men of the message and cause them to believe it. Our ministers and Bible workers can then go into these places and in a short time bind off the work which has been begun by the literature. Our church members can be taught to sell literature in their communities and in neighboring villages, and thus teach the truth and create interests which the regular workers can soon develop.

We can attain this 5,000 net increased church membership goal. Whether we will or not depends upon three things: First, a strength of purpose in the leaders; second, the training of the church membership to work; and third, and most important of all three, a deeper devotion on the part of the leaders as the result of more prayer and deeper faith.

What Your Saviour Wants

Is THERE nothing that Christ, as your Friend, your Lord, your Saviour, wants you to do that you are leaving undone to-day? Do you doubt one instant that with His high and deep love for your soul, He wants you to pray? And do you pray?

Do you doubt one instant that it is His will that you should honor and help and bless all these men about you who are His brethren? And are you doing anything like that?

Do you doubt one instant that His will is that you should make life serious and lofty? Do you doubt one instant that He wants you to be pure in deed and word and thought. And are you pure? Do you doubt one instant that His command is for you openly to own Him, and declare that you are His servant before all the world? And have you done it?

These are the questions which make the whole matter clear. No, not in quiet lanes, nor in bright temple courts as once He spake, and not from blazing heavens, as men sometimes seem to expect—not so does Christ speak to us.

And yet He speaks. I know what He—there in all His glory, here in my heart—wants me to do to-day, and I know that I am not mistaken in my knowledge. It is no guess of mine. It is His voice that tells me.—Phillips Brooks, in Union Gospel News,



Provincial Meetings in Central China

FREDERICK LEF.

THREE provincial general meetings have been held in the Central China Union this spring. At these meeting the blessings of the Lord have been manifest, and our workers and lay members who attended have returned to their homes with renewed courage and a determination to greatly hasten the message during this year. Courage, patience and hope were the keynotes sounded.

The first of the meetings was held at Yencheng, Honan, in the month of February, and during the uncertainties of war. It was the writer's misfortune to be unable to attend this meeting, for the railway service was interrupted. Neither railway, postoffice nor telegraph functioned for some time-We were cut off from this mission for over six weeks. It was a trying time, but the Honan brethren called their general meeting as originally planned, and were surprised to find that a large number responded.

As the meetings progressed, the scene of battle drew nearer to Yencheng. Suddenly one evening gun shots were heard near the railway bridge, and bullets soon began flying over the compound. Our brethren and sisters met in groups for prayer. The suspense lasted only a few hours; then the last of the defeated troops retreated north without causing more disturbance. The meeting closed with rejoicing and a deeper faith in God because of His marked protection.

Honan has made good progress during the past year, as the reports of the various departments show. The director has been absent on furlough, and the work has gone forward under the leadership of Brother W. I. Hilliard, the treasurer.

During the latter part of April, an interesting meeting was held in Kiukiang. This was conducted in the new chapel, which had been purchased and rebuilt during the year. The work of construction has been done in a substantial and economical way. The chapel is large and airy, and makes a fine place for evangelistic meetings. An evangelistic effort, which had been in progress for several weeks, was continued during the meeting. The writer spoke each night to a full chapel, and many interested persons were found. It was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces coming night after night. A careful follow-up work is now being conducted by Brother James, the provincial director, and a local evangelist. We have faith to believe that a goodly number will fully accept the truth for this time as a result of these meetings.

Services were conducted each day, when time was given for the discussion of the work of the various departments. Reports for the past year were encouraging. Good progress has been made in all the departments. We believe that the Kiangsi Mission has started on the upward grade. Forty souls were taken into the church during the past year, and qualified workers are now in the field endeavoring to make this a year of greater progress.

One little girl of seven who was in attendance at the meeting manifested a great interest in all that was said and done. She seemed to be a zealous little worker. She told me that she earned her money for Sabbath school and the live so near our headquarters, may be reached."

memory verse cards by selling Bible portions. Her father told me that little Rebecca would go to some temple court, and singing in her strong voice, would gather the people about her. Then she would "preach" to them, after which she would sell Bible portions. She is hoping that some day she can attend one of our church schools.

The Kiukiang meeting was attended by E. L. Longway, of the union publishing department, and Mrs. Lee, of the union Sabbath school department, besides the writer and Pastor Mo Gi Ren, from Hupeh. Helpful instruction was given by these workers, and strong departmental meetings were conducted each day. The workers separated with courage in their hearts, and with a definite purpose to make this a year of great advancement in Kiangsi.

Immediately following this, the Hupeh general meeting was called, and held at our headquarters in Hankow. It was interesting to the writer to see our Chinese brethren taking a leading part in these meetings. Each day two of our Chinese pastors conducted very practical and spiritual Bible studies. The Sabbath school department, under the leadership of Mrs. Lee and Fa Dzi Hsiang, the Hupeh Sabbath school secretary, conducted four meetings, when practical suggestions were given for the conduct of our growing Sabbath school work.

The report of the director, Pastor Wearner, as well as reports from all the workers, showed gains in all phases of the work. Eighty-five new members have been baptized during the year, this being the best harvest in the history of the mission. At the close of the meeting fourteen were baptized as the first-fruits of this year's harvest.

We are praying that the influences set in operation at these meetings may work out into fruitful effort during 1926.

