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AN APPEAL TO OUR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHINA DIVISION

C. C. MORRIS

E are living in a time of unprecedented opportunities for giving the message to the millions in China. As never before doors are being opened for us to enter. These open doors are a challenge to God's people to consider anew their responsibility toward those who have not received the light of present truth, and to provide means for quickly entering these open doors.

"When God's messengers recognize their responsibilities toward the needy portions of the Lord's vineyard, and in the spirit of the Master Worker labor untiringly for the conversion of souls, the angels of God will prepare the way before them, and the means necessary for the carrying forward of the work will be provided." AA p. 357, 358

The Harvest Ingathering work is one of the ways God has ordained for securing funds for carrying forward the work, and it is hoped that a larger number than ever hefore will take part in this campaign at the time appointed, September 5 to October 17.

We often talk about financial depression and hard times, but there is no crisis with God. He has always provided for His people when they have fully trusted Him and followed His leading.

When the children of Israel were suffering the most under the lash of the taskmaster, the call came to leave Egypt. There also came a call to conduct an ingathering campaign, and even though the crops had been ruined by hail and locusts, a grievous murrain had killed cattle, and the fish in the river had died, God gave them favor with the people, and there was a great ingathering of silver and gold for their journey.

When the time came for rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, God called Nehemiah to his task. The people were poor and lacked the means to carry on the work, but this did not daunt the spirit of Nehemiah—he realized that God was the owner and provider of all, and trusted Him for results. We read in the Spirit of prophecy, "the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow." In spite of all obstacles, "the wall was finished." Neh. 6:15. There is no crisis with God. He maps out the task, selects the messenger, and provides the means for its accomplishment.

The Harvest Ingathering has proven to be a strong financial factor in this cause. Each autumn large numbers of our people all over the world are seen going from door to door doing this work.

Experience has taught that China is a fruitful field in which to solicit funds. The great liberality demonstrated in supporting our work when we have gone forward in faith, shows what can be done along this line.

In laying plans for work this year, we cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of careful organization and training. We greatly desire that all our workers and members will take an active part, visiting their friends and neighbors, acquainting them with our message and the progress it is making, and securing funds with which to press into the open doors all about us.



THE 1930 HARVEST INGATHER-ING CAMPAIGN IN HONAN

W. E. STRICKLAND

In considering plans for our Harvest Ingathering work in Honan for 1930, we felt that the campaign would be a real success only through the cooperation of all, or a large portion of the church. With this in mind, we apportioned our goal on the per capita membership basis, and urged that the leaders in the different churches and companies endeavor to get as many individual members to take part in the campaign as possible. We told them that the great aim was souls, and that the more contacts made with those outside the faith the greater the opportunities to speak for Christ; that no matter how small the gift, it should be thankfully received; and that where the gifts were small, below fifty cents, a tract should be given instead of the regular Harvest Ingathering paper. Each person should have a solicitor's card, and care should be taken that these

cards are all numbered and stamped with the proper authorization.

The Sabbath before the campaign was made a rally day, and at the Loho church this was very successfully carried out. The Loho church goal, as set by the mission, was \$227, but upon the suggestion of the members themselves it was raised to \$500. At the close of the meeting, when volunteers were called for, over sixty stood up. These met that night after the Sabbath, and were divided into bands, and almost fifty of this number actually took part in the campaign. Some were old sisters, others were young children and students, but all seemed enthusiastic and anxious to begin work. This enthusiasm continued, and the results were all that we had hoped they would be. One brother, who had tried time and time again in previous campaigns, but had never received more than two or three dollars, brought in \$24. One old sister went out and brought in from her first effort just a few coppers, but she kept at it until she had taken in over two dollars.

Pastor Strickland's solicitor's card as it appears

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little girl came back, proudly showing sixty-five cents as the result of her first effort, and the members felt more than repaid for their efforts when at the end of the week, the church treasurer reported that their goal of \$500 had been reached and passed. The goal was then raised to \$700, and although many who had participated in the previous efforts dropped out, yet when the final returns were counted the second goal was reached and surpassed by several tens of dollars.

