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God's Method in Soul-Winning

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IN every department of human endeavor there is a correct method—a best way of obtaining results. There are many inferior ways, but only one best way. Is it therefore surprising that in the greatest work in which human beings can engage, the work of winning souls for the kingdom of heaven, the method that will make success certain is plainly given in the Bible? And it will be well for us if we follow God's method. Otherwise we may labor in vain, gather but stubble, and lose our reward in the end. In Psalm 126:6, the divine way to work in winning souls is clearly set forth: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This is God's outline for success in reaping a harvest of souls.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth." If these words mean anything, they teach that the soul-winner must seriously bear his work on his heart. This scripture is a picture which each of us may well study, and we may measure our success by knowing to what extent we have met the divine requirement, "He that goeth forth and weepeth." Is it any wonder that some have brought so few to accept the truth when there have been so few tears, so few prayers for souls? How could the word of God be true, and such indifferent reapers bring in many sheaves?

The law of harvest in soul-winning is to "sow in tears." But when our time and strength are spent in faultfinding, criticism, and condemning others, how can the Holy Spirit use us to gather in precious sheaves? How often workers waste their time and energy in trying to show up the weaknesses of others, in criticism and complaining, and how few tears are shed in fasting and prayer over the poor lost souls about them!

"Doubtless" is a strong affirmation that he who sows in tears shall bring forth fruit. It is even stronger than to affirm, for it eliminates all doubt; it makes it a law that cannot be questioned. It impresses the truth that those who do have the right spirit, who carry a burden for souls on their hearts, and who work in God's way, will bear fruit. Generally the fruitless worker is the worker who leads a careless, indifferent life, and who fails to wrestle with God in tears. Even the Holy Ghost prays for us "with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Can we expect to bear fruit when our lives are all for self and our own selfish interests? Where is the crying of God's messengers "between the porch and the altar" saying, "Spare Thy people, O Jehovah, and give not Thine heritage to reproach?" The law is, there will be soul-agony before there is birth of souls. When this is found, the assurance is that "doubtless" the sower will come again, "bringing his sheaves with him."

There is something beautiful in the thought of "bringing his sheaves with him." The fruitage is recognized as belonging to the worker. He is to receive recognition for the sheaves which he has gathered under the influence of the Holy Ghost. It is wonderful how the Holy Spirit works with men, and helps them to reach hearts. The influence of the Holy Spirit is the active agency that really secures the results, but the Lord gives the reward to man. None but God can do so great and generous a thing as that. Most of us want credit for all we do, and even more than we have really done. But God eliminates Himself and all that He has done in helping us to win souls, and bestows the reward upon poor, weak man.

We are to bring our sheaves with rejoicing. It is not being workers that gives us joy; it is sheaves that give cause for rejoicing. Joy does come, but it comes only in bringing in sheaves. Some will be bitterly disappointed in the great gathering day, when we all appear before the Lord with our harvested sheaves about us. Those who have sown confusion, and failed God in bringing forth souls in tears, will look in vain for their reward; but those who have labored faithfully and with tears, will have many sheaves, and will come rejoicing in their harvest of souls. There can be no joy equal to that of being able to present to our Lord a harvest of souls in that great day.

Nothing will then count but the souls of men. Here on earth, a thousand things distract men's minds, and seem of greater importance than soul-winning; but in the judgment day, when the rewards for eternity are given, humble service for Him and for the souls of men alone will count. Offices that have been held, salaries that have been received, flatteries that so inflate men here, and the riches, honors, and material possessions that are so sought after, will not count. The thing that will give greatest joy in that day will be the souls we have won to Christ.

How important it is for us now, while we have the opportunity, to do our utmost in winning men to love and serve the Lord. Our day of rejoicing is to come. Now is the sowing and the reaping time. And the way is clear how God would have us labor. We must "sow in tears" if we would "reap in joy."

NOTE AND COMMENT

Increasing the Tithes

The budget estimate for tithes during the year 1927 upon which we are entering, calls for a larger amount than has been listed in any previous budget. It is confidently expected that the amount can be raised within the twelve months before us.

According to the "Working Policy" of the General Conference, "The division field shall enjoy the benefit of any increase in the tithe above the amount estimated in the budget, but the increased amount of the tithe shall from year to year become the new basis in the estimate of receipts in making up the budget."

In order that the tithe receipts may be increased as rapidly as possible, plans have been perfected for supplying the various vernacular church papers with articles on tithes and offerings at least once in every two months during the present year.

Let us unite in bringing before our constituency the blessings that accompany faithfulness in rendering to God that which is His own, and thus giving Him the glory due unto His name.

Sabbath School Advancement in Southern Luzon

Mrs. W. B. Riffel

I want to tell you what the Guinobatan Sabbath school did last quarter. I think it was really wonderful, as it is just a new church. I made a simple little goal device for them, and also gave them the Thirteenth Sabbath offering envelopes and started them in on the Mission Readings each Sabbath. All this was really just an experience on my part with them, to see if they would respond to the calls, as nothing of that kind had been done down here. Well, I soon found that it paid a hundred-fold, almost. Their Sabbath school offerings for the first twelve Sabbaths amounted to pesos 25.75, and on the thirteenth Sabbath alone, they gave in their envelopes pesos 25.61, or a total for the quarter of pesos 52.36. We have only twenty-six members in the Guinobatan church. Almost every one of them gave a peso the thirteenth Sabbath.

How to Reach the Mohammedans

Open methods, such as street-chapel preachings, are not at all favored procedures, since there is generally a mixture of Chinese and Mohammedans in the crowd. Guest-room work and private conversation are strongly recommended.

All workers should study the Koran carefully, making use of such phrases as sustain the Christian faith and cannot be satisfactorily explained by the *ah hong*s. Avoid arguing as far as possible.

Dwell strongly on the vicarious death of Our Lord as the only way to salvation.

Use the Scriptures as much as possible, readily turning up all passages which bear on the subject under discussion. Let the spirit of meekness and gentleness saturate all discussion and the whole tenor of conversation breathe forth a deep yearning for the spiritual welfare of their souls.—Selected

A Hospital-Dispensary for Chiao Tou Djen

In connection with the China Missionary Junior College in its new country home at Chiao Tou Djen, in a Mandarin-speaking district of Kiangsu Province about thirty miles east of Nanking, there is being established a medical department under the general supervision of the College board. Already considerable progress has been made toward the realization of hopes entertained for this department of our central training-school for the China field. Dr. Donald Griggs is stationed at Chiao Tou Djen, and is enthusiastically conducting a dispensary, and serving as a member of the College faculty. A dispensary building has been constructed on a beautiful knoll reserved by the College management for the medical medical missionary section of the school plant, and this dispensary is now being fitted up with the essential facilities.