Evangelistic Efforts in Pasay

WRITING for the Philippine Bookmen's Exchange, Pastor L. D. Warren reports evangelistic work attempted last school year by the Manila training school in the suburb of Pasay, where the school has been operating. To quote:

"Pasay is a town of about 13,000 people; and although our academy and publishing house have been located here nearly ten years, many of the people of the town know very little about our message. A short tent effort was held here in 1923, which bore good fruit considering the length of the series of meetings. During the past eight months, the Tagalog members of the Pasay church, about forty in number, have been placing our tracts and magazines in the homes of the people. Much similar work has been done by the pastoral training class of the academy. Ilocano, Pampanga, and Visayan residents have been reached, as well as Tagalogs. Many hundreds of tracts and magazines have been distribut. ed, and interest has been aroused.

"Early in January a tent effort was opened in this town, on a lot near the municipal building. These meetings have been conducted by Brother Corda, of our publishing house, and Brother Roman Senson of the academy. Though the attendance has not been large, a fine class of people has been reached, and many of these have been coming regularly. Already some have begun attending our regular Sabbath school and church services.

"We have a special duty to bring the truth before the people of Pasay, and during the present year still greater efforts will be put forth both by preaching and by literature distribution, in order that as many as possible of those who

Two Profitable Sales

M. F. WIEDEMANN.

A FEW years ago, a foreign worker in the Philippines sold some "Heralds" during Big Week in the city of Cebu. One of these he sold to an American, a barber, who is Catholic. The barber did not want the book, but felt that he must buy, perhaps because the worker had patronized his business at times. He watched for an opportunity to dispose of the book.

One day an American from Manila, who was working for one of the government bureaus, came into the shop. Jerry, the barber, began praising the book, and soon made a sale, losing something on the deal. But what he lost the other man gained.

This second purchaser, after reading the book, accepted present truth. Later his wife and daughter were both baptized. And that is not all. The man built a church in the mountains, on his own land, and raised up a company of believers there.

One of our colporteurs went to the town of Baler, situated away up on the east coast of Tabayas. At one place at which he called, the husband was not at home. When this man returned, his wife told him that a man from Manila had called to see him, and he immediately put on his hat and went to look for the stranger, for visitors are few in that town.

He found our colporteur and purchased a copy of "Ella Simpson" published in the Tagalog dialect. He went home and read it, and immediately gave up using tobacco. Then he thought he would like to have a Bible; so he inquired around the town until he found one, the only one in the town, and that had the covers off. He offered the owner five pesos for it, and the man said, "No." Then he offered him ten, then twenty; but still the man refused. Finally he said, "I have a pig at my home that I have just purchased and paid thirty-two pesos for. I will trade you the pig for the Bible."

It proved a good trade. A few months ago three men came to the office in Manila and requested baptism. One of them was this man. They had walked three days over the mountains to reach the railroad to Manila. Pastor Adams examined them, and finding them to be thoroughly indoctrinated, he baptized them. We have sent a worker to instruct about twenty more whom, the man reported, were keeping the Sabbath at the town of Baler.

His Task

I AM impressed with the value of the example given by one of our Korean editorial men who went to sell a large book to the principal of the Paju School for boys. The school master did not appear to be much interested and kept going back to his work, even turning his back on our brother. Here is the way Won Chai told it to me:

"When I had finished my canvass, he looked at the book for a minute, and then turned back to his work. I turned to mine. In a few minutes he looked up, and thumbed the book again. I watched him, and when he went back to his task the second time, I returned to mine. This was repeated several times. Every time he looked up, I faced him with a smile; and every time he went back to his work, I returned to my work, too. Finally he picked up the book and laid a five-dollar bill on the table in its place."

Prayer had won. Whenever the man had looked away to his work, the colporteur had looked away to his God.— Harold J. Bass. in Far Eastern Promoter.

"Cast Thy Bread."

HAROLD J. BASS.

"CAST thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." Eleven years ago a Korean colporteur, Soo Yung, sold the magazine, The Third Angel's Message, to a man in the city of Chinju. When he spoke to this ma regarding the trath, he found him to be bitterly prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists.

Ten years went by; the man plied his business, and the colporteur tramped the hills and valleys of Chosen; but an all-seeing Eye had destined that these two should meet again. A feeling began to creep into the colporteur's heart that he ought to go back to Chinju. For ten years he had hardly given the place a thought. Why this strange longing to visit it again unless God had work for him there, and was calling him to it?

He went, and the first person he visited was the man to whom ten years before he had sold the magazine. Our worker saw that the man did not recognize him, so he set about to discover if he were still prejudiced. A religious conversation followed, during which the man referred to the colporteur who had sold him the paper ten years before, and it was evident that his attitude of mind had changed. So Soo Yung made himself known. Bible studies followed, and before six months had passed, this man and over a dozen of his friends and acquaintances were waiting for baptism.

It is not always that such returns come from a few spoken words and a little paper left in a home. Nor is it always that the colporteur who casts the "bread" is able thus to gather in the returns.

A Big Week Providence

I BEGAN my work in this Big Week with a visit to the ambassador in Tokyo, to whom I sold three of our books. The ambassador praised these books highly, and paid me 50 yen for them. As the value of the books was only 12.50 yen, I was able to send to headquarters 37.50 yen, as my first-fruits of this campaign.

Later, when I went to give Bible studies to a family living at a distance from our home, I was disappointed to find them out. But I was soon to learn that the Lord had not sent me in vain to that place; for on that street, a Japanese gentleman, mistaking me for a friend, opened up conversation with me. I gladly accepted the opportunity to speak with him about our work, and our good books, of which I had some samples with me.

