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There Is No Change

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FEW months ago the whole world was scanning the morning papers for news concerning the health of the king of Great Britain. Day after day we read the simple phrase, "There is no change." Many said, "He cannot live. He is too old, too feeble, to last long with no change." Others said, "It means he is growing worse."

This same expression is often used concerning the morals and habits of our fellows, especially the young or the delinquent in Christian experience. How often we answer all inquiries, concerning a friend or brother who has lost his first love by the set phrase, "There is no change." We mean that he is just as he has been in faith and morals. There is no amendment in life, no victory over the slavery of habit.

Almost a paralytic condition in Christian experience is indicated by the sentence "There is no change." Water that does not move becomes stagnant. The stream that was pure and clear and sparkling in its mountain source, in the valley by "no change" becomes poisonous and deadly. Life is action. Inaction is death. When there is "no change" in the Christian, he has entered upon that state of Laodicean lukewarmness which means that he will be a castaway.

Some professed Christians pride themselves on being ever the same. Many a time when asking a brother how he is getting on in his Christian experience, he answers with complacency: "Just the same. You know I never change." There may be a drifting away from God, a bad habit that means the destruction of all hope of eternal life; and yet the poor deluded one takes pride in saying, "You know I never change."

In nature growth indicates life, and the same thing is true of the Christian. We change from "glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." We grow from "faith to faith." Even of Christ it was said that "He increased in stature, and in favor with God and man."

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

The sick man who can never say, "I am better," is on the road to the cemetery. The Christian who says, "I'm just the same. There is no change," is on the road to destruction. Unless he changes, he is lost. There must be growth, and an increase in faith and hope and godliness. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

It is well to examine our own hearts to know if we are growing in grace. Never should it be said of us, "There is no change."

Shanghai, October 14, 1929

Note and Comment

FRIENDS FROM INDIA

SEVERAL times every year we have opportunity at the ports of Yokohama, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Singapore, to meet members of the India Mission traveling to and from India. One large group who recently passed through these ports, was the Mattison family, of Texas. Brother O. O. Mattison, wife, and children have spent some years already in India, and are now returning. It will be recalled that one of India's evangelistic leaders, Pastor M. M. Mattison, died in the United States of America while on furlough last year. His widow and children are now returning for service in the Mussori school. A third brother of the Mattison family, H. H. Mattison, is going out for the first time. These three families spent three weeks in Shanghai during August with Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Butka and children. Sister Butka is their sister. It is unusual for four brothers and a sister from one household to go into mission fields for pioneer service. The presence of these devoted families from the Mattison home in Texas brought courage and inspiration to those of us who became acquainted with them. May Heaven's blessing continue with our near-by neighbors in the Southern Asia Division. C.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Brines

It will be recalled by many of those who have spent some years in the Far East, that Professor and Mrs. R. J. Brines, who taught in the old China Missionary College for seven years, later returned to the States in order that Brother Brines might take a medical course. The Doctor has been practising with success for several years, and is at present in charge of Wichita Sanitarium (3200 West Douglas Ave., Wichita, Kansas, U. S. A.) It was the hope of the Far Eastern Division Committee that Dr. and Mrs. Brines might be returned to the China field for further service, in view of their knowledge of the Mandarin language; and the Doctor and his wife volunteered anew; but the Home Board have thought best to counsel the Doctor to continue at Wichita, where Providence has recently been opening the way for success, notwithstanding former financial losses. It is thought that if Dr. Brines can continue uninterruptedly at Wichita for a considerable period of time, the indebtednesses on that institution may be liquidated. It is still the hope of brethren in the Far East that at some future time the Lord may bring back to us this earnest family of workers, who in recent correspondence have indicated their abiding interest in our medical advance.

UP THE YANGTZEKIANG

A mighty river is the Yangtze, finding its way into the sea near Shanghai. From source to sea it is reputed to be the second longest river in the world. Second also is it in the volume of water discharged. On the journey from Shanghai to Chungking, the headquarters of our West China Union Mission and of the East Szechwan Provincial Mission, Pastor J. J. Strahle and the writer sailed up the Yangtze for a fortnight, traversing 1,437 miles of the river's length. From Ichang on to Chungking we passed through the Yangtze Gorges — marvels of nature, wondrous to behold, and treacherous beyond description. Since steam navigation was successfully established between Ichang and Chungking, much of the peril attending junk travel through the Gorges is obviated when captains are careful in the handling of their specially constructed ships. Only a few short years ago, in 1914, when Brethren Allum and Warren came up the river to open the work in West China, they had to travel by junk, the time required being nearly four weeks between Ichang and Chungking.

Our brethren in Chungking gave us a hearty welcome to their western field. We reached here at 9 p. m. of the 25th of September; the biennial session we had traveled up the river to attend, was opened at nine o'clock the following morning. We were grateful to the Lord for journeying mercies, permitting of our being at the opening meeting on time, thanks to modern means of travel.

