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HE LEADETH

How good to know each hour,
each day,
The gentle Shepherd guides our
way
To waters cool and verdant mead,
Thus to supply our every need.
Sometimes His leading strange
appears,
Sometimes our faith gives way to
fears;
We halt, we sink beneath our load,
Our hearts grow dark, lost is our
road.
Again we raise our downcast eyes,
Again our soul for succor cries,
And soon His hand once more is
seen
To guide us on to pastures green.
When deepest sorrow rends our
hearts,
Then choicest blessings He imparts,
Into each wound pours oil and
wine
And soothes us with a love divine.
How wise are all Thy dealings
Lord!
For endless thought themes they
afford:
Our minds but faintly comprehend
That matchless love of sinner's
Friend;
But in that land of endless light,
Led to the fount of pure delight,
We'll read Thy meaning clearly
there,
And praise Thee for Thy loving
care. JAMES E. SHULTZ.

A Visit to Korea

Elder DeVinney, C. N. Woodward, Mrs. Porter and the writer, have just returned from a very pleasant and profitable tour through Korea, Mukden, Manchuria, North and Central China.

The General meeting was held at Seoul, Korea. All the foreign workers were present at this meeting except Sister W. R. Smith. Also all the Korean laborers, together with a large company of

Sabbath-keepers, were present, and the meeting was a profitable one. A full programme was carried out each day, beginning with a six o'clock devotional service, followed by Bible studies and business sessions. Each evening there were preaching services in Korean except the closing service in which both foreigners and Koreans united.

There were seasons of special refreshing from the presence of the Lord, when those present sought a closer walk with God by an unconditional surrender to Him. For eight hours each day those devoted Korean brethren and sisters would sit on their little mats on the floor eagerly drinking in the gospel story, always eager for more.

The reports from the field showed a good advance in all lines of work during the year. There has been a good harvest of souls, which is so cheering to the laborers. These features will appear in Elder Butterfield's report. They have three good foreign houses, and a printing plant at Seoul. They are exceptionally well located, the elevation being a good-preventive of germs, which is a grave difficulty in the Orient.

At Soonan the location of the new school building, chapel, dispensary and dormitories is well elevated and most delightful. The two mission houses stand on the crest of the hill overlooking the campus, the village and the surrounding country. The view is enchanting, as the eye can take in something like twenty villages scattered here and there over the plains below. A good foundation

has been laid for a successful development of the work in this field. The school and the dispensary are well patronized, and an aggressive evangelistic campaign is bringing a nice class of people to a knowledge of the truth.

Returning we visited Mukden, Peking, Yencheng and Hankow. We learned much of prevailing conditions in Manchuria which must be considered in opening the work in that field. The field is ripe, the hour is late, and the King's business demands haste. Brethren Peterson and Grundset with their wives hope to enter upon the work there after the Division meeting.

At Yencheng Brethren Lee and Gibson are doing excellent work in placing the finishing touches on the buildings recently erected, and will soon be ready to launch a strong evangelistic and canvassing campaign. They have a good class of enterprising Chinese workers ready for service.

We greatly enjoyed our visit at Hankow. Elder and Sister Cottrell met us here, also all the local workers. Some important questions relating to the work were considered. The hearts of the workers were cheered by a recital of God's providential leadings in connection with His work in the great fields through which we passed on this tour.

As our train sped on from city to city and village to village, with their millions of inhabitants, with heathen temples and alters under almost every green tree and on every high hill, our hearts would surely fall us of ever being able to tell them the gospel story, and of

soon coming Saviour, were it not that the Lord is on our side, and through Him we can do all things. Our greatest concern is to be vessels fit for His use.

R. C. PORTER.

Itinerating in Central China

Leaving Changsha, Hunan, on April 14th, Mrs. Cottrell and the writer spent over three weeks among our out-stations in central and southern Hunan.

The first seventy-five miles was made by train, and two short distances thereafter were covered by steam-launch; but by far the greater part of the journey was by sedan-chair, wheelbarrow, and native boat. We visited nine stations, administering baptism at seven of these, and organized four churches. This makes a total of twelve churches in Hunan.

We were much encouraged by the growth of some of these companies since we last met with them. Our evangelists are getting hold of a good class of people, and are patiently educating them away from their idolatrous customs into the light of the third angel's message.