The man told me that he was a teacher of calisthenics, and that he also publishes a magazine about his work. His order was quickly secured for one copy of the "Home Physician," and later a subscription for the Japanese Signs. Then he guided me to a near-by school, where he introduced me to the principal, a Japanese lady, who also ordered the "Home Physician." It was a pleasure to see this progressive Japanese school; but far greater was the joy in my soul because of this wonderful guidance. This teacher lives near my home, and is interested in Christianity. Yet I might never have become acquainted with him had I not met him so providentially.

The Big Week campaign has been a real blessing to Mrs. Koch and to me. Besides the books sold, we were able to report twenty-five new subscribers to the Japanese Signs and a number of single copies sold. But of more value than the 84 yen which we secured for Missions Extension are the spiritual blessings which were ours in this work, and which, surely, the readers of the magazines will also receive. Our Japanese brethren of the Tokyo church joined with good courage in the campaign, and some did very well indeed.—A. C. Koch, in Far Eastern Promoter, June, 1926.

From Pastor F. C. Gilbert

WE pass on to our readers a cheering word from Pastor F. C. Gilbert, written in a personal letter under date of February 17:

"I was visiting a town called Summer, in Western Washington Conference. I was to hold a meeting in a private home with our people. When I reached the house, to my surprise I met fifteen Filipino young men. They had been invited to the meeting, since a Filipino lad lives in the home of one of our people, and has accepted the truth. I had planned to speak on a certain topic that evening, but when I saw those young men, my mind was quite exercised, and I felt impressed to speak on another topic. All these Filipinos are attending the high school in this town, and seemed friendly. At the close of the meeting I felt impressed to make an appeal for those who desired to give their hearts to the Lord to do so, and I assure you I was delighted to see every one rise to his feet, and many of them with tears in their eyes.

"At the close of the meeting one of the young men came to me and said, 'Tonight is the first time my heart has been impressed by God's Spirit. I have heard the gospel preached many times before, but never until tonight did I feel such conviction. I am going to read my Bible hereafter, and try to follow Him in the right way.' We certainly had a precious meeting, and I am hoping that the seed sown that night may bear fruit to the glory of God.

"I am pleased to learn of the good work that Brother Griggs is doing, and I was greatly pleased to read in the OUTLOOK of interesting meetings being held in the Philippines outdoors. It seems to me that God is working with great power. I have seen many things the past few years in the homeland which have brought cheer to my heart. We surely are living in the time of the latter rain, when God is preparing a people in all parts of the world for the coming of His Son.

"Yesterday we buried dear old Sister Kilgore, wife of R. M. Kilgore. She was one of the forty who were present at the conference in Battle Creek in 1856, when the angel of the Lord said that some would be living and be translated at the coming of the Lord. There are not many of them left, but the word of the Lord will surely be fulfilled."

The Kwangsi Mission

R. M. MILNE

THE Kwangsi Mission now has ten colporteurs carrying the printed message to the towns and villages throughout the province. Five recruits, three part-time colporteurs and two evangelists met for the institute at Nanning, May 20 to June 2. Two of these brethren walked about one hundred seventy miles to attend, while two others walked nine miles, selling literature at the few villages on the way. Pastor Thomas has released one of his best evangelists to take care of the work of this department.

The colporteurs have already gone out with their loads of small literature, which will probably constitute the bulk of their sales; for the cities are few and far between. They ask that we remember them in prayer; for the way is frequently dangerous, difficult and unpleasant.

There had been some anti-Christian parades in Nanning and for a few days during my stay there the students were afraid to attend school, and no one came to the hospital for treatment. But before I left the students were back at their classes, and Dr. and Mrs. Coffin and their helpers were busy as usual.

On Sabbath, May 29, ten were baptized, and all members were present for the ordinances.

The Winning of Brother Blessing

HAROLD J. BASS.

ONE evening as we sat in a happy circle (one hundred fifty miles from Seoul) discussing the results of a meeting when many had signified their deep interest in the message, I turned to the colporteur who had been laboring in that place prior to our tent effort, and asked him how he got his start there. He said:

"Three months ago the Central Mission, being short of preachers, offered me half of the lowest rate of wage paid to preachers, with the privilege of canvassing half my time for the remainder of my living. I canvassed here, and followed up the openings I found. At first it was very hard to interest the people, but suddenly things changed. The credit for the change all belongs to Brother Blessing here. When I first called on him and learned that his name was Blessing, I knew he was the man I wanted first; for I felt sure that true to his name he would bring many blessings with him. And he did; he found all these others for me."

The rest of the group nodded in approval of the narration. So I turned to smiling Brother Blessing.

"Brother Blessing, what made you think our colporteur had something worth while for you?" I asked.

"When he first called, I didn't," he said. "You see, God had been calling me ever since when, in a drunken stupor, I threw a religious paper called *The Third Angel's Message* from the top of East Gate, Seoul, fourteen years ago."

Here was a clue worth following, for a bookman, so I plied him with more questions. This is his story: Fourteen years ago someone slipped a little magazine into his hands as he staggered drunkenly along the street near East Gate. He climbed to the top of the Gate, which is fifty or sixty feet high, and sat down to look at the paper. Then, disgusted, he threw it from him into the mire beneath.

The action partly sobered him, and for a long time he looked at that slip of white down in the muddy street below. Something prompted him to recover it; so he descended, pulled the paper from the mud, and put it into his pocket. Later he read it, and although he did not accept Christ then, for the next fourteen years, during which he saw much of life and not a little of sin, the memory of that incident and the words of our little messenger remained with him.

