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That Nothing Be Lost

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We are now in the twelfth month of 1929. It is the month when balances are taken, ledger accounts closed, and gains and losses determined. With whom is it more important than with us as workers to seek a true balance of our accounts in stewardship, and to ascertain the actual net gains and losses in the work we are called to do for the Lord?

Frequently a man puts his money against the time and honesty of an active partner in some commercial enterprise, relying upon the diligence and honor of his active partner for a gain upon his investment. If there is any weak spot in the active partner, it will appear in his treatment of the one who has trusted him so fully. It is always a question of honor as well as of honesty as to how one deals with the invisible partner in a firm.

We all know that each of us as "workers together with God" constitute such a partnership. God is in this work night and day. He never yet has been an idler. He knows what a full day means. He knows the hours that He has stood at the forefront waiting for His partners in labor to awaken from sleep, and to forsake pleasure or ease or selfish interests, and join Him in seeking the lost. It is for the perishing that His greatest love is manifested, His greatest concern shown. The lost sheep, the lost piece of silver, and the story of the prodigal are true pictures of the anxiety of the Father over the lost.

When He sees His workman indifferent to saving the lost, and even willing to see His own, once blood-washed children dropped from His family with no special effort to reclaim them, His heart of yearning love and pity must know the depths of supreme suffering.

At this writing the close of 1929 is near at hand. Every agency that we can command must be brought into full action in winning souls to Christ. Baptism is often delayed, awaiting a time when it will be easier or more convenient for the administrator to perform the ordinance. It may be too hot or too cold, or some other small obstacle may delay the minister from doing his part. It is all a sad pity, and calls for self-examination to see if a soul to be born into the kingdom of God must live one or more years before he can be baptized, because there is no one who is ready to perform the ceremony.

This is the time when we ought to examine our own labors and to know whether or not our work has been satisfactory to our Silent Partner. Has our activity been such as will please the Lord? It is His money that pays for our time and our faithfulness. It is the month of taking ledger balances and of knowing if our labors are approved of Heaven. Is the past year satisfactory?

Shanghai

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THE NIGHT COMETH

SERVANTS of God went forth to sow
 Beneath the rosy dawn of time;
 Age unto age the message gave
 When half a world was in its prime.
 And as the sun climbed heaven's height
 The Master-sower came unseen,
 And reaped a harvest of gold grain
 Where thicket-thorn had been.
 A-since, long hours and dark, disciples spake;
 And braved, and suffered for their Lover's sake,
 But there is living gold to garner yet
 Ere the sun set.

Heroes of old went forth to free
 Sin's prisoners, bound foot and hand:
 From grey light rang the clash of arms
 Till noon-tide flooded all the land.
 Then rose the Hero of long hopes,
 Fought for a world, and overcame,
 Leaving the faith that wars to win
 For all who love His Name.
 And down the after-years, in Him made strong,
 Saints gained the mastery through a conflict long:
 But there are captives yet who must be won
 Ere set of sun.

Prophets of old went forth to build
 A Temple for the Lord of all;
 They set up pillars of the Law,
 And linked them with a mighty wall.
 But only by the Son of God
 Was the foundation truly laid —
 (The cost, a sinless sacrifice,
 None other could have paid.)
 Slowly the Temple rose, through prayer, through pain . . .
Hasten, God's folk! The day is on the wane,
 And there are stones to lay, row upon row,
 Ere evenglow.

Marian H. Rowe

Note and Comment

FROM THE MAIL BAG

SUNGARI-MONGOLIA: We are all well and of good courage. What a new day will bring we do not know. But we do know that our dear Lord is living, and He is our Fortress.

The Big Week was the very best we have had, not because we have reached our goal, but because nearly all took part in it, and feel a better spirit for the experience. If it is the Lord's will, we shall have another Big Week at the end of the year.

WEST CHINA: Perhaps you have heard of how the house that D. R. Whites were trying to rent was blown to pieces by the great explosion of gun powder that took place in Yunnanfu. They had all but closed the deal for the place when the owner changed his mind and would not rent to them. We have ample evidence that the Lord still has a care for His work and workers in this field. Surely He has set a limit beyond which the enemy cannot step.

