

NEWS LETTER FOR THE ASIATIC

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Letter 1

FOREWORD

This Letter needs no introduction. At the general meeting held in Shanghai, January 24 to February 11, 1912, it was voted by the China Union Committee and also by the Asiatic Division Committee that a Monthly News Letter be prepared in Shanghai and sent to all the foreign workers in the Asiatic Division. In harmony with this action, the accompanying letter has been gotten out and will be sent to all the foreign workers in the widely separated fields of this great Asiatic Division.

It will be apparent to everyone who will give the matter a moment's thought that in order to make this letter just what its name implies---a letter bringing news---each worker should take a personal interest in it and forward at regular intervals such news items as will be of general interest for its pages. Without the hearty co-operation of those in the field, little can be hoped from those who are doing the routine work of getting out the News Letter. Gladly will we pass on the cheering word and record the experiences of interest if the workers in the field will do their part and send in the items of news.

It is the plan for the News Letter to leave the office by the twenty-fifth of each month; therefore any notices or news items to appear in the Letter should reach the office not later than the twentieth of each month.

We must apologize for the workmanship of the machine on which we print this sheet. Perhaps if the News Letter proves a success, the field will some day be provided with a better duplicator.

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ASIATIC DIVISION NEWS

JAPAN

Brother W.L. Foster is working in Kumamoto and vicinity. Mrs. Foster has been very poorly all winter.

Brother DeVinney and wife report reaching home safely after a pleasant trip. They arrived in Tokyo, February 20, stopping on the way at Hiroshima and Kobe.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noma a fine boy was born February 11, 1912. Dr. Noma is well, and our Kobe Sanitarium--the Eisei-an--is having a splendid patronage. The work done in this institution is bringing people into the truth.

Brother Kuniya and wife have a growing interest at Kogothima. About twelve are awaiting baptism; and several prominent citizens are reading the Bible with him. Brother Kuniya writes that the Dorcas Society helps greatly in interesting the Japanese women in the meetings.

From a recent letter from Elder DeVinney, we note the following: "The school, in charge of Brother Benson, has done excellent work this year. Its present session will close April 12. It is planned to have all the young men canvassers from the school, and one or two of the older ones whose work has not been altogether satisfactory, go out in a company under the instruction and charge of Brother Burden. The girls will take the field in the same manner with Sister Cornish. I shall also spend some time with both companies. Brother Carry, who came to Japan while we were in China, to do self-supporting work, is having splendid success. Though he can speak only four or five words in Japanese, he is able to sell more of our papers than any Japanese worker we have in the field. I know that this ought not to be, and feel confident that when our workers have the right training, they will have excellent success."

KOREA

Dr. Riley Russell reports reaching Korea in safety, after a pleasant journey home. At Soonan he tarried but one day, then hastened on to Old Wiju, the place where he was working before leaving for the Shanghai meeting. He says: "The Soonanites (Mrs. Russell and boy; Brother and Sister Lee and baby; Miss Kay Scott, and the boys and girls in the school) are getting along well. So a new interest there, from near-by village work. Brother Lee and Sister Scott are getting ready for the opening of their school, February 21."

Of the work in Old Wiju, Dr. Russell says: "The interest here is not flattering. We have had to work at great odds, not being able at any time to get a room for meetings which would hold more than from thirty-five to fifty persons. Already we have moved four times. This gives us a vacillating appearance, which is taken advantage of by our enemies, who are fighting night and day to bring our efforts to naught. I think we shall have to just hold on until spring, and then bring up the tent about the first of May. Seven or eight adults are getting established in the truth, besides a number of children. There are also a few other interested ones. The standard of Christian character which has been held out to the Korean people is about the lowest that I have ever encountered. This makes it very difficult for them to accept the straight gospel, but in the long run this is bound to cause the truths of the third angel's message to shine all the clearer by contrast."

