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The Church and the World To-day *

If ever there was a time when selfishness in individuals or in nations appeared mean and insufferable, that time is now. Almost all the peoples of the world are calling for help and sympathy. We are told in the life of St. Paul that one night he dreamed that a man from the Balkans came and asked him to cross over the Hellespont and do some work in Europe. In response to that call of one man the whole course of St. Paul's life was changed. The whole course of human history was changed as well. We are concerned to-day, not with one man whom we hear speaking to us in a dream, but we are seeing in the flesh hundreds of millions of men who are asking us to give our help and our sympathy to the lands to which they belong.

If there is not vitality enough in a religion to carry it out to its work at the ends of the earth, there is not vitality enough in that religion to do its work standing still. All the religion in the world to-day that has any power or vitality is "going religion"—

religion that is both the product and source of the foreign missionary undertaking. As a matter of fact, there is no Christianity in the world to-day except the Christianity that is due to the foreign missionary activity of the church. Christianity utterly died out in the land of its origin. There is no Christianity even in the land where Christianity began, except what was brought back as a reimport from the result of the missionary activities of St. Paul and the early church. We would have no

Christianity and no Christian church on earth if it were not for what the foreign missionary enterprise had done to perpetuate it. Religion dies if it does not attempt always and resolutely to conquer the whole world.

In a little spot near the wall of Mukden, that old capital of China away up in Manchuria, is a grave, and near by a tablet placed on the wall of the new medical school and hospital. Two years ago I stood in front of that tablet to the memory of young Arthur

Jackson, who had led his school at Liverpool, and who was one of the best known athletes and scholars of his day in Cambridge University. He went out in the fall of 1910 as a medical missionary to Manchuria. A month later the pneumonic plague began to come down from the north. The Chinese hunters had been sending down their marmot skins, and the deadly germs had been carried in them. Before the Chinese government had taken adequate precaution, the pestilence had worked its way down from Har-

Our Field is the World

OUR field is the world; let us forth to the sowing!
O'er valley and mountain, o'er desert and plain,
Beside the still waters, through cool meadows flowing,
O'er regions unblest by the dews and the rain;
Let us scatter the seed, though in sorrow and weeping,
Though the fields should be verdureless, wintry,
and bare,
The Lord of the harvest has still in His keeping
Each seed as it falls, and will guard it with care.
Our field is the world; let us forth to the reaping!
The long day is waning, the eve draweth nigh;
Now omens of storm up the heavens are creeping,
The sign of the tempest is heard in the sky;
The work hour is brief, but the rest is forever;
Then stay not for weariness, languor; or pain,
But forth to the reaping with earnest endeavor,
And gather with gladness the sheaves that remain.
Our field is the world; whether sowing or reaping,
Or gleaning the handful that others have passed,
Or waiting the growth of the seed, that with weeping
On rocky and desolate plains we have cast.
Each one for his toiling, and each for his mourning,
Shall sometime rejoice when the harvest is won,
And know, in the flush of eternity's morning,
That the toil, the reward, and the glory are one.

—Selected.

bin to Mukden. The death rate was one hundred per cent. Not one man, woman, or child attacked recovered. When China learned what an awful terror was moving down upon her four hundred millions, she stood dumb and aghast. Arthur Jackson laid down all his other work, and went down to the railroad station at Mukden to erect a barrier between that on-coming pestilence and the helpless masses of Chinese behind him. Day after day, clothed in oil-skin boots and a long white

* Portion of an address by Dr. Robert E. Speer, published in "The Missionary Review of the World," September, 1917.

robe, with a bag over his head, breathing through a sponge, he went about his work, segregating the diseased, and visiting every railway car that came in and separating every suspected Chinese, until at last he had stemmed the fatal tide. Then when his work was done, he discovered one day in his own sputum the blood traces that told him of the inevitable end, and in a few hours the great Christlike life had come to its close. They carried him around the walls by night and buried him outside the gates.