NORTH CHINA: The work in North China is onward. We believe that 1929 will be the banner year for our sales' record. When we consider the paralyzed business of the north following in the wake of the war, and the removal of the capital from Peking to Nanking, together with the continued drought and subsequent famines, we cannot but praise the Lord for bringing His work safely through the crises of the last year, and even helping us to show decided progress. We have more than doubled our colporteur force and our sales over last year. Our 1928 gain in sales over 1927 was only a little over \$2,000 Mex. but we hope this year to have a gain many times that. We already have a gain of several thousand dollars over last year for the same period. Our students will help swell these figures, we believe, as we are receiving good reports from all sections of the field. We know that the Lord is in the work. We must warn the world whatever the obstacles and circumstances under which we labor. It is His work, and it will triumph.

THE PHILIPPINES: The officers' and workers' meeting in Southern Luzon was one of the best meetings that I have ever attended of that nature. Elders and deacons sat with minds and hearts wide open to take in every word of spiritual uplift and counsel as to the details of their

work, and the workers were greatly helped. The tithes per capita is coming up, the baptisms are more in number than they were last year, and there are no difficulties in the churches. It was my privilege to spend a number of days in the district of Bataan, visiting the churches and seeing most of the brethren. While on this tour, four were baptized, and a number are preparing for this rite. The enemy is working hard to overthrow the work of the Lord, but the Lord is working too, and we know that in the end He will triumph.

KOREA: During an itinerating trip in northern Korea we were walking along some of the little side streets of a small village, when we met an old man. He called to us several times. At first we paid no special attention; but when he called again, and asked us to come to his house and preach, we went. There we found an old couple, 71 and 76 years of age, without son or daughter. Their house had been partly destroyed by recent floods but the old couple had made repairs and now were renting part of it. This old man had been a Christian for many years, but being away off by himself, he longed to have us come in and pray with him. He wanted us to preach,—that is, to read the Scriptures to them, and to sing and pray with them. We did as they requested; and when it was time to leave, they urged us to stay longer. But we had to go on; and so we prayed with them again, asking the Lord in tender mercy to care for this lonely old couple. We gave them some literature, and asked them to pass it on when they had read it. As we left, we reflected that here in this area then village are children of God, who are hungering for some one to come and pray with them.

SIGNS OF THE END: "Many marked signs of the end have been taking place in this part of the world of late. Tasmania met with the most disastrous storm in its history, which caused over a million pounds' worth of damage in April. The worst earthquake 'since white men entered New Zealand,' occurred in that Dominion, causing great damage to property, and continuing in lighter tremors for days. A steamer reaching Sydney from the New Hebrides brought graphic accounts from eyewitnesses of a great volcanic eruption there. Three missions were wiped out on the island of Ambrym, including our own, but fortunately the people all escaped from the island in boats, without loss of life."

A PROFITABLE DAY

L. E. REED

LAST week I witnessed one of the most encouraging and inspiring scenes of my few years in this country. Encouraging because I saw that sometime in the future a group of young people with a vision of doing things will be added to our ranks. Inspiring—well, just the sight of a few young people with vim to carry out their visions always inspires.

It was just a little over a week ago that Pastor Oss, Evangelist Chen, and myself, went to our college at Chiao Tou Djen. Our purpose in going was to have a Harvest Ingathering field day. And thanks to the Lord and the excellent co-operation from the college, we had a good day.

After a brief presentation of the needs in the Anhwei Middle School, we called on the students to give one day to help this project. We thought there would be some twenty-five who would want to go out canvassing or soliciting, and planned that any of those who did not go out could work in the factory or on the farm. But when the call was made, around forty-five students and all the teachers, who could get away, volunteered. Those who remained, almost to a man, went to work around the school. One boy who had never done a day's physical labor, put in a good one that day. That it was a day not spent in vain can be attested to partly by the results in money, i. e. clear profits of between one hundred eighty and two hundred dollars. Those that worked were very faithful in turning in earnings, some even making personal donations. The most beautiful part of the day was the willingness and enthusiasm of the whole body.

For example, while on the train I was studying the map of Chinkiang so as to divide the territory. Suddenly, from the other end of the car, I heard the students calling, "Where are the books?" Then and there they went to work and sold ten dollars worth of books to the passengers. Two groups of girls who went with us were among the most successful each taking in nineteen dollars during the day.