CHINA

All have heard of the sudden death of Brother Esta Miller, who fell asleep early on the morning of February 20. His death followed an operation for acute appendicitis, performed the previous Friday. This sad loss is most unfortunate for the work in China, as Brother Miller was just entering upon a period of great usefulness to the cause of God. His wife is in Shanghai, and has "passed under the rod" trusting in God, who both gave and hath taken away. We know that all the workers in the Asiatic Division and throughout the world will extend to Sister Miller their loving sympathy, and that they will bear her up before the throne of God in

in their prayers. Our entire working force will keenly feel the loss of this consecrated worker. We must close up our ranks and each carry a bit heavier load; for the work should not be hindered even when a comrade falls. Brother Esta was nearly twenty-seven years of age, and had been in China three years. He had made excellent progress in acquiring the language, especially in mastering the idiom, and was dearly beloved by all his fellow-workers. The Chinese were drawn to him by his tender gentleness, and few foreigners are so beloved by our Chinese brethren as was he. We laid him to rest in the beautiful Bubbling Well Cemetery, Shanghai, where he awaits the glorious resurrection morning.

The Honan workers were, for some time, unable to enter that province, owing to local conditions en route. A telegram was recently received from Brother Allum, however, announcing his safe arrival at Chowkiakow.

Sister Allum, with her two little boys and her sister, Miss Olive Osborne, left Shanghai Wednesday evening, the twenty-seventh, for Chowkiakow. They expected to spend about ten days on the journey.

Elder J.J. Westrup has gone to Honan to take the place of Brother Esta Miller.

Brother O.A. Hall has been appointed head of the work in Hupoh, with headquarters at Hankow, thus relieving Brother Westrup for Honan.

Dr. A. G. Larson and family have gone to Hankow, and the Doctor has now entered upon his work.

The committee appointed to make the preliminary search for a site near Hankow for the location of our Central Evangelical Training School reports "nothing doing." The authorities will not recognize any land transaction between foreigners and Chinese during this period of transition and reorganization. War and famine have so impoverished the people in the region of Hankow that it is not considered advisable for foreigners to make any land purchases until conditions are greatly improved.

Elders Cottrell and Lillie, with their families and Brother Orvie Gibson, have gone to Changsha. No word has yet been received concerning their work.

Miss Ida Thompson reports several keeping the Sabbath at Hongkong. On their arrival, after attending the general meeting, she and her sister entered a home where several members of the family had small-pox. At the time of writing, no harm had come to them from this exposure.

The Wai Chow workers could not go to their stations, owing to conditions on the way. Brother J.P. Anderson, however, made the trip on his own responsibility, and found all their belongings intact. At the time of writing, he was planning to visit the out-stations.

Mrs. J.P. Anderson is remaining in Canton, where she is taking charge of the Bethel School.

Dr. Law Keem and Family, also Brother W.C. Hankins, sailed for the United States March 28, on the "Persia."

Elder Wilbur will take charge of the work at Fat Shan during the absence of Dr. Law.

Brother Fred Lee and Dr. Kay and families report from Nanking that they are nicely settled and are planning aggressive work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee were in Shanghai for a few days the last of February and the first of March. Mrs. Lee came down to attend the funeral of Brother Miller.

A new chapel has been opened on Honan Road. Brother F.S. Stafford, Evangelist Wu, and Mrs. B. Miller, together with Mrs. Dr. Selmon and Brother Harris, are planning a stirring campaign. The chapel is clean and airy, and presents a very inviting appearance.

After the close of our general meeting a few of the brethren going out to make measurements of our land, preparatory to letting the contract for filling, were surprised to find eight coffins in the centre of the plot. These had been placed on the land by a man who had made much trouble heretofore, in the hope of causing further delay. However, the matters of business connected with the purchase of this land are moving along nicely now, and we have every reason to hope that the deed, properly stamped and executed, will be in our possession soon. A contract for filling the land has been let. The contract calls for filling two feet, the job to be completed by May 1. The price for filling is 9/10 tael cents per cubic feet.