On our return, we remained in Changsha two weeks, and once more started out to visit our Ih Yang and Hwa Yung churches. The church-schools at both of these places, show encouraging progress, and at the latter named church, the school is wholly self-supporting. On this shorter trip sixteen persons united with the church through baptism, while the older church-members consecrated themselves to the service of God as never before, pledging faithfulness in tithe paying, Sabbath-keeping, and home missionary work. Our own hearts were greatly cheered as we considered the great transformation that has been wrought in these people during the last two years.

From Hwa Yung, we came directly to Hankow, where Mrs. Cottrell remained, while I went on to Honan to meet Elder and Mrs. Porter and Brother Woodward, who joined us in consul-

tation with our Yen Cheng workers. We were glad to find the Yen Cheng houses completed, and our friends so comfortably located. Reports from the various parts of Honan were also most cheering.

Returning to Hankow, our visitors from the Asiatic Division remained two or three days, Brother Woodward auditing the Central China Mission books. We highly appreciated the good counsel of our brethren, and the inspiration and blessing of their short stay, still remains.

R. F. COTTRELL.

From Japan

We have been having considerable wet weather, so much so that it almost seemed to be our wet season which is really due until about the middle of the month. Our tent in Tokyo went down in the typhoon of last week, but fortunately was not damaged but little. We have secured a house near by, and by taking out the floors can use it for a meeting place until after the wet season is over. Brother Okohira is in charge, and is being helped by the other Tokyo workers. They seem to be having a nice interest, and the Holiness people, who are working out in that part of the city, are very much alarmed, but we are not troubled over it.

A small party of us leave here tomorrow morning for Wakamatsu, to assist in the dedication of the new church building. The authorities have given us a thirty day permit to hold meetings.

Brother and Sister Benson arrived on the s.s. "Nile" on the 27th of May, looking well and evidently very glad to get back. They report a pleasant trip over. They have secured a nice little Japanese house not far from our house, where they will be very comfortable until they can get into their new house at Ogikubo.

We have the plan of the last houses and the school building in the hands of the architect, and will soon be ready to begin actual work. We will build the school small but large enough for the next few years, and so that we

can add to it without unnecessary expense as the increase of the school demands later, if ever. We cannot plan for a large school, and there is no call for one here; but besides the training department, we hope to be able to secure the permission of the government to educate our own local children. It is doubtful if we ever can do more than this.

F. H. DEVINNEY.

Annual Meeting in Korea.

Our fifth annual meeting was held May 19-26. Delegates were present from Fusan on the south to Weiju in the north, and from Chinnampo on the west to Wonsan on the east, and one man was present from Manchuria. Several walked about six hundred li to attend, and all left feeling that they had been well repaid, for the presence of God was felt from the beginning of the meeting. There were one hundred eighty in all who attended, and the majority of them came long distances at their own expense.

We were also pleased to have with us Eld. and Mrs. Porter, Brother. C. N. Woodward, and Eld. F. H. DeVinney. Brethren Porter and DeVinney gave daily Bible studies that were greatly appreciated by all present, and with Brother Woodward they greatly assisted in the business and committee work. Sister Porter was the second one of our sisters from outside Korea to attend one of our annual meetings, so we appreciated her being with us very much and trust that she will be able to come again.

A review of our work showed that there had been a fair growth during the past year. There had been one hundred thirty-nine baptized and more than four hundred had commenced to keep the Sabbath, the present Sabbath-school attendance being over 1100. The financial report showed a gain in tithes and offerings over the previous year, and we look for a still greater gain this year. A total of native receipts for the year 1913 amounted to Yen 1,787.83, or $\frac{1}{3}$ of all funds used for native

work including all money used for the school and publishing work. When the financial report was given all present promised that they would do all that they could to make our receipts for 1914 fully 1-7 of the amount to be used for all native work. As our work has grown during the past year, it will be necessary to raise Yen 800.00 or more above last years receipts to make 1-7 of the expenditures, but with the blessing of God and the hearty cooperation of His people we know that it can be done.

The business hour of the last day of the meeting was given up to tract and paper work. 18,100 tracts, or about 220,800 pages, were sold to those present and taken home with them to be used in missionary work. Some who were not so situated that they could use the tracts themselves bought them and gave to those who could use them but did not have money to buy them. The tracts sold were:—"Waymarks to the Holy City", "Which Day do you Keep and Why", "Second Coming of Christ", and "The Rest that Remaineth".