As we have traversed great stretches of the Yangtze, and have passed large cities and many, many populous towns and villages, we have been impressed anew with the vastness of the China field and of Szechwan province. Surely God has many precious experiences in store for those who bring to the cities and towns along the Yangtze River a knowledge of saving truth.

Chungking, Sept. 26. c.

FROM DR. MAGAN

In a letter from Dr. P. T. Magan, under date of July 29, 1929, he says:

"We have just given up our superintendent at the White Memorial Hospital, Dr. Hersel E. Butka, for our medical missionary service in Bolivia. Poor and feeble as our efforts are here for the Master, it might interest you to know that we have trained four different men to act as superintendent of this hospital, and each one in turn has been called

away for another important post.— Dr. Harrison is in charge of our Sanitarium in Australia, Dr. Coyne is in India, Dr. George Johnstone was relieved to take charge of the Glendale Sanitarium, and now Dr. Butka has gone to Bolivia.

I longed to get away on the trip to Europe, India, and the Far East, and to do what I could to encourage and strengthen the hands of my medical brethren who are bearing heavy burdens in far-off lands. Dr. Butka's going has taken a strong man from our work here. And it would appear that like Paul of old, for the present at least, I am 'forbidden . . . to preach the Word in Asia.' But I do not forget you, and soon I trust God will open the way."

CHURCH BUILDERS

John Oss

It was my privilege to spend a Sabbath last fall with the church at Taiping, located in Anhwei province on the Yangtze river, near the city of Nanking. I was greatly impressed with the zeal of the members of this little church and with their confidence and hope in the message during these trying and disturbed times.

At the close of the morning service, as I was conversing with the evangelist about the work of the church and the spiritual condition of the different members, he referred to a man named Wu, and said he was one of the pillars of the church at Taiping.

"Did you ever hear how this truth was brought him?" he asked.

"No," I answered, "but I should be interested to hear about it."

"Some years ago," continued the evangelist, "Brother Wu was the proprietor of a little hotel in Taiping. Among the guests who came to his hotel one day was one of our colporteurs. This man, who seemed different from others, attracted the attention of Mr. Wu; and when he learned that the guest was a Christian colporteur, he inquired further about his work and message."

To make a long story short, Brother Wu, through the work of this colporteur, became definitely interested in the truth, and through the help of one of our evangelists accepted the truth fully and became one of the charter members of the Taiping church.

Brother Wu, even though he is blind, is an ardent missionary worker. Several of the members have been led to Christ through his efforts, and are rejoicing in this message. At the time of my visit he was happy that his son, for whom he had been praying and laboring for a long time, had begun keeping the Sabbath and was preparing for baptism. Brother Wu is also laboring in a definite way for other members of his family.

As I visit our churches, I see more and more the great evangelizing force our colporteur work really is. Our church at Taiping is only one example of the soul-winning efficiency of the literature ministry.

Let us give these messengers of the cross our loyal support; and let us keep our prayers constantly accompanying them as they sow beside all waters the precious seed that will bring eventually a harvest of souls. Truly the colporteur is a church builder.

General Reports from the Field

THE HOLY SPIRIT

*He comes sweet influence to impart,
A gracious willing guest,
Where He can find one humble heart
Wherein to rest.*

*And His that gentle voice we hear
Soft as the breath of even,
That checks each fault, that calms each fear.
And speaks of heaven.*

*And every virtue we possess,
And every victory won,
And every thought of holiness
Are His alone.*

--- Auber.

SOUTH HAKKA WORKERS' INSTITUTE

D. E. REBOK

DURING my visit in the South China Union in the summer of 1929, we had good meetings in Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, and Canton. Owing to very unsettled conditions prevailing in the Hakka Mission, it was feared that we could not get the workers together at the time suggested,—July 31 to August 3. But through special means, Brother J. P. Anderson, the director of the Hakka Mission, was able to get word to the workers in the southern portion of that field. Thus between twenty-five and thirty evangelists and teachers gathered in Waichow for several days of study and institute work. These were very enjoyable days indeed. The workers in that field have gone through experiences which have tried them as gold tried in the fire. It was a pleasure to hear their testimonies and to note the interest taken in all the Bible studies. The workers in that field are determined, by the Lord's special help, to preach the truth with power.

The new hospital-dispensary building is now in use, and quite a number of sick people were being cared for by Doctors James and their corps of workers. Truly it is a good thing to have this institution in a field which is absolutely without any other kind of medical help. The Waichow gentry and leading citizens have taken a keen interest in this project. Our prayers in behalf of the medical work, the evangelistic work, and all other departments of the work in the Hakka Mission, should daily ascend to the throne of God. Brethren L. V. Finster, C. C. Morris, and the writer joined with the brethren in Waichow in these few days of institute work.

THE VISAYAN GENERAL MEETINGS

BERTHA SHANKS CHANEY

THE general meeting of the West Visayan Mission was carried on in two places this year, instead of being concentrated at one point as has been the custom in the past. The membership of this mission has grown to such a large number, and the accommodations are so limited in La Paz, that an overflow meeting was held in La Carlota, Occ. Negros, the week following the one which was held in Iloilo.

