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STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOL AT SANDAKAN

**TOPIC: The Educational Work in the
Far East.**

Sabbath, July 1

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Isa. 49:12. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: The Official Notice.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 547.

PRAYER: A short prayer in behalf of our teachers in the Shanghai Missionary College.

The Official Notice

DEAR SISTER PLUMMER:—

The General Conference Committee is coming to the schools working under your Department for another liberal offering for the support of a very important work in the Far East, namely our training schools.

In setting before you in this official request the needs for liberal gifts, it is felt by the writer that space will not permit to do more than simply mention some of these great needs. It has been demonstrated by long years of missionary experience that the only way we can expect the work to go forward in these great heathen lands, is by the training of the native converts so that they can take up the work we have brought to their doors and carry it into the inmost parts of their land.

For some years we have had established at Shanghai a training school now known as the Shanghai Missionary College. It is located some miles from the center of Shanghai on a compound already crowded with buildings for the various enterprises connected with our work for the Chinese, and homes for those

whose work calls them to locate in this place. Recently, however, additional land has been purchased which will permit of some expansion, but up to the present time the General Conference has not felt able to meet any heavy appropriations for additional buildings, notwithstanding the fact that the school is sadly overcrowded and is really without any accommodations in the way of a dormitory for the girls who apply for the benefits of the institution.

Recently a call has been lodged with the Mission Board for an appropriation of \$50,000 Mex. which will enable them to supply at least in a measure the needed additional facilities. In addition to this central training school that has students from twelve provinces of China as well as from Manchuria and Korea, we have a number of intermediate schools, one at Foo Chow, one at Hankow, and one at Canton, besides many primary schools. All of these institutions are doing a good work in training the youth and those of more mature age for positions of responsibility in our evangelistic work among the many millions of China.

For a number of years we have had a very successful training school established in Soonan, Korea, known as the Chosen Training School. Here the lack of accommodations is most distressing. The one in charge of the school reports that at the last opening many scores of prospective students were turned away as there was no room for them. They are not only lacking in dormitory accommodations but also in class rooms.

In Japan, a number of miles from the center of that busy city, Tokyo, we have established a mission training school located in the headquarters compound, manned with a very excellent faculty but sadly lacking in accommodations.

In Singapore, in a very desirable location, we have established a training school for the great Malaysian field. Within its doors are gathered students from practically all sections of the Dutch East Indies and the Straits Settlements. This is really a polyglot school, as many tongues are spoken by the students from whom it is confidently expected will be gathered faithful workers to carry the third angel's message among the various tongues of this great union mission.

The success that has already been attained by the Philippine Academy is so well known that little comment is necessary. Brother Steinel, who heads this school, has sent to us many encouraging reports of the work that is being done, but here again the same complaint is made that the accommodations supplied are altogether inadequate for the many prospective students that apply for the benefits of the institution.

The educational work in the Far Eastern territory is recognized by all as one of the most fruitful features of our work. Upon the success of this branch of the work, depends largely the future success of our work throughout this vast territory. It calls for a large portion of the heavy appropriation we are yearly called upon to vote to the Far

Eastern Division. In view of its importance and the benefits that have already accrued to the cause from this branch of the work, the General Conference Committee confidently expects that our appeal to the Sabbath schools of the denomination for its support, will receive a most hearty response. We request you, in placing before them the various needs and the development of the work, to call upon them to give us at least \$100,000 in their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the third quarter of 1922.

Expressing for the Committee our great appreciation for what has been done in these offerings in the past, and assuring you that we anticipate the same hearty response to this our appeal, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. T. KNOX.

Sabbath, July 8

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 28:19, 20. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: Shanghai Missionary College.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 558.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers in behalf of the students in our schools in the Far East.

Shanghai Missionary College

S. L. FROST

THE new school year has begun and there are gathered in the Shanghai Missionary College a company of two hundred twenty boys

and girls, men and women. They come from Giangsu, Anhwei, Shangtung, Chegiang, Chihli, Honan, Giangsi, Hunan, Szechwan, Fukien, Kwangtung, and Kwangsi provinces, as well as from Manchuria and Korea.

It was thought that our new plan of requiring students to work for any help they receive on school expenses, would cut down our attendance considerably, but the prospects are that our enrollment will reach that of last year and even surpass it. The teachers feel that we have a very fine company of students. With but few exceptions, all have entered heartily into their work and are making good progress. We feel that God has been with us from the opening of school, and trust that as the days go by we may experience more of His presence and help. Our prayer bands on Wednesday mornings are seasons of blessing for both teachers and students. Our Friday evening prayer and testimony meetings and our young people's meetings are well attended.