All of our foreign workers were present except Sister W. R. Smith. It was a short meeting but the six services a day were attended by all, and as the intermissions were used for committee work our time was well occupied from first to last. Through it all the good Spirit of God was with us and we greatly enjoyed the work.

C. L. BUTTERFIELD.

Malasia

Dear Fellow Worker:—

We left Shanghai early Thursday morning, and after about two days and a half we sighted the island of Hongkong, which was the end of our journey by the "Chiyo Maru". We were almost sorry to leave the ship, which had been our home for so many days, but the thoughts of meeting old schoolmates and friends, and above all the call of our field made us anxious to go ashore.

Brother Ham was at the pier,

and welcomed us to Hongkong. After greeting us he urged us to hurry as it was Sabbath and nearly time for the service. He had planned for one of our company to speak to the brethren there. Eld. Detamore spoke to the little company, and after the service we were glad to meet the different members of the church. As we were all good natured we managed very nicely for the night. Some of us had the opportunity to sample a native bed.

Sunday morning we were up before day break getting ready to go to Canton to see a purely Chinese city. We were met by Brother Meeker and soon we were out to the mission station, greeting old friends in Sister Meeker and Sister Harlow. After lunch we went over to see Canton. It was certainly a sight to us; narrow streets, thousands upon thousands of people, chickens and animals of all kinds living in the same house. We have often wondered since how the people could live to such an age as we saw some of them. We visited the place where our workers formerly lived, and we thanked our Heavenly Father that He had put it into the hearts of the people at home to give of their means to build the present station. Our hearts went out to the people as never before because of such poverty, sickness, and dirt as we saw on every hand. Our prayers ascend daily to God that He will keep our workers in China, for we feel that they need the power of God to enable them to keep their health under such conditions as surround them.

We left Hongkong Wednesday morning and arrived in Singapore the following Sunday. Brother Sharp and his wife met us at the boat and soon we were on our way to the mission. We were glad to reach our destination and get a glimpse of the people among whom we are to labor. We think that we have a very nice place compared to what we have seen some of our fellow workers getting along with, in the places we have passed through.

Brother and Sister Thompson have gone to Kuala Lumpur. Sister Sharp needs a change, and we have been asked to stay in Singapore for a time and take charge of the books. We are of good courage in the Lord and long for the time to come when we will be able to speak to the people in their native tongue. Pray for us in this field. ROY MERSHON.

Batavia, Java, East Indies

A dear little son has been born to Brother and Sister Van de Groep, and our prayer is that he may be brought up to love the Lord, and finally be saved with the redeemed.

Our work in Batavia is onward. Several have taken a firm stand for the truth, and are ready for baptism. We are holding Bible readings with a number of people who are interested, and we pray daily that they may see the importance of casting their lot with God's people.

We find it difficult to get the people to come to our meetings in the mission house. We have done what we could by scattering handbills and personal invitations, but still they do not come. The Malay meetings have been suspended, but we still hold meeting for the Dutch, and hope the effort will bear some fruit. We have now started open air meetings in two different parts of the city, and these are well attended by the Chinese and listeners of other nations. Many remain through the service and seem to be interested. We will start meetings tomorrow down in the old city of Batavia, where only Chinese and natives live.

It is wonderful how the message is going to all nationalities. We are just sending a number of tracts in three languages to a man in German New Guinea. This man seems to have gotten hold of our address from a Malay tract. He desires to study our doctrine, and we pray that he may be led to a perfect obedience of the truth. A large number of tracts have been sold in Amboin and the surround-

ing islands by some not of our faith. The Lord says the isles shall wait for His law, then if we have not people to send to these waiting ones, the Lord will raise up those from the outside to carry them the message. Let us all awake and be more earnest in giving the message.

P. TUNHELM.

South China Items

I returned last evening from Canton where I attended the closing exercises of the Bethel Girls' School. It closed for three months' vacation on June 10. The closing exercises in which the girls took part were well rendered. A Psalm was repeated in concert, the singing was good, and a dialogue by two little girls, supposed to be heathen, and two Christian girls, was very good. The school will open in the fall in the new building at Tung Shan.

Brother Harlow left for Swatow on June 13th. He spent Sabbath with the church in Hongkong.

Elder Geo. Enoch and family paid us a very pleasant visit in Canton last week. One day was spent with them in Canton and another in Fat Shan.

