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Working While It Is Day

H. W. MILLER

 In a recent trip to Sianfu to attend the annual meeting, we reached the city gate a few minutes past midnight and were obliged to wait three hours before we could gain entrance to the city. The gates are closed at dark and are not opened until daybreak. Inside the city, all the shops likewise close at dark; so we found the only time business can be transacted is in the day time. Visiting and shopping must be done between daybreak and twilight. This reminded me of the Saviour's words: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

We are in a day of great opportunity in China. The fulfilling signs of the times — terrible devastation by floods, the agitation of war which has so thoroughly stirred the people — has prepared the people of China to hear the explanation of these happenings, and to receive the call to repentance. Never have I seen the people so interested in gaining an understanding of the times in which we are living. Jesus said, He must work "while it is day." In Luke 21:37, 38, we read that the people came early in the morning to hear Him in the temple. He taught in the daytime in the temple, and repaired to the Mount of Olives at night. Christ's words have a two-fold meaning for us, that we are to work when the harvest is ripe and that we are in the day of opportunity. We should also think of its meaning; that He rose early to take advantage of a full day's work. If earnestness and devotion should be found in any work, certainly it should characterize the workers for God, especially the generation expecting His soon-coming with a world to warn before that day. Christ put in a full day at His work, and at night He devoted many hours to prayer. He sensed an obligation to work because He had been *sent* to do a special work. He needed all the day to do it. He was faithful to His charge. Emphatically He states: "I *must* do the work."

Our working force is small; from all sections of our field comes the call for more workers. However, the few workers we have can do much, inspired by the zeal for service that characterized our Master. Better transportation facilities is helping us to accomplish more in less time. The thought that soon the door of probation will be closed when no man can work, makes our obligation doubly impressive. God has given us only a limited time to work and some day the work of this message will be finished and Christ will say: "It is done." Then we will review the past and consider: "Did I do a full day's work every day while I had opportunity; could I have brought more to Christ while yet it was day?"

Note and Comment

IN THE STATES

SINCE writing from Great Britain, it has been my privilege to spend a few days in Washington, D. C., enroute to the Autumn Council at Omaha. Every time I get into our denominational headquarters, I am impressed anew with the spirit of sacrifice that is being revealed in manifold ways by our brethren and sisters in responsibility and among the frank and file of our church membership. Some whom I have known through the years, have been laboring continuously, in much the same lines of work, for a third of a century or more; and a few whom we visited during our three-day stay in Washington, have been steadily at work for upwards of half a century. They desire to use their closing years in helping to round out the final triumphs of this message in preparation for the return of Jesus.

Many inquired of us concerning conditions to-day in China. Flood conditions are well known, and there is much of concern and of practical sympathy. The brethren have been particularly pleased over the decision of some from the flooded areas, to go into districts where labor is possible, in order to conduct evangelistic efforts. This is one of the most heartening words sent of late from our China offices in Shanghai. Another good word has recently come from Pastor Strickland, of the Central China Union; and yet another from Pastor M. C. Warren, of the Far West. It seems that the year 1931 gives promise of passing into history as a year of fruitful soul-winning notwithstanding the many handicaps under which workers are advancing.

Economic conditions in the United States are little more promising than in Great Britain and on the Continent. Commerce is at a low ebb. Millions are out of employment, and facing an oncoming winter. Many, many offer to do anything, at minimum wages, in order to have something with which to tide over these hard times. Great charitable organizations are planning to render substantial aid on a more extended scale than ever attempted hitherto. Yet, at best multitudes will suffer for lack of sufficient food and proper shelter. These adverse conditions threaten

to lessen by many tens of thousands the flow of funds into the mission treasury through Harvest Ingathering campaigns now on in the various conferences. Our brethren and sisters are spending longer hours than ever at such work, in the hope of maintaining as fully as possible our advance in lands of spiritual need. And they are also doing all within their power to keep up their personal offerings week by week on the basis of the former high level of denominational endeavor.

We on our part in the China field surely have abundant reason for giving careful thought to the wise use of every dollar received at the cost of unprecedented sacrificial deprivations in the homelands. Ours is essentially a spiritual advance, and the expenditures we make in support of the cause will bring returns in proportion to our spiritual consecration. Shall we not devote ourselves in a special way to seeking the Lord for power for service among those for whose salvation we are burdened? And shall we not plan on making the coming Week of Prayer the best season of spiritual uplift that has ever come to the China Division? The times demand of us the laying of all upon the altar for God to use in an effective forward movement for the carrying of the message into all the *hsiens* of our vast territory. United prayer, with careful cooperation with boards and committees and managements in the wise and economical use of funds allowed us by the Home Board and coming also as the result of personal sacrifices by the rank and file of our constituency, will bring blessing and strength. God will help us as we do our part in His name.