We have with us a company of fifteen Koreans, two of whom are Adventists, the rest being Presbyterians. Although professedly Presbyterians, their knowledge of the Scriptures is very limited. They all hope some day to go to America to complete their education. Their purpose in entering our school is to study Bible, Chinese, and English, and make up what may be lacking in a middle school or academic course. They enter heartily into our school plans, attend our religious services, do the required work, and cooperate as heartily as do our Chinese be-

lievers. We hope and pray that the Holy Spirit may take the truths of God's word and transform their hearts and lives, and prepare them for service in connection with the third angel's message.

We pray daily that God will place His own impress on the work of this school year, that a quick work may be done in transformation of character, so that as these students go back to their various provinces, they may be vessels of honor, sanctified and fit for the Master's use. Surely the work in this land is progressing, the leaven is gradually working, and soon all who have done their part in making this possible, will see of the results of their labor and gifts as we meet in the kingdom of God.

Our needs are great. We estimate that, besides rooms for the teachers, we have accommodations in our school dormitories for one hundred six boys, by putting two boys in each of the smaller rooms, and three in rooms about 11' x 12'. Our girls' building has room for eighteen girls and a preceptress, if we put two in rooms 8' x 12', and four in rooms 12' x 12'. This would make a total of one hundred twenty-four boys and girls together. With our present enrollment we have had to put as many as six girls in the large rooms and four in the smaller, and three or four boys in a room. We hear of other students who wish to come. As I write this, a letter comes asking if we have room to receive twelve more boys.

We have been waiting long for a girls' dormitory where we can properly take care of these bright young women. We need a new administration building with adequate class rooms, laboratory, library, and chapel. When this is available, other rooms will be released that may be used for dormitory purposes. We are hoping that at this time our Sabbath school offerings will be so liberal that we shall be able to get our budget requests in full, so that our work in this field may be no longer delayed, but be pushed forward to a speedy completion.

Our educational needs in China, as well as in all the fields of this Far Eastern Division, are great. Lower primary schools must be opened wherever we have churches, and we soon ought to have higher primary schools in the provinces. As our work develops, we shall need middle schools in each of our union conferences, and some higher schools must be maintained for the training of workers. We feel to urge that our gifts at this time be commensurate with the greatness of the task before us, so that God's work may be quickly finished in China, Japan, Korea, Malaya, and the Philippine Islands, even as in other more enlightened fields. May God give his people liberality, and make us all faithful stewards of what he has entrusted to us.

Sabbath, July 15

MISSIONARY TEXT: Isa. 58:6. Read the text, then have all repeat it in concert.

READING: A Story of the Orient.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 96.

PRAYER: In behalf of the children of the Orient.

A Story of the Orient

A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

FROM a quiet little village where each family plies the trade handed down for generations and where every one bows to the man-made gods of their ancestors, there flees a young girl. She is just in her teens and she longs for a few more years of girlhood before marriage. She finds work in a Christian family and there for the first time learns that the gods she has worshipped from childhood are mere wood and stone. Then she hears of a school where more can be learned concerning the Christian religion. Again the little girl makes a long journey and soon finds herself in new and strange surroundings—old friends all gone but in their place new friends, friends who worship the God who made man and the earth and the stars. She joins her new friends in their work and waits for the opening of the school. By and by she takes her place as one among many other young people in the school where she is to learn all about the strange new God.

The Bible is difficult. Its language is strange. And yet she perceives the dawning of truth. More and more earnestly she studies and learns that this Great Maker of the stars is a God of love and that He loves even

her! Her Bible teacher watches with interest the breaking of the light upon her soul, sees a new radiance in her countenance, and continues praying for this new little child of the Kingdom.

Then one evening after the weekly students' meeting, her heart overflows in praise to the Creator for His love to her. And she confides in her teacher as follows:

"I am so happy! That meeting was for me. Now my whole unhappy sinful past is gone, and in its place there is a happiness I have never known. How happy I am to know of the true God! I cannot understand how I ever worshipped gods of wood and stone. How foolish it was, but I knew no better. I want to hurry and learn more that I may soon return and tell my parents and my village of the true God, of His Son, and the wonderful plan of salvation. Do you think my father and mother would be saved if they should die before they hear of the true God? I cannot go back yet for fear I could not withstand the temptations that would confront me. I am the first Christian of my village. My father is very angry, and he writes and says that all the village is laughing me to scorn. But I am praying for them, for God answers prayer."

The above is a digest of her creed. The little girl has many temptations but goes on conquering by the power of Christ in her heart. She is very happy and faithful in her duties to her Maker as far as she now understands.

Sabbath, July 22

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 9:37. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: The Hankow Intermediate School.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 520, first and second stanzas.