Mrs. Nagel is in Canton assisting Sister Meeker for two weeks, after which she with Brother and Sister Meeker will come on to Wai Chow. Mrs. Nagel is hoping to keep them here for a few weeks' much needed rest.

I am leaving for Pat Vui on Tuesday the 16th, to hold a two weeks' meeting with interested ones there.

The girls' school at Fat Shan and the one at Yim Bow will close for five weeks' vacation on July 8.

S. A. NAGEL.

Kiangsu Mission Notes

At the annual meeting held in Shanghai in April, it was decided to open an out-station at Nansiang, a town about twelve miles out of the city on the Shanghai and Nanking Railroad.

The Lord had gone before us and prepared the way so that all our arrangements were made sur-

prisingly easy. We found a fine new building in the center of the town which we were enabled to rent for a chapel, and only two blocks away is a large open lot which we thought ideal to pitch a tent on for a month's series of special meetings. Some of the Chinese expressed a doubt as to the possibility of our being able to secure the land for that purpose, and if able to secure it an exorbitant rent would be asked. We took it to the Lord in prayer, and when we interviewed the landlord, and told him of our purpose, he said we could use it as long as we liked, and there would be no rent to pay.

We had a mat-shed erected, guaranteed to be water proof. It is forty feet square, and board seats are provided for four hundred. It has proved to be very satisfactory, as we have had both heavy rains and strong winds since we began meetings, and in no way have we been interfered with in carrying out our regular programme.

The first few days of the meeting standing room was at a premium, but since then the accommodations have been just right for the crowd that comes. Meetings are held at three in the afternoon, and at 7:30 in the evening. Both meetings have been well attended by a good class of people. The first week nearly a hundred names were handed in as inquirers, and on Friday night when the call was made for those who wished to become Christians to stand, twenty-six came forward at one time.

We are now near the close of the second week, and from all indications we expect the Lord to give us a nice company of Nansiang people who will be prepared for the Saviour's coming.

An unusually large number of women come out to the meetings, some days there being more than one hundred at the women's meeting which is held at two o'clock. Sister B. Miller has found excellent openings in many homes where the women are anxious to learn

the gospel. She also treats the sick at the chapel one day out of each week, and she has had from thirty to sixty patients each day.

Judging from the way we have been able to reach the people of Nansiang and surrounding country in these meetings, we are firmly convinced that this is the way to give the message to China's millions; and we have passed a resolution to this effect in this mission, that every place we go to open a chapel we will first hold a tent effort of a month's duration, then leave a force of native workers to follow up the interest. Our plan now is to carry out this policy and to visit every town and city in this province just as fast as we can secure workers to man the stations.

F. E. STAFFORD.

What God Hath Wrought

Since opening the work at Nansiang we have found a great interest among the women. I will relate an instance of a woman who has been an opium fiend as well as a great lover of cigarettes. Such a slave had she become to these poisons that it took one hundred cigarettes a day, and fifty cents worth of opium to satisfy her. But God's Spirit and power has touched her heart, and when last I saw her she told me that she had had the victory for over three weeks. She is ignorant and her body is very weak. Let us pray that God may give her strength to continue the victory.

Sister Leu and I go from house to house giving Bible readings. As soon as we enter the home the women come by crowds to listen. We prayed that God would send the people to hear the truth, and He has surely heard our prayers. If only we had two good Bible women to place here, we would surely see a harvest of souls. How true that "the harvest is great, but the laborers few."

MRS. B. MILLER.

Malaysian Mission

After an absence of over four months it seems good to be back to my field of labor, and especially as we have new workers to unite with us in the burdens we have to bear. We arrived in Singapore May 17, and spent about a week getting settled, then I went to

Kuala Lumpur with Elder and Mrs. Thompson to help them get started in their new field. Brother and Sister Duckworth, who have been in that place for some time, were glad to welcome them, and the Tamil brethren rejoiced to know that a tent effort was soon to be held there. While there I baptized four Tamil men who have a thorough knowledge of the truth, and who have accepted it in the face of much opposition and difficulty. These are all educated men, and will be a credit to our cause. One of them keeps books for the government, and has the Sabbath to himself and does his work on Sunday. This privilege was granted, after much earnest prayer, by the counsel of one man against the decree of others. He feels that God worked in his behalf or he would have lost his position.