Providence permitting, Mrs. Crisler and the writer plan on leaving for the Pacific Coast immediately following the close of the Autumn Council, in order to sail per s. s. "Empress of Canada," scheduled to reach Shanghai November 24.

Omaha, Nebr., October 6. c.

ARRIVALS

Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Crisler. November 24 per s. s. "Empress of Canada."

Pastor and Mrs. Ernest Annofsky and children October 12, per s. s. "Taiyo Maru", for service in South China.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Christian and children October 20 per s. s. "Chichibu Maru", for service in North China.

PROGRESS IN AMOY

B. L. ANDERSON

WE had a good annual meeting; ten were baptized. All our people seem of good courage, and are enthusiastic with the idea of pushing forward the great work entrusted to us as a people. Our *Signs* goal for the year is a subscription list of three thousand, and we shall stretch every nerve to make it.

NANKING NEWS NOTES

RAYMOND H. HARTWELL

We are pleased to report that the Church building at Shen Ping Chiao, Nanking, is ready for use again. During the period of reconstruction our Sabbath school divided into three sections, meeting in different parts of the city.

So far this year more than five thousand tracts and broadsides have been distributed in the city. Five districts have been formed, and each church member has been assigned definite territory, with some very satisfactory results.

Large clubs of English and Chinese *Signs* are used monthly and weekly in the city. One person wrote the following acknowledgment:-

My Dear _____

"The Signs of the Times, Vol. 26, No. 6, was received from you only a few days ago. The publication I should say is wealth to me. I have carefully read it over, word by word. Thanks for your valuable gift. Whenever time allows me, I shall call on you. I hope you will pray for our people, our government, and the world's peace,

Yours sincerely
Lieut. _____

Four girl students from the China Training Institute canvassed in Nanking this summer, using the new book, "Knowledge and Progress." They were successful in meeting and securing the signatures of several prominent men in high government circles. The seed is being sown. God will give the increase.

The Big Week in the Capital resulted in the sale of more than two thousand copies of "The Enemies of Health."

The canvasser who took over eight hundred *Signs* subscriptions here last year is back again, and finds it quite easy to get renewals even at the new price. He has been here less than a month and has taken over two hundred subscriptions already.

A number are now taking regular Bible studies. Some of the readers are connected with the Central University. Pray for the work and workers in Nanking.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

H. W. MILLER

THE time appointed for taking up the Week of Sacrifice offering was at the close of the week October 4-10. We are in receipt of some very earnest appeals from the General Conference, to the effect that they wish to secure a hundred percent co-operation throughout the world in this offering for 1931. Thinking possibly some might have overlooked the matter of placing their contribution, we are taking space in this number of our paper to publish appeals received from our former president, Elder I. H. Evans, and Elder C. H. Watson, whose messages I know will appeal to our workers, both foreign and native. We are thus asking that all our working force in the China field especially consider the needs of this cause at this time, when the opportunities for gathering souls are far in advance of any material funds that we have in sight. I trust that everyone who reads these articles by Brethren Evans and Watson will ask himself the question. What is my duty in view of the situation today? and will pass his week of sacrifice offering on to his church or local mission treasurer or through the union treasurer as may be most convenient, so that we in the China Division may do our part with all other divisions at this particular time.

UNITED IN SACRIFICE

C. H. WATSON

IN carrying on the work of God in these thrilling days of probationary time, it is necessary to express ourselves much in world terms. Ours is a world-wide work. The great commission bids us carry the gospel "into all the world." Our message is to all men of every race and tongue. Our organization includes the entire map of the world. All peoples on the habitable globe are hearing the sound of the gospel trumpet giving the good news that Jesus is coming soon, very soon.

One spirit characterizes our work. Many voices are giving the same message of truth as one man. No matter what the language, no matter what the tribe or race, no matter what the climate or living conditions, we are all teaching and preaching the same glorious truth that Jesus "gave himself for our sins," and that He is coming quickly in person to gather the fruits of his sacrifice.

While Jesus is finishing his work in the heavenly sanctuary, we are called to finish in the earth the work he has given us to do. Jesus' work in the courts above is made efficacious for us only by the merits of his unspeakable sacrifice. Our work in the earth can never be finished without great sacrifice on our part. The spirit of sacrifice pervades all that is done in both heaven and earth.