Remembering the men like him, the thousands and thousands of them, scattered up and down the non-Christian lands amid pestilence that will not postpone itself until the war is done, amid sin and moral and spiritual needs that are present and insistent realities, we plead with Christian men and women to make of their lives a new consecration, and to resolve, in the face of the new conditions that we confront to-day, upon a larger and fuller measure of obedience. This is no day to surrender any international bond, any instrumentality of Christianity that overleaps racial division and bridges the chasms that separate the peoples of mankind. This is the day for us with every last sacrifice we can make to maintain and expand our activities to make Christ known to the whole world.

We have been singing again and again up and down this land those words of Julia Ward Howe:

"He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat."

How is He sifting them out? By watching whether or not they, in this day, follow the call that sounds no retreat. The church is not now, if ever, warranted in huddling in upon herself, in drawing back from her most distant and complete devotion. Now of all days we are called to the ends of the world.

You remember the incident—it may be apocryphal, but it has truth in it—of the drummer boy in one of Napoleon's campaigns, to whom the great commander turned in an hour when the cause for the day seemed lost and said, "Boy, beat me a retreat!" And to him the lad dared to reply, "Sire, I know not how. Desaix never taught me that; but I can beat a charge that will make the dead fall into line! I beat that charge at Lodi; I beat it at the Pyramids. Let me beat it now!" And without waiting for the word, he beat his charge and over the dead and the wounded, and over the breastworks and the batterymen, he led the way to victory. To-day let us not know how to beat any retreat. Let us hear the voice calling now more clearly and more appealingly than it ever called in the days gone by, "If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments."

What did He command? In those very last moments, His chance for one final word, until the sky

grows ruddy with the hope of His coming again, there before the clouds caught Him up out of the sight of men, He said, "Ye shall be My witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the world." And the thunder of the guns across the battlefields of northern France cannot drown in the heart of any Christian man the summons, the deathless, abiding summons, of those last words.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Working for the Women of Seoul, Korea

At the council of the Chosen Conference committee held in July, it was decided that four of the women in our women's class, with Kim Sung Su, a teacher in our girls' school, and myself, go to Seoul, to engage in work for the women.

We are now nicely located in Seoul. A Seoul Bible woman works with us, and helps us to find our way about the city. Our daily program is as follows:—

8:30-9:30 A. M.	Bible study
9:30-12:30	Work in the city
2:00-5:30 P. M.	Work in the city

The women workers go out two by two. They visit sections of the city where there are several families of believers, and hold a Bible reading at one of the church member's homes. After the reading they go out with the believers to distribute tracts and to visit the people. Our women as a rule are weak in a knowledge of the truth, and we are trying to help them to reach the place where they can give a reason for the hope that is in them, and also to teach them how to do personal work for others. Some of the women, because of distance, or for other reasons, cannot attend these studies. These we visit in their homes.

Besides this work for believers, we spend part of the time in laboring for unbelievers. We visit their homes, and supply them with tracts; we have already secured several readers. For the past few days we have been selling our women's paper, *Ka Chong Pil Tee*, which is just off the press. This is the first paper we have ever had for the women of Korea. It sells well, and we are having many interesting experiences, as we endeavor to get it into the hands of readers. At a recent missionary meeting the women of the church took copies to sell.

Working in Seoul is very different from working in the country places of Korea. Here the people live in better houses, and many of them are educated. We meet many classes of people. Presbyterians, Methodists, Salvation Army members, Holiness people, Spiritualists, Confucianists,—every belief that has a foothold in Korea seems to be centered here in Seoul. There is so much to be done, and so few to work; and not until the women of these heathen lands have heard the gospel can the end come. May the efforts for our heathen sisters be strengthened and advanced, so that the

work of the third angel's message can be more quickly finished.

After a stay of six weeks or so in Seoul, we plan on going to Wousan for a month, and then visit the churches on the east coast of Korea. This will keep us busy until nearly the first of the year.