Through a special appropriation to be granted the China Missionary Junior College next year for its medical department, the board of managers will probably be in a position within a year or so, to put up a main hospital building on the site reserved for this structure; and thus the plan of making the medical missionary department of the China Missionary Junior College especially strong, will have been perfected insofar as the physical features of this plan are concerned. The advantages that will accrue through the linking of medical missionary work with other lines of evangelistic endeavor, at our central training school established at Chiao Tou Djen, are many; and we may well rejoice over the promised provision through the Missions Extension Fund for placing the Hospital-Dispensary at Chiao Tou Djen on vantage-ground.

The medical work in the Far East is onward. Last year saw the opening of two new medical centers,—Waichow, in the province of Kwangtung, with the Drs. H. C. and Ethel James in charge; and Chiao Tou Djen, in the province of Kiangsu, with Dr. Griggs in charge, assisted by Mrs. Griggs, a trained nurse. The year 1927 should see the establishment of medical work in the Japan Union on a permanent basis, and Budget provision has been made to this end. The Division medical policy calls for the establishment of at least one central Hospital-Dispensary in every province in China, and in selected centers in other lands where we are operating in these Oriental fields. Surely the blessing of Heaven will attend the carrying out of those far-reaching plans; and as the parent institution in Shanghai grows into a position of strength as a training-center for nurses and others especially prepared to serve in the provincial medical missionary plants, we shall see a great change taking place through the beneficent agencies thus set in operation.

Encouraging Reports

We learn with joy of the returning health of someone who spent years of service in the Far East, and are now endeavoring to regain their old-time strength. One of the most recent reports is that concerning Sister H. A. Oberg, who has been steadily improving for many months. The address of Brother and Sister H. A. Oberg is 2846 West Sixty-first St., Seattle, Wash., U. S. A.

Another encouraging word is that brought by friends who have recently been visiting Brother and Sister O. A. Hall in California. Their address is Route 6, Box 30, Santa Rosa, Cal., U. S. A.

The Fireside Correspondence School

In the Far East we have the double advantage of direct connections with the Fireside Correspondence School as conducted by the General Conference under the supervision of the Headmaster, Dr. M. Ellsworth Olsen, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.; while at the same time we may avail ourselves of special courses offered by the Shanghai Branch of the parent institution, under the close personal supervision of the principal, Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, 17 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. Already arrangements have been perfected for the giving of many of the regular courses of the Fireside Correspondence School, through the Shanghai Branch, thus lessening the time required for returns, and facilitating generally the progress of students.

Many courses are offered in English, and these should be kept before our youth in Malaysia, the Japanese Empire, China, the Philippines, and wherever courses in English may be taken to advantage by youth of promise and an ambition who desire to receive training for service in days to come. Many of our workers, also, already engaged in active labor for the Master, may with profit take up some lines of private study that will the better fit them to carry forward their evangelistic or institutional endeavors in a strong way.

Let us keep before our workers and our promising youth everywhere, the advantages accruing as a result of systematic study by the correspondence method through enrollment in the Shanghai Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School, or in the parent institution itself. Full information, with catalogues outlining any courses that may be especially named by inquirers, may be had upon application to Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, 17 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

Coral Discovery in the Bonins

The *Japan Times* reports the discovery of a coral island in the Bonins, a group of islands lying about six hundred miles south of Yokohama, and belonging to the Japanese Empire.

"The islanders are coming money, so to speak. An official report, which the Metropolitan Police Office has received, says that the 'valuable island' is situated midway between Chi Chi and Haha Islands, in the Bonin group, and it was discovered in the beginning of last May.

"The principal occupations of the inhabitants of the group, who numbers some twelve hundred, have hitherto been sugar-cane raising, fishing, and stock-breeding; but now they have a new source of income, the coral having brought them thirty thousand yen a month during the first few months. The islanders who are able to dive for corals are now making one hundred fifty to three hundred yen a month, which means fabulous gains for these hardy people. They paid all their old debts, and have started making deposits in banks. The coral they get is red, white, and pink."

It is expected that the islanders can continue gathering this coral for about ten years.

A colporteur has visited the Bonins once or twice, but no regular evangelistic efforts by a minister of our faith have as yet been undertaken.

GENERAL ARTICLES

Abide

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Let naught thy faith, thy purpose, turn aside.
Say unto grief and pain and seeming ill.
"All ways are God's, and I but follow still
His leading in the darkness deep and wide."

Abide,

Albeit thou art vexed with doubt, and tried
By every test the steadfast soul may know.
Still say, "I trust," and with calm spirit go
The way God wills: for He is at thy side.

Abide,

In that sure love that never yet denied.
He who has promised thee, is He not true?
Nor surer winter's snow nor summer's dew
Than God's rewarding. Heaven will provide!

Abide,

Nor let the paths of life and hope divide.
Hold fast thy faith, what'er the trial be.
Yea, hold it fast, as God holds fast to thee,
And soon, ah! soon, thou shalt be satisfied.

James Buckham.

Begin Early

FREDERICK GRIGGS

EVERY worker in the Far Eastern Division should be a member of the Ministerial Association. Every worker should read the books of the Reading Course within the first two or three months of the year. The books chosen for the year 1927 are good books. They are inspiring and so are helpful. For this reason alone should every worker avail himself of the help here given. We all need all the help we can get; for it is a great and important work we are doing, and we must do it the very best that it can be done.

A missionary, than whom I suppose no one is more isolated in this great Division, said to me the other day that books were an absolute necessity for the missionary. They were necessary to keep him sweet and cheerful, courageous and contented in this work. The missionary and his wife are one in this great work, and both should read the same books, at least those of the Reading Course. Then they will have something to talk about, and having worthwhile things to talk about constitutes no small part of the life of a happy home.

The year 1927 should be a great year in our work in this Division. We should have far greater results in soul-winning than ever before. We must work harder. To do this we must have a closer connection with God and greater inspiration for our work. Good books are an inspiration and help in doing good work. So we must read. We ought to plan to read a good book at least every two to four weeks. The books of the Reading Course are only a few of those that we should read during the year. If we want vigorous minds we must have active minds,—we must make them work whether they want to or not.

Have you yet joined the Ministerial Association and entered upon this new four-year Reading Course? If not, do so this week.