Sister Sharp, who has been acting as Sabbath-school secretary of the Malaysian Mission, whose husband has been in our office here at Singapore for some time, has been suffering with poor health for some months, and the doctor says she must have a change. It was therefore decided that they take a vacation in the hills of Java for a month, and that they then connect with the work at Batavia, Java. Brother Merston will stay in Singapore and fill the vacancy made by this change till other help can be provided. Sister Wood of Soerabaya has also had to flee to the mountains on account of sickness, and Brother Van de Groep has been asked to go from Batavia to Soerabaya to help Brother Wood, so that he can spend some time taking care of his wife. After our workers have spent some years in these tropics they find it harder to resist disease than when they first came, and they have to give themselves every possible advantage. We find that we can ill afford to be careless in any one particular without reducing ourselves to greatest danger.

It is encouraging to know that in all the missions there is a healthy interest, and that some are call-

ing for baptism. Some begin to pay tithes before they become members. One man who was baptized at Kuala Lumpur sent me a money order for \$16.00 (Straits money), of which \$11.00 was tithe, the first he had paid, and \$5.00 was an offering for the opening up of the work in the Solomon Islands. When the heart is truly converted the pocketbook opens up to the Lord's work.

We are glad for a humble part in God's cause, and ask to be remembered at the throne of grace by all our fellow-workers.

F. A. DETAMORE.

A Joint Convention

An interesting Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention was held at the Mandarin Training School, July 6 and 7.

It being a joint meeting of the two Shanghai Sabbath-schools and the Ying Shang Gan School, about one hundred fifty were in attendance.

The programme for the first day consisted of Sabbath-school followed by a consecration service. It was gratifying to see that in response to the question "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" that practically all answered, "Here am I: send me."

The afternoon session was given to papers and discussions on such topics as, The purpose of the Sabbath-school; Duties and Privileges of Officers; Teachers and Pupils; while the subject of Work for the Children, and the Use of the Blackboard and Illustrations, were considered in the evening session. A demonstration in kindergarten methods was also given. These meetings were interspersed with songs by the children and older ones.

That the convention at least partially met the desired end was evidenced by some remarks made, as well as some changes seen in the Sabbath-school held the following Sabbath.

On Sunday the young people's work was given consideration. Papers were read upon the different phases of the work, and all pre-

sent were made to feel that the time has come when the young people of China are awakening to their responsibilities and privileges, and that by united, consecrated effort much will be accomplished by them in the carrying of the third angel's message to China's millions.

Mrs. O. A. Hall.

The Sabbath-School Work

The Sabbath-school work in the Asiatic Division was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. The work is going at a rapid pace. Our workers are taking hold of the work in earnest, and the principles introduced at the last General Conference are being put into practice as fast as possible. There seems to be a willingness to cooperate in the working out of proper methods pertaining to the advancement of the Sabbath-school work in this field, and some of the brethren and sister in Korea, Japan, China, Malaysia and the Philippines are carrying on their work much the same as in other countries.

Korea reports 1075 members for quarter ending March 31st, and also a donation one third larger than ever reported for one quarter. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was three times as large as the quarter before. This was accomplished by a knowledge of a definite purpose for which it was given, and also by the use of the individual envelopes.

There is a steady increase in membership as donations, and the Lord is going before to guide, and heavenly intelligences stand ready to lend strength and courage to God's busy workers. With such assurances we are to succeed in our efforts to build up this part of the Lord's work in this field.

In Central China it is found that some of the schools at the outstations are being conducted satisfactorily, and by holding regular teacher's meetings much good will result from work done in that part of the field.

In the Philippines the thermo-

meter and clock greatly strengthens the spirit of giving among our people, and on March 28th one brother manifested his enthusiasm by giving a two peso bill as an offering to assist our work in Shanghai. The brethren and sisters throughout the field donated liberally to this great enterprise, and let us each remember to give as God prospers us on each Thirteenth Sabbath.

From Japan comes the call for help in the matter of memory verse cards for the children, and I would impress upon all of our workers that there is no better way of encouraging the hiding of God's Word in the hearts and minds of the children.

Encouraging reports come from South China as well as the Malaysian field. East China has found that convention work is helpful, and at one recently held in Shanghai much interest was manifested. "Every effort made for Christ will react in blessing upon ourselves. If we use our means for His glory, He will give us more. As we seek to win others to Christ, bearing the burden of souls in our prayers, our own hearts will throb with the quickening influence of God's grace."