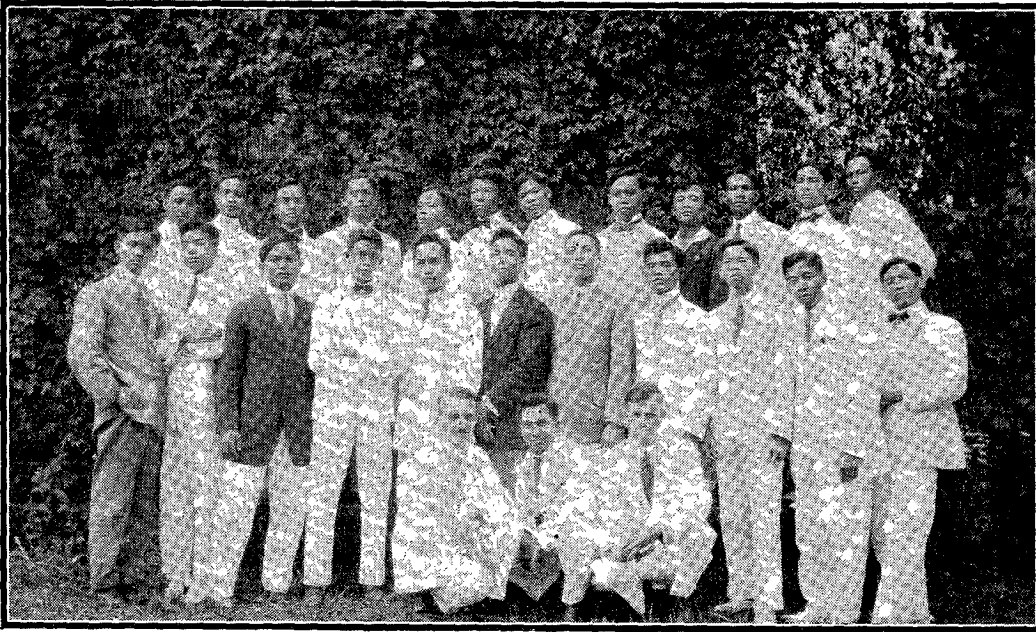
The Korean version of Ps. 68:11 says: "Great is the company of women who published it." The American Revised version reads:

"The Lord giveth the word:
The women that publish the
tidings are a great host."

HELEN MAY SCOTT.

gun to read the Bible through. On this afternoon several more signified their intention of beginning the reading at once. Many of these young people are laboring personally for others, selling the Tagalog magazine, holding Bible studies, and entering with zeal upon other activities as planned for our young people in all lands.

The society at Pasay has a membership of about forty. These are the young people in attendance at the academy. Brother O. F. Sevrens is taking a special interest in this society, and is aiding the members in a study of denominational history and Bible doctrines. It is expected that in this society several will



Ministerial Band in Missionary Volunteer Society, Pasay, P. I.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Work in the Philippines

DURING a stay of three weeks in the Philippine Islands, I had opportunity to meet with our young people of this union, not only in school and chapel, but in church, in social service, and in their Missionary Volunteer meetings. I appreciated seeing for myself these loyal youth of whom I had heard a great deal.

Shortly after the arrival of Brethren Steinel and Sevrens to this field, two organizations of the young people were effected,—one at Pasay, at the Philippine Seventh-day Adventist Academy, and one in Manila, at the Trozo church. On the afternoon of my first Sabbath in Manila, I met with the society at Trozo. Brother Steinel is the leader of this company. The day was rainy, yet a company of about forty were present, and these listened with attention to an account of what our young people in other lands are endeavoring to do. Several of these youth are observing the Morning Watch, and some had already be-

qualify for the Standard of Attainment certificate. These young people are engaging in the various lines of service planned for them, such as the observance of the Morning Watch, systematic reading of the Bible, the giving of Bible readings, and doing personal work for others.

One special feature of this society is the work of the ministerial band, a picture of which is shown. Brother Sevrens is in charge of this band, and helps to guide in all their plans. At the present time study is being given to sermon construction and delivery. Brother Bibiano Panis, an ordained native minister who has had a very successful experience in winning souls, meets with this band for an hour on Friday evenings just preceding the students' social meeting. At this hour the young men take turns in delivering sermons. After the speaker has finished, opportunity is given for friendly discussion and criticism; and so earnest is their desire for self-improvement, that they gladly invite such criticism. Brother Panis enters into this interesting task with his usual zeal and ear-

Experienced laborers do a noble work when, instead of trying to carry all the burdens themselves, they train younger men, and place burdens on their shoulders. It is God's desire that those who have gained an experience in His cause, shall train young men for His service.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

ness; and surely the work which he is able to do is of inestimable value to these young men.