PRAYER: A short prayer in behalf of the Hankow Intermediate School.

The Hankow Intermediate School

O. J. GIBSON

WE have our first ninth year class of boys this season, so are beginning to come up to the standard set for us. The many interests to be looked after have kept me fully occupied, but regardless of this we have added what we hope will prove to be a "paying industry." We are giving about twenty boys work with the machines for two and three hours daily, and a few girls are helping out with the needle work. Already some forty dollars' worth of socks have been sold in spite of the defects due to our inexperienced workmen. Some of the boys are beginning to be able to turn out a fairly presentable article. We have some \$350 invested in machines and perhaps \$200 in thread and other materials. But when once we are in running order we hope to be able to make a turn over which will net something other than a loss to the school. When the boys become a bit more proficient with their work, we will pay by the piece for all they do, and thus they will be enabled to make a portion at least of their school expenses.

This year we have a fair representation from all the provinces of this union except Shensi. There are four ninth grade boys from Honan who were among the early comers there years ago when the school was started at Yencheng, eight from Kiangsi, nine from Hunan, with the larger share naturally coming from the Hupeh province in which the school is located. There are some sixty-five students in attendance, boys being largely in the majority.

Mrs. Mullinnex is helping with the girls this year and I am sure they will be looked after better than I was able to do last year. We have one of our ordained Chinese ministers with us this year as preceptor and Bible teacher, which materially strengthens our teaching staff.

At this place and other centers throughout the union, young peoples' societies have been formed. As the weather permits, on Sabbath afternoons following their regular meeting, the young people go out to the various villages and hamlets with literature, and hold meetings wherever opportunity affords. Some have become interested through these efforts, and we are informed occasionally that such and such a one has come in as a result. We hope to see many more rejoicing in the truth with us.

Sabbath, July 29

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 24:14. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: Will You Help Educate the Girls of China?

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 545, first, third and fourth stanzas.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers for the girls and women of China.

Will You Help Educate the Girls of China?

COMPARATIVELY little has been written about the women of China. However there are those who have come to appreciate the native strength of character of Chinese women. One writer says, "of all Oriental women, I love the Chinese women best, they have so much character, and are so womanly." Others who have been in all parts of this country have said, "The modesty, reserve and strength of the Chinese women have impressed us profoundly." A resident of South China for over fifty years, says, "Chinese women are acknowledged to be capable, and possessed of natural dignity of character." Another in speaking of Chinese women said, "They are China's better half—modest, graceful, and attractive." Again "They have been the great force which has preserved the country." It seems such a pity that a people whose women are thus naturally capable and possess such strength of character should be in such a situation as regards education and Christian enlightenment.

Most of our brethren and sisters in more favored lands, have but a faint idea of the situation as regards the status of women in China. Those who do not live here, can not picture the life of drudgery and sorrow of the great majority of these poor people. In countries like America and England the women stand on an equality with the men and receive a good education. Here it is not thought necessary that the women be educated. While the Chinese hold learning in the greatest of respect, yet it is a fact that the majority are not being educated. The latest figures available estimate the number of young people receiving instruction in schools to be less than five million. This reveals a great lack, and one who is acquainted with the customs of the country will well know that the greatest neglect is that of the girls and women.

Realizing the neglect, other denominations are making special efforts for the girls and women, especially those in their own churches. We who have left the homeland, and have been laboring for some time in this field have been greatly concerned as we have seen how hard it is to teach this message to the girls and women here. We have seen so few women being educated. We ourselves have done but little to better these conditions. Only a few of the girls in our own ranks are given the privilege of a Christian training. The wives of many of our evangelists and workers cannot read or write, and have but little comprehension of this message. We

can readily see that the influence of such men as workers for God is greatly lessened, and instead of the whole family being a positive influence for God and His truth, there is a neutralizing factor there, which militates against the raising up of sturdy churches. This condition confronts us today, and unless a different program can be followed out it would seem that the results will be disastrous to the speedy growth of a strong work in this field by this denomination.

Some time ago a missionary of another denomination remarked to one of our workers that the work of our denomination would never succeed in China because we do not educate our girls and women. As I think over the matter I am impressed to believe that the statement is in a measure true, and that we will not see that success which we long so much to see, until we have given greater consideration to the question of providing educational advantages for our girls and young women.

The Shanghai Missionary College has been established for the purpose of giving our Chinese young men and women a Christian education. At the present time, the school is the advanced training school for all China. When we understand that the students from this school will to a large degree mold the work of this denomination throughout this great field, surely the teachers here have a most heavy responsibility. Let your mind take time to grasp the figure. Four hundred million people, about one-fourth of the world's

population, in the bondage of sin waiting to hear this message. Truly there is need of a large company of qualified, Christian workers, women as well as men, being sent out from this school year by year.