In an experience meeting held after the first week, it was inspiring to listen to the testimonies of the different ones who had taken an active part in the work. All showed by their testimonies that the experiences they had had and the contacts with others had strengthened their own Christian experience. None but words of encouragement were expressed, and all seemed glad that they had had the opportunity of taking part in the campaign.

The writer, in company with one

of the workers, spent many hours visiting from shop to shop, and at no time did we receive an amount larger than \$5, and this only once. The majority of donations were from ten to fifty cents, but each and all were received thankfully, and we endeavored to let the givers understand that this was a yearly occurrence, and that we would be back to see them again next year.

We believe that the Harvest Ingathering plan is of God, and that every effort should be made to get all the church members who are able to do so into the campaign each year, for it proves to be a great soul strengthener, and a blessing to all who partake of it in the real spirit of evangelism. God never intended it to be conducted by the workers alone, and we should beware lest we who are laboring in this cause fail to be the leaders God intends us to be in helping our brethren and sisters to take a real active part in the work, which is for the forwarding and finishing of God's cause in the earth.



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PREPARATION FOR THE 1931 HARVEST INGATHERING **CAMPAIGN**

In harmony with an action passed at the time of the Spring Council, asking "The Home Missionary Department, in consultation with the field, to prepare uniform signature books, cards, and receipts to use for general solicitation purposes through the China Division," an effort has been made to standardize the material to be used in our Harvest Ingathering work.

The Home Missionary secretaries in each union have greatly assisted in this work and the materials prepared are the fruitage of their The small signature book labors for the larger amounts prepared for one signature to the page, and arranged in loose leaf form, which has been used successfully in the Central and East China Unions, has been adopted. Signature cards are prepared for smaller contributions. Besides the receipt book which has been used in the past, a smaller and cheaper one has also been prepared for smaller amounts.

Believing that greater success will attend our efforts, both in securing funds and adding strength to the soul-winning aspect of our work, if all have a definite message to tell the people, a canvass has been prepared for the campaign this year. All these supplies for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign will be stocked at the Signs of the Times Publishing House, and should be ordered from there.

At the time of the Spring Council the distribution of tracts in connection with the Harvest Ingathering work was emphasized, and it was voted that either a selection be made from tracts on hand, or a new one be prepared and its use be encouraged.

As many of the unions are laying plans for a larger number of the church members to take part in the campaign this year than heretofore, a request has come that this tract be so prepared as to feature some of our missionary activities and be used in soliciting smaller amounts. The higher price of the regular Harvest Ingathering paper this year, due to increased costs, makes it advisable, it seems, to have something in cheaper form which can be distributed more freely. A four-page leastet is being prepared, and it is hoped that our churches will use a large number of these in the campaign. The regular Harvest Ingathering paper is one of the most attractive ever gotten out by the publishing house and features our work well. An edition of 40,000 has been printed.

A supply of foreign Harvest Ingathering papers, such as English, German, French, Japanese, Italian, etc. has been ordered, and it is hoped that a stronger effort than ever before will be put forth in behalf of the foreigners in our field. Much can be realized from this source.

It is hoped that each church and company will have the needed supplies on hand by September 5, and that we shall have a successful Ingathering campaign this year.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR **LEADERS**

Set a definite time and money goal and encourage others to do likewise.

Divide the territory and make definite assignment.

Arrange for field days. There is power and efficiency in concerted action.

Precede field days by a meeting for prayer and a study of methods. Follow field days with an experience

Select suitable individuals to work the officials and most influential classes. These classes should be visited early in the campaign. They are frequently willing to give letters of recommendation.

Collect reports regularly each Sabbath, and keep a goal chart exhibited in a prominent place where all the members can see it.

Keep a record of interested people met, and use these in your future home missionary work of the church. Keep it prominently before our people that this work is a part of our soul-winning campaign.

Encourage all to ask for liberal gifts. "According to your faith" is a good motto in this work.

Set a definite time for the opening and closing of the campaign, and endeavor to reach your goal within this time.