Brother B.L. Anderson reports a good meeting at Swatow, although the attendance was not large. Some Chinese pastors from other missions attended. Four were added to the church at Swatow.

I.H. Evans sailed Sunday, March 17, to attend meetings in Amoy, Canton, and Wai Chow. At the time of his departure, it was doubtful whether or not the meeting at Wai Chow could be held, owing to the unsettled condition of the country.

Brother Bach reports good work done by the Pakhoi believers during his absence at the general meeting in Shanghai. The hearts of the brethren are united, and one new believer has fully decided to keep all the commandments. This man is an evangelist, and has received a training that should make him a valuable worker.

THE PHILIPPINES

Brother Caldwell is canvassing in Luzon, outside of Manila.

Brother and Sister Adams and Brother Floyd Ashbaugh like their new field, and are in good health and of excellent courage.

Elder and Mrs. Finster report a pleasant journey home. After reaching Hongkong they left in an hour on another boat, for Manila. Mrs. Finster did not land, but transferred from one boat to the other.

The tent effort in Manila had a splendid attendance. A letter from Brother Adams says: "The tent meetings closed last Sunday night, with a good attendance. We are holding, every night, a class for those who have requested baptism. There are, I think, between thirty and forty."

EAST INDIES

Brother and Sister H. E. Sharp are teaching school in Java, as self-supporting workers. They hope to connect more directly with the work soon.

The work in Java has suffered greatly in the loss of Brother and Sister Munson and Brother and Sister Thorpe. The remaining workers in Java report interested ones studying the truth.

In Sumatra the work is in need of additional helpers. Opportunities for labor abound, and there is no apparent reason why an excellent work can not be done if the laborers can be supplied.

GENERAL NEWS

A letter from Elder A. G. Daniells, written on train, February 2, en route to Keene, Texas, gives a good report of the ministerial institute held at College View, Nebr. He says:-

"We have just closed the College View institute. One hundred ministers and Bible workers from the Northern Union Conference, and one hundred fifty from the Central Union, were in attendance. The faculty of Union College arranged the program so that one hundred of the advanced students in the college could attend four studies each day. This gave us a regular attendance of three hundred fifty. All came with a desire to secure all the help possible, and this made the work of the institute enjoyable and easy. After giving careful consideration to the program followed in previous institutes, it was decided to follow the same at College View. I carried two lines of study--"Our Message," and "The Ministry." Elder Thompson gave studies on the "Holy Spirit," and Professor Salisbury conducted the Round Table hour, giving practical instruction to ministers and Bible workers regarding the importance of study, deportment, dress, conversation, etc.

"Our meeting opened Wednesday morning, January 17, and all passed off as usual until Sabbath morning, when all the ministers and workers met together in the parlor of South Hall, at nine o'clock. So slow we seemed to have come to the point where we were ready for the blessing of the Lord, and He gave it to us in large measure. All hearts were greatly touched by His presence; many tears flowed as confessions of past neglect were made, and resolutions were expressed to render better service. At eleven o'clock we all went to the church for the regular morning service; then in the afternoon, while a devotional meeting was conducted in the church for the brethren and sisters and students, the ministers and Bible workers met together

alone again, and had a good meeting. This prepared us for giving practical work as we began the second week of the institute. One morning in the middle of the week, the nine o'clock devotional meeting turned into a most earnest revival service, which continued until one o'clock. This was one of the best and most powerful meetings of the institute. I think it will always be remembered with pleasure by all who were present.

"The last Sabbath of the meeting was an excellent day. At the farewell meeting in South Hall, I presented the following brief outline for self-improvement during the year 1912: First, that this be a year of special prayer for great success in winning souls. Second, that in addition to the regular Bible study necessary to prepare our sermons and Bible readings, each worker read the Bible through once with care. Third, that during the year each one carefully read "Desire of Ages." Fourth, that every one read during the year "Personal and Pastoral Evangelism," by Dr. Chas Goodell, one of the most spiritual and successful evangelists in this country. The brethren were greatly pleased with this suggested outline, and very cheerfully covenanted to carry it out.