As we are so fully united in all the world in purpose, in the message we preach, in the truth we believe, and in our far-reaching organization, shall we not be fully and equally united in sacrifice?

In North America our dear people are lifting with a will. Our work in many other lands was begun by sacrifice on the part of our brethren and sisters here at the home base, and they are determined to do their part in sustaining it in these testing times. This appeal is being sent out to all our believers in Africa, China, India, South America, Europe, the Far East, Australasia and all other fields, to unite with us in America by the sacrifice of giving of our means to sustain the suffering cause. We do not want to call a single missionary back to any home base for lack of funds to carry on when we can almost see the gleams of the golden morning of Christ's return. By uniting in sacrifice, brethren and sisters, in a critical time like this may we not hasten the glad day of our blessed hope?

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

I. H. EVANS

ONE reason that our work makes progress against all odds is the co-operation given by our believers in promoting whatever is planned by the leaders to extend the giving of the message. Primarily, of course, we are dependent upon the Holy Spirit for divine help; but after we accredit the heavenly sources of power with all that is abundantly bestowed upon us, our next great resource is the unparalleled unity and co-operation manifested by our members toward every enterprise and plan entered into to promote our work.

Such a united front is rarely seen among other Christian organizations. The uniting of all our people into one solid phalanx for aggressive work amazes all who study this great movement. In this unity of heart and purpose, this solidarity of at-

tack, lies our ability to accomplish the seemingly impossible. And truly it is a wonderful work in which we are engaged, one which should stir our hearts and lead us to give to it all the support that lies within our power.

This very day that this note is written the officers of the General Conference have spent many hours trying to arrive at an estimate of the probable income and available funds for distribution at the Fall Council, soon to be held in Omaha. Beyond all that is in sight, counting the Week of Sacrifice offerings, the Harvest Ingathering, the annual offering, and all other sources of income, the funds lack more than a quarter of a million dollars of reaching the amount needed. And this after cutting the entire working budget for the world more than ten per cent!

If our week of sacrifice finds every loyal Seventh-day Adventist ready to sacrifice to the extent of giving one week's full wage or earnings to this special fund, it will greatly help in the crisis that we are facing. To the extent that some do not join in this offering, our work will be crippled. We are grappling with the most serious financial problem that has confronted us in many years. Our lines are out to the ends of the earth; and our workers must either be sustained or recalled. It is our solemn duty—the duty of each one of us—to support the General Conference in its efforts to hold the work steady and strong in every place where it has been established. If all our members join in this week of sacrifice, making it what the name implies,—a real sacrifice, a large offering will be received, which will mean much to our workers in mission lands.

Let us ever remember that the sacrifice that is pleasing to God is a cheerful sacrifice. Such gifts bring to the givers as well as to the receivers the blessing of heaven.

FROM EAST KWEICHOW

A. B. BUZZELL

THE work in East Kweichow is continuing to grow. There seems to be a greater interest among the people to learn the truth than ever before. We hope that during the remaining months of this year we shall have a good number added to the church as a result of the work that is being done in all the districts at this time. Just now we are holding a series of meetings in the Tsingchen district and the reports are very encouraging.

HONGKONG: AN HISTORIC CENTER

ON the first of March, 1931, while in attendance at the biennial meetings of the South China Union Mission held in Waichow, Kwangtung Province, and listening to the accounts of baptisms the past year in various parts of this section of the China field, my mind reverted to the record of the first baptism administered in China by a Seventh-day Adventist minister. This baptism took place in Hongkong on the first of March, 1902, just twenty-nine years prior to the time of the Waichow meeting. To quote from Brother J. N. Anderson's own story, as recorded in the *Missionary Magazine* for May, 1902:

"From the time it was voted by the General Conference that we should come to . . . China, we have often felt that there have been many days of special meaning and moment, because of the experiences, opportunities, or blessings they brought to us. Some were days of trial and decision involving serious consequences, while others were days of calm restfulness and happy anticipations in the assurance of victory for the truth. Of all these days, Sabbath, March 1 (1902), stands out by itself as of peculiar interest and promise, because on that day we were permitted to celebrate the sacred ordinance of baptism.

"Under the special guidance and protection of the Lord, we landed safely in Hongkong, February 2, 1902, after a voyage of twenty-nine days. To our comfort and encouragement we were welcomed by dear old Brother La Rue, who has for twelve long years stood as a faithful and fearless sentinel, holding this advanced outpost. Nor was this all we found; for some faithful servant of the Master had sown gospel seed which had both grown and borne fruit. No less than seven loyal souls had taken their stand for the truth, six of whom are in the British naval service on the cruiser 'Terrible.'