Summed up in a few words, all who took part agree that it was a most enjoyable and profitable day. It was made possible by the trained corp of summer canvassers and the excellent co-operation of all. It will mean new enthusiasm for the colporteur work next summer. I hope that its success will be repeated many times, not only in the school but also out in the places to which these young men and women return to labor.

General Reports from the Field

God is my strong salvation,
What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation,
My light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamped around me,
Firm to the fight I stand,
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand?
— James Montgomery.

"THE SOUND OF A GOING" IN THE ANHWEI MISSION

K. H. WOOD

A GENERAL meeting for the northwestern section of the Anhwei Mission was held at Ying Shang Hsien, the central station of that district, October 4-12. More than one hundred fifty members and workers were in attendance from the first. Several years having elapsed since a meeting of this kind had been held, it was greatly appreciated by all.

Early in the meeting, the movings of the Holy Spirit were manifest, and not only were confessions made of sin and indifference, but conviction came to many of the claim of the Lord on the tithe. When the duty of tithe-paying and its relation to the finishing of the Lord's work was presented, many made confession of their laxity in this matter; others bore convincing testimony to the faithfulness of the Lord in fulfilling His promise of blessing to all who bring the tithe into His storehouse. One dear old sister, seventy-three years of age, brought ten dollars tithe, and placed it on the pulpit following her testimony. A brother told how he had been blessed during the past five years since he covenanted to render a tenth of all his income to the Lord. He said:

"The first year I paid \$38; the second year, \$50; the third year, the Lord blessed my business so that I had \$67 tithe for Him. Last year, the amount was \$100, and today I have \$80 tithe for the first nine months of the year. I am confident that through the Lord's blessing, I will have a total of \$120 tithe for Him from my income this year."

This brother is elder of one of our local churches, and carries full responsibility for the work in that place without remuneration from the mission. His experience in tithe-paying should be an encouragement to all of the Lord's people who have been remiss in this matter to accept His promise recorded in Malachi 3: 10-12, and to pledge themselves never again to appropriate the tithe for personal uses, and thus rob Him

of the funds He has set apart for the needs of His work.

Another very encouraging feature of the meeting was the lively interest taken by many outsiders in the evening Bible study. Brother Dzau Sih Gwang, our Nanking evangelist, has made a special study of the prophecies, and was invited to give a series of studies on these books. The interest in these subjects was so evident that it was decided that the evening evangelistic meetings should be continued a month or six weeks longer, Brother Dzau being asked to remain a week following the general meeting.

In addition to the spiritual meetings and Bible studies, there were meetings daily for the promotion of the work of various departments, all of which met a hearty response from both workers and believers. Full lists of subscriptions to the "Shepherd," "Educator," and "Sabbath School Helper" were secured, besides many enrolments in the Ministerial Association.

Beside the workers of the local mission, Prof. W. A. Scharffenberg and the writer were in attendance and assisted in the meetings during the week.

The revival of our work in the Anhwei Mission has been exceedingly difficult since the revolution of 1927. During the past year, Pastor O. B. Kuhn and Brother L. E. Reed have labored untiringly to bring a new vision to the workers throughout the field. The response to the note of advance which was sounded at the Ying Shang meeting caused many to express their conviction that this would mark the beginning of a new era in the proclamation of the third angel's message in this field.

It was a great pleasure to the writer to attend this meeting in Ying Shang, where our work in the Anhwei Province had its beginning in the year 1910, and subsequently to travel through the field with Pastor Kuhn, the director.

TITHING STORIES FROM WEST CHINA

ALTON E. HUGHES

ONE brother has this year learned that we should not only pay tithe on our income, but that when we accept this message we should immediately recognize God's ownership by tithing all that we possess. So he has this year paid \$400 Mex. back tithe, in addition to \$154.18 regular tithe, making a total of \$554.18 within a twelve-month period.