Encourage solicitations through the mails. Nearly every one has some friend that can be reached in

Where there is a church school encourage the teacher to lead his students out in the campaign.

Be sure that all supplies, such as papers, signature books, cards, and receipts, are on hand in all places before the time of the opening of the campaign.

On September 5 for the first Sabbath Home Missionary meeting follow the Harvest Ingathering program in the Christian Educator.

Encourage as many as possible to take part in the work of gathering funds.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED through the HARVEST INGATHERING WORK

The officers of the General Conference in announcing the first Harvest Ingathering campaign in 1908 said; "This ingathering of funds should be the greatest event in our financial history."

We are now on the threshold of the twenty-fourth Harvest Ingathering campaign, and as we look back and see what has been accomplished, we have every reason to be encouraged.

Since the inauguration of this campaign, \$12,034,557.73 gold has been gathered, largely from those not of our faith, to forward the interests of our message. During 1929 more than 4,000,000 Harvest Ingathering papers in 35 different languages were used, and 31 % of all mission funds was raised through this medium.

In China the Harvest Ingathering receipts have increased year by year. and what has been accomplished in the past should make us confident that this feature of work can become a strong financial factor in our work in China.

ROBERT MORRISON DOES HARVEST INGATHERING WORK

"He (Morrison) rejoiced to hear from home that Mr. Adoniram Judson, with other American students, was devoting himself to missionary work in the East; and when he received a copy of the sermon preached by Henry Martyn at Calcutta—in which great sermon Martyn had stated 'Asia must be our care' - Morrison actually obtained subscriptions from the English residents at Macao to the amount of two hundred and eighty-five dollars, which he forwarded to the treasurer of the Calcutta Auxiliary Bible Society. Taken from "Robert Morrison" by Marshall Broomhall, p. 65.

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."-Vol. IX, p. 221.

Report of the China Division Sabbath School Department

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1931

(All Offerings in U.S. Gold)

Conference or Mission	Number Schools	Av e rage Membership	erage Average abership Attendance		Investment Fund Offering	12 Sabbaths Offerings	13th Sabbath Offering	Total Offerings to Missions		
Central China	83	3,162	2,711	\$ 8.46	\$ 10.27	\$ 269,44	\$ 60.84	- \$ 349.01		
East China	136	4,525	3,569	64.68	93.06	563.31	140.71	861,76		
Manchuria	29	1,064	810	12,25	16.98	195.00	40.02	264.55		
North China	31	886	798	2.29	4.33	102.21	14.63	123.46		
South China	109	3,779	3,084	17.85	11.04	271.45	64.96	365.30		
West China	55	1,201	1,289	2.57	2.37	150.10	22.50	177.54		
Total	443	14,617	12,252	\$108.10	\$138.05	\$1,551.51	\$343.66	\$2,141.32		

BESSIE MOUNT, Secretary

DEPARTMENTAL ADVANCE IN CENTRAL CHINA

(Extracts from reports rendered by departmental leaders of progress made during the two years of 1929-30 in the populous provinces of the Central China Union)

Publishing Dept. --- E. L. Longway

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Eccl. 11:6,4. Many of our colporteurs have closed their eyes to the dangers and troubles surrounding them, and in faith have carried the printed page to all parts of our union. And because this has been so, we are able to report the largest sales of any two years in the history of our union. In 1929 our colporteurs took 22,038 yearly subscriptions to the Signs and sold \$18,369.55 worth of books, a total of \$40,407.55. Hupeh led the union with sales of \$12,649.38. Our union goal was \$38,000; thus we passed our goal with a margin of \$2,407.55.

In faith and expectation we set a goal of \$48,000 Mex. sales for the year 1930. We very nearly made the quota for the first half of the year, but due to extra severe disturbances in Honan and Kiangsi during the last half of the year, we were not able to reach our goal. Signs subscriptions for the year totaled 20,930, and booksales \$22,127.82. Again Hupeh led the Union with sales of \$12.319.73. But Hunan was the only province to make the goal for the year, and the sales lacked but \$254.02 of equaling the Hupeh sales. The total sales for 1930 were \$43,057.82.