"It may be of interest to readers of the *Missionary Magazine* to learn how these young men on board a man-of-war came to learn and accept the message. Their vessel left England, September 20, 1899, having for its objective point China; but owing to the outbreak of the Boer War, she was ordered to stop at Simanstown, South Africa, where she remained from October 14 till March 26, on the following year. On board this same man-of-war was Brother W. J. Young, who had learned the truth from a canvasser in England. He was on his way to China to join another war vessel already on the China station. About the last of January, 1900, Brother Young began to hold Bible readings with these young men, with the result that all took a stand for what they saw to be the truth. These readings continued until May of the same year, when they reached Hongkong, and Brother Young was transferred to a torpedo boat. From that time till the present they have all believed and lived the truth to the best of their ability; for it must be remembered that British naval service does not afford the liberty most of us enjoy. Having volunteered for a stated term of years, there is no honorable way of escape until the close of their respective terms.

During the greater part of the time since coming to China, their boat has been lying in the harbor of Hongkong, and as opportunity for being ashore was afforded,

they have attended the Bible studies conducted by Brother La Rue, and in every way shown themselves active in advancing the message.

"For several months they have been anxiously and patiently waiting for baptism, which was administered Sabbath, March 1 (1902). It was an ideal day, bright and warm. The place selected was a beautiful spot about two miles east of Arsenal Street, on the beach of Hongkong Harbor, which is a part of the great Pacific Ocean. Here, about three o'clock in the afternoon, after a short song and prayer service, witnessed by several onlookers from the shore, the six sailor boys, and one elderly man who has lived in Hongkong for several years, were buried with their Lord in baptism. Although Europeans, they seemed to be the firstfruits of the great spiritual harvest to be gathered from the great empire of China. It was a good day for us all — one long to be remembered."

Brother Anderson's prophetic words have met fulfillment through the years. During 1930 there were a total of 1,557 baptisms of Chinese believers in China, and a net gain to our church membership, of 1,125. As we passed through Hongkong the ninth of March, and went by the beautiful spot where lies buried Father Abram La Rue and others of our early pioneers in the China field, I thought of the first Chinese tracts issued from presses in this city, and then of the earnest labors of our Chinese and foreign evangelists and teachers now stationed in this strategic center. What fruitage is being borne to-day as a result of the sacrifices of earlier days! One of our Chinese evangelists who is working in the Hongkong Leased Territories, told me that for more than a year he has spent every Sabbath as a day especially devoted to the services of the Lord's house and to visiting among the people. He has partaken of no food on that day, but has given himself wholly to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. "No smoke goes up from my dwelling-house on the Lord's day," he told me. Through his prayerful labors interests have been created in several sections of the Leased Territories of Hongkong. Last year there were several baptisms, and many others were formed into baptismal classes.

The South China Union brethren have been conducting special evangelistic efforts the present year, and have undertaken decided advances into sections hitherto unentered. They are praying for courage and wisdom to take these steps with unflinching faith, and are confidently expecting a harvest of souls far beyond the 439 of net gain in membership realized in this Union the past two years. Constructive planning of this sort, with untiring labor to make the evangelistic advances effective and fruitful, will surely bring abiding results.

WRITING FROM NORTH CHINA

Geo. J. Appel: "Brother Esteb and I secured an interview with General ——. He was very kind and much interested in our medical work. We mentioned our need of money for equipment and he kindly started our subscription list by signing up for \$2,000 Mex., giving us a check at the same time for that amount. It is wonderful how the Lord supplies our needs. My faith has greatly been strengthened in the promises of God during these last few years, by seeing Him fulfill His word in a very marked manner.

"A Mongolian Prince from Outer Mongolia came to Dr. Coulston for a medical examination. The Doctor found that he needed an operation, which he had. The man is getting along fine, and says he is going back to his province and tell all the Mongolians up there who need medical help to come to our hospital in Kagan. Really, we believe that this institution is going to serve a great need not only for the Chinese in North China, but also as an opening wedge for the Mongolian work.

A. A. Esteb: "The work goes on in spite of the political and economic conditions. In fact, we marvel at the results. We are close to the \$8,000 Mex. in our Harvest Ingathering campaign; have \$1,250 for the last few days here in Tsinan. We praise the Lord for His rich blessings.

"Had an interesting trip into Mongolia which was certainly providential. Had we been a few days earlier or later it would have been disastrous to our work. God surely has things timed. "His eve is on the sparrow,"—indeed, and also upon his work and workers. Our workers there were ordered to get out and were given only three days, or told they would be driven out by soldiers. Well God intervened. We arrived there just at the right time. We saw the head Mongolian official and before we left not only had he rescinded his former order, but signed a document permitting them to stay and pledging his protection."