Another Brother named . . . came out of another church while we were in Shanghai in 1927. He was severely persecuted both by his former brethren and by his family. His seventy odd years and his gray hairs did not protect him; but his one consolation was in the study of the Scriptures. He owned a little shop where he sold crockery and other wares but his wife and prodigal son gambled away the profits and his daughter-in-law stole from his cash box every chance she got. He even resorted to taking his sack of coppers to bed with him to keep them from disappearing. Then, to make matters worse, he lost his eyesight, and this deprived him of the consolation which he had formerly received from reading. His enemies said it was because he had gone to the Adventists. But he would not give up. He gives one dollar offering each Sabbath and pays his tithe besides. A short time ago he called me over and said he wanted to pay back tithe on his property. He gave me \$130 Mex. tithe.

Another brother had spent many months studying the message, and finally decided to give all and take Christ. To do this he had to break an engagement of marriage with a girl not of our faith. One day he came to me and said that years in the past he had been entrusted with the funds of a certain organization and that when they disbanded there remained \$20 of the funds. This he had used, and now he wanted to return them; but there was no one to receive them. So he gave this and \$4 interest in addition, to the Lord. Then he paid his tithe. The mission decided to put him in the regular work because he was doing such faithful work as a self-supporting worker. So he sold out all he had, and after buying his equipment for the road, gave all that he had to the Lord. This amounted to about \$150.

A certain missionary decided to write a tract against us. When he asked his secretary to translate the manuscript, he did a little on it, and then decided that he would not finish it, and left the man. The missionary secured another secretary, who wrote some of the manuscript, and then resigned because he said, he would not write anything against us. This secretary then came over to our chapel and paid tithe. He is not a Christian. But he has been studying the message now for some months, and we hope he will soon take his stand.

THE WEST CHOSEN ANNUAL MEETING

L. V. FINSTER

THE West Chosen annual meeting was held in Soonan from October 15 to 19. All the workers were present, as were also a large number of delegates from the churches, with the students of the school and the people from the village.

The director of the mission, Pastor Ne Keun Ok, reported a membership of 769. During the past year 118 were baptized. Sixteen church schools are being operated by the mission, with an enrolment of over 500. The reports of the Sabbath School and Home Missionary departments were very encouraging. Up until the time of this meeting one man had been carrying four departments. At this meeting another man was chosen to carry the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer work. This should greatly strengthen these lines of work.

The tithe of the mission was very low during the past year. This matter received careful thought, and the workers went back to their churches determined to double the tithe for the next year. This mission has a fine lot of workers, but so many of them are engaged in other lines of work that the evangelistic force is not very strong. Much study was given to this part of our work, to determine how it could be strengthened. Study was also given to the subject of making all the departments strong evangelistic agencies.

The union superintendent, Pastor H. A. Oberg, was present, and led out in a strong way, helping to make the meeting a real spiritual uplift to the workers and delegates. Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, of the Fire-side Correspondence School, was also present, and rendered much help in the meeting.

"THE ISLES SHALL WAIT FOR HIS LAW" ISA. 42:4

A. KOCH

RECENTLY, I received a very interesting letter from Brother W. Gibbon who lives down in the South Seas, on the island of Palao in the village of Kororu. This island is one of the Carolin Islands, which before the war were owned by German colonies, but now are under the Japanese Mandate. I thought this letter would bring courage to our people in the Far East; hence, I wish to quote it.

"Kororu, October 28, 1929. Dear Brother: I received your kind letter just this morning. It was kept

away from me for a long time by a young man who took it from the post office. When I read it, and learned that you would like to get an early reply, I sat down at once and began to write this letter.

"You say you would like to get details: My mother was a native of Palao, but my father was an Englishman. Our knowledge of the blessed message of this truth dates back to Brother La Rue, in 1895. That's a long time that we have been waiting now, isn't it? Day and night we are looking for a brother to come. Someone has been promised to us, but no one has come yet.

"Brother La Rue taught us to observe the Sabbath, and I have been able to lead others into the truth, so that besides my family there are now seven others who believe the truth. When the island was a German colony, the population was about four thousand, but I do not know the present figure. The climate is good. Sometimes it rains, but we have fine weather all the year round, and plenty of heat.

"The German translation of your English letter which you enclosed, I cannot read, but there are some young men here who can read German. I suppose they will be glad to meet you when you come. We have to say only this: Come, let nothing prevent you this time from coming. We long very earnestly for the truth, as the time is growing shorter and shorter. We don't know how soon the end will come, as the things look rather strange and unusual.