"The Southwestern Union ministerial institute opens to-night, in Keene. After this meeting I shall go to Alberta, to attend the Western Canadian Union institute. This will be a small meeting, but as I have never been in the Western Canadian Union since it was organized, I wish to visit it now. At the close of that institute, I am to go to Los Angeles, where we will have a ministerial institute, for the Pacific Union workers. This will be a large and important gathering. Our meetings on the Coast will close early in May, and this will end these general meetings for this biennial period. Just what my summer's work will be I do not know. I presume I shall be relieved somewhat from the camp meetings in order to give attention to the evangelistic work in the cities.

"I feel very anxious to visit your division of the field before the next General Conference convenes, but I do not see how I can do so and spend as much time as we have hoped I should when I make such a visit. Do you think it would be profitable for me to sail for Japan about the first of October, and make rather brief visits in Japan, Korea, and China, and then call at Burma and India on my way back? I ought to be back here not later than the first of March. This would give me five months. I am afraid that would not be sufficient time to enable me to render service that would be of any value.

"I must close. Please give my regards to all your associates."

From a letter from Professor Frederick Griggs, College View, Nebr., we take the following items of interest in regard to Union College:--

"The Northern and Central Union Conferences have recently taken steps to put Union College on vantage ground. Both these Conferences held their regular sessions at the time of the recent ministerial institute in College View. During these meetings no question received so much attention as that of Union College. From the very first I felt the directing hand of the Lord in affairs, and strong, helpful measures for the school were passed. In the first place, it was voted to ask the state schools in these two unions not to try to take work above the tenth grade. This question was discussed for one day, and the discussion was of benefit in many ways. In the outcome it will mean increased attendance at Union College, and a better standard of work in the schools of these two Union conferences. I do not suppose that all will conform to these standards at once, but I believe they will work to it in as consistent a manner as possible.

"In the second place, it was voted to pay the salaries of nine teachers, each conference in these two unions contributing a definite portion of the salary. For instance, the Nebraska Conference pays the salary of two teachers; the Iowa Conference, one, and some of the conferences combine on some of the salaries. The salaries are figured at \$550 a year. Then they have voted to take all of the debt, which at the present time is approximately sixty-five thousand dollars, save twenty

thousand dollars, which is to be paid by the school. The interest on this forty-five thousand dollars they take from January first of last month. With the increased attendance which these conferences have pledged themselves to secure, and with this hearty support, I think we can begin to make some money and pay off the twenty thousand dollars in the course of a reasonable time. You will be pleased to know that we are apparently running about even in our expenses this year. There will be quite a loss which was incurred before school opened during the summer, but as nearly as we can get our figures, we are not losing much in the operating of the school this year. There are losses that will occur in the final results, such as the closing of our broom shop and other items that will probably produce quite a loss on the whole. I am particularly pleased with the results from our boarding department. While we charge only two dollars a week for board for three meals a day, yet we have made at least three or four hundred dollars on that item. So we are of good courage in financial matters, and thank the Lord very sincerely for the better turn which things seems to be taking. These things, together with the splendid Week of Prayer, the good spirit which has prevailed since, the blessings which come to our school from the ministerial institute, the health of our students and teachers, and many other blessings do give us every reason for gratitude, and we are grateful."

Elder George A. Irwin sends the following encouraging word:-

"I have nothing but cheering reports to send to you of the work in California. This is our busy season of the year from the fact that all our institutions---and as you know, we have lots of them---hold their annual constituency meetings from the first of January until they are over. The Pacific Press came out about twenty-eight thousand dollars to the good, and helped the work in the Orient again. The balance sheet of the St. Helena Sanitarium was not ready at the time of the annual meeting, but the probabilities are that it will make an even better gain than last year, for its gross earnings are several thousand dollars above what they were in 1910. This institution, also, will make a generous donation to the work in foreign fields.