A few years before the visit of our colporteur, Brother Blessing had become a Christian; yet he was not wholly satisfied. He was looking for the religion of the little paper rescued from the mud; and he found it when he examined the books the colporteur brought and listened to the Bible studies. It took many years, but to-day the influence of that discarded magazine is doing much to give us a fine start in this quiet county seat.

"We complain that life is short. It is not time we want but fire. The cloud lies on the mountain top all day, and leaves it at last just as it found it in the morning, only wet and cold. The lightning touches the mountain for an instant, and the very rocks are melted, and the whole shape of the great mass is changed. Who would not cry out to God, Oh, make my life how short I care not, so that I can have the fire in it for an hour. If only it can have intensity, let it but touch the tumult of this world for an instant."—

Phillips Brooks.

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His Wonders to Perform

J. G. GJORDING

ON a recent trip through a part of the territory of the East China Union, we learned of new manifestations of the power of God, as revealed through the labors of His faithful servants. Of a truth it can be said that those long under the yoke of demon bondage are being liberated, the sick are being healed, and the poor are having the gospel preached unto them. Our workers in different parts of the field are beginning to exercise faith in the Name which is above every name, and are dedicating their powers to the Master's use.

At Ningpo a poor, demon-possessed woman was ordered by the evil spirit, on a certain night, to make her bed in the river bed. The woman obeyed, slipping away from home while her husband was out. When a few minutes later the husband returned, and found his wife missing, he summoned the neighbors to help search for her. Attracted by some commotion down stream, they rushed to the scene; and there, sure enough, was the one for whom they were looking. Her clothes were wet, she was slightly bruised, and she had sustained a wound, like a bullet hole, that went clear through her wrist. They brought her home, and called for our evangelist and wife to come over and help.

The first thought of these workers was to get medical aid for the wound; so they took the woman to a hospital. The doctor told them that nothing could be done for her in her present condition. This was disappointing, to be sure, but faith never lets go. They took the woman back to her home and prayed earnestly and in faith that Jesus would cleanse the woman from this demon. And their prayers were answered in telling about the season of prayer they had for the cleansing of this devil-possessed woman, the evangelist said, "While we prayed the whole room seemed full of evil forces."

When they saw that the woman was sane and normal, they took her a second time to the doctor, who promised to do what he could for her. As he dressed the wound, the workers prayed, and day by day their efforts were united with the efforts of the doctor, and the woman was completely healed.

What has become of the woman? She is earnestly studying the message we preach, and is asking for baptism this coming autumn. Her husband is one of the most earnest inquirers at that station.

At Shao Shing God's wonder-working power has attended the ministry of our workers. Demons have been cast out, persons sick unto death have had complete recovery through the prayers of God's servants, and the gospel is preached in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit.

We learned of a special case, where a demon possessing a certain man made bold to tell our evangelist "No matter what you do, I will not leave him to-day." Our brother paid no attention to this idle boast, but set to work to carry out the instructions of Him who is mightier than all the combined forces of evil. He had already searched his own heart for days. He and his fellow-workers had had special prayer at the chapel in behalf of the poor sufferer; and he felt the assurance in his own heart that God could be glorified by the casting out of this demon.

At the home of the enslaved man our brother bowed down by the bed and prayed earnestly for his deliverance, having first received a declaration of the man's faith in the power of God to heal him. But there were apparently no results. Again the evangelist questioned the man regarding his faith. Had he removed every idol, the outward symbols of the demon's rulership? Then the man confessed that he had retained one idol, a clay god, pointing to the place where it stood on a shelf at the farther end of the room. "Tear it down," was the emphatic command. "Christ can do nothing for the man who desires to serve two masters." So the man got up, took down this last idol, gave it to the evangelist, and then crawled back to his bed. Then the brother, feeling sure that now every obstacle had been removed, bowed down again beside the bed. But before he had offered one word of prayer, the voice that before had spoken said, "I will go; I will go."

Then the evangelist prayed—"prayed," to use his own words, "till there was no strength in me,"—and then in the name of Jesus commanded the evil spirit to depart. It is needless to tell the result; for what can withstand the prayer of faith that takes hold of the power of Christ? The next Sabbath this heathen was among those who worshipped at our chapel.

From Shao Shing we went on to Hangchow, where, as a result of a sermon on the law of God, a young couple came to us and asked us to take away their ancestral tablets, which they had worshipped in vain for healing. Then these seekers for truth together with the worker now sought for healing from the Divine Healer.

Still another family in this place took down their paper representations of their ancestral spirits, and gave them to us to take away. Thus are men and women, for a lifetime the victims of superstition and deception, being led into freedom and joy in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus and His almighty power. We rejoice to see the progress the gospel is making, and praise God for its steady advancement in this part of the great harvest field. May these manifestations of His workings in the lives of His benighted children lead us on to fuller faith in His power to transform, and to a more earnest zeal in the accomplishment of our mission.

Harbin, Manchuria

T. T. BABIENCO

WHEN we returned from the Spring Council in Shanghai, we found that the enemyhad been doing a destructive work in Harbin among the people who were interested in this truth. Our meetings were greatly decreased in attendance. Some of the church members had gone over to the Russian priests and had united with them against our work. They had gone from house to house and had told many falsehoods. Thus many who were interested in the message had become discouraged.