Both of the meetings were well attended, there being over 1,200 in La Paz and about 750 in La Carlota. In the latter meeting there were no regular conference sessions held; but the reports of the director, the secretaries, and the evangelists were given, so that the brethren in Occ. Negros might hear for themselves of the wonderful progress that the truth is making.

The director stated that there were but two towns left in this mission in which a public effort had not been held. These will be entered as soon as opportunity affords and workers can be spared.

In La Carlota the meetings were held in a building on the outskirts of the town, which was at some time in the past used as a cabaret. Temporary walls were made of *sawali*, and a mess tent erected at the back. It was very crowded on Sabbath morning, and arrangements were made for the children to have a service by themselves after the Sabbath school was over, thus giving a little more room for the seniors and young people in the meeting-place.

A deep devotional spirit marked the Sabbath forenoon meeting, both during and following the sermon preached by Professor Griggs. Many new resolves were made by those present, which, if kept, will make the coming year one of great spiritual advance for the church in this section of the Philippines.

In the East Visayan Mission a heavy two-days' rain interfered somewhat with the attendance at the Cebu general meeting. There were 825 present at the Sabbath school on May 25, in Cebu, and more than this at the church service following.

The Cebu church has a great advantage over the other large churches where general meetings are held, in having a spacious plaza surrounding it. This makes it easier for the people to move about, and helps those who are in charge of arrangements to keep things sanitary. The church is built so that

there are entrances at both sides as well as in front. It has one more excellent point, and that is that any speaker may easily be heard, even in the seats that are far from the pulpit. The acoustics are good. The church was prettily and artistically decorated for the meeting. A large picture had been especially painted for the occasion by Brother Perez, and was hung among the green wreaths.

The reports from the departmental secretaries and from the other workers showed faithful and energetic service. This mission has most difficult territory to work, in that much time is required for reaching its remote sections; but the workers, undaunted, continue to push their boundaries still farther out.

The visiting brethren who attended the Iloilo and La Carlota meetings were Professor Griggs, who is serving as superintendent of the union during the time when Elder Jackson is on furlough; Elder C. C. Morris of Hongkong, superintendent of the South China Union Mission, whose good help and advice were highly appreciated; and Mr. Roman Senson of the Philippine Junior College, whose talks on education were very inspirational. The visitors themselves received an inspiration as they saw the large gatherings of our people eager to hear the truths being presented to them, and responsive to the calls made upon them.

PUBLISHING WORK CENTRAL CHINA

E. L. LONGWAY

The work of the publishing department has gone on notwithstanding difficulties, until we have a heavy subscription list for the *Signs*.

The hospital at Yencheng has most of the time been running full capacity and more. It was closed during the greater part of 1927 and until May of 1928, but since then the patronage has been good. During 1926 it made a net gain of over \$5,000. We have a loyal band of nurses, and God has been blessing their efforts this year in bringing souls to Christ.

For the first time in the history of the work in Honan the church members' tithe in 1928 was more than that of the mission workers. And not only is this so, but the church members' tithe for this year is the largest ever paid into this mission. For this we are thankful. We believe that tithe paying is a good thermometer of the spiritual condition of the church.

Biennial Session, West China Union, Chungking Sept. 26-Oct. 5 1929

WEST KWEICHOW MISSION

Ho Ai Deng

(Synopsis of director's report, West Kweichow Mission, West China Union Session, Chungking, Sept. 26-Oct. 5, 1929)

PREVIOUS to 1925 Pastor Warren made two evangelistic tours through Kweichow, but at that time there were few who accepted the truth. At the time of his third trip, which was in the autumn of 1925, two who accepted the truth became very faithful in working for others. We can see the ever-increasing influence of these two faithful men. Beginning with that little interest, there have now developed fifteen Sabbath schools.

Though there were a few believers in Kweichow as a result of former itineraries there, yet no workers had been appointed to that field when the writer arrived in Chungking from Hunan in 1925. Early in 1926 I was asked to open work in this new territory. The first move was to enter Kuling, near the Kweichow border. All we could find to rent was a small room in which we lived and also held meetings. After getting settled in this rented place, I went with Kwang Yu Tsen to visit the villages throughout that section in a search for those who might be led to enter the Lord's fold.

The enemy brought persecution upon us. At one time posters appeared on the streets of Kuling stating the month and the day when we were to be killed and our place of worship destroyed. We called on the magistrate in an effort to secure his protection, but he would not receive us. We found that the Lord was willing to receive us, and He heard our prayers and spared our lives.

Praise the Lord; we found some honest souls who recognized the Lord's call to His own sheep. In this way three Sabbath schools were organized in Kuling-Yungning section. While shepherding those of this section, an effort was made to reach out for more believers; and to this end a move was made toward Kweichow.

In Tating Kweichow, we met with one who, after hearing this message, resigned his former position and immediately began to spread the message of the true Sabbath. A little over a month later he wrote me a letter stating that there were a number keeping

the Sabbath with him. This was truly the work of God, and was a marvel to us.