MRS. NANNIE L. WOODWARD,
Sec'y S. S. Dept.

renting this place, and we are now living in rooms over the chapel. The following from Sister White was published in the Review and Herald of June 13, 1914: "When our laborers enter a new field, they should seek to become acquainted with the pastors of the several churches in the place. Much has been lost by neglecting to do this. If our ministers show themselves friendly and sociable, and do not act as though they were ashamed of the message they bear, it will have an excellent effect, and may give these pastors and their congregations favorable impressions of the truth. At any rate it is right to give them a chance to be kind and favorable if they will."

In entering this place we have tried to follow the above instruction, and accordingly wrote letters to representatives of the four different missionary societies and the American Bible Society, expressing our desire to call upon them. Four of them courteously responded, and we are sure they have a better impression of what we represent than they would have had if we had remained away. In fact, some of them told us after our talk with them, that they looked upon our work in a different light than they had before, though most of them plainly told us that we were not welcome here.

The ——— did not feel inclined to have us call upon them. This is the reply we received from them: "In reply to your letter, I can only say that it has been with great sorrow that we have heard of your coming to this city. It is of course not you as individuals, but as connected with the movement you represent. As our beliefs and aims are so very different I do not think any good could come from an interview. We can only pray that Your eyes may be opened to see the error that you preach. Believe me, Yours truly,"

In reply to this we quoted several texts and suggested the conclusion that our Saviour does not look upon the work we are doing in the same way that they do. The influence of Brother Staf-

**Report of Asiatic Division Mission Sabbath-School Department
For Quarter Ending March 31st 1914.**

Mission	Schools	Members	Aver. Att.	Contributions	Donations to Missions
CENTRAL CHINA	38	1010	875	\$ 48.22	\$ 58.22
EAST CHINA	6	246	204	62.80	62.80
JAPAN	14	253	213	66.95	66.95
KOREA	36	1075	813	92.56	92.56
MALAYSIAN	14	312	258	194.63	194.63
PHILIPPINES	12	152	146	43.26	43.26
SOUTH CHINA	37	975	922	38.93	38.93
	157	4023	3431	\$547.35	\$547.35
LAST QUARTER	144	3528	2681	461.54	461.54
INCREASE	13	495	750	85.81	85.81

Chungking Szechwan

This city is built on a rocky peninsula formed by the union of Kialang Kiang with the Yangtze. The only land connection is on the west. The wall is built close to the high river bluffs, leaving little space outside for suburbs. Owing to the unsettled condition of the country that makes it unsafe to live in the smaller places, this already overpopulated place is each year becoming more congested. It is estimated that the population is now greater than that of Peking. East of the city and across the Yangtze is a beautiful range of mountains, from thirteen to eighteen hundred feet high, the highest one being crowned with a white pagoda. All the missionaries have summer homes on these mountains.

Elder Allum with the writer and two evangelists and a Bible woman

reached here April 16. We lost no time in beginning to look for a suitable place to rent. After about two weeks of searching we found a good place, and thought we had the deal settled, but when we went to take the money over we found the owner had changed his mind and would not rent to us. The American Vice-Consul offered to let us take part of his house. As we were thoroughly tired of living, eating, and sleeping in a room so small that, after getting in our two cots and a small table, there was left only a space four by five feet, we accepted this kind offer. Having lived for thirty-eight days on the cramped house-boat, we appreciated moving into a semi-foreign house.

A few days after this we found a building just inside the west gate of the city which makes a good chapel. We had no trouble in

ford's faithful work, fifteen hundred miles away, is felt here. We had been here but a few days when the Chinese began to call upon us to learn more of the message. The first ones to call were those who had received their first knowledge of the truth through Brother Stafford.

Since opening the chapel we have been encouraged by the great number who have come to inquire about our doctrine. Brother Allum has talked and preached until his lungs are sore. Several have already determined to keep the Sabbath.

Our Sabbath-school is growing. It was organized the first Sabbath after we entered Szechwan, and now we have four classes and an attendance of about fifty.

We are sure that in this place the Lord has those who will gladly respond to the message "Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of His judgment is come," and will take their stand with those who keep the commandments, and the faith of Jesus.