On the second Sabbath of my stay, a joint meeting of the societies of Trozo and Pasay was held. At this meeting about fifteen young people took part in a program, the subject of which was, "What Jesus is to Me."

There is one other society in the Islands. This is at San Pablo. Here we have a large church of nearly two hundred members. This church has been drawn upon for several of its members to engage in the work in different parts of the field, including, naturally, those best fitted to lead. But there is still a goodly company of young people here, and these are endeavoring to prepare themselves for usefulness in the work. I was with this church over the Sabbath, and truly enjoyed the services with them.

The young people held their meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon. After a short program, they invited me to speak until five, or longer should I so desire. They assured me that they liked to have a long service. We closed the meeting at five; then all stayed and sang songs until sundown, when a short service was held. There is no music in the song books used by these young people; so the young man who translated for me, knowing the tunes, led out, and the rest joined in. This is the way they learn the hymns.

This visit to the Philippine Islands was a great pleasure to me. Our young people in this union, with proper advantages and opportunities for training, will be able to take their places in the front ranks with the loyal and devoted young people of the denomination. Surely we must not fail of encouraging them to speedily get a preparation for the Master's work.

S. L. FROST.

Women's Work in the Kiangsu Province

Our second fall institute for women in the Kiangsu Province has just closed. The first was held in Shanghai, September 10-23. Thirty-three women attended this meeting, most of them from the first, and we realized the Spirit's presence and power as we searched together into the beauties of the plan of salvation. At the close of the Shanghai institute, twelve were buried with Christ in baptism. As we saw these dear souls follow their Lord in this sacred rite, thus signifying their willingness to crucify the old man, and live a new life in Him, our hearts thrilled with joy and gratitude to the One who has worked such miracles in their lives, making them willing to abandon their idol and ancestor worship, with its many accompanying evils, and to worship the living God.

Three of these women are advanced in years, one being seventy-three years of age, and very feeble, the second being seventy, and the third sixty-four.

Another woman, who comes to us from another mission, is the wife of one of the leading men in the city where they live. He owns a good deal of property, including the chapel where we worship. When I first went to this city—Kading—with Mrs. W. B. Miller, a little more than two years ago, Mrs. Miller pointed this woman out to me as one who was causing her a good deal of trouble in snatching her women away from her as fast as she got them interested in the truths of the third angel's message, and carrying them off to another mission. But the Spirit of God began to work on this woman's heart, convicting her of the truth of this message, and she finally ceased resisting; and when I was at Kading last June, she made a resolute decision to obey. She kept her first Sabbath at that time. This sister has taken her stand for present

truth after a severe struggle, and against much opposition. We believe she will prove true, and develop into a good worker.

The second institute was held in Tseu Tsaung, some two hundred miles in the interior.

Mrs. C. E. Weaks and a Chinese Bible woman accompanied me on this trip. We first went to Kiang-yen, where we also have a mission station, and from there took a small boat to Tseu Tsaung, four women from the former place accom-



Baptismal Class, Shanghai

panying us in order to attend the institute.

We had not the good attendance at this institute that we had hoped for, as it was just the time for harvesting the rice, and many of the inquirers were very busy in their rice fields, and so were not able to attend regularly. But some from the village were present at every meeting, and at the close of the