BIRTH

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Calvert, of the Shanghai Sanitarium, China, on October 14, a daughter, Arlene Janet.

CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE
CHIAO TAU TSENG

D. E. REBOK

"There is no crisis with the Lord." Sometimes what appears to be a crisis to us of finite wisdom is but an opportunity for the Lord to manifest His own power or but His way of bringing about His will. There is one thing that has been impressed upon our minds during the the past few months—this is God's work and it must be done in God's own way and by God's men. At times we are prone to forget this lesson and think that the work will go to pieces if it is not done in the same old way. Our reorganization is now complete and the 1931-1932 year of our work is under way.

During the first few days of the term we felt that the small attendance was discouraging and it seemed as though the classes would be very small. It was just about that time that we received the good news that the Lord had answered our prayers in that a "year of grace" was extended by the government to all special schools that had failed to complete registration this past summer.

This was good news to our teachers and students. We decided to allow old students who lacked just one year of graduating on the old courses to complete their work this year on that basis. All new students and those with more than one year to graduate, are matriculated on the new group system in the Institute organization. This scheme is working very well thus far, and we are giving it a thorough try-out during this year.

The enrollment by October 1, 1931, was as follows:—

Graduation	No. by Groups	Total	Boys	Girls
I. Elementary Dep't.		58	42	16
Grade 8	14		9	5
Grade 7	15		12	3
Grades 5 & 6	14		7	7
Grades 1-4	15		14	1
II. Intermediate Dep't.		81	64	17
Ministerial	10		10	
Normal	19		11	8
Ch. Business	20		17	3
Preparatory	32		26	6
III. Advanced Dep't.		31	26	
Ministerial	1		1	
Normal	11		7	4
Ch. Business	3		3	
Med. Prepar.	11		11	
Special—Uncfd.	5		4	1
Totals	170	170	132	38

Our industrial work continues to prosper under the Lord's special blessing. September was our best month since we began our industrial work in 1922. During that one month we made and sold \$13,000 worth of steel furniture and worked

on the large Central University Auditorium chair contract as well. Orders continue to come in and we are booked ahead to about January 1. This work gives employment to eighty boys and girls. Our products are readily sold and they meet with approval far and wide. Prayer, hard work, and trained leadership will make a school industry succeed. Brethren Brett and Hurd know their business. The student-workers are working hard, and we are all praying earnestly.

The winter term begins December 6, 1931, and ends March 3, 1932. If there are other Seventh-day Adventist young people who want to join our happy group at that time they should make arrangements with their Mission Committees and with the Institute before the opening date.

TRIP TO YUNNANFU

M. C. WARREN

In the October Number of the REPORTER, we left Brother Warren in Kweiyang on his way to Yunnanfu. To finish the story, we will pass on a more recent word from him. To quote:

"We reached Yunnanfu last night (Sept. 1). The Lord granted us a very good trip all the way from Chungking. We covered the first four stages west from Kweiyang by bus and the last two stages by train yesterday afternoon. Five stages from the railroad is the new auto road which is under construction in Yunnan. The bridges are not yet built and some sections are not completed. This work on the Yunnan auto road to Kweichow has all been done since I passed this way last year. New roads are being planned in Kweichow so that possibly within a year or more the trip from Kweiyang to Chungking can be made in five days. It is wonderful to me to see the work on these roads being rushed through. We went ahead with the Lord's work out here in West China when the roads were the same as those used a thousand years ago. As the work develops and demands more time and attention, these roads will enable us to use time for our work that formerly was used in travel.

"I found Brother White and the two girls well. He has been working very hard. Though he can not get away from here, yet tribesmen have been coming into the city and spending lots of time here learning the truth.

"When I reached here last night there was a letter waiting for me from Pastor Ho Ai Deng. He left Chungking the same day we did, but

his boat struck a rock just above Chungking, and could not continue the trip. He then took his family and other workers and his baggage to a small boat and returned to Chungking and boarded another steamer. This second steamer was wrecked about two days above Chungking, and they came very near being drowned. Most of their baggage was lost."

HARVEST INGATHERING
FIELD DAY
ANHWEI MIDDLE SCHOOL

JOHN OSS

LAST week it was my privilege to accompany Pastor O. B. Kuhn to Bengpu and to assist in two Ingathering field days. In two chapels we presented the needs of the work and urged as many as possible to go out during the field day. Many responded and prepared to take part in the work.