Though many of our believers in Kweichow are very poor, yet their earnestness in studying the Scriptures has made an impression on our minds that can never be forgotten. There are several twelve- and thirteen-year-old orphan children that have committed to memory the five-star memory set, the book of Ephesians, and many other Bible portions. Though they are poor and have never entered a school, yet they command our respect.

The educational work has been wonderfully blessed of God. Although the students who entered our school last year were under the influence of the gospel but half a year yet one year third of them requested baptism. Five of them have now entered the Lord's work.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that the church membership of 80 in 1927 has been increased to 152 during 1928, and to 200 by September 30, 1929. We have a Sabbath school membership of 326.

Reviewing all the providences connected with the West Kweichow Mission, we can see that it is the work of God. It has been our privilege to be counted as co-laborers together with Him. May we all join in giving glory to God for the work that He has done in this new field.

WEST SZECHWAN MISSION

ALTON E. HUGHES

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor Alton E. Hughes, director of West Szechwan Mission, during the general meeting of the West China Union held in Chungking, Szechwan, Sept. 26 to Oct. 5, 1929)

THE West Szechwan Mission comprises a wide strip right through the heart of Szechwan, extending clear across from the northern edge to the Yangtse River on the south. There are approximately 30,000,000 people in this area; and we are the only foreign family of Seventh-day Adventists carrying on work in this vast field. The mission headquarters are in Chengtu, the capital of the province. The foreign home and compound are the only properties owned by the mission; all other properties are rented or leased for a term of years.

We have seven Chinese evangelists, two school teachers, four colporteurs, and one Bible woman; a total of fourteen Chinese workers.

Our membership is 66; it was 22 at the time of our last general meeting eight years ago. Resident evangelists are located in five different places, where we have chapels; namely, Chengtu, Pengshan, Sintsing, Kwanhsien and Dzeyang. In four other places we have work but no chapels, and no evangelists are permanently stationed there. Our church-school has an enrollment of eleven; we have no school for outside students just at present.

A total of fourteen have been baptized to date during 1929, and there are nine others who desire baptism soon. For various reasons several have been dropped from the membership bringing our net gain to date during 1929 down to eight.

It might be well to state here also that the mission has changed directors six times in the eight years. There have actually been four men who have served in this capacity; but two of these have borne the responsibility twice. This has worked against efficiency, and the colporteur work has been the one to suffer most. But God has not allowed our enemies to triumph, and we are of good courage.

Below is a comparative table of the membership, literature sales, and tithe for the past few years:

WEST SZECHWAN STATISTICS BY YEARS

Year	Membership	Literature	Native Tithes
1918	13		
1919	13	\$72.34	
1920	22	555.40	
1921	22	91.88	82.28
1922	21	37.78	139.80
1923	32	584.71	217.84
1924	31	254.93	294.78
1925	50	38.13	283.34
1926	51	599.98	469.14
1927	54	321.76	518.18
1928	58	163.77	507.46
1929	(to Sept. 1) 66	228.71	776.43

At present we have five Sabbath schools, with a membership of 112; the average attendance is 143. The offerings for the first two quarters of this year amounted to \$187.15 (Mex.). One brother who is not a worker and who is not rich gives \$1.00 per week as his Sabbath school offerings. Some of the workers give 70¢ and 50¢ per week; some 20¢ (all figures in Mex.).

The evangelistic work has passed through various vicissitudes. But today our workers are standing staunchly in face of persecution and bitter opposition. At the beginning of the year each worker set a personal goal of ten souls to be won

this year. Though they are yet far from reaching this goal, the results of it are seen in earnest work and much itinerating. By concerted effort at the beginning of the year over 50 names were secured for the reading of the Bible daily. This year our workers have taken enthusiastically to the distribution of tracts and to giving Bible Readings in the home of the people.

Our literature work has fared badly. Much of the time we have had no colporteurs because of war conditions, persecution, or difficulties in exchanging money in different parts of the country.

Though the home missionary work has not been thoroughly organized because the members are scattered over a large territory, yet it has been the work done by the church members that has helped to reach many of those that are in the church. By working as helpers for evangelistic work much good has been accomplished.

We are of good courage in the West Szechwan Mission, and earnestly solicit your prayers in behalf of the work undertaken to warn the thirty million in our field.

EAST SZECHWAN MISSION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor J. Effenberg, director of East Szechwan Mission, during the West China Union Session, Sept. 27, 1929. This report covers the period from June 30, 1927 to June 30, 1929)

"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

"Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams of the south.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126

AFTER our Lord's advent so soon to come, and the transformation and ascension of His people, there is to be a wonderful gathering in the Kingdom of heaven. There will be joy and singing, thanksgiving and praise to the Lord our Redeemer, beyond measure, because every one will recognize what the Lord has done for him.