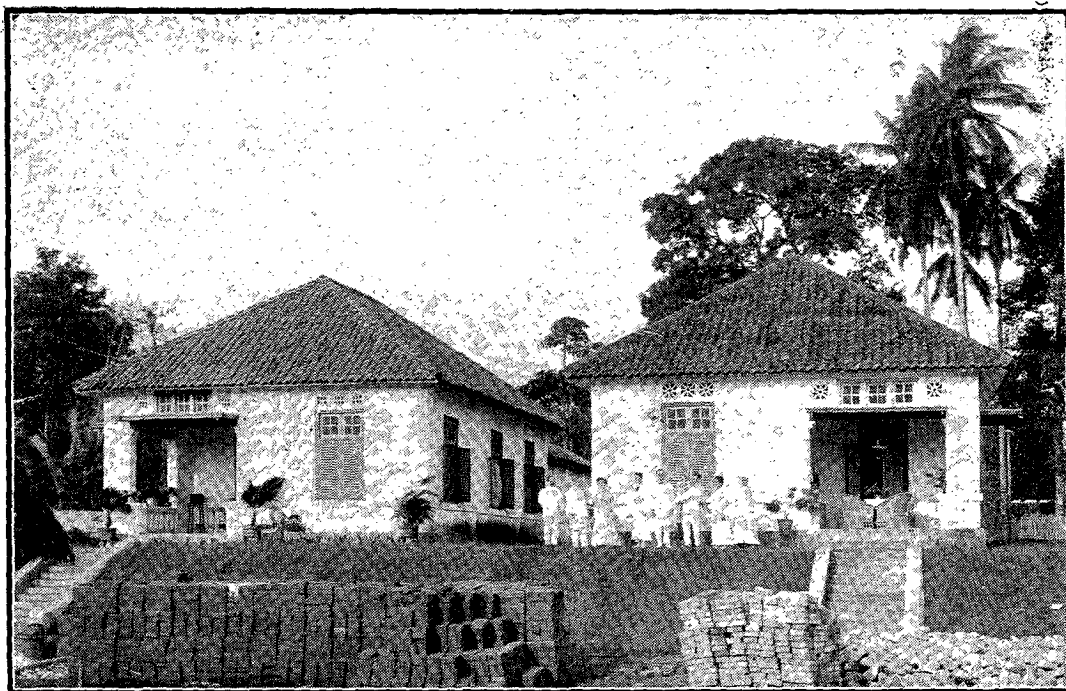
meeting several honest women took their stand definitely for the truth. Others are at the deciding point, but are a trifle timid about taking the step on account of the opposition of relatives. They are good, sincere souls, however, and we are praying for them in faith, believing that they will come out triumphant.

As we go about in the interior, and see the hundreds of towns and villages, with their hundreds of thousands of people who have never heard the name of Jesus or the story of His love, our hearts cry out to God to send more laborers into the harvest. The longer we work with this people, and see their ignorance and their great need, the more we realize our own helplessness and inefficiency, and the more deeply we long for a closer and more constant walk with Him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; for it is only as His Spirit leads and directs us that we can hope to lead these people to the fountain of living waters for cleansing and healing. Do not forget to pray for the women's work in the Kiangsu province.

FLORENCE E. SHULL.

Java, Dutch East Indies

THE work in our field is onward. We are now beginning to see results for the seed sown in the past. We find that the Mohammedans are beginning to buy our literature. Only during recent months have we been able to secure subscriptions from Mohammedan teachers and hajis (a haji is one who has made at least one pilgrimage to Mecca). A few days ago we received ten subscriptions from ten hajis; one of whom has been to Mecca seven times. The Mohammedans are reaching out for something better than they have.



West Java Mission Houses

The Dutch people also are purchasing our literature quite readily. With the blessing of the Lord, we have been able to sell hundreds of "The World's Crisis," and most of these were in the English. Thus far it has been impossible for us to get Dutch literature from Europe; but recently we learned through Brother H. H. Hall that the Pacific Press is printing some of our large books in the Dutch language, and hereafter will be able to fill orders for same. This is good news for us. Without doubt, a consecrated canvasser, who knows the language and has the literature, can do fully as well here as in the home land. And since the literature has been offered us, we believe that the Lord will also send us the instrument to dispose of it.

The accompanying picture shows our new mission houses. From left to right the workers are: Pastor F. A. Detamore, Pastor F. H. DeVinney, Mrs. DeVinney, Mrs. Melvin Munson, Brother Munson, Florence Irene and myself, Mrs. Schmidt, and Miss Tunheim.

As you will notice the houses are built about seven feet above the street. On the old, rented place we were surrounded with water several days during the rainy season. It goes without comment that we are glad to have the houses finished, especially when we think of the continual advance in prices of material.