"Even in Troublous Times"

FREDERICK GRIGGS

SHALL God's work be hindered and delayed because of troublous times? No indeed! We have fallen upon such times, and we have little hope of the return of peaceful, orderly days for any length of time. These "troublous times," while particularly manifest in China at present, are found in all parts of the world. God's work is to be finished in this generation. Prophecy explicitly points out that earth's last days shall be days of great trouble; yet God's work must not be delayed, but rather speeded on, in these very troublous days.

These words, "even in troublous times," are taken from the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel describing the restoration of Jerusalem, which event marks the beginning of the "twenty-three hundred days" prophetic period. God had said that the Jews should return and rebuild Jerusalem, and that this work should be done in times of trouble. His words were fulfilled. His people were returned, the city was rebuilt, the temple was repaired, and its service was restored, just as God had predicted. Likewise has God said that the proclamation of the gospel to all the world is to be completed, and Christ's ministrations of mercy is to be ended, in the present generation; and that these are to be earth's most troublous days.

"The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." But it took men with faith and courage such as Daniel, Ezra, and Nehemiah possessed, to bring these words to fulfillment. They were men who could say as did Paul, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself." God had said that the work should be done. His word ended all controversy with fear. Between Babylon and the ruins of Jerusalem were great stretches of inhospitable desert infested with bandit hordes; and Jerusalem was surrounded by foes who would go to any length to hinder the work that God had ordained. But nothing hindered these men in completing the work to which God had called them. The attacking foes found them under cover of a strong defense. Were subterfuges used, the reply came back, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

The lessons of faith, courage, and accomplishment taught by this prophecy of the return of the Jews and of Jerusalem's rebuilding, are not far to seek. The "shall" of that prophecy should strengthen our confidence in the "will" of the prophecy, "He will finish the work," given us through Paul in his epistle to the Romans.

Daniel in the lions' den; Paul and Silas in the inner dungeon; Peter chained between soldiers,—these all were in God's care. He delivered them from the death pronounced upon them. The worker for God has only to know that he is in the line of duty, to feel safer under any trying conditions than within earth's strongest fortresses. All due care and caution are to be used in carrying on this "ministry of reconciliation" which God has given us as His ambassadors. But this work *must* be finished; this message *must* be given. We have every reason for courage; so we may stay at our post and prosecute our work in peace of mind and tranquility of soul. How blessed is the Christian's hope and confidence "even in troublous times."

"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come; why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down? So the wall was finished." Nehemiah 6:3, 15.



The Malaysian Union Seminary

PASTOR J. W. ROWLAND, in charge of the Malaysian Union Seminary during the furlough of Headmaster V. E. Hendershot, reports the opening of the new year of the school in early December, and of the results of the Week of Prayer, during which time the Lord came near. "Nearly all the boys in the school," he writes, "signified their desire to live a better life, and made a start toward the Kingdom. On Friday evening we organized a class for Bible study, and there were twenty-four in all who wished to avail themselves of this time for study. Among these are a number who have just entered our school, and have not hitherto had opportunity to study the truths of the message. We are praying that the Lord will so work that a goodly number may be ready for baptism by the close of the year. There is a good spirit prevailing. We expect to receive many students at the time the directors come in from the more distant fields to attend the biennial conference appointed to open in January. We know the Lord has blessings in store for us at that meeting."

The Week of Prayer in Japan

V. T. ARMSTRONG

THE Week of Prayer in Japan proved to be a time of special blessing to our work. Pastor Kuniya reports good meetings in the Tokyo church. One brother who in the past had spent much time criticising our work and workers, confessed his faults, and has taken a new stand for Christ. Another man who has been keeping the Sabbath for over two years and has been faithful in paying tithe and offerings, as well as in church attendance, publicly declared his faith by taking his position with this people. This man is a physician and a man of standing in the city.

For a long time Elder Kuniya labored practically alone in the city work. About two years ago Brother Kato joined him, and later Brother Koch was stationed in Tokyo. Now Brother Yamaguchi, a graduate from our training school, has been invited to connect with the work there; and in addition two faithful colporteurs are assisting. We rejoice to see the work in Tokyo thus strengthened and a spirit of unity and faithfulness in effort manifested.

In the church in Kobe, during the Week of Prayer, two meetings were held each day, the workers in Dr. Noma's Sanitarium meeting at six in the morning, and another meeting being held each evening in the church. A spirit of unity came in, and members of the Kobe church are determined to press together in their work and meetings.

Our youngest church, recently organized at the new school, enjoyed the meetings of the week. A spirit of co-operation prevails, and teachers and students are determined to make the work in this new field a success. They have many needs, but there is a determination on the part of all to make the best of existing circumstances.

We are thankful for the blessings of 1926, and face 1927 with courage and an earnest desire to make this a soul-winning year.

A New Interest in Central Chihli

W. J. HARRIS

MORE than a year ago a man from the central section of Chihli province was working in Tientsin, and while in that city he learned of our faith and eventually was baptized. Later he returned to his old home, southeast of Paotingfu, and began spreading a knowledge of present truth among his neighbors. For some time about a dozen have been meeting regularly every Sabbath day, and quite an interest has been aroused. This past summer Brother Meng, one of our evangelists, went down there and held studies with them for ten days. This past fall I accompanied Brother Meng on another visit to these inquirers. We found a very encouraging situation, and took steps to open a chapel immediately, notwithstanding our short budget. On Sabbath day, while we were with them, more than seventy gathered together to worship with us. More than two-thirds of these had become so deeply interested, that they clubbed together in contributing for the opening of a chapel, and for meeting the expense of repairing the rented quarters and supplying furnishings. I feel confident that out of the number now interested, we shall find that an excellent company can be gathered for a baptismal class.

No other mission is operating near the place where this interest among heathen has developed. The place where we shall open the chapel, is Shenchow. Many of the interested ones live in little villages near Shenchow. We praise the Lord for this good opening, and we believe He is calling us to advance at this time, pressing on notwithstanding our straitened financial condition in the mission treasury.

Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Blandford reached us last Friday. We are very glad for the help these experienced workers bring us. He spoke one night in our evangelistic effort being held in our new church in Peking.

Our special effort in the new church at Peking, closes tonight. Pastor N. F. Brewer has the closing service. We have had no difficulty in filling the church hall to capacity. We have organized Bible classes, and are now proceeding to carry on our work from our new building as a central headquarters. A street chapel is connected with the new church. Pastor Soo will be in charge of the street chapel work, evangelist Hsu assisting.

Peking, China, December 3.