"The work at the Union College is moving along very nicely. The new ladies' dormitory is occupied; but before the college is fully equipped, still other buildings must be supplied. These we hope to get in due time.

"The Union Conference treasurer tells me that the tithes for California will be the largest this year of any time in its history. A week or so ago he sent one draft to the General Conference for \$11,500, the largest single draft he has ever sent since being connected with this work.

"Brother and Sister Sparks called on us last night. She has been at the St. Helena Sanitarium for quite a while, but is now able to leave. She is making a good recovery, and they seem to have a burden to go back to China.

"Sister White is reasonably well. I was down to see her a few days ago, and she seemed quite bright and cheerful."

Under date of January 31, Miss Ethel Edwards, of the General Conference Treasury Office, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., sends the following letter, which will be of interest to the workers in the Orient:--

"There has been received in the office \$100 from B.R.Wirt, of Atkinson, Indiana. This was sent to us on condition that his desires should be carried out. The following is a copy of his last letter:--

"Answering your letter of December 24, in regard to my offer to give \$100 to support and keep a native worker in the field doing missionary work for a year, which can be done, according to published statements to that effect, will say that I will forward the \$100 on condition that it be sent to the proper manager of the most needy and available field in China, said money to be held by him until the worker can be found and put to work, and said manager to report to me from two to

four times a year as to what kind of work and what success said worker is having. The worker will, of course understand that the money is coming from the Mission Board, as it will be. But I must know that I have a worker at work; and if none are to be had in China and one can be found in Africa, or some other needy field where there is a good opening and a worker ready, let it go there and let the work be pushed.'

"Elder Knox is in the West at present, but he left instructions with me that as soon as the \$100 was received, you should be notified, and the request of Brother Wirt for reports from the worker he is supporting, be passed on to you for attention. Elder Knox wrote him that we would agree to his plan and have the desired information sent to him from the field."

Brother E.E. Andross, president of the Southern California Conference, sends the following encouraging word concerning the work in his field:--

"You will be glad to know that the work here in Southern California is progressing very favourably. We have just received our reports from the churches and our membership now has reached to a little over 3,300. When I came here, three years ago last fall, it was about 2,200. The tithe for the year previous to my coming amounted to a little over \$31,000, but for 1911 it was a little over \$57,000, or over \$17 a member. The offerings have also increased. During 1911 they amounted to \$2,500 more than the ten cents a week per member. I shall endeavour to bring it up to the fifteen cents a week during this year. How successful I will be, I do not know, but I shall work to that end.

"The Lord is blessing the efforts of our labors in all parts of the field. Our institutions are prospering above anything that we have experienced in the past. Glendale Sanitarium is now able to accommodate from seventy-five to eighty patients and possibly even more than that. It has been full for several weeks. Day before yesterday they turned away eight patients that they could not accommodate.

"Dr. Rand is now connected with the institution. He also has an office at our treatment rooms in the city. We hope to be able to report a good round net profit by the end of our fiscal year, June 30th. Paradise Valley Sanitarium is also well filled, and is getting on well financially. Loma Linda had one hundred and six guests day before yesterday when I was there. They are enjoying better patronage at present than heretofore, though the patronage during the latter part of the summer was quite low. Altogether I feel that we have reason for gratitude."

From a letter from T.M. Bowen, assistant secretary of the Mission Board, we glean the following:--

"Brother Spicer left for his long trip to South America on December 25, in order to get down the West Coast in time to meet Elder Westphal, as he then planned, at Ecuador. However, there was an epidemic of yellow fever at Guayquil, so his boat was not permitted to land, and he went on to Lima, Peru. From there he cabled the one word, "Favorable." His wife had been quite anxious, having noticed the newspaper reports, and was greatly relieved when we received the cablegram."