Every time we meet in our annual or biennial assemblies we should have a taste of that meeting we hope for. We gather to recount what the Lord our God has done among us, and to give thanks and praise to Him. We gather also to receive new inspiration and preparation for the work we ought to do.

We have passed another biennial period with its troubles, defeats, and sorrows, as well as its joys, victories, and triumphs. The work, workers, and believers, in the East Szechwan Mission have suffered much in the period under review. There has been serious illness among us. Two of our workers have fallen, and were laid to rest this year. We have met with bitter opposition, especially in the Yingshan district. Liu Ru Dieh, a licensed missionary, and his wife were beaten badly by a mob in Shi Chiao Si. Li Gen Yue, a licensed minister and district leader, is still imprisoned for the gospel's sake. Our chapel in Shinsenba has been looted by the communists. Some in Paoning tried hard to destroy our young work there. In the northern part of our field, due to continued drought, we have had famine conditions the entire two years. Many of our good members and learners have suffered much. Yet the work is growing, and the message has gone steadily forward. In all this time, God has given us many evidences of his love and care over His children, and we have seen His guiding and directing hand everywhere.

At the opening of the biennial period, there were 5 outstations, 2 organized churches, and 6 companies with a membership of 115. Our baptisms during the two years were 123, and at the close of the period there were 10 outstations, 7 organized churches, and 8 companies, with a membership of 222. We have lost by death, transfer to other fields, and apostasy, 16. The Sabbath school and educational reports, too, show that the Lord has richly blessed the efforts of His humble servants. At the beginning of the period under review there were 9 Sabbath schools, with a membership of 220 and an average attendance of 246. At the end we could report 16 Sabbath schools, with a membership of 463 and an average attendance of 492. Where there was but one church school with one teacher and 19 students at the beginning, the mission now operates 6 schools with 7 full-time and 3 part-time teachers, and an enrolment of 160 students. We have one organized Y. P. M. V. society in connection with our higher primary school in Paoning, and one Dorcas society in connection with our church in Chungking. Three properties were purchased, one new chapel built, and one new school erected. Three other buildings have been rebuilt,—one for a chapel and two for schools.

The table accompanying this report will show the work accomplished in the two-year period, and the percentage of net gain. While we wish all of these figures might be larger; still we praise the Lord for the progress He has given to us.

The outlook for the East Szechwan Mission is good and hopeful, but there are great needs, which I beg you to remember before the throne of grace. We need a deepening of our faith and Christian life. We need more consecrated men and women to save souls and help in finishing the work of God at this time. We need a spirit of sacrifice for the cause of God. Above all, we have a great need of a larger measure of the Holy Spirit than we have yet experienced. As we enter upon the work of a new period, with you I wish to dedicate all to God for the finishing of His work.

EAST SZECHWAN MISSION

Statistical Data	June 1927	June 1929	Gain per o/o
Baptized during the two-year period,		123	107
Outstations,	5	10	100
Organized churches,	2	7	250
Companies,	6	8	33
Church members,	115	222	93
Sabbath schools,	9	16	78
S. S. membership	220	463	110
S. S. average attendance,	246	492	100
Church schools,	1	6	500
Church schools enrolment,	19	160	742
Y. P. M. V.		1	
Dorcas society,		1	
Funds raised in the field during two years			
Tithe, -----			Mex. \$ 1,757.44
(From workers, Mex. \$ 985.64			
(From members 771.80			
Local Church Work Contribution, 2,241.88			
(Chapel and school building			
(Fund, -----		\$1,954.66	
(Tuition, -----		163.63	
(Misc. church offerings, 143.59			
Mission Offerings, -----			Mex. 2,203.84
(Annual Offerings, \$ 260 11			
(Big Week, 81.65			
(Birthday, 15.79			
(S. Offerings, 1,263.61			
(13th S. 249.26			
(Investment fund, 10.00			
(Week of Sacrifice, 323.42			
Miscellaneous Income, -----			529.98
(Rents, \$ 382.90			
(Interest, 147.08			
Total -----			\$6,733.14
Expenses of Biennial Maintenance, -----			20,144.72
According to the above statement --- 33 o/o			
of all expenses have been raised in the field.			
By a present standing of 222 church members, in average, each member contributed, for the distribution of the advent message, Mex. \$ 27.94 or \$ 1.16 each member every month.			
In average, each member paid ---			
Tithe, -----			\$ 7.92
For local church, ----			10.09
For foreign mission ---			9.93

Commencement Exercises ; and Report of China Summer School

THE SECOND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM

The Commencement Exercises of the Shanghai Sanitarium Nurses' Training School were held on October the first, at eight P. M., in the Range Road church, which is next to the Clinic building now being erected. It was a very interesting and inspiring sight to see sixty-two nurses in uniform, representing four different classes; namely, the graduating class, numbering seven; the senior class, the intermediate class, and the first year nursing class, which is just enrolled and beginning its work. All the nurses marched in, the student nurses standing at attention as the graduates filed down the aisle to their places. The church was beautifully decorated, and the class motto, "Lord, here am I; send me," was above the rostrum. The march was played by Mrs. Frost, followed by the invocation by Dr. Roger W. Paul. Mrs. Napier, one of the missionary patients at the sanitarium, rendered a very beautiful solo, and Elder I. H. Evans gave the graduation address. This is the first time that he has given a public talk since his illness. He said, in part:

"We have gathered here to-night in honor of this class who have completed the required work for graduate nurses in the Shanghai Sanitarium. The Faculty and Board of this institution are to confer on these graduates diplomas, showing that they are worthy, both morally and intellectually, by study and by training, to minister to the sick and to care for those who need their help.