It was a real encouragement to see how enthusiastically all responded. After the day's work we gathered together and each group reported what it had received. While it was the first time most of them had taken part, yet one group of girl students reported nearly \$130 and several groups received over \$10. When the receipts were totaled we found that with what had been gathered the day previous there was \$235.40.

Many reported interesting experiences and of having met those eager to learn more of the message. Several hundred tracts were distributed during the day.



Fourteen-year-old solicitor, with his receipt book full of signatures

 SHANGHAI SANITARIUM
 NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

On Sabbath, September 12, the fourth baccalaureate service of the Shanghai Sanitarium Nurses' Training School was held in the Sanitarium Chapel, at the eleven o'clock hour. The class motto was based on Matthew 20:28: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." A synopsis of the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Dr. H. W. Miller, is as follows:

1 Peter 4:11: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God: if any man minister let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever."

Peter in these words makes very clear the object of all true ministry — that God may be glorified in all things. As this graduating class goes forth to minister, we trust it may be the aim of each to serve for the sake of suffering humanity. It is possible that the sole objective of our service shall be some reward that is represented in the purchasing value of silver and gold. As Christian nurses you should not be moved in your service by the thought of reward in dollars for service, and yet it has been my observation that so great is the compensation looked

upon by members of the profession that the sick today inquire very carefully as to whether they are financially able to meet the expense for the service recommended by the doctor. Should we require \$100 for services necessary to restore a poor, sick, suffering man who comes to us for treatment, and he plead that he cannot get \$100, or even half that amount, would we deny him the opportunity of the help and the blessing of an extension of life because of his inability to produce the required money? This same Peter, who, under divine inspiration, penned the words of our text, was known on one occasion to address his Master and Lord as follows: "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" It was only after Peter had been baptized by the Holy Spirit and his heart had been tendered by the many experiences through which he passed during the trial, death, and resurrection of Jesus that he was able to say to the beggar, whom he had doubtless seen in front of the temple on many occasions, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee."

In our work we need early to divorce from our mind the thought of a money-making type of ministry. Jesus came to do the work of Him that sent Him. He never lost sight of His ministry; He chose to live and abide among the poor of this earth; he was reared in poverty. From His earliest youth He knew nothing but service for others. He served His elder brothers; He

did His portion in contributing to the support of the household; He wore the simplest type of garments; He labored from early morning until late at night in service for others. The larger portion of His service was devoted to relieving suffering and healing the sick. "He came not to be ministered unto but to minister." His life at every turn bore out the truthfulness of this declaration. We find very little record of service being rendered to assist Jesus. We learn of His having been invited to a feast, but He was criticised on this occasion because of having eaten with the publicans. We learn also following His experience in the wilderness, when He had been through the severest of tests to which mankind can be submitted, with His body frail and weak and with the gnawing pangs of hunger vibrating through His body, that "angels came and ministered unto Him." Again, in the time of His great trial, when He was almost overcome with grief as the condition of this sinful world had settled down upon Him, and all about Him looked dark, His soul longed for comfort, especially from those for whom He had labored and had called to be His disciples; yet when He came to them for comfort He found them in deep slumber. He said of His condition while here on earth: "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." He did not seek the pleasant lines of ministry. We find Him on one occasion conversing with a beggar who had been blind from his birth. I suppose this man was destitute and naked, and in a condition similar to many we see by the side of the road today.

On another occasion He found a group of ten lepers — desolate, dejected-looking men who had been cast out of society. It is not every nurse who will care for this type of patient, but Jesus did not overlook even these poor lepers. He healed all ten; and what compensation did He receive? Only one came back to say Thank you, yet He continued on in His ministry. He even went to the grave of one who had been dead four days, until the foul odors of decomposition were escaping from the grave, and right here in the midst of this stench and unpleasant surrounding He restored Lazarus to life. It is interesting to note that while Divine power was essential to the resurrection of Lazarus, it was nevertheless within the province of human power to remove from the tomb the large stone that sealed it; so Jesus taught



Graduating Class of '31. Dr. H. W. Miller, Medical Director, and Miss Elizabeth Redelstein, Superintendent of Nurses, in center

us that what human power can do Divine power is not summoned to do.

These and many other instances reveal that Jesus was not about seeking the pleasant jobs in life, or those that would draw high personal comments or reward. In your ministry as nurses there is much that lies within your ability for the recovery of the sick. When human effort hath accomplished what is within its province, we may expect Divine power to supplement our efforts and bring about a recovery.