Brother C.H. Jones, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, reports a prosperous year for that institution. He says:--

"Our annual meeting was held January 22, and you will be glad to learn that the records show that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the institution, both as to volume of business and net gain. This last item goes ahead of anything we have ever yet been able to report, even when we were doing the largest amount of commercial work, and to my mind is an evidence of God's approval of the step we have taken in cutting out commercial work, for you know that not one job of commercial printing has been taken in to the office since the

fire. Practically the same Board of Directors was elected, and the same organization effected this year as last. One resolution was adopted at our annual meeting in which I am sure you will be particularly interested. It reads as follows:-

"Whereas, There is such a great demand for the extension of gospel truth in the great Oriental fields; and,

"Whereas, We are anxious to do all we can to extend to the millions of these heathen lands a knowledge of the divine Redeemer; therefore,---

"RESOLVED, That we purchase with one-tenth of our net profits suitable machinery and equipment for our printing offices in these densely populated fields."

The following encouraging report of the work in the European Division is taken from a letter received from Elder L.R. Conradi:--

"You may be assured that we daily think of our workers in China amidst the difficult times through which the work there is passing. Undoubtedly the kingdom of God there will triumph through tribulation. While this may mean greater liberty for God's people, yet we cannot tell how many dangers and how many difficulties may arise before that day is reached. While we are still laboring under happier conditions, yet more than once during the last twenty months the sword has been hanging over our heads, and angels of God have checked the powers of war. The signal of danger is hoisted everywhere, and it is not only where trouble is arising between nation and nation, but the spirit of rebellion and discontent is on the steady increase.

"Amid all these difficulties, God's cause is prospering as never before. We can look back upon the year 1911 as the best we have thus far had in the European Division. Our net growth in membership will come up close to 3,000; our increase in tithe will probably be nearly \$50,000; and our gifts to missions are coming up fast to the ten-cent-a-week standard. As we have nearly 25,000 members, this will soon mean \$100,000 a year income for missions. The two German Unions lead the way. The East German Union had a net growth of 1,154, the West German Union of 700, and had a net increase in tithe of \$40,000 taken together.

"Since you were here, we have organized four new conferences, one in Hungaria and three in Germany proper, besides a number of new mission fields. During 1912, it is expected that two new unions will be organized in the territory of the East and West German Unions. With the increase of money and means, we hope to be able to strengthen the work in Asia and Africa, where we have some hard problems to solve. In addition to the twenty-five per cent, the West German Union turns over to the G General Conference \$25,000 tithe, and we raised at the meetings this winter the total sum of nearly five thousand dollars for missions, that is, cash and pledges in the West German Union. The East German Union raised about the same.

"We are now closing up the meetings in the East German Union. It may be interesting for you to know how our city work turns out. The East German Union district includes greater Berlin and Friedensau, with a population of about five million. They had \$20,000 tithe. They spent \$10,000 for their own work---they gave to the mission fields beyond \$10,000 and still they had an increase of 225 members received last year. They have two ordained ministers, two licentiates, and nine Bible workers. Thus you see that the city work here brings in money rather than swallows up money.

"Our canvassing work is going up. In the East and West German Unions they sold over \$25,000 worth of literature more than last year. A week ago, we dedicated our new publishing-house in Hamburg. I will send you an English pamphlet, giving you the history of the development of our house, which now has a capital of \$150,000 with really no indebtedness, and it has an earning capacity of \$15,000 annually.

"Brother Dail is expecting to visit Egypt and Palestine within a couple of weeks, and then it is planned that he and I shall meet in Constantinople the latter part of March. In April we shall have our annual audit in Russia, and I plan during

the month of June to have a general meeting in the Siberian Union, and probably also to visit Persia. I expect to attend the fall council in the States, at the invitation of Brother Daniells, and then leave for Africa with Brother Dail, where we shall probably be from October till February.

"It now looks as if Russia will swallow up quite a bit of Manchuria, and if so, we shall have to take that into consideration in our future divisions. We shall push the work in the Siberian Union with all our might, although we are meeting with more and more opposition on the part of the Russian government."