We have been greatly perplexed to know how to plan for the education of our girls and women. When the number of our young men students had increased to such an extent that all available space in our compound had to be given to them, the girls were obliged to move into smaller quarters close by. We have been hoping that in some way a dormitory would be provided soon, so that our girls would be taken care of properly. We find it necessary to put from four to six girls in a room, the largest room being about 11 x 12 feet, thus crowding thirty girls into a building suitable for about sixteen. In order to make it possible that this number be accommodated we had bed frames made with an upper and lower berth. When three of these are placed in a room, there is but little space left. In moving our girls to these cramped quarters, we comforted ourselves and others with the hope that better accommodations would soon be available. Our girls were loyal and put up with the inconvenience of such crowded conditions, but all the time have been hoping and expecting that some things would be different.

When the school year closed in June, we who had to do with the school said we would never feel it right to crowd so many girls in that building again. After, however, being convinced that there was no relief in sight

for the coming year, we were compelled to write out to the leaders in the field, telling them of our situation and explaining that we would take but a limited number of girl students. In spite of all we did to keep girls away, they kept coming and we soon found ourselves as crowded as the year before, our girls numbering more than fifty and there were more applications for admittance. We asked ourselves in all seriousness "Shall we send some of them home that conditions may be more liveable for those who remain?" We knew we ought not to crowd students together in this way, but what could we do? At the best we were taking care of but a small proportion of those who should have these educational privileges.

We knew if we sent some of these girls home, they perhaps would never get another opportunity to come, would continue in ignorance of the truth, and thus the work of God would languish when it ought to be making mighty strides. We found places for some in the homes of our foreign workers, and all available space was occupied, including servants quarters. The school year passed by. As school closed for the summer vacation again our school board gave consideration to the matter of building a girls' dormitory. We had asked in our school budget for 1921 for money for this purpose, but during the spring council here it was decided that all our school specials would have to be cut seventy per cent because of lack of funds in the home treasury. Before this week came we had been so opti-

mistic as to think that this summer we would be able to build. For two or three months Pastor J. P. Anderson had been soliciting funds for school buildings, and relying upon what he had received and possibly might receive, together with our budget call, we felt that very soon our hope would be realized. Again we are disappointed and must wait. We might build smaller, but our plans formerly were moderate, and we feel it would be wiser to wait a little longer and pray the Lord of the harvest to move upon the hearts of our brethren to assist us.

When school opened again this small home housed about as many students as during the previous year. Would that some of our brethren and sisters who have been made stewards of the Master's goods could see our need of buildings and facilities as we see it here. Surely they would be glad to put their money into a proposition like this of helping us erect a home for girls, thus causing the work of the threefold message to take on permanency here, and bringing hope, joy, and salvation to the hearts of many of China's women.

Trusting and anticipating that God will surely move upon the hearts of some to donate to this most needy enterprise, we have already purchased land, and take this opportunity of extending an invitation to those who have funds to help us. While we have many needs, yet that which we are most concerned about at present is a dormitory for girls. We have caught a vision of many of the women of

China entering the gates of the Celestial City, and we want to work and pray with all the faith, ability, and strength that God has given to see the realization of this vision. Will you help to bring it to pass with your money and prayers?

Sabbath, August 5

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT : John 3:16.

READING: The Philippine Academy.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 546.

PRAYER : In behalf of the Philippine Academy.

The Philippine Academy

IRVING A. STEINEL

WE are nearing the close of the fifth year of our school work in the Philippines. Each year has marked progress in the work, but this fifth one is by far the best in every way. Our enrollment this year has been two hundred and twenty-eight. Because of our limited dormitory accommodations, we have had to turn away a number of students this year. We are just beginning work on a small addition to our main building, and hope that funds can be provided next year for an addition to our other building, the girls' dormitory.

We try to carry on our work in much the same way in which our academies are conducted in the homeland. All of our work is conducted in English. This is a great help to us, because it enables us to make use of good textbooks from America.

This year we have had a Normal Department with an enrollment of twenty. In this

department we are endeavoring to train church school teachers. There is already a demand for church schools, but we have lacked properly trained teachers in the past. This year three of these schools have been in operation in the Visayan field. We hope to have several more next year in other provinces.

Among the most interesting pupils that come to our school are the boys who come from the Mountain Provinces. The mountain people have not had the advantages of good schools or other cultural advantages that the people in the lowlands have had since the United States has controlled the islands. However, we have found that they make rapid progress in their studies when they begin to learn. It is very interesting to watch their minds expand.