The owners of the hall where we had held our meetings asked us to move out; and there we were without a place to meet. Our church building was too far from that section and we were perplexed to know what to do. We have a large tent, and although it is too cold for tent meetings in Harbin, we put up the tent and went on with the meetings. People came, and the Lord blessed our efforts. We were not able to baptize one hundred in one day, as we had hoped; but we baptized sixty-two souls in one day. This is the largest baptism that has ever been witnessed in any denomination in Harbin. We are praying that those who were interested, but who have become discouraged, will come back soon, and that we shall have the one hundred souls we had hoped for. Our courage is good.

In East and West Visaya

O. F. SEVRENS

I HAVE just finished a month's journey through the East and West Visayan Missions, soliciting students for our Junior College in Manila.

In company with several other workers, I attended the annual meeting of the West Visayan Mission, held in Iloilo early in April. A memorial church, built largely from Church Extension funds, was crowded to its capacity at nearly every meeting of the six days' session. At least one thousand was the average attendance. Young people's meetings were held mornings and afternoons. Not far from the church the yearly carnival was being held, but it did not attract our people.

On the last Sabbath afternoon fifty-two were baptized into Christ, a fitting close to the largest meeting of Seventh-day Adventists ever held in the Philippines, if not, indeed, in the entire Far East.

It pains one to the very heart to hear the pleadings of the young people who desire a Christian education, but who have no funds. Because of the present location of the school only a limited number of self-supporting students can be received. It was therefore necessary to choose the more promising; but who is wise enough to judge rightly?

Hearts have been touched and real sacrifices are being made this year, that the precious heritage of the church may receive a Christian training. One mother, for years a faithful colporteur is sending two sons, and grieves that she cannot support the third. Another family living in a small delapidated house of bamboo, decided to postpone the building of a much needed new house and send a daughter to school.

I visited the northern part of Mindinao, though I had not planned to. Seven young people were added to the list of students.

We visited a Moro village. I have not seen so low a standard of living even among the wild people of Northern Luzon, the Igorots. Such depravity causes one's heart to cry out to the Creator, How can such as these be raised to a Christian life? As yet we have done nothing for the million Moros. In one house there were two boys who were unmistakably affected with hookworm, one in an advanced stage. I tried in vain, even offering them money, to get them out of doors, so that I could take a picture. The call for medical evangelistic work is loud and long. We have nothing in all these islands along medical lines yet. This country implores us to send medical workers.

Is "The Signs" Worth While?

REPORTS coming in from various sections of the field reveal the fact that the Signs of the Times (Chinese) is exerting a splendid influence in creating good will toward our work and the gospel in the Mandarin-speaking portions of our territory. Brother R. M. Milne, speaking for South China, says, "Everywhere I hear only words of commendation for it. If nothing else were accomplished but this creation of good will, the Signs would be well worth while. But it does much more. We have a growing work in several places in South China where the first interest was aroused by a colporteur with the Signs.

"In Swatow, not long ago, two men who had been reading the Signs for several years began to keep the Sabbath and to come to meeting. In Foochow one man learned of the

Sabbath through the Signs, and had been keeping it for nearly three years before he got in touch with our chapel. And in a recent meeting of the Hakka workers, out of forty teachers and preachers present, nine reported that they were first interested in this message through reading the Signs or other small literature."

Of the influence of the magazine and other literature in Central China, Brother Longway writes:

"Many calls come from different parts of the field following the visits of our colporteurs. A man of influence and means in far off Kansu has promised to supply land and buildings for school and hospital work as soon as we can send workers. During the past few months three places in Honan have called for workers to follow up the interests created by the canvassers. In increasing numbers we find the statement on application for baptism, that the applicant first learned the truth from our literature. As a result of the distribution of the Anti-Opium Special of the Signs last fall' one hsien city in Honan organized its own opium-suppression society, and forced the provincial opium tax-collector to leave the place."

Is the Signs worth while?

Village Work in Manchuria

Reporting in the Far Eastern Promoter some of the experiences of a ten-day tour made in the Manchurian Union in the interests of the publishing and home Missionary Departments, Brother A. A. Esteb says:

"We led the church members out in three tours which I would call village-preaching tours, where we distributed thousands of pages of literature and preached to hundreds. This meant walking fifty or sixty li a day, or nearly twenty English miles; but the joys a thousand-fold outweighed the sacrifice. Strange food, strange beds and burning feet are soon forgotten, while sweet memories of the joys of service linger, and brighten with the passing days.

"Beside the work with the churches, a few hours were spent with one of our colporteurs. We sold nearly \$50 Mexican worth of literature. This colporteur has gone out with a determination to glorify God, and he has already performed a great work by the help of the Holy Spirit. Many of our colporteurs have thought that the villages could not be worked, and so have neglected them. This man has gone out with a different vision. He is working his territory thoroughly, walking sometimes as far as one hundred twenty li in a day in order to properly cover the ground.

"And God has led him to honest hearts. Two villages have been stirred by his message, and several seekers after truth have been walking to the nearest village where we have a church about twenty-five li away, and have begun keeping the Sabbath. In the tours mentioned we visited these villages, and arranged for the organization of a Bible study class. We spoke to fifty or sixty of these honest-hearted people who are eager to hear more of the Old Old Story.

"Surely this faithful colporteur's labors have not been in vain. Nor has the Lord withheld temporal blessings from him. Instead of taking forty or sixty subscriptions in that section, as in past years, he has already sold over \$300 worth of precious literature."

Chengtu, West Szechwan

C. L. BLANDFORD

DURING the past two years great changes have taken place in the city of Chengtu. At the order of General Yang Sen streets have been widened, and most of the main thoroughfares are now paved, A similar work is going forward on all other streets. Richsha companies are running several thousand good rickshas. Two motor companies have been organized, and motor busses are running across town. Several motor roads have been opened to near by cities, and bus service has commenced to these points.