I. C. SCHMIDT.

The Recent Australasian Union Conference Committee Council

UPON the return of Brethren C. H. Watson, J. M. Johanson, and G. S. Fisher from the Far East to Sydney, N. S. W., an important council was held at Wahroonga, at which nearly all the members of the Aus-

Australasian Union Committee were present. From the minutes just received, the following items of general interest are gleaned:—

During the past year, closing June 30, 1917, more than 500 were baptized, the membership of the Australasian Union now being more than 6,000. The loyal support of this constituency is revealed in manifold ways. Many of the youth are in training for service in the missionary college at Avondale. The medical institutions are manned with willing workers. The number of evangelical colporteurs is constantly increasing. Additions are being made to the mission staff in the South Sea Islands. And for the support of these and other lines of service, the brethren and sisters are giving most liberally.

The Sabbath-schools in the Australasian Union now number 257, with 8,217 members. The offerings during 1916-17, totaling \$21,804.76, were all raised for support of mission work in the Asiatic Division. The Australasian Union may be regarded as one of the home lands to which the mission forces in Asia and in the islands of the Pacific are looking for continued support. During the current year the Sabbath-school offerings of Australasia are to be appropriated as follows: First quarter, Eastern Polynesian Mission; second quarter, Melanesian Mission; third quarter, Central Polynesian Conference. The fourth quarter has not yet been assigned. The goal for the entire year, in Sabbath-school offerings, has been set at five thousand pounds sterling.

Among the perplexing problems which the brethren faced, was the increasing difficulty of supporting the island work during war times. This work is rapidly extending; scores of laborers, foreign and native, are employed; and while the islanders, in proportion to their ability to give, render liberal support in tithes and offerings, yet the funds raised locally must be supplemented very largely by gifts from those in more favorable financial circumstances. Present war conditions have led those in charge to cut the budgets covering the island work for the coming year, nearly forty per cent. Provision has been made, however, for conserving that which has been gained in the island field thus far, and for conducting a limited amount of advance work. It is hoped that by another year funds can be supplied for aggressive effort in many places hitherto untouched by any gospel missionaries.

Arrangements are being perfected for the publication of some of the island papers in the mission fields rather than at the Avondale Press. Some months may be required to bring about this change. While the regular issuance of five monthly papers for the Society Islands, Raratonga, Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga, involve an annual expenditure of some hundreds of pounds sterling, yet the results thus far have amply repaid the brethren for all sacrifices made. Thousands of

people throughout the island field are being reached by means of these agencies, and the results seem to indicate that such publications are, after all, one of the most economical agencies that can be employed for the spread of the third angel's message.

Dates were fixed for the holding of the usual annual camp-meetings and the week of prayer season, and also for the general union meeting held every two years. The next biennial session of the Australasian Union Conference is to be held at Avondale estate, Cooranbong, N. S. W., September 10 to 24, 1918. A Bookmen's Convention will be held at the same place, but the date for this has not as yet been fixed, although in all probability it will be just before the opening of the conference proper.

The Week of Prayer season for the Australasian field has been appointed for May 18 to 25, 1918. The goal for the annual offering usually taken at that time, has been set at three thousand pounds sterling.

The New South Wales camp-meeting has already been held. The Tasmanian camp-meeting is to be late in November of this year; the New Zealand camp-meetings, in January of 1918; Victoria, February 12 to 24, 1918; South Australia and West Australia, February 28 to March 10, 1918. The camp-meeting for the Central Polynesian Conference will be held June 14 to 24, 1918, at which time it is expected that some who have been delegates at the coming General Conference in San Francisco, Cal., will be returning by a route permitting of a stopover in the Islands.

Near the close of the council, Brethren W. G. Turner and F. Knight were ordained to the gospel ministry, Pastor Westerman preaching the ordination sermon, Pastor Parker offering prayer, and Pastor Watson giving the charge.

Pastor L. D. A. Lemke was chosen as president and manager of the Australasian Mission College, with C. Rosendahl as assistant manager, C. H. Showe as head master, and Pastor R. Hare as Bible teacher.