"Now, I am sincerely your brother in the Lord,

(Signed) W. Gibbon

"P. S. A German Protestant missionary came to this island recently. He has located on the eastern side of the main island, far away from us. Just now he has finished his house. W. G."

What a wonderful opportunity to press on into new territory! Good Brother La Rue, the first missionary of our denomination to China, a self supporting man; how faithfully he worked! How far-reaching the influence of this noble, consecrated man! What a strong, unshaking foundation he laid! How sorry I feel that the little waiting group on Palao have waited so long and still have to wait for a missionary.

God gives us richly all things to enjoy, while He Himself is His own best gift, and to be enjoyed not in a way of duty, but in the simple, natural realizing a right of what we possess in Him. — John McLeod Campbell.

STREAMS OF BLESSING

IN recent spring councils of the Division Committee, Pastor M. C. Warren has spread before us a map of the West China Union, showing an increasingly large number of stations and groups of believers in the northern section of Eastern Szechwan. It has been a mystery to me how the work could spread so rapidly far away from the Chungking headquarters, in districts apparently removed from our ordinary sphere of activity.

While journeying through this section of Eastern Szechwan recently in company with Brethren Warren, Effenberg, and Woolsey, some happy surprises have come to Brother J. J. Strahle and the writer. We have gone from station to station, visiting the churches, and learning of their faith and devotion; and from time to time we have had to cross a broad river; and in some places this river has been seen flowing by the cities where work is in progress. Now we are far to the north, and hard by our chapel is this same river, which flows on northward into Kansu Province, about one hundred thirty miles distant from where we are holding the annual session of the East Szechwan Mission. Our station farthest north in Szechwan, along this same river, is about seventy-five miles from the Kansu border.

This experience we have had of passing through the lovely hills and valleys of Eastern Szechwan, along the course of the Kialing River, has led Brother Strahle and the writer to recognize anew the fact that the blessings of Heaven through the proclamation of gospel truth, are much after the order of broad-flowing streams, touching point after point, and bringing refreshing and sustenance wherever they extend. The Kialing River enters the Yangtze at Chungking, and immediately below our West China Union headquarters compound. The cause of present truth has now extended nearly as far as the Kialing flows.

Yet other rivers in the far west of China have been followed by the colporteur and later by the evangelist. The light of truth is penetrating into the remoter sections; soon every part will have been reached and warned; than the Lord will cut short His work in righteousness. We find our brethren and sisters here in the west, eager to press on into the unentered towns and villages, and do their part in the finishing of the work of the Lord in our day. May Divine blessing attend their efforts.

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Recommendations From Autumn Council, 1929

THE MINISTER AND HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FLOCK

RECOGNIZING that we are living in the days foretold by our Saviour when, "because of iniquity the love of many shall wax cold," and also that Satan is doing his utmost to "deceive if possible the very elect; and,

Recognizing further that since baptism is the door into the church, and losses through drift or apostasy will be materially obviated through observing greater care in receiving members into the church; we therefore,

Recommend. 1. That workers exercise greater carefulness in admitting members to the church, maintaining the recognized standards of the denomination by requiring:

a. Thorough conversion, the evidence of a changed life should be apparent before baptism is administered;

b. That wherever possible baptismal classes be formed in which thorough instruction shall be given on all points of present truth (including the spirit of prophecy, health reform, Christian apparel and deportment, tithes and offerings, and the ordinance of humility); and further, that all who newly come to the faith be encouraged to read our good literature, especially the writings of the spirit of prophecy;

c. That candidates be thoroughly questioned on all vital points of the faith before the entire church or church board, but preferably the entire church;

d. That after baptism, instruction be continued for these new converts and frequent personal visits be made so that they may become thoroughly established in the message;

e. That every new member be taught the grace of giving, be led into personal work for others, and be encouraged to participate heartily in all the established missionary activities of the church;

f. That candidates for admission into the church, coming to us from other denominations practicing the scriptural form of immersion, be taught the privilege and desirability of re-baptism;

g. That, where children desire to be baptized, care be exercised to see that so far as humanly possible they are properly prepared for this sacred rite; but that baptism be not

discouraged when there is clear evidence of Christian experience.