M. C. WARREN.

Obituaries

Wilbur.—Edwin Hymes Wilbur was born April 2, 1869, and died May 1, 1914. When quite young he accepted Christ as his Saviour, and has spent his life in spreading the third angel's message. He was married to Miss Susan Haskell July 21, 1902, and soon after the wedding Brother and Sister Wilbur sailed for China, arriving in October of the same year, where they have devoted their lives to winning souls for the Master.

For several years past Elder Wilbur's heart has given him much concern, he many times being so weak as to have fainting spells, still he bore the affliction with great fortitude until compelled by exhaustion to lay down his work in Pakhoi, South China, two days before falling asleep in Christ. Brother Wilbur fell in the harness and with his face Zionward, and with the hope of soon being called forth to meet his returning Lord. He leaves a wife and two children, father, brothers and one sister to mourn. The funeral services were

conducted by Rev. W. E. Hipwell of the English Episcopal Church,



assisted by Mr. Pun, the Chinese evangelist of our mission.

George Harlow.

Fung.—Mrs. Edith Orchid Fung was born in New York, April 29, 1888, and died in Hongkong April 15, 1914. When quite young Sister Fung came to China with her father, Mr. Cer A. Wing, who located in Macau. After spending some years there she was married to Edward Mow Fung. One child, a little girl, was born to them. In 1912 Sister Fung became interested in the third angel's message under the labors of Brother S. A. Nagel in Hongkong. In 1913 she connected with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She suffered with great patience. She died in hope of the first resurrection. Her husband and child, father and mother, brothers and sisters are left to mourn. The funeral services were conducted in the cemetery chapel by the writer.

George Harlow.

Greetings from Kobe, Japan.

In our committee meeting held during Elder Porter's visit, we were assigned work in this division of the Empire, making Kobe our place of residence. We said "saponara" to our brethren in Tokyo on Sunday morning, April 26, arriving here the same evening. We at once set about getting settled in our new home, which, by

the help of one of our Japanese brethren, we had previously selected. Although the house is old, and of the shatched-roof variety, the rent is moderate, the place healthful and the location ideal, being well up on the side of one of the hills back of the city, commanding an excellent view of the bay and harbor. As we are on the outskirts of the city we do not have the undesirable experiences of being crowded and hemmed in on all sides, and yet we have very convenient car service.

While it was not without feelings of sadness that we parted with our fellow-workers in Tokyo, we were glad that the time had come for us to go out into the field and engage more directly in the work after months of hard language study. We are well pleased with our field of labor, and believe the Lord called us here. We are thankful for the little church of believers, and the work that has already been started in Kobe, also that the medical phase of the message is being upheld by the Nisei-in under the direction of Brother and Doctor Noma. Will the brethren throughout the Asiatic Division remember this institution in prayer, and that this church may be built up and strengthened to bear a decided testimony for the truth in this city.

A few days after getting into our new home we were cheered by a short visit with Elder F. A. Detamore and family, and the new workers enroute to the Malasian field. These calls by our Asiatic field brethren as they pass through will be looked forward to and welcomed as pleasant breaks in the routine of our work.

During the summer months we will be absent from Kobe most of the time conducting a tent effort in a town a few hours' distant where we have a few believers.

We are of good courage, and confident that the Lord of the harvest will not fail us when we give our time and talents faithfully to His service.

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NOTES

Elder R. C. and Mrs Porter and Brother Woodward returned from their Korean trip June 7th.

Brother C. N Woodward leaves the 4th of July for the East Indies to audit the books of the Malasian field. He will be absent three or four weeks.

Miss Florence Shull left Mountain View, Cal. with Elder Daniell's party, June 2, and will come to the Asiatic Division via Australia, reaching here the first of Nov.

The report from Szechwan will be read with unusual interest. The response to the efforts already put forth in opening our work there, shows the field was ripe for the message.

We greet our readers this month with a double issue of the News. So many good reports came in—too good to keep over another month—that we were given the privilege of passing them on at once.

Born to Elder A. P. and Mrs. Allum, May 28, a bonnie blue-eyed baby boy. Albert Elwyn will welcome his papa home from Szechwan in Oct., when the happy family will all meet for the first time.

The autumn party for China is leaving Seattle Sept. 26th, by the "Minnesota." Aside from Elder W. C. Hankins and family, will be Brother and Sister Adams for the Malasian field, and our church school teacher, Miss Florence Wilson.