Such modern changes mean much to the finishing of the work in West Szechwan. Recently I made a trip by bus in a little over two hours that formerly had occupied a full day on horseback.

The work in West Szechwan during the past two years has made progress. Last year seventeen believers were baptized, and new interests were opened in three places. Our literature returns for the first quarter of 1926 were greater than for the whole of 1925. A recent report from one worker is the sale of \$240 worth of literature to a single individual in Chengtu. There are good gains in other departments. We expect the tithe receipts for 1926 to more than double those of 1925. A German business man, twentyfour years in China, accepted present truth this year in Chengtu.

We regret that on account of ill health we have had to lay down the work in Chengtu, the mission in this place having been opened by the writer in 1917. Recently the committee voted our return to America. However, since arrival in Shanghai, Mrs. Blandford has made considerable gain. We therefore surrendered our tickets, and plan to spend the summer at Tsingtao. If there is continued improvement, we hope to continue in this field where health conditious are favorable.

Brother Alton Hughes goes to Chengtu to take over the work in that place. Brother C. A. Woolsey, who has spent a year in Chengtu in language study, is soon to take up the union book work. Brother and Sister Hughes will be alone at Chengtu, ten days from Chungking, the headquarters of the union, and twelve days from Tatsienlu, where Dr. Andrews and his wife are laboring alone.

Szechwan has been especially blessed with a loyal, self-sacrificing group of foreign workers. A few more red-blooded, consecrated families are greatly needed in that field.

Shanghai, China.

Chosen and Manchuria

FREDERICK GRIGGS

DURING the past two months I have been attending meetings in the Chosen and Manchurian Unions and the Sungari-Mongolian Mission. These meetings have been characterized throughout by a spirit of consecration that led to a strong determination for greater accomplishments in soul-winning. The reports rendered for all departments for the past year were most encouraging, and in every instance, I think, marked a substantial gain over that of the previous year.

Sabbath School Department

The reports of the Sabbath school work showed a good increase in membership, in daily study of the Sabbath school lessons, and in offerings. They revealed that the Sabbath school is more and more becoming an evangelizing agency. Unbelievers are brought into the Sabbath school as regular members, and in due time accept of our blessed faith and become strong church members.

Publishing and Home Missionary Departments

The advance in the sale of literature was also most encouraging. The publishing house at Seoul is steadily increasing its output. I was astonished at the amount of work which the little printing plant at Harbin, Manchuria, has been able to do for our Russian work. The leaders in our literature work in these fields are earnest, capable men, and as a result we have devoted, strong companies of colporteurs which are continually being increased in number. This accounts in no small measure for the increase in baptisms this year over that of last.

The rapid advance of our work is dependent very largely upon the efforts of individual members who, in work among their neighbors and friends, spread the knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and of the third angel's message. Our regular conference workers and our colporteurs can do only a portion of that which must be done in the finishing of this work. The excellent reports which were rendered showed that there is a steadily growing strength coming to our movement from our home missionary department.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments

My first meeting was at Seoul. I next went to Soonan where after the meeting of the conference I was with the training school in its spring Week of Prayer. Principal Lee and his tellow teachers are carrying forward a very strong educational work, and there is an excellent spiritual condition in the school. As a result of this special prayer season, many of the students had their spiritual strength renewed and a good baptismal class was formed.

The morning after my arrival in Mukden, where I went from Soonan, I was taken by Brother R. M. Cossentine, the educational secretary of the Manchurian Union to a beautiful tract of land about eight miles north of the city. Brother Cossentine has been conducting a school in Mukden, but its growth and the inadequate facilities for school work in Mukden have made necessary the establishment of a good school properly located. I was much pleased with the prospects for the school work in Manchuria. In Harbin also it has become necessary to make some changes to give room for the growing school work.

Closely associated with our educational work in these meetings was that of our young people's missionary volunteer department. Splendid reports were rendered by the secretaries of this department of its work in the different missions. It is of interest to me as I visit these new fields to note that our native believers, their children and the young people are being instructed in every department of our cause. The Morning Watch, the Bible Year, and other features of the missionary volunteer department are considered a fundamental part of our church work.

A New Work

Each of these missions has problems peculiar to itself. This is true in particular, perhaps, of the Sungari-Mongolian Mission. God has greatly blessed the work of this mission in a rich harvest of souls. We have at Harbin a church of about three hundred Russian members. But a part of the territory of this mission, as its name indicates, is Mongolia. The people of Mongolia are largely nomadic, and the task of reaching these roving herdsmen is not a small one. It is, as someone has expressed it, somewhat "like chasing the wind across the prairies," and requires new methods of work in bringing the truth to these people who are constantly moving about, who are largely illiterate, and who have very primitive customs of living. But three young men who have been studying the Mongolian language are this summer entering that field. They have faith that God will lead them in reaching honest souls among these wandering tribes.

The courage of the workers in Chosen and Manchuria has been truly inspiring to me. Sand storms, droughts, or floods, the turbulence of ungoverned people, or the fierce opposition of priests or rulers do not deter them. While this message has been making a very steady advance in these fields, the evidence is unmistakable that a far more

rapid advance is now under way.

Harvest Ingathering—September 4 to November 6

WHY NOT?