An Increasingly Large Attendance

ONE of our workers in Northern Luzon, Brother Juan Yovan, tells of a tent effort in progress at Pozorrubio, Pangasinan. In one communication he writes: "The tent-effort was begun on the first day of this month, and the blessing of God is very apparent. We were showered with stones for nine nights, and the audience was lessened because of the intimidating work of the enemy. In spite of this, we were having an audience of more than one hundred. The enemy made noise by pounding rice; but I believe the presidente who was in the audience might do something to help us."

In a later communication Brother Yovan reports further: "Our work is pushing forward by the help of the Almighty God. Our attendance is now ranging from two to three hundred. The prospect is bright and hopeful. We need your ardent and earnest prayers."

Word from Friends across the Seas

MISS IDA E. THOMPSON, on furlough at her home in Burbank, California, writes of busy months spent with her aged father and in further preparation for service upon her return. Her address is Burbank, Cal., U. S. A.

Professor V. E. Hendershot writes of his abiding interest in Far Eastern affairs, and of his hope of returning at earliest opportunity following the completion of some work that must be done on the other side. His address is 840 West Thirty-fifth Place, Los Angeles, Cal., U. S. A.

Recently we have received cheering communications from a few who have formerly been associated with us in the Far East. Among these are Brother Geo. E. Clarke, Comstock, Mich., U. S. A.; Brother and Sister C. F. Colton, Loma Linda, Cal., U. S. A. (who send their regards to all, and who declare themselves as still feeling "far from home" because of their absence from Asia); also greetings and best wishes from Brother and Sister C. N. Woodward and their daughter, Miss Mary Woodward, now in Keene, Texas, U. S. A.

The Week of Prayer in Seoul and Soonan

PASTOR E. J. URQUHART, superintendent of the Chosen Union Mission, writes under date of December 24, 1926: "We have just closed a splendid Week of Prayer, the first part of which I spent in Seoul and the last part at Soonan. Our annual offering in Soonan was the largest ever taken up there, being a little over 215 yen. I also remained on in Soonan another five days, to be present at a special officers' meeting held there. Almost all the churches in that district sent in their elders and deacons and most of the conference workers were also present. The meeting gave a fine opportunity to remind our leaders of our privileges and duties, and to arrange for a strong effort through the year that is so soon to be upon us.

"Brother Bass and Mrs. Wangerin were also present to help out in this meeting. The Sabbath school rooms on the ground floor of the new church furnished a splendid place for our services, and all present seemed to take an earnest part in the studies given. Several new interests have sprung up in the west in heretofore unentered territory, and the prospects are promising for a good year's work."

Colporteurs as Auxiliary workers

HASTINGS' BIBLE DICTIONARY tells us in a short note, that in the early Church an "evangelist was a wandering missionary working on new ground, and not concerned with churches already established." That is an excellent description of a colporteur. I have occasionally been asked whether I, a young man, yet hold to the old-fashioned notion of making the Bible an evangelistic tract. If you care to put it so, I do not mind. I do know that the Bible, put into the hands of an honest man—I mean a man of honest mind—has still a mystic power that compels attention, and, in not a few cases, leads to a transformation of the whole life. And I also know most assuredly that colportage, with all its difficulties—faults if you care to call them—and all its homeliness, fills a very important place in our missionary operations. I do not know how every missionary, who has known the power of God's Word in his own life, and has seen its power in the lives of others, can possibly be indifferent to this branch of our work.—*Rev. J. W. Lowrie, in "Evangelistic Work" (paper No. 4 of 1907 Centenary Missionary Conference, Shanghai).*

China Missionary Junior College— "Founders' Day"

THE forenoon of November 7 at China Missionary Junior College (Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu) was devoted to a special program rendered in the chapel in memory of the founding of the College in its present country location at the time of the dedication Nov. 14 and 15, 1925.

President D. E. Rebok presided, and told of early struggles leading to the establishment of the School in Mandarin territory. Mrs. Pauline Schilberg Guild gave a resume of the beginnings of educational work in Honan nearly twenty years ago, when a few workers began in faith to lay foundations now forming the basis of our educational system in Mandarin China. God has wondrously blessed through the years, and those who went out from the school while it was conducted in Honan, in Nanking, and in Shanghai, are now bearing burdens in many lines of endeavor throughout our missions in China and Manchuria. Smaller schools have been opened, and the educational work is assuming larger and still larger proportions.

Pastor Giang Tsung Gwang, one of the first students of the school during the pioneer days in Honan, and now one of the professors in the Bible department of the College, gave several reminiscences of student days and of God's leadings in times of perplexity and need. A divine providence has been over this school from the very beginning to the present hour.

The undersigned spoke of the divine pattern given us in the Holy Scriptures for denominational schools, and urged close study of this pattern as worked out in Bible times and in various lands in more recent days; and particularly as exemplified in the lives of the Master-Teacher and of those whom He especially taught while upon earth. The pattern is plain; in following this pattern so carefully and so successfully wrought out in human experience, we shall find strength and blessing.

Several members of the faculty of China Missionary Junior College took part in the program, and special music added to the joy of the hour. The students were given a respite from their studies and labors during the afternoon.

Founders' Day at China Missionary Junior College has brought home to our hearts anew the solemn responsibility devolving upon us all to bring into this school many of our youth who give promise of development. Thus shall we prepare the way for large numbers to enter the whitening harvest fields of this great land, and garner in the precious ones that God designs shall be included among those who shall stand among the redeemed before His throne in the glad Harvest Home.

NO CONCEIVABLE turn in social or political affairs can nullify the mission of the evangelist, for it is Christ-appointed. The only order of men He personally created were heralds, persuaders, witnesses. This He was Himself. Yes, He bade men to teach also, but specially to teach "all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So long as His Holy Spirit is given to dwell in men, so long will there be a company of leaders in the church of God who cannot but speak the things they have seen and heard, who begrudge every moment spent in serving tables, and give themselves wholly to prayer and the preaching of the Word.

Laying the Corner Stone at the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital

MRS. E. W. MILLER

DESPITE chilly winds and snow flakes that came softly down, a very happy group gathered on Sunday, January 9, at 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, for the laying of the corner stone of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital.

The exercises were opened by Professor S. L. Frost, who reminded us of the fact that negotiations for the erection of this sanitarium have been under way for years, and that the labors and prayers of others besides the workers now in the Orient have made possible this sanitarium unit. The laying of this corner stone was symbolic, Professor Frost declared. The work of every institution of this denomination must be established upon Him who is the tried stone, the chief corner stone, the sure foundation.

H. W. Barrows, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, outlined the efforts made in the past to establish a medical institution in Shanghai, and spoke of the time spent in securing a desirable site and of the faithful endeavors to this end of Dr. C. C. Landis. Appreciative mention was made of the contractors and building firms now taking part in the erection of the sanitarium.