Writing of the progress of the work in the same field--the European Division--
Brother Guy Dail says:--

"There are evidences all around us that the Lord is working to bring us as a people to the place where he wants us to be, and that His providences are abroad in the land, showing the manner in which he desires to bring souls into the truth. I have heard an outside minister earnestly praying for the success of the meetings that we are being held in the city of Bromberg during the latter part of 1911. Not only so, but he recommended his members to pray for us, and to invite others to attend the lectures.

"There seems to be a general feeling on the part of many people that 1913 will be a great year for the shedding of blood in Europe. Very many people here expect this, and there are many sayings current here about that year. Only the Lord knows the future, but the indications certainly are that we shall see things we little dream of just now, and that right early.

"The way things are now it seems that we are also going to have hard days for the publishing work in Russia. I hope that we may be spared receiving the government's notice to close our Riga House, but the government is reported to have already passed upon the matter against the house, so we may get notice officially at any time to that effect. On the other hand, the man who visited our meetings when Elder Fitzgerald was over there two years ago, has written up a splendid and just report of our movement, even taking up the work of Mr. Miller and others in the first advent movement in America and Europe. His book has been sent to the priests and to the governors of the land, and to the editors. It certainly ought to be a great eye-opener to any who are really seeking truth. In fact, some of our enemies of Russia are helping us very much. At one place literature was circulated against us, and a gentleman got his memory stirred up on the matter by hearing or seeing our name mentioned in this literature, and he went from one policeman to another in Riga, asking for our place of worship, till he found it, and if all has gone well, he is baptized by this time. He was ripe for the message, and is a man of means and influence. We are getting gradually more and more into the better stratum of society.

"A captain in the army here in Germany has accepted the truth. He belongs to the higher classes of course, and seems to be doing a great deal of honest missionary work for the truth.

"While writing Sister Keessner reads me a letter from Russia, in which we are informed that the officials are right after our workers in Russia, and that a lot of our publications have been confiscated by the priests because they have found them 'very dangerous publications.' Brother Wildgrube is in prison. He received two months' sentence. I tell you I feel for the dear fellow. The work in Moscow has certainly had a hard struggle, and the devil and his agents have done a lot to hinder the third angel's message; and yet it makes progress, and it will continue to make progress."

Good union conference sessions are reported from the United States. That of the Atlantic Union was held in Brooklyn, and was reported to be an excellent meeting. Elder W.B. White was re-elected president.

Elder S.E. Wight, of the West Michigan Conference, has been asked to take the presidency of the Southern Union.

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elder R.A. Underwood, as president of the Northern Union Conference, Elder Chas. Thompson has been called to that important work.

Elder A.J. Breed, and his wife (formerly Della Wallace, of Iowa), arrived in Washington, D.C., January 30. He is to labor in the District Conference.

Very cold weather is reported during the month of January in the middle and Eastern States. At Washington, D.C., it was twenty-one degrees below zero at the Zoological Gardens, and was thirteen degrees at Takoma Park.

Elder P.A. Hanson, of the West Oregon Conference, has been asked to take the presidency of the conference of which Brother Westworth had charge before his accident. This relieves Elder Flaiz, who has been carrying the local conference work since Brother Westworth's illness, and leaves him free to devote all his time to the work of the North Pacific Union Conference.

Brother W.A. Westworth, writing from College Place, Washington, under date of February 8, 1912, says: "I can not tell you how many times I have thought of the work in China since I left that field. Constantly before me looms up the distressing conditions, and the mighty call sounds continuously in my ears. It is now twenty-two weeks since the sad accident which robbed us of Ruth and laid me so low. I still have a large patch on my lower right leg that is open, and it will be several weeks before I can expect to be whole again. These old burns are very slow to heal; and few hours pass when I am not more or less cognizant of pain. For this reason I am still laid by for repairs. Outside of the burns, my nerves are somewhat improved, and I hope that I shall be ready for good service after the wounds are healed."