Why not ask the Gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who would be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them. . . . There are men in the world who will give of their means for schools and for sanitariums. The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money is the Lord's, and if the wealthy are approached in the right way, the Lord will touch their hearts and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, and some of them will heed the request for help.

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

"Attempt Great Things for God"

WE are indebted for the above expression to William Carey, who, although a humble shoe-maker felt the call of God ringing in his soul to dedicate his life to a mission field. While his friends around him could see only the doorsteps of London, Carey caught a vision of the great needs of India, and became the first missionary to that great lazar house. But there is another part of this expression that we have not mentioned, and without the spirit of it we are powerless to do great things for God. It is, "Expect great things from God." Surely, it isn't hard to do great things for God when we have received great things from God.

Isn't this the kind of spirit we need as we go forth in this great Harvest Ingathering effort? Many receive little because they attempt little. What could we not do as we attempt this year by the help of God to do great things for Him? Christ has said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." With such a promise of success as this can we hold back from attempting great things for Him? We are to co-operate with one who knows no failure.

In a sense every Seventh-day Adventist who goes forth in the Harvest Ingathering work is a foreign missionary. He, perhaps, is not called to be a Livingstone or a Moffat or a Carey, but he has his place to fill. The epitaph on Livingstone's tomb in Westminister Abbey reads, "I pray for a blessing on any man, Englishman, American, or Turk, who will put forth one effort to heal the world's open sore." Can you not hear this appeal ringing in your heart? Shall we not dedicate our lives anew for this work, and not only put forth one effort but also attempt great things for God in this 1926 Harvest Ingathering campaign?—E. F. Hackman.

Diving for Pearls

Have you ever stopped in front of a store window and seen great long ropes of pearls decorating the silks or velvets there displayed? If you have, and if you have caught a glimpse of the prices on them, perhaps you've been surprised, not at the high price, but because of the low prices. Right away you know that those pearls are made, they are not genuine. In a certain city there is a regular factory for making pearls, and you might be perfectly satisfied with such as are turned out there until you saw real pearls. But when you have seen and felt the beautiful jewels that come from the deep seas-well, you know there is no comparison. There is no comparison in price, either. Real pearls cost a great deal of money. Why should they? It takes effort to get them. Divers take their lives in their hands as they sink away below the ocean's surface to hunt for gems. Even then perfect pearls are hard to find. A rope of genuine pearls takes time and effort to find.

In some ways the Harvest Ingathering reminds me of diving for pearls. Wanting to save others for the Master and then sitting still and waiting, will not accomplish anything. In the parable the king commanded his servants to go out into the highways and hedges for his guests. In these last days our King has given us these magazines and He bids us go out into the highways and hedges and tell people about His wonderful work. It may be very hard for us to do this, but we must remember Jesus paid a great price for us, and we cannot find the pearls for Him, those who really long for truth, without diving into the crowds of people and searching them out.

When He was here on earth, Jesus left word that He could not return until this gospel was preached in all the world. The Master is looking longingly to us. He is waiting for us to do our part. He is glad for every penny that we may be able to gather in to spread the work in foreign fields, but He would not have us forget that we are also to spread the truth to those in the homeland.

The Harvest Ingathering season is not only a time to ask for money for missions, but it is also a time to give the truth to those we meet. We cannot make a true success of it unless we love the Master and pray earnestly that He will open the hearts of the people to receive the glorious message of salvation.

Once I was riding on a swiftly moving train that rushed along through a large forest. There were many beautiful trees, and I enjoyed looking at them as we hurried by. But there was one tree that I remember even though I saw it but once, It was a large, beautifully shaped oak.

In our Harvest Ingathering work we may speak a word to a great many people. They may never see us again, but they may remember us because of our courtesy and politeness, just as I remember that oak in the midst of a forest. We are out for the Master, and we must represent Him. If we have Jesus' love in our hearts, it will shine out to the stranger in little acts of courtesy. Every worker will have a pleasant smile for each person approached, whether or not an offering is received. A prayer in the heart gives modesty to the manner. Thus we can be "workers together with Him" in this Harvest Ingathering.—Harriet Holt.

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Pages six and seven of this issue of the OUTLOOK are given to the statistical report for the first three months of 1926.

Pastor I. C. Schmidt of Medan, Sumatra, writes: "We have been holding meetings with the tent with an average attendance of about two hundred. Our attendance is largely from the Muslims. We are endeavoring to make use of the Press, and are publishing in the Malay papers all that they will accept. People are reading about our meetings as far north as Kotta Radia, or the end of North Sumatra, and attend the meetings whenever they get to town. Pray for us and for the success of the work here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bahr of Seoul, Chosen, a daughter, Elfriede Maria Louise, on June 18, 1926.

Week of Sacrifice Offering

Let us all remember the time appointed for the Week of Sacrifice Offering this year, July 17, 1926,

Baptisms in East Visaya

Pastor G. Hugh Murrin, reporting for the East Visayan Mission, says, "Our baptisms to May 31 are 102. We are working to make it 250 for the first half of the year. However, we are not really organized for satisfactory returns on labor spent. With our present force we should have not less than an average of 50 baptisms per month.

'We are appreciative of all the brethren do for the advancement of the work here."

Arrivals

Brother C. H. Davis and family arrived in Shanghai from Australia on June 14 per s. s. Carmala. They reported a fair passage across . the Pacific. After a few days spent in Shangha; doing necessary purchasing, they took boat for the interior, where they will connect again with the Hunan provincial mission.