One of these boys is the son of a former head-hunter. He says his father was a fierce head-hunter. In his home is a large jar which is worshipped as a god. In this jar are the bones of some of the father's victims. This boy was a very bad boy when he came to us. At least, he says he was very bad. He used to gamble, drink, and indulge in many other vices. He knew nothing about God when he came to us. But this year he has been fairly drinking in Bible stories and teachings. A short time ago, in conversation with Mrs. Steinel, he told her about some of the bad things he used to do. He said, "Do you think Jesus can ever forgive me?" When he was assured that Jesus would forgive him, he said, "But can he ever forget all those bad things I have done?" What a joy it was to be able

to tell him that our God forgives and forgets! Truly there is no more beautiful work on earth than that of leading poor benighted souls to our Saviour.

Since the opening of our school in 1917, we have had the great joy of seeing fifty of our students baptized. At present there is another baptismal class preparing for this step. We are humbly grateful to the Lord for the wonderful privilege he has given us of having a part in this work which is so dear to our hearts.

Sabbath, August 12

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature.]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Isa. 60:1. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: Words from Students.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song." No. 532, first and second stanzas.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers in behalf of the students in Shanghai Missionary College,

Words from Students

FORMERLY, I worshipped the idols. I worked in the business circle. But I did not understand why I had an Old and New Testament on my table. It was very strange to me. Afterwards I employed a bricklayer to build a new house for me. The bricklayer is a member of Seventh-day church. When he was working on roof, he explained the doctrine for me. He said, "The idols cannot be trust." When I heard this word, my thought was converted. So I took my brass idol and the censers to throw away. During that night, the bricklayer invited me to a church

and hear the doctrine. The preacher told me the different of true God and false gods. Then I decided my will to search the doctrine and keep the Sabbath day. For this reason, many persecutions arose up. My family jeered me. My relatives ridiculed me. My friends blamed me. On one Sabbath day, they don't let me eat any food. But my heart full of happiness. Eight months passed, I was baptized to enter the church. I knew that God has promised my prayer. (Matt. 21:22). During that year, the mission asked me to study in our school, but my family used every plan to hinder me. After six years later I came to this school to study. It is very difficulty for me to reach my goal, but the Lord has opened the way to fulfil my decision. Now I am in the school with full of cheer.

MENG CHING EN

I never heard the Gospel before. I never saw the Bible before. Did not know the problem of human life. Just living in the dream. One day I was in a school, I met a colporteur. He told me about the doctrine. His talk stirred my feelings. I received his influence. The next day I called some of my friends to meet the colporteur again. When we heard his talk, we all respected the truth. So we asked the mission to establish a church in our town. For this reason, the people of our town all became my enemies. They don't let me to live with them. Though I had many persecutions, but I still hold up my head. For the Bible said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to

kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." The church already established in our town. Then I witness for the Lord with heart and soul. Now, my whole family believe in Christ. I also advised some of my friends to believe the doctrine. Afterwards the mission asked me to preach the gospel. So I lead some brothers to know the Christ. I also helped several young men attend our school to study. Now, I am studying in Shanghai Missionary College. The all experiences which I had were accomplished by the Lord. O my Lord! I ought to praise Thee.

WANG SHOU CHEN.

Sabbath, August 19

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: John 3:16.

READING: The Little Disciple at Yoh Djou.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 370, first, third and fourth stanzas.

PRAYER: In behalf of those in China who are eager to learn the message.

The Little Disciple at Yoh Djou

O. B. KUHN

Two or three years ago when the Hunanese rebelled against the Central Government, our company of itinerating evangelistic workers were conducting efforts in different cities, and our schedule brought us to Yoh Djou shortly after its capture by the Northerners. The military authorities would not allow the people on the streets after five o'clock, and we

feared that the meetings would not be well attended. However, we announced that meetings would be held in the evenings at our chapel, and to our surprise the hall was unusually crowded. The people avoided meeting the soldiers by coming through the narrow alleys instead of by the main streets.

Among those who came were two boys, Ai Ching, ten years of age, and his friend Yu Dao, eleven years old. These boys were much interested in the prophetic charts, especially liking the pictures of the beasts of Daniel and the Revelation. At the close of the meeting they asked to attend the Sabbath school and the church school, wanting to learn more about the Bible. Ai Ching said that he wished to become a disciple of Jesus.

After being in the Sabbath school and day school about a month, little Ai Chang decided that he could no longer worship the idols in his father's house, nor eat unclean things. Until this time Ai Ching had daily joined his father in worshipping the "tsai shen," god of wealth, for his father had a small shop, and every morning he and Ai Ching burned paper money and prayers and incense, shot off fire crackers, and knocked their heads on the ground in front of the idol.