"I am glad that this class has taken for its motto the beautiful words, 'Lord, here am I; send me.' This means that these nurses consecrate their lives to become missionaries. And their Aim is not less important than their Motto,— 'For God and Humanity.'

"The vocation of nursing, which these young people have chosen and for which they have qualified themselves by three years of study and practical work, is among the noblest followed by mankind. A competent, well-trained nurse is a valuable member of any community, and is greatly esteemed and highly respected by all civilized nations. More

and more as the years pass, professional nursing of the sick is regarded as one of the best ways to bring the sick back to health. Every up-to-date hospital and every clinic now feels the necessity of a corps of well-trained nurses to assist in caring for its patients.

"To be a good nurse requires not only training, but also keen observation, tact, patience, and adaptability. It is imperative that the nurse who is to minister to the sick shall win the confidence of the patient; otherwise his ministry will be largely nullified by the opposition or indifference of the person under his care. Many times confidence can be won by the exercise of a little tact, doing the right thing at the right time, humoring the patient's fancies or whims. Rarely does it help a person who is suffering to tell him that he is not sick. I recall a nurse who went into a home to care for a wife and mother who was sick unto death. On the second night of watching, this nurse told the patient that she was not sick, and were she so disposed she could go to sleep as well as to remain awake. The nurse had to be dismissed, and another secured who had more judgment. Gentleness, sympathy, and an eye that is quick to observe, are necessary qualifications of one who would be a successful nurse. One can never learn in an institution everything that a nurse is to do. Much must be gained by observation and experience. The quick relief of pain, the soothing of the restless, the matching of the irritated temperament of the patient with sweet gentleness and tact, often bring relief to the suffering and a reward of joy to the ministering nurse.

"It requires courage to be a nurse. The medical profession above all professions requires courage and fortitude of those who follow it as a vocation. One doctor was telling me of a serious case of scarlet fever with which he came in contact at one time in his experience. He spoke to a nurse, and asked her to take the patient. She said, 'But doctor, I cannot do this, for I have never had scarlet fever myself.' The doctor answered 'Neither have I; but if you are nursing, you cannot hesitate to care for these unfortunate sick people.' It requires no small degree of courage for a doctor or a nurse to enter a house where the sick have some dangerous, contagious disease. Yet they must go without hesitation.

Few people have a better opportunity to bring Christ to the sick than have physicians and nurses. Sick persons are often conscious that their end is near, and that they must prepare for the future life. In circumstances such as this, a kind word, a few well chosen selections from the Scriptures, or an earnest prayer by a nurse who has commended herself to the sick by her sympathetic ministry and godly conduct, is a great help in turning the patient's attention to spiritual things. 'Lord, here am I; send me' must be not alone your class motto, but the guide of your individual lives.

"The world offers no greater field for service along medical lines than the Orient. China alone is a field so needy that language cannot describe its condition. Travel west, or north, or south, and you will see millions of human beings without medical aid in sickness and disease. They live and die never having seen an educated doctor or a trained nurse. A great work awaits our medical department in ministering to the needs of the peoples of the Orient.

"As nurses, you are connected with a great world movement. In this medical Department we have thirty Sanitariums, fifty-one treatment rooms, in which are engaged 474 physicians, 3,315 nurses and others, making a total of 3,789 workers who are giving their lives to ministering to the sick. We have about \$20,000,000 Mexican invested in this work.

"In the Far East we have 10 medical units, headed with 12 foreign doctors and a large corps of native doctors and nurses and those training to be nurses. This is but a small beginning of a great work that we hope to see carried on in the Far East.

"I believe that all our nurses ought to belong to an association of nurses, where they can make regular reports, and where they can receive assignments and appointments to duty, under the supervision of doctors who have their interests at heart.

"It is the desire of the Board of Managers of this institution and the Faculty of the Shanghai Sanitarium School of Nursing, that every graduate nurse shall consecrate himself to the service of God, and labor untingly for the uplift of humanity."