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It may be of interest to note that Honan led the Union for the years 1922-25, but from 1926-30 Hupeh held first place. Last year Hunan came very near capturing the lead; and we expect to see the three provinces of Honan, Hupeh, and Hunan contending for first place during the coming two years.

Hunan contending for first place during this coming two years.

Our principal goal is not expressed in total amounts of sales, but rather in soulwinning results. From every side the colporteurs write of those who are interested in and favorable toward the truth through reading our literature. To-day

"the fields . . . are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Our goal for 1931 is Mex. \$52,000, and to reach every district, city, and market-place in this Union with the third angel's message. May we have your continued prayers, that the faithful colporteurs may have the constant leading of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of the Heavenly Father in their work for Him this coming biennial period.

Home Missionary Dept .- T. A. Shaw

It has been said that the home missionary department represents the entire church at work. The constituency of the Central China Union have done much the past two years, as revealed in the reports given on charts; but we still face the ever-vital question, "How can we win more souls to Christ?" We answer, by entering upon true home missionary work, distributing tracts, witnessing orally or by correspondence, ministering to the sick and needy, doing Christian Help work, conducting Bible classes, bringing individuals to Sabbath school, enlisting in Big Week and H. I. Campaigns; and by engaging in the sale, lending, and giving away of literature.

We wish to stress especially (1) Christian Home Day; (2) the 15-minute missionary service every Sabbath day; (3) annual subscriptions to our church periodicals. May the Lord continue His work through us, and confirm this work "with signs following." Amen.

Educational and Y. P. M. V. Depts. - C. A. Carter

The Lord has blessed the work in these departments so that considerable progress has been made.

Many of our schools are instituting industrial work, such as weaving, needlework, bandage cloth, which is finding a ready sale in the hospitals, brooms, drawing, chart-making, gardening, poultry, chalk-crayon, knitted wool products, etc. Through these industries many students are in attendance who otherwise would not be able to finance their education.

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The attendance in all our schools has been better during the past year than hitherto, but there is still room for others. An encouraging feature is that 376 of the elementary students are of Adventist parentage, against 193 at the close of 1928.

We greatly appreciate the grant for laboratory equipment made by the division, which gives sufficient equipment for our schools carrying the 9th, 8th, and 7th

The census taken by the Y. P. M. V. Department at the close of 1930, indicates 1,231 young people between 6 and 25 years of age connected in some way with our church in this union. Of these only 311 are actual church members. During the past two years 99 of these were baptized and added to the church.

We are thankful for what the Lord has done for our work in these departments during this biennial period, and we know if we trust in Him He has great things in store for us in the future.

Sabbath School Department ----Jessie E. Hilliard

We are glad to report that the last two years have shown much progress in the Sabbath School Department. During this period, 606 new members have been added, making a total of 2,742 at the end of 1930, this being divided among the local missions as follows: Honan, 1,176; Hunan, 405; Hupeh, 566; Kiangsi, 361; Shensi, 234.

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During this two-year period Hunan has suffered much at the hands of Communists. In many places our workers were not allowed to hold meetings, some had their Bibles and hymn books taken from them, and the reports of some Sabbath schools were delayed or lost in the mails, so that the provincial report was incomplete. This accounts, in part, for the loss of 100 members in Hunan, but we are glad that the report for the first quarter of 1931 shows a membership of 546. This makes up the 100 loss and an additional 41.

Shensi has made splendid gains - the best in the union, - reaching a membership of more than three-and-one-half times her former membership. Her offerings have increased proportionately. Five new Sabbath schools were added in this mission during the two years.

Financially we have surpassed anything in former years, our total Sabbath school offering for 1920 and 1930 being \$9,664.76 Mex.

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May God bless in each and every Sabbath school, that a spirit of consecration and earnestness may be manifest as these weekly meetings are held to study His Word.