Dr. H. W. Miller, medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division, and superintendent of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, next spoke: "We are very happy to-day," he said, "to have reached the hour in the development of the Shanghai Sanitarium when we can place the foundation of this building. This is to be an institution of mercy, whose ministry to mankind shall be carried on in accordance with the divine laws of hygiene and healing. It is to be equipped with the most modern scientific appliances. The Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, soon to be a working unit, will add another to the more than two score of sanitariums in various parts of the world operated by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination."

Reference was made to those who in the past have assisted financially and in other ways to make possible this sanitarium. Among those of special mention were the late Dr. Wu Ting Fang, an ardent supporter of our medical work, Mr. Chang Nien, the late Mr. Au Chak Man, and some friends in America who have given liberally toward the erection of the present building. At the close of his talk, Dr. Miller proceeded to lay the corner stone, at which time his remarks were translated into Chinese for the benefit of those who did not fully understand the English.

Pastor C. C. Crisler offered prayer.

The hearts of the workers in the Far Eastern Division can truly rejoice over the establishment of a medical center in Shanghai. Already many of our missionaries have been benefitted, by care received in the branch sanitarium on Avenue Joffre, where the facilities are few and work is carried on under many disadvantages. This mother institution in process of erection will not only directly help those needing medical assistance, but will be primarily a place for the training of our young men and women from every section of the Far Eastern Division. And it is our hope to see these young people, scientifically trained in skillful nursing and dispensary work, return to their home fields as medical missionaries to their people. Thus through the agency of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital we look forward to the establishment of new hospital-dispensaries in outlying places

and to the more complete manning of those already established.

This new enterprise needs the prayers and the support of every worker in the Far East. Its establishment represents another milestone in the cause of medical missions in the Far East. It is a cause which we believe will develop into strength and usefulness and bring lasting social and moral as well as physical benefits to the peoples of the Far Eastern Division.

Publishing and Home Missionary Work in Malaysia

V. L. BEECHAM

IT is truly remarkable how the work of the publishing and home missionary departments has gone forward in all parts of our field, notwithstanding the fact that there has been no large amount of detailed supervision of the work from the Union, the secretary having been absent on furlough. Surely words of commendation must be spoken for the way all have been promoting the distribution of our literature.

The Malay States Mission leads in total literature sales for the first eleven months of 1926, with a record of \$20,855.87 (Straits currency). Their sales have been made over a scattered territory. In this field Pastor Leedy, in addition to his duties as director and evangelist, has for a time personally supervised the colporteur work; Sister Leedy has served as secretary-treasurer of the mission and tract society.

The Singapore Mission is a close second, with sales of \$18,005.12 (Straits). This record should spur us on to a more intensive working of our territory; for these sales have practically all been made in the city of Singapore, where students from the school have worked the same territory year after year.

Mention might be made also of the North Sumatra Mission, where Pastor Schmidt is building up a strong work in territory hitherto thought to offer poor prospects for large sales, but now holding third place in our Union as regards literature distribution.

As usual, the Harvest Ingathering plan for raising funds has been receiving in Malaysia its share of attention. The teachers of the Union Mission Seminary have had unusual success in this line of endeavor, Brethren Bunch and Phang collecting over \$5,000 (Straits), Brethren Fox and Khoe over 3,000 guilders (about \$1,200 gold).

In Siam Sister R. P. Abel, secretary-treasurer of the Siam Mission and tract society, gathered in about two hundred dollars gold during Big Week; and recently, while spending ten half days in Harvest Ingathering, her total collections received have reached the sum of Ticals 1,009 (\$454.00 gold).

The work of the Siam Mission is onward. Special attention is being given to promoting the sale of the new Siamese book "Our Day," with marked success. During the first two weeks of the sale of this book, two scholarships were earned. Thus we have opened up a great field for the printed page, and Siam bids fair to take first place in our Union.

Plans are now being laid for the publication of books and magazines in unworked languages, as well as for getting out new editions in old languages of our field. We confidently look forward to 1927 as being by far the best year for literature distribution in the history of our message in the Malaysian Union.

Results of the Nanking Week of Prayer

H. J. DOOLITTLE

THE week of prayer brought a special blessing and experience to our little church here in Nanking.

The students of our Nanking Industrial School and the members of the Nanking church met together in the school chapel at 10:00 a. m. daily for the readings and prayer. In addition, the three foreign families attending language school, and my family also met together again in the evening to read the English readings and have a special season of prayer.

Both of these meetings were attended with the blessing of God from the first. There was little emotionalism, but much earnest heart-searching. By the end of the week all had apparently made a surrender of definite sins, of selfish plans and ambitions. Some who had been tempted to leave the Master's work and follow the lure of the world, confessed their weakness and turned again to their God and His work with renewed determination.

At the close of the last service everyone had opportunity to give tangible evidence of reconsecration, by making a liberal annual offering. There was no undue urging. Offering envelopes were passed out and collected; none knew what others were giving; when the offering of our little church was counted, there was \$177.00 (Mex.) in cash and pledges. This did not include any Week of Sacrifice offerings, which had already been received. Many of the Chinese gave three and four dollars—not out of their abundance; for in some cases that I personally know of their gifts were from money they needed to use to buy clothing and better food.

Some of the foreign workers here believe that it is high time to be planning gifts to the Lord on a systematic basis throughout the year; and so during our recent week of prayer in Nanking some determined to set aside one-fourth of their salary for the advancement of the kingdom of God. One family that had already been doing this for some time decided to take a still more advanced step by setting aside one-third for religious purposes.

This step will take some thoughtful planning on the part of the families concerned. It will mean that they will necessarily deprive themselves of many personal pleasures and many seemingly necessary things. But after all, many of our wants are luxuries that have grown so common to us that we believe we cannot get along without them. It will take some stern self-discipline to check the natural desires of the heart.

But, after all, have these people made a sacrifice? Does a business man call it a sacrifice when he saves and economizes in every possible way in order to put more money into his business?—No, of course not! Why, then, should we regard our gifts to the Master as a sacrifice? I wonder if we are not overlooking or forgetting a vital point in this matter. I like to think of it as a man, mere man, having been taken into partnership with God, the great omnipotent God.

If we get the right viewpoint of God's plan for us, I believe we shall spend only such portion of our money, time, and effort as is actually necessary to promote the health of body and mind and God-given pleasures. Beyond this we shall *delight* to invest everything in the kingdom of God. A few more years, or maybe months, of hard work together with Him, and the dividends are to be declared to us in His Kingdom.