Another illustration that lends itself to practical application of the nurses' ministry is that of Paul, who said "these hands have ministered to my necessities." Never forget the great blessing of having two hands; for they are indispensable to the nurse in the care of the sick, and should be trained to the highest point of efficiency.

The life of Elisha and his faithful ministry to the Prophet Elijah, whom he followed so faithfully and obediently, illustrates again the type of true ministry. In 1 Kings 19:21, it says "Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him." And one thing he did during his ministry was to pour water on the hands of Elijah. A simple hydrotherapy treatment may seem a trivial matter of service to render in behalf of a sick man or woman, yet when it is done with the spirit of service, which actuated Elisha, it is sufficient to be recorded in heaven, just as the Scriptures has taken note of how Elisha used to give treatment unto Elijah.

We have examples today of men who have rendered great service to humanity through their discoveries, such as the discovery of vaccination by Jenner; the work of Pasteur, who lost sight of himself in his strenuous efforts to save life, both of animals and of human beings, through his development of protective vaccines; also the work of the late Dr. Walter Reed, who gave his life willingly and knowingly, in order that the great plague of Yellow Fever might be stamped out, and through this supreme sacrifice on his part thousands, if not millions, of lives have been saved from this dread disease.

Of some it may be necessary, in the carrying forward faithfully of your great work, to pay the supreme sacrifice, as did the Saviour, the Apostle Paul, Peter, and some of the great leaders who have brought forward to us some of the

most valuable of scientific contributions that have eliminated plagues and epidemics from previously stricken nations and areas.

I would admonish you, Class of '31, to remember the motto you have chosen: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

GRADUATION ADDRESS

The Shanghai Sanitarium Nurses' Training School held its graduating exercises at seven o'clock the evening of September 13. After the audience had been seated, the nurses in training and the nine who were to graduate marched in single file down the aisle of the Sanitarium Chapel, 150 Rubicon Road, and took their places. The congregation stood as Dr. R. W. Paul offered prayer. Professor Cecil Woods, science teacher at the College, rendered a solo, entitled "Leave It With Him." A brief synopsis of the graduation address delivered by Professor D. E. Rebok, principal of the China Training Institute, is given below:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Faculty, Graduating Class, Under-Graduates, Friends: It is indeed a great honor to be able to speak to this graduating class this evening. I am very glad we have this Christian institution where we can train young men and women to be nurses. I believe there is no more sacred place for a man to place himself than among Christians. You as nurses are here to serve; not for money; not for fame and honor, but you are here to minister and not to be ministered unto. As you serve those who are sick and minister to them in their needs they cannot but see that you are following in the steps of the Master. It does not depend upon riches or anything else, you come and minister just the same; that duty is an impulse from within; it comes from a desire to help. When rich people leave the institution and want to pass over \$10 or whatever the tip, the nurse says "That is not what I am here for." I want to tell you nurses that patients do appreciate all the many kindnesses shown them; but your appreciation is not limited to man. I want to call your attention to the fact that your faithful service is rewarded in heaven, as illustrated in Matthew 25:34-46. When serving mankind do not forget that you are serving the Master; when you give the people a drink of cold water you do it as unto the Master.

I appeal to you as graduates to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. May Christ be your model. I beg you not to commercialize your profession; be ready to serve rich or poor, old or young, everyone, and thus you may build your name and your fame around the word "others." The Prince of Wales has as his motto "To serve." I appeal to you to combine these two mottoes and make it "To serve others;" "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

IN A LETTER FROM

B. PETERSEN

It is just a week tonight since we were awakened by the rattling of the machine guns and the roar of cannons. This continued all night. In the morning we saw great volumes of smoke arise in several places in the city. Everything seemed quiet then. Shortly afterward the cannons began again and the North Barracks caught fire. This is only about three miles from our school. The firing continued intermittently all day. This was Sabbath morning, and according to arrangement I was to go out into the country about fifteen li to conduct a baptismal service. Brother Brodersen was to meet me at the Wen Kuan Tun station in company with some of the Chinese. The trains were entirely out of schedule, and no train arrived at the appointed time. I felt I ought to keep the appointment so two of the Chinese volunteered to go along with me into the country. We met Brother Brodersen half way to the station. He was alone, and went with us to meet the appointment. We walked as fast as we could, and at noon arrived at our destination.

There we found a large company waiting. They had been waiting for several hours, and wondered what was the cause of our delay. In the villages we passed through, people were standing in crowds everywhere, asking for news as they saw smoke ascending from Mukden. After baptizing twenty candidates we returned home speedily to learn of any further developments. Brother Brodersen told me of the barricades between the Japanese Concession and Chinese city, which he was permitted to pass through. Several Chinese had been killed and were found lying in the streets here and there."