The presentation of diplomas was made by Dr. Miller. He called our attention to the fact that the Shanghai Sanitarium Nurses' Training School, while one of the youngest in China, has already come to be among the larger training schools in the Orient; especially is this true of China. The Training School is unique in this feature in that it is international, there being eight distinct nationalities represented, not counting the different dialects from China. He said:

"The seven graduates this year have all accepted positions in connection with our several sanitariums and hospitals. Japan has called for Miss Harada, who came to China three years ago, and has remained at the sanitarium without leave during this entire time. She looks forward with joy to returning to her native land to assist in our Tokyo Sanitarium, as head nurse. Miss Felisa Abaya and Miss Rosa Limos, from the Philippines, also came to the sanitarium three years ago to begin their training. They will leave in a few days for Manila, where they will take work in the Manila Sanitarium, as head nurses. Miss Esther New, originally coming from Honan and one of this year's class, will return to assist as a member of the faculty of the Yencheng, Honan, hospital. Miss Ada Wu, formerly one of our church school teachers in East China, has accepted the call to act as head nurse of the Nanning Sanitarium at Kwangsi. She is leaving immediately following her graduation, and I am sure her coming to Nanning will bring great strength and helpfulness to the work of their small training school. Miss Ethel Chenalloy, of Hongkong, and Miss May Mo, of Hupeh, whose father is one of our ordained ministers in the Hupeh Mission, will, for the present, remain with the Shanghai Sanitarium, Miss Mo acting as office nurse in the Sanitarium City Office, and Miss Chenalloy as assistant head nurse in the sanitarium. Our only wish is that we had double this number of graduates to pass on to the field, as they are being called for very rapidly, and we feel they are amply qualified to do efficient nursing service for the sick, and to head departments in our smaller institutions."

These nurses marched on to the platform one by one, first receiving their diploma, and than passing on to the superintendent of nurses, Mrs. Paul, who pinned on each one a service badge. A beautiful basket

of flowers was placed at the feet of each nurse as she returned to her seat.

The exercises were conducted in both English and Chinese, Mr. Hsu Hwa ably translating Pastor Evan's remarks. Dr. Miller talked first in Chinese and then repeated his remarks in English.

Following the presentation of the diplomas, a quartet was rendered by two Russian students, one Filipino, and one Korean. Their voices blended beautifully. Pastor H. C. Shen, director of the Kiangsu Mission, pronounced the benediction in Chinese.

There was a large attendance, among whom were many patients who had been nursed back to health by members of the graduating class.

THE CHINA SUMMER SCHOOL

W. A. SHARFFENBERG

THE eighth session of the summer school conducted for the workers in the China field, closed on the evening of August 3. We are confident that this session has been the strongest yet conducted. This was made possible through the hearty co-operation and support of the six union missions in the China field; not only in sending in a large force of workers, but in releasing a number of leading workers to assist in the teaching work.

We are indeed grateful to the union committees for the efficient service rendered by the workers coming in from the various unions, and to the teaching staff of the China Theological Seminary. The willingness on the part of these faithful brethren to give of their best during the warmest part of the season, and their diligent efforts to make the work of the summer school a success, have been greatly appreciated.

The meetings conducted by Elder Meade MacGuire, Drs. H. W. Miller and R. W. Paul, Pastors L. V. Finster, N. F. Brewer, John Oss, Frederick Lee, and Brethren Hsu Hwa and Dung Yuen Yu contributed much to the success of the summer school.

Never before have we seen such a desire on the part of those in attendance to meet the requirements of the teacher's certificates, and of the five-year course for evangelists. There seemed to be a deep longing among those present to take advantage of every opportunity to become more efficient workers in the Master's service.

In addition to the courses conducted for the various teacher's certificates, we have for the first time in the history of our summer school work, definitely promoted a five-year course for evangelists, which is being promoted by the Ministerial Association.

An inspiring commencement exercise was conducted on the evening of August 3, at which time fifty-one certificates were issued. Pastor H. C. Shen, director of the Kiangsu Mission, was the first evangelist to receive the elementary diploma, having completed the work of the third year of the five-year course for evangelists. Pastor Shen also received a first-grade teacher's certificate. Two evangelists completed the requirements of Year II, and ten completed the requirements for Year I. Four teachers received professional certificates, the first issued in the Far East. Six first-grade, twelve second-grade, and nineteen third-grade teacher's certificates were issued.

After the closing exercises, the treasurer issued the return travel, and Sunday morning found all on their way back to their stations with a desire in their hearts to go forth to finish the work with power. Our prayers go with these workers as they return to their various fields of labor, and we are confident that the work of the summer school will result in more efficient service, and in a larger ingathering of souls.

THE HUMAN MEMORY

STRONGER than any steel safe is the human memory. Whatever we commit into its keeping is secure. We could not destroy its contents if we would. Our thoughts and deeds, though they seem transient as the morning clouds which are always moving and assuming new forms and colors, are more enduring than the stars. Memory holds them in its firm and unyielding grasp, and though many of them seem to escape and pass away, yet are they safe. They enter, moreover, into the structure of the character and life, and become inseparable parts of our very being and history. They are daily deposits, which, like the coral reefs, rise into indestructible forms, standing forever, though beaten by seas and storms. They take hold on destiny, and lead us on in paths which they have marked out for us. Let us take heed what we give into the keeping of this mysterious power.—*Sel.*

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ARRIVALS

Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Wentland, from the United States, for service in French Indo-China, where a new mission station is to be opened.