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WEDDING BELLS

Miss Evelyn M. Larkey and Mr. D. C. McFeters were united in marriage at the mission compound in Peiping on June 18, at eight o'clock in the evening, Pastor Geo. J. Appel, superintendent of the North China Union. officiating.

Miss Larkey came to China in July of last year, and after relieving some of the foreign nurses during the summer vacation at the Shanghai Sanitarium, she went to Peiping, where she has been engaged in language study, preparatory to taking up Bible work among the women of Chira of China.

Mr. McFeters arrived in Peiping the 21st of May of this year, having accepted a call to fill the vacancy made by J. H. White, who had been serving in the North China Bible School. At present Mr. and Mrs. McFeters are located in Peiping.

We wish this young couple a happy future, and much of the blessing of the Lord as they enter upon their new work.

DEPARTURES

Professor P. E. Quimby and family of the China Theological Seminary, Chiao Tou Djen, left Shanghai for the States May 29 per s. s. "President Garfield," via Europe, on furlough.

Mr. W. I. Hilliard and family. of the Central China Union, and Miss Lillian Andersen, Shanghai, left Harbin June 20, via Siberia for the States.

Pastor and Mrs. V. J. Maloney and

Pastor and Mrs. V. J. Maloney and children of the North Fukien Mission, South China, and Mr. O. G. Erich and family of the Shanghai Sanitarium, left Shanghai June 27 per s. s. "Chichibu Maru," on furlough in the States.

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Mr. F. A. Landis and family of the China Theological Seminary, left Shanghai June 14 for the States per s. s. "President Wilson," on furlough.

Miss Edith McLachlin left Shanghai via Europe June 20 per s. s. "Chenonceaux," for furlough in the States. She joined Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole and family and Miss Ellen Stacey, of Japan, as they passed through Shanghai.

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Miss Ida Thompson, of the Shanghai Sanitarium, sailed from Shanghai June 14, per s. s. "President Wilson," for the States, where she will make her home with her brother, Dr. E. H. Thompson. Miss Thompson was among the first to come to this field, and the China Division has extended a vote of appreciation to her for her untiring service in behalf of the China field We recognize with gratitude the gift from Heaven of ten thousand baptized helievers forming the membership of the China church at the time of the departure of our sister, who, when she entered upon service in this land in 1902, found not one baptized Chinese Seventh-day Adventist in all China. We commend to the Lord of the harvest our beloved sister, and pray that she may continue to enjoy the blessing from Heaven, and that her witness in behalf of the China Division may bring courage to all who learn of manifold providences in this land.

BIRTH

Born, May 1, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Longway, of the Central China Union, Hankow, a son, David,

"REPORTER" COPY

Biennial sessions this year are bringing us some most excellent "copy" for the Reporter. Only a brief outline of some of these reports, can be given; but that which is published will be read, we know, with care and appreciation.

Much is being undertaken this year in evangelism, in colportage, in home missionary endeavor, in medical lines, and otherwise. We desire all to feel free to report that which the Lord enables them to accomplish in His name. Irrrespective of the whereabouts of the undersigned, who may be absent from the Division offices during some of the remaining months of the present year, articles may be sent in as formerly. Brethren Miller and Morris will be at the offices a part of the time; the departmental secretaries will be in and out; and Miss H. I. Shadel will be in the office of the Division secretary day by day to care for any matters connected with the Reporter. Let us continue to speak through this organ with freedom concerning the providential workings of the Lord among us in the various fields where the Holy Spirit is so manifestly at

As these lines are being traced, we are entering upon the closing hours of the biential session of the North China Union, in Peiping. This has been a good meeting. The Spirit of the Lord has visited us day by day, and unity and brotherly love have characterized all deliberations. The work is opening in an encouraging manner in babel of the Murrelians and these the behalf of the Mongolians; and where the laborers in Shansi, Hopei, and Shantung have entered new hsiens, interests have been created, and there is promise of a harvest of souls this very year.