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NOTICE

Just as we go to press, the following cablegram comes from the Home Board:

"In view of our spiritual need; facing rapidly fulfilling signs; great opportunities to advance work all countries, and serious shortage means, Autumn Council appointed December 12 special day consecration, fasting, prayer in all world."
(Signed) "Watson."

We appeal to the workers of the China Division to join with others throughout the world in this special day of consecration, fasting, and prayer.

HOME STUDY COURSES

APROPOS of the problem of daily self-improvement, it is of interest to note that sixty per cent. of those enrolled in the Home Study Department of Columbia University (N. Y.) have had college training. Many pursue these home studies "to increase their ability for service--" a most unselfish and laudable incentive. And the number who undertake self-improvement under the guidance of practical instruction by correspondence, is astonishingly on the increase. North America is passing through an "adult educational movement" that has brought onto the registers of Home Study Schools about one and a half million people -- nearly "twice the total number of students in our universities, colleges, and professional schools" -- to quote from an official announcement issued by Columbia University.

The autumn months will doubtless bring to our Home Study Institute--Far Eastern Branch--a goodly number of new enrolments from workers and laity whose ruling motive is not merely the seeking of cultural advantages, but primarily the mastery of essentials "to increase their ability for service." And may Heaven's blessing continue with the Home Study Institute, its faculty, and all who are taking advantage of the benefits it affords.

Inquiries addressed to the Home Study Institute--Far Eastern Branch, 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai will bring full information regarding courses offered.

A telegram from Changchun, Manchuria, brought to headquarters the sad news of the death on Sunday, November 1, of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nils Dahlsten. She died from scarletina.

ANNUAL MEETING (QUADRENNIAL COUNCIL) OF THE CHINA DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the China Division of the General Conference Committee, spoken of as the "Quadrennial Council," is appointed for January 22 to February 6, 1932, at the Division office, 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 7:30 P. M., Friday, January 22. Members of the China Division of the General Conference Committee are expected to be present in time for the opening meeting.

H. W. Miller, *President*
C. C. Crisler, *Secretary*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Constituency for the China Training Institute will be held in Shanghai on January 19, 1932, at 9 A. M., in the Council Room of the Division Office Building. All members are invited to be present in order that the regular business of electing a faculty, the making of a budget, and all other items which pertain to the business of the Institute may be transacted for the coming year.

H. W. Miller, *President*
D. E. Rebok, *Secretary*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House is called for January 20, 1932, at 9 A. M. in the Division Committee Room, 525 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The usual reports will be rendered, and necessary business transacted.

H. W. Miller, *Chairman*
E. R. Thiele, *Secretary*

ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY AND BOARD MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, called to convene at the Sanitarium Chapel, 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, China, at 10 A. M., January 21, 1932, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

H. W. Miller, *Chairman*
W. E. Eberhardt, *Secretary*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Constituency for the Far Eastern Academy will be held in Shanghai on January 21, 1932, 7:30 P. M., in the Council Room of the Division Office Building. All members are invited to be present in order that the regular business of electing a faculty, the making of a budget, and all other items which pertain to the business of the Academy may be transacted for the coming year.

H. W. Miller, *President*
H. H. Morse, *Secretary*

A REQUEST

E. R. THIELE

OUR annual issues of the Harvest Ingathering paper provide one of the finest mediums at our disposal of presenting before the world at large a comprehensive picture of the work we are carrying forward. The interest thus produced brings us abundant returns in friendships created, and in added means for the carrying on of our work. In Shanghai alone something over five thousand dollars was raised this year through our Harvest Ingathering work.

We desire to make our 1932 Harvest Ingathering paper truly representative of the many interesting benevolent activities we are carrying on. Every part of our field should be represented in it. To this end we would invite you to send us photographs from your section of the field. We desire, of course, new photographs of our educational and medical institutions, but we would also greatly appreciate photographs of activities carried on in such institutions. We would like pictures of classes at study, students at work, nurses giving treatments, patients arriving at our sanitariums, our workers treating the sick while on their itineraries, etc. We wish to make our central display feature next year the training of nurses in the various parts of this great nation. So we desire pictures of any groups of young people who are being trained along this line.

Work on the 1932 Harvest Ingathering paper is already under way. All pictures to be used in it should be in our hands by the close of December. We invite our workers everywhere to cooperate with us in the production of this paper by sending us photographs of the work in their part of the field.