Ai Ching returned home one evening and told his parents that he could not continue worshipping idols. His father became angry, and taking the boy down to the shore of Lake Tung Ting, which was near by, he whipped him and told him to stay there until he was willing to worship idols.

Unwilling to recant, Ai Ching found a sampan turned on its side on the sand, for repairs and oiling. This provided him shelter for the night, and next morning he went to school hungry but happy. That evening he returned home, and after several stormy days with his parents, at last won the victory, secured the right to worship according to the dictates of his own little conscience, and retained his honorable place in the family circle.

The other boy had an easier time, and during the following year or two persuaded his father to fully accept the truth and be baptized. We are proud of both of these boys, but Ai Ching had especially endeared himself to us as "the little disciple of Yoh Djou."

Sabbath, August 26

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Prov. 11:30. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: Doors of Opportunity.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 480.

PRAYER: In behalf of the women of China.

Doors of Opportunity

MRS. R. M. MILNE

THE statement is an old one, but none the less true, that the civilization of any country is largely determined by the estimate placed upon its womanhood. China has been very backward in this respect. Formerly it was not considered necessary that a girl know any-

thing save such as pertained to her home-to-be. Consequently, education for women was much neglected.

But now, with the light of gospel truth shining on this land, it is evident that to be the helpmeets that God primarily designed women to be, the women of China must receive an education. To this end, schools have been established, and each year an increasing number of girls and women are finding their way through doors of golden opportunity.

In Christian lands, women are called upon to perform many important duties. In America and in England, women hold responsible positions in the government; they preside as judges in the highest courts in the land; they fill the schools, the offices, the factories with their talented energies.

Before the Chinese girl also there lies a wide field of usefulness if she will but step through this golden door of opportunity. All that other women have accomplished, she may accomplish in her own land and for her own people. Some are seizing the opportunities that present themselves. Some are fitting themselves to become teachers; others for other lines of usefulness.

Our work needs all the consecrated, educated talent that Chinese girls can bring to it. We need bookkeepers, teachers, stenographers, Bible workers, and nurses, and in all these departments our young women by earnest study and effort may fit themselves for efficient service.

The following story of what seven of our Cantonese girl students did to pay their way through school this year speaks well for the ambition and the earnest purpose of these young women of China to obtain an education. It had been suggested that several of the students in attendance at the Bethel Girls' School spend part of the summer vacation canvassing in Hongkong. Accordingly, on the 27th of July, two girls and their principal, Miss Ida Thompson, began work in this city. The girls found living quarters in a garage on the premises occupied by one of our foreign workers in Hongkong. The next day two more girls joined the ranks, and together they set out to scatter the printed page. That the Lord abundantly blessed their efforts is seen in the fact that in nine days one of the girls had more than secured her scholarship for the next year. At the end of thirteen working days two of the girls had earned their scholarships and returned to Canton, and three more came to take their places.

Some subscriptions were secured, though the bulk of the work was done with "Health and Longevity" and "Heralds of the Morning." In a month's time each of the girls had earned a scholarship. In addition to this two of the girls worked longer and thus were able to provide for their sister who had been unable to come. Thus eight scholarships were earned by seven girls in a month's time, an aggregate value of over \$900.

And this is the least of what was accomplished! Think of the people who thus had an

opportunity of knowing, perhaps for the first time, this truth so dear to us all! Who knows but what in that day of meeting, many souls will approach those girl canvassers and say, "I am so glad you called that day and sold me that book. It was the means of my gaining an entrance to heaven."

The doors of opportunity are open to all. What has been done by some, may be done by others. Let the girls and women of China do their part to speed the circulation of this truth and the message of the Master's coming.

Sabbath, September 2

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 24:14.

READING: Story for the Children. See *Our Little Friend* dated September 8.

MAP TALK ON CHINA: See "Making Missions Real," pp. 71-73.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 544, first, second and fourth stanzas.

PRAYER: In behalf of our teachers in the Far East.

Sabbath, September 9

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Eccl. 11:6. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

READING: Korea's Awakening.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 622, first and last stanzas.

PRAYER: A few sentence prayers in behalf of the educational work in Korea.

Korea's Awakening

JACOB E. RIFFEL

NEVER before in the history of Korea has there been such a desire for an education among the young people as there is today. The government schools are filled to their very limit and all the denominational schools are so crowded that they cannot do justice to every one. At the opening of school this year great crowds of students rushed to the different schools seeking entrance. The number of students was twice the number that could be accommodated. The problem of choosing who could attend and who could not attend was solved by making the entrance examinations more difficult than usual, so that only half gained entrance permission. The other half returned to their homes disappointed; some will never again make an effort to obtain an education while others study the best they know, hoping they may find entrance the following year. Not only are the boys' schools filled to overflowing, but the schools for girls also.