Miss Fannie Hiday, from the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, D. C., for service in the Manila Sanitarium, Manila, P. I.

Pastor and Mrs. F. M. Larsen and son, from Norway and the United States, for service in the Shanghai Sanitarium, Pastor Larsen to serve as chaplain.

Miss Josephine Holmes, from Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan. At present Miss Holmes is in language school in Peiping. Later she will take up Bible work for the women of Central China.

Mrs. B. L. Anderson has returned from furlough, and has joined her husband in Amoy, he having returned earlier in the fall.

TO MANILA

On October 19 Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Lee and Mrs. John Oss left Shanghai on the "Empress of Asia" for Manila. Pastor Lee is to assist in various meetings to be held throughout the Philippine Islands for a few months, and also to have charge of the publicity work in connection with the campaign for soliciting funds for the Manila Sanitarium. Mrs. Oss is to serve as the regular appointed solicitor in this campaign, and is to remain in Manila for about six weeks.

DEPARTURES

On October 19, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Paul sailed for the United States on the "Taiyo Maru" for a short furlough, prior to taking charge of the new Clinic, to open early in 1930.

Pastor and Mrs. F. L. Bunch and daughters have returned to the United States on furlough; they left Singapore on September 7.

BIRTHS

Born, in Shanghai, October 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fossey of Wenchow, Chekiang, a son, Thomas Richard.

WITH FRIENDS AT THE HANKOW COMPOUND

ON September 15, while enroute to appointments in West China, Brother J. J. Strahle and the writer had opportunity to spend a few hours with associate workers stationed at Hankow, the headquarters of the Central China Union and the Hupeh Mission. Pastor N. F. Brewer, superintendent, was in Honan at the time, in counsel with Dr. Butka, Pastor Strickland, Brother Hilliard, and others, regarding the best methods to be followed to strengthen our medical missionary work in Yencheng and elsewhere in the Union. Brother E. L. Longway, field missionary secretary for the Union, was also absent, in Changsha.

We were met at the Hankow docks by Pastor E. H. James, Professor C. A. Carter (in from the Kiukiang station), and Brother T. A. Shaw, and taken out to the mission compound at Wang Gia Dun, where we met all the sisters stationed at this center. Pastor H. L. Graham, director of the Hupeh Mission, had just come in from an itinerating trip to some of the more distant outstations of his field. While on this itinerary he had become sick, and Professor Carter brought him in, taking about three days for the journey.

We found Brother Graham rapidly recovering, thanks to the blessing of the Lord, and the good care given him by Brother Carter and Sister Graham. He reports good prospects for a year of advance in Hupeh.

Brother and Sister J. Harold Shultz are now numbered among the Hupeh workers, and live at the Wang Gia Dun compound.

The children of the Hankow compound have been gathered into a church school, taught by Mrs. N. F. Brewer. These children met with us and their parents in the evening at the home of Brother and Sister Shaw, where we had refreshments together and a social hour, prior to taking ship once more for the westward journey.

Central China presents many problems and many opportunities. Always, when meeting with representatives of this Union at their Hankow headquarters, we are reminded anew of the great burdens these brethren and sisters are carrying in behalf of the millions of unwarned souls in their field; and our sympathies are aroused anew. We pray the Lord to bless them abundantly, and grant them courage and grace commensurate with their task.

OUR STATISTICAL STATUS FOR 1929

Forecasts are sometimes of value by way of encouragement, particularly when based on actual results already attained. The year 1929, soon to close, promises the Far Eastern Division some substantial advances beyond the totals attained the preceding year, notwithstanding the release of the Netherlands East Indies to the Central European Division. It is surprising—and withal cheering—to see our baptized membership maintained and increased, it standing at 23,006 on June 30, 1929. This is in reality a net gain of 1,254 church members during the first half of the year 1929. If all who are at work during the closing weeks of the current year, succeed in realizing their fixed goals, we shall have had a larger ingathering of souls than for any like period hitherto. The same bright prospect is before us in connection with advances being made by every department. Funds—tithes, offerings, Harvest Ingathering returns—are increasing; and in the main the averages per capita also are on the increase. But our per capita averages might well be doubled and quadrupled in many a field, and to this end many are continuing to labor with untiring earnestness. It is wonderful what unceasing effort brings forth. Wherever special effort has been put forth in the raising of funds, God has signally blessed. To Him be all praise.

Our brethren in the Unions are writing to us of many providences that reveal God at work in a special way among our believers and also among those not of our faith. Let us labor on in full confidence of the Lord's purpose to add His blessings, both spiritual and material, to His advancing cause in the Far East.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

A telegram from Tientsin reveals the fact that through Ingathering solicitation our brethren were able to gather \$3,000 Mexican in one day to be used toward opening a new medical center at Kalgan. This brings courage to our brethren, and we look forward to their being able to gather enough funds to enable them to start their building program before long.

THE happiness derived from doing deeds of kindness is the purest, the sweetest, and the most lasting of all human enjoyments.