h. That consideration be given to the possibilities of week-end revival meetings in which special effort be put forth for an ingathering of our children and youth,

We recommend, 2. That in order to keep our members in the love of the truth, loyal to Christ, and faithful in every duty, greater faithfulness be exercised in shepherding the flock by observing the following provisions:

a. That as far as possible the church endeavor to secure from all absent members a testimony by letter at least once a quarter;

b. That we revive the custom of frequent testimony meetings in connection with Sabbath services;

c. That so far as possible in our churches, regular weekly prayer meetings be held and the members encouraged to avail themselves of the benefits and blessings of such meetings.

d. That earnest endeavor be made personally to visit every member of the church at least once a year; this to be done by the minister, or by the church elder, deacon, deaconess, or such other spiritually minded person as may be appointed by the local church board;

e. That, following the Sabbath service, inquiry meetings be held frequently to guide and help perplexed or needy souls;

f. That wherever possible a short series of evangelistic meetings covering the essential points of our message be arranged yearly for each church or group of churches in the conference to vitalize the church, to win new converts, and to establish the older members in the faith;

g. That in connection with these efforts faithful pastoral visits be made to every Sabbath-keeping home;

h. That earnest endeavor be put forth to reclaim the discouraged and indifferent; recognizing the power of united prayer for its accomplishment;

i. That every effort should be put forth to reclaim backslidden members; but if they do not respond to these efforts, faithfulness in church discipline be exercised to keep the church pure; and lastly,

j. That most careful attention be given to the election of thoroughly converted church elders and other officers.

APPEAL TO BELIEVERS IN THE HOME CONFERENCES

While sitting in the meetings of the Autumn Council, held in Columbus, Ohio, listening to the reports given by representatives from the home and mission fields of the wonderful providences of God, we find our hearts yearning for these reports to be speeded on to you.

Space is not sufficient to record the many experiences of the triumph of faith recited by the workers from the various fields. They tell us of the opening of heretofore closed fields where it seemed impossible to enter; of workers being permitted to remain in fields through providential intervention; and of the opening of the way for the message through dreams and other supernatural means. Surely the prediction of the prophet Joel, that God would in the last days pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, is being fulfilled.

Twelve thousand new believers in the South African Division awaiting baptism with new interests extending in all directions, require additional workers to garner the ripened grain. One recently discovered group of hundreds of Sabbath-keeping natives has asked to unite with us and fifteen of their ministers await employment for which provision must be made.

Fourteen thousand Mohammedans in Abyssinia have accepted Christ, some of whom are keeping the Sabbath and are appealing to us for instruction and leadership.

From every land comes the same story of the mighty working of our God as He bares his arm to finish the work.

There are indications that these doors will not always remain open to us. In the Lake Titicaca region of South America, where ten thousand believers have sprung up and scores of appeals are unanswered, influences are at work aiming at the closing of our hundred schools in Peru, Ecuador and Boliva, thereby crushing our work by government decree at one blow.

Believing that we must keep step with the advancing providence of God, the Council was moved to step out by faith and vote a budget of five million dollars, by far the largest in all our history. This action was taken in firm reliance upon the loyalty of our people and the blessing of God.

As representatives of the home base and of the great world field in Autumn Council assembled, we ask our people to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers, and we further earnestly appeal to each and every member to join with us in a determined effort to reach our full goal in the present Harvest Ingathering, knowing that the united efforts of our people mean the answering of many pressing calls and the saving of many souls who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

Whereas, Experience has shown that the correspondence method of imparting instruction is successful in dealing with students of all ages who are willing to put forth the patient and persistent effort necessary to the mastery of any branch of knowledge; and,

Whereas, A very considerable number of our people seem to be ununiformed concerning the large variety of study courses offered by our denominational institution, the Fireside Correspondence School; herefore,

We recommend, 1. That Educational superintendents and Missionary Volunteer secretaries devise such means as may seem best to make the Home Study plan thoroughly known to all the young people in their conferences who are not able to attend a resident school, and send the names of prospective students to the Fireside Correspondence School office.