And so our week of prayer in Nanking resulted in many getting a different vision of God's plan for man, than they had had before. Many no longer regard time, money and effort given for the advancement of the kingdom, as a sacrifice. They regard their opportunity to give these things, an unmerited privilege. May a fuller conception of this truth come into our experience and into the experience of all who may read this.

An Open Letter from Swatow

(Editorial Note.—We have received an excellent report from Pastor E. E. Carman, until recently in charge of work centering at Swatow, but now serving as principal of the Amoy school. This communication, which we have taken the liberty of condensing somewhat, is addressed "To the Outlook Family," and brings to us a word of courage from a field where the difficulties of the past two or three years have at times been most perplexing.)

SWATOW, CHINA, DEC. 28, 1926.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,—

AS THE year is drawing to a close, I am reminded anew of the blessings God has given. In the midst of changing conditions, propaganda, and many forbidding circumstances, we have sought to go ahead quietly and steadily in our church and school work, and God has had a care for His own. Insofar as our Christian work is concerned, we have not been molested in any way by those in authority. The number baptized is not large, but there has been a steady growth. This past year souls have taken their stand for Christianity in the face of opposition and ridicule such as has seldom been seen for several years in the past; and of these twelve have been baptized, and thirty more are requesting that they be baptized as soon as we can arrange to hold baptismal services in their districts.

The literature work has been going forward very well. It really seems remarkable that at a time when special efforts were being made to countercheck and hinder the onward advance of this message, our subscription list for the Chinese *Signs* has been practically doubled. Our men say they have been meeting with rebuffs and ridicule for being Christians, but they are continuing steadily at their work, and the printed page is being placed in the hands of many people. I believe the seed thus sown will yet yield a harvest of souls.

On Christmas we had services as usual. There were processions and demonstrations in the city, and some had told us our services would surely be disturbed; but we were left in peace, as were all others in the city who were holding divine services on that day.

Again we would express our thankfulness to God for His blessing and protection during the past year. Gladly we give ourselves anew to Him, to be used in any way He sees fit during the year that is before us.

E. E. CARMAN.

"Prayer . . . Availeth Much"

IN these times of perplexity and trial in our efforts to advance in sections of China where there is much of unrest, we should remember that the prayers of God's children in many other lands are ascending daily in our behalf; and this should have a humbling and subduing and revivifying influence on heart and life. In a communication just to hand from Pastor E. W. and Mrs. Vesta J. Farnsworth, we find the heartening words: "Day by day we pray for the work and workers in China. We trust it may be God's will still to hold the winds, that the work may not be hindered."

Chinese Literature Distribution during A Trying Year

W. P. HENDERSON

A LITTLE more than a year ago, the work of circulating Chinese literature took me far north—across the border into Mongolia. When on the return trip our train stopped at a little station on the wind-swept plains of Chahar, I was surprised to see a white man and a native of India, dressed in Chinese garb, board the train. With them was a silk-clad Chinese gentleman of the official type. The sight of foreign faces in that remote region, and such an unusual combination of nationalities, aroused my curiosity. Leaving my seat in a third-class car, I went to the car these gentlemen had entered.

The white man proved to be an American missionary; the Indian, a revivalist from Singapore, and the Chinese an former official who had become a Christian evangelist. Inquiries as to what had taken me into that section of China gave opportunity to hand out some Chinese *Signs*. The name of the Chinese was put on our mailing list, and the paper sent to him.

Occasional correspondence has kept us in touch with him, and a short time ago he called at the Publishing House. He expressed surprise at the extent of the plant, but when shown through the mailing room where more than 60,000 copies of the *Signs* are mailed out each month, he expressed astonishment that a Christian magazine could reach so large a circulation among non-Christian people.

Having been an official himself, he spoke of the difficulties that confront the colporteur in gaining an audience with men of this type. He went on to remark that he had seen copies of the Chinese *Signs* on many Chinese officials' desks, and he wondered how it had been accomplished.

Friends, it is truly remarkable that during the past year, which has found China so beset with troubles, God has made possible the sale of \$162,000.00 worth of gospel literature. The natural feeling of antipathy to things Christian has ripened into open hostility to Christianity in large sections of the country. Our colporteurs have faced a difficult task as they have continued their work.

Happy indeed were we, and thankful to God, to see the *Signs* circulation stand at over 60,000 copies a month at the close of this most trying year.

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Some Practical Suggestions

FREDERICK GRIGGS

I AM in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Frederick Lee, in which she says in part:

"I am much interested in the Home Department and hope that it will become a real force in our church work . . . I would like to see lessons prepared and something on the home appear regularly in our magazines. I also like the idea of trying to reach the fathers on home ideals through the church paper.

In most places it will be necessary for the foreign sisters to take the lead in seeing that these lessons are taught, and the societies organized. In China as well as other fields, most of our women cannot read; so the lessons will have to be made simple and adapted to the needs. However, if these lessons and outlines are prepared, I believe this work, which is important in the upbuilding of the home and the strengthen-

ing of the church, is much more likely to be carried on than if these lessons are not supplied. I think it would be fine if an Oriental woman could be trained to carry on this work, but I would urge that wherever these societies are organized in compounds where there are foreign women, these foreigners attend the meetings as often as possible.

"Here in Hankow we have just started having meetings with our own compound family of teachers' wives, and a few other workers; also our amahs. We hope soon to be able to do more for the women of the village. We have a small Dorcas Society that meets at our homes. At this meeting we do sewing for worthy poor in the church. Each week we have a meeting. We are taking up three lines of study. One woman (foreign) is teaching simple Bible doctrines, using our small Gospel Primer. We try to teach the simple characters that are used in the book. Another sister has Home and Health for her monthly meeting, and I have my monthly meeting on some practical subject for the Christian. Thus we are carrying on until we can have these helps from the Home Commission. We in Central China will make use of them as soon as we can have them."

We are glad for these practical suggestions. If we make an earnest study of ways and means of reaching the home life of our believers, we can soon be doing a very valuable work for the stabilizing of our native church. Moreover, these studies and this work will be of help in the home life of the missionary.

In Pangasinan and Nueva Vizcaya, Northern Luzon

J. O. AFENIR

I HAVE just returned to our San Fernando (La Union) headquarters from a second extended trip in Pangasinan, during which I was privileged to organize four new churches, including the first church composed of Pangasinan-speaking brethren. I was also given opportunity in another town to baptize twenty more Pangasinan-speaking believers, on New Year's day. The organization of this group into a church will bring us much joy. There are other interests in many sections, and I hope that the time is not far distant when we shall have a score of churches among Pangasinan-speaking people. Hitherto the churches organized in the province of Pangasinan have been largely of those who speak the Ilocano. Altogether, we now have fourteen organized churches and companies of baptized believers in Pangasinan, besides isolated believers in two other places. In this list is not included a church in the province of Nueva Ecija, and another we have in Tarlac province.