A letter from Sister E. Graham of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. speaks of the death of Sister Flora Plummer's father. Sister Plummer has many friends here in the Orient who will share with her this sorrow, and extend sincere sympathy.

An almost continuous stream of cheering words is received here at the main office regarding the good our literature is accomplishing, especially the paper, Signs of the Times. Where it is circulated most widely the best results in winning souls are reported. The circulation is steadily rising.

Elder C. P. Lillie and family are spending their vacation at Kuling. Elder Lillie is not in the best of health, but it is hoped that the cool atmosphere of Kuling will be of lasting benefit to him, and

that he will be able by the close of the summer season to take up his work again.

Elder W. A. Spicer's mother, who has passed her four score years, is seriously ill, also his wife. The readers of the News extend sympathy, as Elder Spicer's friends take in the entire circle of our readers. Also to Elder G. B. Thompson, whose dear wife was laid to rest, would we join in heart sympathy.

Elder A. G. and Mrs. Daniell sailed from San Francisco, June 1, for Australia. The latest from the mission board is to the effect that Elder Daniell will be the only representative from the home land at our general meeting in Nov. Elder Olsen is not able to leave for so long a trip on account of the illness of his wife.

June 30 Elder Stafford and family, Sister B. Miller, K. H. and Sister Wood and Brother H. J. and Sister Doolittle left Shanghai for Mokanshan to spend the hot season in the mountains. How thankful we are to God for providing such healthful resorts for our tired and sick missionaries. This is His medicine for building up the waste places in the body.

Miss Pauline Schilberg, who has labored most faithfully in China for almost seven years, is taking her furlough in the homeland, leaving Shanghai July 4th. Sister Schilberg will be missed very much here in our office, as her knowledge of the language makes her a valuable worker. We will be glad when the work is finished and we can all take a furlough together in the kingdom of God.

Brother Frank Mills, Sec. and Treas. of the Korean Mission, has been seriously ill with pneumonia following the measles. He has had to spend some days in the hospital in Seoul, but as we go to press a very encouraging word comes from Elder Butterfield, saying Brother Mills is responding readily to the treatments given, under the supervision of Doctor Riley Russell, and their hopes are high that he will soon be able to leave the hospital. Doctor and Sister Russell will entertain Brother Mills in their hospitable home until he is stronger.

Several of our Korean brethren walked two hundred miles to attend the general meeting that they might have money with which to purchase tracts for distribution on the return journey. As will be seen by Elder Butterfield's report, 18, 100 were taken by them. As we saw them untying the handkerchief and taking from its corner the last

sen, and all that others might receive the same life-giving gospel that has so lightened their lives, we knew such sacrifice would not be without notice, but in the day of the coming of the Lord such will be gathered for the kingdom, for they have made a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice.

The Harvest Ingathering Review is now ready. It promises to be the best Ingathering number yet published. Last year it was demonstrated that these papers could be used to good account in the Orient. Where the experiment was tried there were excellent results in contributions to missions. Let all who desire to have a part in this good work order the paper through the secretaries of your local divisions at once, so that sufficient may be ordered to supply your needs. It not only brings returns in funds, but it gives a knowledge of the extent of our work throughout the world. Do not delay your order.

—R. C. PORTER.

The following note was taken from a private letter from Sister E. H. Wilbur: "Mr. Wilbur died of heart trouble that he has had for years. He was sick in bed but two days. The doctor was called, and he and his nurse did all they could for him, but he kept getting weaker until May 1, just as the Sabbath began he went to rest. The doctor notified the English Consul, and the Church of England pastor. They came over and had prayer with me, and made arrangements for the funeral. All the foreigners were very kind. They brought flowers and wrote letters of sympathy. The German Consul's wife sent tiffin and dinners to us for ten days. The Chinese brethren were a great comfort and help to me. They attended to buying the necessary things, and dressed Mr. Wilbur and placed him in his coffin. We had been in Pakhoi but three months, and the Chinese had often remarked that Elder Wilbur was certainly a man of God, and that they themselves must have a closer walk with God. It is my desire to stay in China and work a while longer. The brethren have decided for me to work in Hongkong, doing Bible work among the Chinese women. The Lord has certainly blessed us in helping us to bear this great sorrow. My heart is in this work, and I want to do what I can to hasten the Lord's return."

The 1914 Year Book is on sale at this office.

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