AT THE SANITARIUM

Several of our mission workers have had serious illnesses the past few months, and have found help and healing, under the blessing of the Lord, at the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital and at the City Clinic. Ofttimes we have been called upon as workers in the various mission compounds in the city, to unite in prayer behalf of those suffering; and we acknowledge with gratitude the special intervention of the Lord again and again.

Several weeks ago some of our sisters returned to their homes, much benefited by an extended stay at the Sanitarium,— Sisters Strickland, Dixon, Coberly, and Johnson back into Central China; Sister Peterson into Manchuria; Sisters Wilkinson and Fossey into South Chekiang; Sister Maloney to Foochow. Sister Appel. to Peiping.

The same living faith in God has, we believe, brought special blessing to Dr. Donald E. Griggs and to all connected with the Sanitarium and with our entire mission, at times when human skill seemed wholly inadequate. Dr. Griggs contracted bloodpoisoning in his left hand; and only by a series of miracles has his life been spared. The Lord has in mercy drawn near; and while as a result of this severe illness the Doctor has lost his left hand, yet all feel that our brother is being prepared for a precious ministry as a medical missionary in these closing years of labor. We deeply sympathize with the Doctor in the loss of his hand and assure him of our belief that as he readjusts his life-program, he will continue to bring healing of body and of soul to many in need.

A WORD ABOUT OUR SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS

On page 5 will be found the China Division Sahbath school report for the first quarter of 1931. Compared with our record at the end of 1930, this report shows a net gain of 14 schools and 753 members. A similar gain each quarter of the year world mean a total of nearly 3,000 members added to our schools in 1931. Surely it is worth while not only to gather these 3,000 new members into our Sabbath schools, but to make our Sabbath schools a place where they shall be won to Christ and to a full knowledge of the truth.

It should be noted that the offerings are reported in gold at an exchange rate of \$4.48 Mexican to \$1.00 gold, and thus show a loss of \$1,772.99 (gold) as compared with the offerings for the first quarter of 1930. Reduced to Mexican, however, the total for the quarter is \$9,593.12,-a gain of 22 per cent over the offerings for the first quarter of a year ago. Thus can the exchange rate play queer tricks with the financial figures on our reports! Let us do our utmost so to increase our offerings that even "exchange" shall not cause us to show a loss! - Bessie Mount.

FROM BROTHER BUZZELL

On March 5, 1931, Pastor Alexander Buzzell wrote from Kweiyang, the head quarters of the East Kweichow Mission: The Lord is blessing us in our work

here. During the year 1930 we had 61 haptisms. Now we are working hard for an additional 40 or more prior to our leaving the last day of May for the biennial meeting appointed for Chungking June 26.

"New interests are springing up in several places, and these are real Macedonian calls. We have four out-stations, and the work seems to be developing so rapidly that we can hardly cope with it because of a shortage of workers At Hu-ti-sao, where a new work is shaping, we may have a large number of believers in a comparatively short time, if only we do our part in co-operating with Heavenly agencies at work on the hearts of the people. In

work on the hearts of the people. In Anping also the prospects are good for a strong church.

"Our annual meeting this year was attended by about seventy-five believers and inquirers. The Lord came near, with special blessings. The tribes people seem to rejoice over the privilege of having a part in this great advent movement. We were made happy to have Brother C. A. Woolsey with us during our annual gathering. He gave us many helpful Bible studies.

"We plan on holding a Bible school (or institute) here in Kweiyang, and another in Tsingchen, as soon as practicable. In these institutes we bring in a considerable number who have been keeping the Sabbath for some time, and prepare them for baptism.

YEARS OF EVANGELISM

In China every year must be one of intense evangelism, if ever we do our part in bringing to pass the fulfilment of Heaven's decree that the glad tidings will Heaven's decree that the glad tidings will reach all in our day. Evangelism has been accompanied in past years with careful shepherding of those who have responded to the gospel invitation and have become members of the household of faith. And this year, and until our work shall have been completed, it is our privilege to continue shepherding. "Feed the flock:" "Feed My lambs." How filled with meaning, these words! May God help us to evangelize, and to care tenderly, patiently, constantly, for those thus brought into the fold.