2. That home missionary workers hold up a high standard of attainment for the men and women who desire to conduct Bible readings with their friends and neighbors, counseling them as far as consistent to enroll for the course in that subject offered by the Fireside Correspondence School in order that they may acquire such a degree of knowledge and skill in dealing with human souls as not to do injury to the cause of truth.

3. That pastors and evangelists explain to new converts and other promising members our system of giving instruction by correspondence and invite them to avail themselves of this opportunity to enlarge and deepen their knowledge of the truth and thus fit themselves to teach others.

4. That missionaries in foreign lands, where church schools and

academies are not accessible, take note of the fact that their children can study at home under the direction of the Fireside Correspondence School, and thus cover practically all the subjects given in the resident schools, such work receiving full recognition in accordance with the regulations of the Educational Department; moreover, the missionaries themselves can continue their education by taking Fireside Correspondence School courses in advanced college subjects, and thus be able in many cases to complete the requirements of a full college course when they return on furlough.

And Whereas, Ministers have raised the question whether it would be right for them to take a Fireside course while putting in full time as conference laborers; therefore,

Resolved, 5. That we reiterate the belief that the minister who gives a little of his precious leisure time to advanced study under the direction of the Fireside Correspondence School, pursuing such studies as New Testament Greek, Church History, Journalism, and Advanced Bible Doctrines, is increasing his efficiency as a worker and at the same time setting a valuable example to his fellow workers.

Y. P. M. V. Department

OUR YOUTH OF TO-DAY

S. L. FROST

"WE have an army of youth to-day who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged." These are the words that came to this people in 1892, in a testimony through Sister E. G. White. If at that time it was a fact that we had an army of youth to be properly directed, encouraged and trained, it is much more true to-day. In all the world at that time we had but a few thousand more believers than are now found in the Far East alone. We estimate that our army of youth connected with the Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools of the Far East now numbers not less than 18,000. Just about one third of this number are connected with our young people's societies, learning "to act a part in well organized plans for helping other youth," and receiving training so "that they may rightly represent the truth."

In the providence of God, our young people's organization has been called into existence, and it is designed to occupy an important place in saving the youth as well as guiding them in service and training. The spirit of prophecy, in 1892, called for this organization, outlining some general principles that were to guide in this work. We are all more or less familiar with those statements, and with the response that was made by Elder Daniells and others in organizing societies and starting the young people's work. Especially do we remember hearing of that society of sixteen members organized by Elder Daniells in Australia,—the first society to be organized in direct response to this call from the spirit of prophecy.

With a possible 18,000 young people in some way connected with our churches and schools, probably one half to two thirds of whom are not church members, if earnest evangelistic work could be done for them, it would seem that from this company alone more baptisms could be reported than have been in past years.

May the burden for the salvation and training of our youth press heavily upon all our hearts, that the unconverted may be turned to God, and their feet established in the way of Life. Let us encourage all to become a part of this great missionary volunteer army, faithfully following the plans recommended by the Missionary Volunteer Department. While still young in years, may the hands of our youth be filled with service, and their lives consecrated to the sacred work of God. May their hearts be brought into contact with God, changed by the convicting and converting power of His Spirit, constrained by the love of Christ, and filled with the inspiration of the greatest purpose that can come to any one in this day, even the very spirit of this movement. That like Ruth, they may all say with determined hearts, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

Enter my opening heart;
Fill it with love and peace and light from heaven;
Give me Thyself — for all in Thee is given;
Come — never to depart.
— Thomas William Webb.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER

READINGS in various vernaculars have been prepared and mailed out to our missions and churches, in preparation for the Week of Prayer appointed for December 14-21, 1929. It now rests with the leaders everywhere to plan carefully for the daily meetings, and to make sure that time is given for earnest prayer by those in attendance. It is far better to spend ten or fifteen minutes at the beginning in prayer, than to find near the close of a service where many members have been gathered together, that little if any time remains for public prayer. It is hard to dismiss a congregation and send them away to their homes, sometimes miles distant, without having had a season of prayer in which several have had opportunity to take part. Let us make sure of time for prayer in private, in family worship, and in our public devotions, during the Week of Prayer upon which we are about to enter. Ofttimes an earnest praying season following the reading for the day, is most effective. Careful planning on the part of all in responsibility, will assist materially in making the Week of Prayer a time of spiritual refreshing.