Frequently, during the progress of the council meeting, the brethren present united in seasons of prayer and praise. While the questions considered brought many perplexing hours, yet the brethren rejoiced in the privilege of sharing the burdens that come with continuous development of conference, institutional, and mission work. Constantly the responsibilities connected with the Advent Movement in various union conferences throughout the world, are becoming heavier and yet heavier to bear; yet the God whom we serve can strengthen His servants to bear these responsibilities to the glory of His name until the work shall have been finished. Let us pray that the brethren and sisters of the Australasian Union may be greatly blessed as they endeavor to press on into the unentered regions of their territory, and especially into the vast island field of the South Seas. C. C. CRISLER.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The One Dollar Goal

NORTH CHINA is the second union in the Asiatic Division which has by action of its committee placed \$1.00 a week, Mexican, as its foreign workers' Sabbath-school offering goal. It has further placed \$2.00 as the goal for each Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The question of a native goal was also placed before the Chinese workers at the recent meeting held in Hankow, Hupeh, and was enthusiastically discussed by them. At length they decided to place their goal at ten cents a week per member, with \$1.00 as the native worker's Thirteenth Sabbath goal. May God richly bless the dear souls who sacrifice in giving to Him.

R. F. COTTRELL.

Sabbath School Notes

In a personal letter received from Mrs. C. N. Woodward, Sabbath school secretary for the Philippine Union, she writes very encouragingly of the Sabbath-school work in that field. Feeling that all will rejoice with us, we are glad to share the following paragraphs with you:—

"We have a stirring Sabbath-school here at Pasay. I wish you could step in some of these fine mornings. Brother Steinel is our superintendent now, and he has two native assistants who are called upon to announce most of the opening exercises. In this way they are taught just how to appear before the school and you would be surprised to hear some of their remarks. By doing they are learning. The goal for the Pasay Sabbath-school last quarter was set at P.60.00, but they went far beyond that. The offering at the close of the quarter amounted to P. 88.00 when it was all counted. The students were so encouraged that the goal for this quarter was set at P.100. I am sure they will reach that as they are so enthusiastic about the increase. Brother Steinel has arranged a device for increasing the Thirteenth Sabbath offering which is very good. A box from a bamboo limb is cut about three inches long with one end entirely closed, and the other end closed except for a slit large enough for a peso to pass through. One of these boxes is given to each member, and as money is received during the quarter it is placed in this little box. We hope that by this plan our offerings will be greatly increased.

"We are planning great things for Rally Day. After your letter came, I received a copy of the OUTLOOK giving the suggestive program for our Rally Day service. I have been busy sending copies of the program out, and giving the workers other help as it is needed. I am happy to say that we are to have the regular lessons translated in the other fields as has been done here in the Tagalog field this quarter All the schools are

getting the picture roll, and some of the workers are supplying the children with memory verse cards.

"I am very glad to tell you that in the Tagalog field some parts of the Thirteenth Sabbath Missions Quarterly was translated and sent out to different schools. The time will come when we can have this valuable little quarterly printed, which will be a help in collecting offerings. Elder Finster has just phoned me that they are to have a union conference committee meeting at which time they will take up the question of supplying each local school with a neat record book, the Thirteenth Sabbath envelopes, and a Perfect Attendance Card for the union. . . . We are of splendid courage in the Lord. The Lord is good and is blessing us greatly."

Yes, the Lord is working in all the fields; and as the faithful secretaries and other workers lead out in trying to build up the Sabbath-school work on right lines, they are usually finding the dear native brethren and sisters not only willing, but anxious to be taught the best methods. Let us thank God for what He has done, is doing, and is willing to do, for the Sabbath-schools in the Asiatic Division, and press on with good courage.

WE wish to call attention through the columns of the OUTLOOK to the special consecration service which has been appointed to be observed in all our Sabbath-schools December 22, 1917.

Suggestive programs and helps have already been furnished by the Asiatic Division Sabbath-school department to the union Sabbath-school secretaries and doubtless are, or soon will be, in the hands of the local schools for use. Let us all unite in earnest labor and prayer that when Consecration Day arrives, it may mean to each of us not only a day for the rededication of our own lives to God, but a day in which we may come "with rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

MYRTIE B. COTTRELL.

Four Questions with Myself

1. How long would it take to make my community really Christian if every other follower of Christ worked for it and prayed about it just as I do?

2. How long would it take to make my whole nation really Christian if all Christians gave their prayers and efforts and money toward it just as I am doing?