On the eleventh of January I plan to visit and baptize some first-fruits from the province of Nueva Vizcaya. The worker there reported about twenty who have been keeping the Sabbath for about a year and who have been fully prepared for baptism.

Calls are now coming to us from towns in the province of Isabela. We have young men in training in the Philippine Junior College, but as yet have no additional money that could be applied to answer such calls. Really, our problem here is not to find people who are interested, but rather how to answer all the calls. We are praying the Lord of the harvest to send us means by which we may send out our reapers and garner in the sheaves for His kingdom.

San Fernando, La Union, P. I., January 5.

Funeral Services—Lulu Mae Osborn

NEARLY all the foreign workers and believers stationed in Shanghai, with many of the Chinese workers and friends, assembled in the parlors of the International Funeral Directors, 71 Kiaochow Road, Shanghai, at half past two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, January 2, to pay a final tribute of respect to the memory of an associate worker, Lulu Mae Osborn, whose decease on the last day of the old year had come as a sad shock to our entire community at Division headquarters.

The service was a short and simple one,—a Scripture reading and prayer by Pastor J. G. Gjording, superintendent of the East China Union; the reading of a biographical sketch, by Pastor H. P. Evens of the Kiangsu Mission; an address by the undersigned; and words of appreciation from Dr. Harry W. Miller and Professor S. L. Frost, closing with special music by Brotler and Sister H. C. White, Mrs. C. E. Thurston, and Brother Harley A. Anderson.

At the Hungjao Road Cemetery the service was concluded with further music, a Scripture reading and brief remarks by Pastor Gjording, and closing prayer by Pastor Adlai A. Esteb of the Manchurian Union Mission.

Floral offerings covered this latest of mission graves in the Far Eastern Division, as we turned from the sad scene and went back to our compounds to take up anew the duties and responsibilities in which our former associate in labor had so conscientiously and whole-heartedly shared during her short term of service among us. In committing her into the watchcare of our Heavenly Father until the glad day

when those who sleep in Jesus will arise at the call of the Life-giver, we breathe an earnest prayer that we also who remain may be kept true at our tasks till Jesus appears, when once more we may be reunited with those whom we have learned to respect and love for their works' sake.

C. C. CRISLER.

An Institute in the Bicol Language Area

M. F. WIEDEMANN

WE are conducting an institute in Bulan, and have about ten men in attendance. The Lord is present by His Spirit. Every evening we go twelve kilometers to a *barrio* where Pastor Comilang is conducting an evangelistic effort. The meeting is attended by eager inquirers. Brother Comilang has been using two colporteurs to assist, and it is encouraging to see how well they take hold of this work.

The prospects for a large increase in literature sales in Bicol territory during the year 1927, are bright. We hope to see \$10,000 (gold) of truth-filled books and papers placed among Bicol-speaking people this year. The workers in this Southern Luzon Mission are few in number. Brother and Sister Riffel, in charge, have as associates only one ordained evangelist, who also serves as translator of books and magazines; one departmental man, who is also conducting an evangelistic effort, besides looking after colporteurs and some churches; three workers in training for evangelistic efforts; and one Bible worker. The prospects are excellent for one hundred fifty baptisms during 1927.

Bulan, Sorsogon, P. I., January 4.

From Friends in Australasia

The workers in the Far East are holding in grateful remembrance the words of sympathy and cheer flashed across the seas from the quadrennial session of the Australasian Union last summer to those who are privileged to labor in the lands of Asia. Among those now bearing responsibilities in Australasia, are several who have been with us in the Far East. In many ways we are linked with our brethren and sisters in the South Seas. A recent communication from Pastor A. H. Piper, secretary of the Australasian Union, assures us of their abiding interest and their prayers. "China appeals to us in a peculiar way, hard to express," he writes; and he adds that "perhaps it is because quite a number of our men have gone from this field to

A Big Week Experience in Ilocos Sur

Brother Rafael A. Pilar reports through *Echoes from the Ilocano Field* of some Big Week experiences. To quote:

"The first town I canvassed was Baugen, fourteen kilometers from Candon. Only a few orders were secured, as the town had been canvassed before for the medical book. One who ordered was the leading teacher of the elementary school, who readily signed for a copy after my canvass, saying as he signed: 'I had a book similar to this one, but my father has it now so I must purchase another one. Your medical book has done much for me at times when I have been sick. Every home should have this fine book.'

"How happy I was when I heard this sincere testimony! I was encouraged, indeed. Truly our literature is helping the people, and a knowledge of this fact should stimulate us to greater and still greater activity in an effort to disseminate the truth in printed form."

"Another interesting experience I had during Big Week was in giving Bible studies to the family with whom I boarded. I had Bible study and prayer with them every night. In the mornings I conducted regularly the family worship. When I was leaving, the woman accompanied me to the steps and earnestly said, 'You have sown among us the seed of the gospel; please pray for us that this seed may spring forth in our hearts.' What a joy thrilled my heart as I heard the woman saying these words! And how I long to have many more such experiences!

The family with whom I stopped wishes to learn more of our message, and have requested that a tent be pitched in their town. Let us pray that this family may become the nucleus of a new work to be developed in Baugen."

Division Notes

The address of Pastor and Mrs. Ernest E. Carman is S. D. A. Mission, "Kulangsu," Amoy, Fukien Province, China. These friends have recently been transferred from Swatow for service in the Amoy Intermediate School, Brother Carmen having been appointed the principal of this institution. Pastor B. L. Anderson, stationed for many years in Amoy, continues as director of the South Fukien Mission, (Amoyese), with headquarters at "Kulangsu," Amoy, Fukien Province, China.

A recent cablegram from the Home Board announces the sailing from San Francisco in mid-March of Brother C. S. Luther and family and Miss Redelstein for Shanghai, where these friends will hereafter be connected with the Shanghai Sanitarium. Steady progress is being made in the erection of the Rubicon Road main building for sanitarium purposes, and Brother C. E. Wood, the supervising architect, is hopeful of seeing the plant completed and ready for occupancy by early fall of 1927.

Several of our sisters with children have found it possible to leave their stations in the interior of China and reside temporarily in Shanghai and one or two other ports during the present time of decided unrest. Some have been in need of special medical care, and these are now receiving help from the medical staff of the Shanghai Sanitarium. Several of the children have entered Far Eastern Academy and are pursuing their studies uninterruptedly.