In all our planning for making the meetings all they should be, let us keep in mind the needs of those who have not yet taken their stand definitely as followers of the Lord Jesus. Thus a precious harvest may be reaped during the very time we are seeking for fresh showers of blessing.

CHINESE READING COURSES FOR 1930

SELECTION has been made of the following books for use by those taking the ministerial reading course in the Chinese language. These are: "A Short History of Christianity," by A. J. Garnier (published by Christian Literature Society; price, 65 cents); "Personal Evangelism," by S. A. Li (published by Christian Literature Society; price, 25 cents); "Exposition of Acts," by Chia Yuming (Spiritual Light Publishing House; price, 70 cents).

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

Brother J. W. Rowland, of British North Borneo, writes that "the truth is making progress and souls are being brought nearer to the Lord. This stirs up the wrath of the evil one, and he is bringing opposition. Some who have been trying to give up their drunkenness have been threatened by others that they would be brought before the court and fined, but the government agrees to protect those who refuse to attend these drunken feasts. I believe the Lord has some honest souls in this field, and that in a short time we shall have some of them in the truth.

"The work among the Dusuns is progressing, and the Spirit of God is changing the hearts of some of these dear people. Remember us in your prayers, that we may under God's hand do the work He has for us to do."

NOTICE

L. V. FINSTER

WE have just received word from the Review and Herald Publishing Association at Washington, D. C. that it has been arranged to publish the reports of the next General Conference in the *Review and Herald*. Special issues will be printed daily, containing quite a complete report of the Council proceedings. There will be no Bulletin, so all the reports will come through the *Review and Herald*. Now we are very anxious that every one who can read the English language subscribe for the *Review and Herald* in order that all may get these reports. The publishers have promised that they will send these extra copies to the subscribers gratis, so if you are not already a subscriber to this paper send in your name to your tract society at once.

I might say that the regular price of the *Review and Herald* is \$2.50 gold per year, but word has come to us that a special offer is being made, giving what is called "The Big Four" for one year for the sum of \$3.00. This includes the *Review and Herald*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and *Present Truth*. Those who would like to take advantage of this offer should send in their names to their tract society immediately.

I understand that a special subscription price is given on the *Review and Herald* to all our Asiatic believers. When you send in your subscription to the paper, if you will request your tract society secretary to notify the publishers that you are a national of the Far East, they will give you this special reduction.

SEVEN-FOLD IN SEVEN YEARS

THE baptized membership of the West China Union has been increased seven-fold in seven years. This encouraging advance in a field where ninety million dwell, should cheer us on to renewed activity, in seeking for souls who are willing to follow Jesus and keep holy the commandments of truth enjoined by Him on all true disciples. How blessed our opportunities in these days when probation still lingers, and men may yet be brought to a saving knowledge of Bible truth!

During the closing meeting of the West China Union biennial session held in Chungking, the brethren and sisters rejoiced before the Lord for mercies received, and renewed their covenant relationship with Heaven, to the end of returning to their far-separated and populous fields to labor in faith for the saving of the lost. We confidently expect further seven-fold blessing from the Lord of the harvest in West China, as our earnest associates in labor look to Jesus for spiritual power while pressing forward in untiring effort. c.

TOKYO SANITARIUM

E. E. GETZLAFF, M. D.

THE medical work in the Japan Union is most encouraging. The new sanitarium, opened less than six months ago, has had every room occupied, and many more are coming than are being accommodated. Besides the in-patients, the outpatient work is heavy. Over 3,000 patient calls have been received since the institution opened, most of them wanting hydrotherapy or electric treatments.

This work is being carried on under handicap, as the nursing staff is small. Mrs. Getzlaff is the only foreign nurse, and she is working beyond the limit of her strength. A training school has been opened; but as yet the nurses have not had enough experience to go ahead with the work. The coming of Miss Harada from the Shanghai Sanitarium has helped some, but we are still short of help.

In addition to the main institution, several smaller hospital-dispensaries are about ready to open, but will not be able to do so until more help can be secured.

A low standard of prayer means a low standard of character and a low standard of service. Those alone labor effectively among men who impetuously fling themselves upward towards God.—Charles H. Brent.