Our only training school for Korea, located at Soonan, is facing the same difficulty. At the opening of this school last spring more students than could be accommodated made applications. After the entrance examinations only those of higher grades for whom we had room were permitted to attend; the others had to return. The students of a lower grade might in the sight of the Lord be better prepared to attend school and make better workers

for Him than those who are naturally more brilliant. "Shall we to men benighted, the lamp of life deny?"

This fall we are adding a larger class room to our school building, which will be used for for the beginners' class. We have a room 18 x 18 feet which we intend to use for a library, but as yet there are no tables, chairs, or books to put into it—only boys and girls who are eager to learn.

The boys' dormitory and dining room are by far too small. There is room for only about fifty. The other eighty are scattered all over the village. Those who can board with our people do so, the others are obliged to stay in heathen homes, away from evening and morning worship and all Christian influences.

The girls' dormitory is also too small. We have five rooms which accommodate twenty girls. We reopened our girls' school this fall. In a year or two we hope to have between fifty and seventy-five girls in attendance. How can we neglect the education of our Korean girls who are to be the future help-meets for our workers? How much good can we expect our young workers to accomplish if they are unequally yoked together with heathen girls who are uneducated and surrounded by evil influences, hindering the progress of their husbands, and finally causing them through discouragement to fall by the wayside!

Under many disadvantages our school is making progress. Prayer meetings are well attended and a good spirit is prevailing. A

number of the boys and girls who have been studying this truth for several months, followed their Lord in baptism about six weeks ago. We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the time when our educational work will stand in the foreground. The welfare of our work in the future depends upon the training of our youth today.

Today the doors of opportunity are open which sooner or later may forever be closed. The money prayerfully given toward our educational work today will be the means of bringing this truth to many homes. Brethren, we solicit your prayers for this work and also for us, that we might faithfully do the work the Master has intrusted to us among these Far Eastern people.

Sabbath, September 16

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Ps. 126:6. Read the text, then have

READING: The Educational Problem in Malaysia.

the school repeat it in concert.

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 537, first, second, and fourth stanzas.

PRAYER: In behalf of the educational work in Malaysia.

The Educational Problem in Malaysia

V. E. HENDERSHOT

IT was not so many months ago that I sat in some of our churches in America and listened to stirring appeals for funds, made by persons who were in the field laboring to win precious souls to a saving knowledge of the everlasting gospel. My heart responded then, but what misconceptions of the magni-

tude of this work were in my mind at that time! Could our dear people see the dire needs as those of us who arrive in the foreign field do, the matter of giving would be largely settled. We may study about making missions real, but the reality must take possession of our beings.

Malaysia is a veritable hodgepodge of humanity. Here all peoples meet and jostle in the streets. The Far East and the Near East, the Orient and the Occident, are here by living miscellany, and languages, dialects, and gibberish encountered on every turn defy our advance. Where, oh, where shall we begin? Our answer is that we must begin with schools, schools, schools, where we may educate, educate, educate. And we have begun. The Lord has richly blessed us in our Singapore school, despite the fact that we cannot hold a single school meeting without two translators. We teach in English, Hakka, Chinese, and Malay. But somehow the Lord does bless us when we feel our utter weakness. We should be ashamed for an inspector of schools to visit our institution to examine our equipment, for we have none. We should be chagrined if prominent educators should wish to look closely into our industrial department, for we have none; but we are not ashamed for the angels of heaven to witness the transformation in the lives of some of these dear students. The close of school witnessed the addition of thirteen to the church as a result of the year's work in spiritual lines. But we are patiently await-

ing the good pleasure of the Lord, for He can send us the means from His storehouse for these necessary things.

But the Singapore school is not the sum and substance of education in Malaysia. Calls, and some of them most urgent, come to us from the adjacent lands. Let me cite a few. In Borneo some of our faithful students are refused admission in the schools of the country because of their faith. What do they do? Give up the truth? No. They beseech us for schools after the Divine pattern. What is our answer? You know. Without men and means no school can be maintained. But we see possibilities before us whereby these youth may obtain the sort of an education which the Great Teacher would give His followers in these last days.