Sabbath Calendars for the Philippines

The Sabbath Calendar for the Philippines has been run in five dialects, as follows: Tagalog, 15,000; Ilocano, 10,000; Cebuano, 10,000; Panayan, 10,000; Bicol, 5,000. The same pictures and calendar plates were used in all dialects, the only change being in wording of scripture texts and of descriptive matter. The portions of the calendar giving the names of the month and of the days of the week were printed in Spanish, as these terms in connection with the calendar are understood and used throughout the Islands.

Brother E. A. Moon, manager of the Philippine Publishing House, writes further of the calendar: "The pictures cover a variety of subjects, some from the Philippines, and some other parts of the world. One page contains information concerning the phases of the moon and other astronomical data. Another page has the Ten Commandments, and still another gives simple rules for health and sanitation."

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Brother H. W. Barrows, Division Treasurer, made a brief visit early in the year to the Philippine Union headquarters at Manila, for some auditing and other special work, returning to Shanghai January 26.

Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Griggs report many meetings with brethren and sisters in Batavia, Semarang, and Soerabaya, Java, during the month of December and early in January. The cause has been prospered during the past year in portions of Java where our laborers have been allowed to hold meetings.

Pastor C. C. Morris, superintendent of the South China Union, reports a visit to Nanning, Kwangsi, in company with Brother R. M. Milne, Pastor P. V. Thomas, director of the Kwangsi Mission, had called the brethren and sisters in for the annual provincial meeting, and a blessed season was had together. It is at Nanning that Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Coffin are stationed, as well as Brother and Sister Thomas.

Fellowship in Suffering

At this time one of the larger sections of the Far Eastern Division; namely, China, is passing through a period of transition, during which many of the Chinese people suffer hardships and tribulations little known to those outside. In the church there are members who have suffered heavy financial loss and much persecution because of their faith. It is a time of trial and test, and many are standing nobly in defense of the faith. The evangelists and colporteurs and others who are at work, are finding it increasingly difficult in some places to preach the Word and to distribute the printed page. In instances not a few, there have been stern forbiddings; chapels have been destroyed; literature has been confiscated; hindrances have been multiplying.

Some unusual experiences have come to those who are in service from abroad. These may at times seem severe, but let us remember that our Chinese brethren and sisters are passing through fiery trials, and that it is our privilege to share with them in suffering. As we plan to advance in faith, we shall find them responding, and thus through fellowship in suffering and in labor, we shall become more and more united in every way.

Returning for Another Term of Service

Many of the Shanghai friends were at the pier the afternoon of January 25 to extend a welcome to Pastor and Mrs. K. H. Wood and children, returning to China for their third term of service. They report having had some precious and profitable seasons with various churches in the homelands; but find their greater joy in reaching once more the shores of China and in taking up anew their beloved work. The address of Brother and Sister K. H. Wood is the same as in former years; namely, 303 Yu Yuen Road, Shanghai, China.

An Honored Guest

In many places throughout the Far Eastern Division are stationed members of our Mission who in former years have been acquainted with Pastor G. W. Wells, one of the field secretaries of the General Conference. Brother Wells reached Shanghai the eleventh of January per s. s. "Empress of Asia," and continued on to Hongkong by the same steamer, enroute to the Singapore meetings. We extend to Brother Wells a warm welcome as he unites with others in working for the spiritual uplift of our laboring forces and our constituencies in various language areas within his reach during the few months he can remain on this side.

Additional Workers

During the month of January workers have arrived in Shanghai for service in China, as may later be arranged by the Division Committee, as follows:

1. Brother and Sister Dallas R. White from the Pacific Coast in the States. At present in the Nanking Language School.

2. Brother and Sister Lyman Warren Shaw, from the Central Union (Missouri), for evangelistic work. At present in the Nanking Language School.

3. Brother and Sister Loren F. Schutt, from the Columbia Union (D. C.), for service in the South China Union. They have proceeded to Hongkong.

4. Brother and Sister Cecil D. Nichols, from the Central Union (Missouri), for Mandarin territory; in the Nanking Language School.

To these friends we extend a hearty welcome. The first two families named, arrived per s. s. "Empress of Asia," January 11; the last two per an N. Y. K. steamer January 25.

A Welcome to Brother and Sister H. R. Dixon

In response to the call of the Central China Union, Brother and Sister H. Romain Dixon and children have returned to China for another term of service. They reached Shanghai per S. S. "Empress of Asia" on the eleventh of January, and are at present in Shanghai, awaiting the time when communications inland have been re-established sufficiently to permit of their going on to Yencheng, Honan, the station to which they have been assigned.

Spare Minutes

Have you not longed for the day to come when some arrangement could be made whereby it would be possible for you to pursue some course of study during your spare minutes without having to wait weeks and perhaps months for materials from our Correspondence School in Washington? That day has come, and your desires may now be realized. A Branch offering practically all courses offered by the Home School, with a strong faculty right on the ground, has been organized here in Shanghai. Take advantage of this opportunity to improve your spare minutes. Select the subject that you are interested in, and enroll immediately in the Fireside Correspondence School, 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

W. A. Scharffenberg,
Principal China Branch.

Notice—Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee

The annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee, usually spoken of as "The Spring Council," is appointed for April 15-25, 1927, at the Press Chapel, 17 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 8:30 a. m., Friday, April 15. All members of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee are expected to be present in time for the opening meeting.

(Signed) I. H. Evans, Chairman
C. C. Crisler, Secretary

Notice.—Annual Meeting 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 April 13, 1927, at 9:00 A. M., in the Press Chapel. At this meeting the financial report of the institution, together with report of the manager and superintendent, will be presented.

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W. P. Henderson, Manager

Notice—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 Press Chapel, 17 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, at 2 p. m., April 13, 1927, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

The Constituency of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital includes (1) The members of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee; (2) all accredited Seventh-day Adventist physicians in the Far East; (3) seven others, as follows: Mrs. R. W. Paul, K. H. Wood, O. G. Erich, the assistant manager (ex officio), Miss Tillie E. Barr, D. E. Rebok, Miss L. Ruth Stickney.

(Signed) I. H. Evans, Chairman
C. C. Crisler, Secretary

Notice—Annual Constituency Meeting of the China Missionary Junior College

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the China Missionary Junior College calls a meeting of the Directors for April 12, 1927, in the Press chapel in Shanghai at 9 a. m. All members are urged to be present for the transaction of such business as should properly come before the Board at its annual meeting.

I. H. Evans, Chairman
D. E. Rebok, Secretary