3. How long would it take to make disciples of all the nations if all other Christians were to give this great program of Christ the place in their lives that it has in mine?

4. Have I any right to expect or demand of other Christians or even of preachers or missionaries, any service or sacrifice for Christ that I am unwilling to give myself?

The work of winning the world to Christ is my work as really and as fully as it is the work of anyone else. Let me not avoid it nor shirk it.

--J Campbell White.

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BROTHER ERIC JOHANSON, of Australia, reached Shanghai November 3, and after a short visit passed on to Hankow, where he joins the staff of workers at the North China headquarters.

THE *Ka Chong Pil Tee*, the first women's paper to be published by our people in the Asiatic Division, has recently been put out by the Korean Mission Press. This little paper is finding a ready sale. The report for the month of September shows a sale of almost two thousand copies, netting \$57.00, Mex.

THE earliest reports of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign in the North China Union, are coming from Hankow, where two of our foreign brethren worked for one and a half days, distributing about seventy papers, and securing in cash from Chinese not of our faith \$156.20, Mex. This is an average of \$2.23 per paper. The day following this effort one of the brethren went out alone, distributed twenty-six papers, and secured \$100, with promise of more. A later word reports almost \$1000 received through the efforts of these two brethren alone.

PASTOR and Mrs. Seabert G. White with Brother and Sister R. D. Loveland have recently gone to their new field of labor in the province of Shensi, West China. A property on one of the principal streets of Sianfu, the provincial capital, has been rented. By the time these lines are in print our workers in this newly opened field will be settled in their mission home. It is probable that Pastor F. A. Allum can spend a fortnight with them prior to the end of the year.

BROTHER E. C. SILSBEE, formerly superintendent of the Basutoland Mission in South Africa, but more recently connected with the Cape Sanitarium, Plumstead, Cape Colony, recently passed through Shanghai en route for America on furlough. Brother Silsbee was accompanied by his wife and family, and brought encouraging reports concerning the progress of the work in the South African Union Conference. During war times the South African workers find it to their advantage to return to the home land via Singapore, Hongkong, and Shanghai, thus avoiding the perilous waters in the war zone. This has already given a number the opportunity of getting some glimpses of the mission work in progress in these centers of our territory.

Are You Disappointed

Did you hope to be in school this fall? And has the time for opening come and gone, turning your hope to disappointment? Never mind, the Correspondence School is still open to you, and Theodore Roosevelt has said, "I look upon instruction by mail as one of the most wonderful and phenomenal of the developments of this age."

Students are finding out that they can make up work and keep it up in this way when they are deprived of the privileges of our other schools. Our student work has more than trebled the past three years, and our students are doing well. Elder Daniells says, "I believe your school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people." Write me before you sleep, and let me tell you more about this matter.

Sincerely your friend and brother,

C. C. LEWIS, *P. incipal*,
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Obituary

Davenport.—Virginia Ruth, daughter of Dr. D. E. and Mrs. Davenport, was born at Mokanshan, July 5, 1916, and died on Sabbath, September 29, 1917, at the International Hospital, Hankow. Her death was caused by exhaustion due to enteritis.

Little Virginia was sick in all about four weeks. She became sick on the way home from Mokanshan, and in spite of all her parents could do for her, became steadily worse. She was such a bright, happy baby that her death came as a great shock to all who knew her. We laid the little one to rest in a corner of our mission compound, which we have set apart for this purpose. Such graves mark the advance of the cause of missions, and are a silent but eloquent witness to the sacrifice that mission work in a foreign land calls for. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor J. S. James, and others. Words of comfort were spoken from Jer. 31:15-17, and quotations were read from "Desire of Ages," pp. 224, 225, and "Great Controversy," p. 645. The parents have an eternal hope, and know that one day they will have their little one again. They have expressed the thought that maybe the Lord let the ir little one go from them that they might awake to the fact that every day thousands of His little ones are dying without one ray of hope, and that after all God has been very good to them. They know His way is best.

"Does Jesus care when I've said 'good-by'

To the dearest on earth to me?

And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks—

Is this aught to Him? Does He see?

O yes, He cares, I know He cares,

His heart is touched with my grief;

When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,
I know my Saviour cares."

F. A. ALLUM.