We are glad to report the safe arrival of Brother and Ster C. L. Blandford in Shanghai from Chengtu, West China, after a somewhat perilous journey down river. On several occasions during the trip their boat was fired on, and it was only by crouching down on the floor of their cabin in the safest place they could find that they escaped the bullets that entered through the portholes. When the danger was past, and they could investigate the damage done by the firing, they counted nineteen bullet holes in garments that had been hanging up in the cabin. Surely the angel of the Lord was at hand to protect these workers in this time of danger.

The removal of Brother and Sister Blandford from the mission station at Chengtu necessitates the transfer of Pastor Alton Hughes from Chungking to that place, to take directorship of the work in the West Szechwan Mission.

Departures

Among the workers leaving the China field during the month of June are Pastor O. B. Kuhn and Brother Arthur Mountain. Brother Mountain sailed June 16 per s. s. Katori Maru for Australia, where he joins his wife and family, who eft the field on early furlough almost two years ago. Brother Mountain's address while on home leave will be: 107 First Ave., Mt. Lawley, West Australia, Pastor Kuhn goes to the States to join his family. The health of Brother Kuhn's wife and children prohibit their return to the China field, and it is with deep regret that we announce his departure as in all probability a permanent one. Pastor Kuhn may be addressed at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., U. S. A.

Two other families from the Central China Union, Brother and Sister E. L. Longway and family, of Yencheng, Honan, and Brother and Sister H. G. Bogar and family, of Hankow, Hupeh, passed through Shanghai during the month en route to the States, sailing per s. s. Empress of Asia, June 26.

North China

"During the past three or four months." Brother N. F. Brewer reports in the June number of the Far Eastern Promoter, war has caused untold suffering and loss to the people of North China. Last December, while in Shantung and the southern part of Chihli, I was cut off from communication with Peking for twenty-six days. On my way home I got as far as Tientsin, and was held up there for over a week. For three days and nights before the capture of Tientsin we could plainly hear the boom of the cannon and the popping of the rapid machine

guns.
"I was staying at our chapel, where were
They had come three hundred war refugees. They had come from the near-by villages where the fighting was going on. Some of them had dug holes in the ground, and had been in them two days before they were rescued and brought to Tientsin. They stayed with us for over a week, and twice each day we had the privilege of telling them the story of Jesus and His love. At that time we could do no other kind of work. Public meetings were forbidden, and the shops were closed for fear of looting. But the Lord sent some souls to us to warn and help; and they seemed glad to listen and thankful for all that was done for them.'

The Shanghai English School

It is well known that definite steps were taken at the last Spring Council to establish a school in Shanghai for the children of our missionaries. It was voted to take over for the work of this new school the buildings used by the Shanghai Missionary College prior to its removal to Chiao Tou Dien; and this will be done unless some other arrangements are made by the General Conference brethren when consideration is given by them to the opening of this school. In any event, comfortable quarters will be provided for the children and good arrangements made for their physical welfare.

The course of study will cover twelve grades of work, and a good teaching force is assured, so that our chilren may have all the educational advantages here in the mission field that they could obtain in the homeland. We want our children so educated that they may be a help to us in our work here.

The school will open this fall. Definite announcements will be made later.

Frederick Griggs,

Harvest Ingathering Campaign September 4 - November 6 Goal-\$35,000 Gold

Results achieved in our previous campaigns have been in a large measure due to the untiring labor of our foreign workers. Larger plans have been laid for the 1926 campaign than for those of the past. In order to accomplish our task we must prepare the hearts of our people for the work, enlist as many lay members as possible. train and organize them-and co-operate. We must set before them a definite goal; we must help them to reach the goal. If with united effort we go forward in faith, God will bless us with an unprecedented inflow of means,-and bless us, too, with joy for having had an active part with Him in the promulgation of His finishing work. "According to your faith, be it unto you.'

Home Missionary Department.

The Philippines Press

Brother E. A. Moon, of the Philippines Press, reports sales for the month of March bigger than for any previous month in the history of the work in that field, "The new linotype is set up and running," he says. new Miehle press has been cabled for. The old linotype works twenty-four hours every day except Sabbath, and the new machine is working a good long shift. We could run both machines twenty-four hours if we had the trained men to operate them. Some new men are in training, and we hope to have them carrying full work in a few months.

'Our Big Week booklet, 'Out of t' e Dark, printed in four languages, is now going through the bindery We are really pressed to the limit of our facilities to get out the literature needed for the field."

Sales Goals and Souls Goals

Every man in each field of the Chosen Union has set a goal of 1000 hours and 1000 ven before the end of the year. Each field has set a goal of 125 persons led to a knowledge of present truth during the year through the literature work. Our men are beginning to realize more fully the soul-winning prospects in this work. Last year interests were started in more than ten places through the colporteur work, and next year we hope to see this number greatly increased.

Harold J. Bass.

Farewell

After nearly ten years of enjoyable service in the China field, it is with much regret that we are obliged, on account of ill health, to leave, and thus disconnect from the work and workers here. During these years it has been our privilege to behold marvelous transformations wrought by the grace of Christ in the hearts and lives of many. This manifestation of the power of the truth confirms our trust in God, strengthens our faith in His message of love, and justifies our confidence in all who embrace the saving truths of the gospel.

China is a charming field, and we shall always maintain our interest in the Chinese people and in the work that God is doing for them. In departing from these shores we can but exclaim. Happy missionaries you who are privileged to remain in this great land to witness for the Master and to Jabor in patient, hopeful, loving and self-sacrificing service for this kindly, appreand self-sacrincing of vice recitive, and responsive people.

O. B. Kuhn.