In the town of Ipoh, about a day's journey by train from Singapore as one goes northward toward Siam, is a most unique Chinese country school. It is in a native house with a tap roof, no floor but mother earth, long benches made of single lengths of wood nailed to four sticks which are sunk into the ground, and two rows of desks similarly made in front of the pupils, and the walls and ceiling covered with the wise diction of Confucius. But there has been a wonderful change in the school and in the teacher. The teacher has for twenty years taught in China, and has just now encountered the truth of God, which he declares is far superior to anything that he finds in the volumes of the Great Chinese. The little school house is closed on the Sab-

bath day. Of the fifty students, over thirty are attending the Adventist meetings and are most favorably inclined. The pedagogue asked me if he might name his school, "The Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Elementary Hakka School." A good name, no doubt, and comprehensive enough to explain itself to all comers, but we were forced to "put him off," because at present we feel that the time has not fully come for a real church school. Had we the men and means we might go in and possess the land now.

Many other needs I might picture before you, but the space does not permit. Our needs are surely great, and the salvation of these darkened souls is work paramount to all other. We witness persons walking through embers of burning fire with bare feet right here in Singapore, thinking thus to purify the soul of its sin and dross. Oh, that the purifying rays of the Sun of Righteousness may shine through us to them. Let not money retard our onward march. We must educate, educate, educate, and this must be accomplished by efficient schools and teachers.

Oh stir us, God of Living Truth
Thy precious words to live ;
Take Thou our lives, or gold, or blood
But only let us give.
If we could win them by our death
How gladly should we die !
But win them by our lives we must,
Do help us hear their cry !

Sabbath, September 23

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: John 12:32. Read the text, then have the school repeat it in concert.

RECITATION: "No Money."

MISSIONARY SONG: "Christ in Song," No. 588.

PRAYER: That the Lord will help us to make a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

No Money

No money ! yet brothers and sisters are dying.
No money ! yet millions in darkness are lying.
O Christians, arise from your wealth and your ease,
And seek, while you may, these cries to appease.

No money ! to teach them that Jesus waits pleading.
No money ! to send them the joy they are needing.
Your brothers, my brother, are grappling with death ;
Your sisters, my sister, with fast-failing breath,

Are asking for help which your hands are withholding,
While you, in your comfort, your arms are now folding.
In gloom they await, but for answer they gain,
"No money !"—that bitter and solemn refrain.

No money ! yet teachers and preachers are waiting,
Impatient with standing, while men are debating
How much they can "spare" from their treasures of
gold;
How much they will "miss" if they do not withhold.

What we like we must have, though the cost may be
dear,
Though the money we spend might be used to quench
fear
From the breasts of the saddened and sorrowful
mothers,
From the hearts of our suffering sisters and brothers.

O daughters of Zion, the Father is calling !
He needeth your help ; for your sisters are falling.
O women who rest in the shelter of ease,
Come, offer *your* part of the load to release !

Must we call back the men from the vineyard of God?
Shall we fail to trace footsteps the martyrs have trod?
Shall we rest in our luxury, heedless of cries
From agonized heathen—of heart-broken sighs?

Must we cry the word "Halt!" to the soldiers awaiting?
Must we tell them to stop, in measured tones stating
That money is wanting, that heathen must die,
That still in their misery our brothers must lie?

—*Minnie L. Haskins.*

Sabbath, September 30

[Suggestions for the Missionary Feature]

MISSIONARY TEXT: Matt. 28:19, 20.

DIALOGUE.

SPECIAL MUSIC.

RECITATION: A Little Boy's Thoughts.

OFFERING.

PRAYER: In behalf of our Educational Work in the Far East.

Dialogue

[Nine persons are required for the complete dialogue; but it can readily be seen that, wherever it seems advisable, one or more of the sections may be dropped out without detriment to the remainder.

Each boy and girl comes on the platform singly, advancing to the front of the platform while telling his story, and then stepping back to form a line at the rear of the platform. Each one carries a placard which gives the audience the full name of the school he represents. At the place indicated in the dialogue, the placards should all be turned simultaneously, revealing the words printed on the back, "We need more equipment and more schools."]

BOY REPRESENTING THE CHOSEN UNION TRAINING SCHOOL: My father is very poor. He is a coolie. He carries loads on his back. He earns about seventy sen a day, which would be about thirty cents. He hardly earns

enough to buy food for us all, so he cannot afford to send us to school.

Some of the missionaries noticed our family and they said they thought I might be able to learn quickly. So they asked me to go to a night school which was held in the publishing house for the children of the poor. At first my father was afraid to let me go, because he was afraid I might become a Christian, but now he is a Christian himself.

Because I like to study, my teachers have now sent me to the school at Soonan. I am so glad I can be here. So many had to return home because there was not room enough for us all. They gave us very difficult entrance examinations, and those who did not pass had to go home again. We who stay are very sorry to see the others go back.

GIRL REPRESENTING THE JAPAN MISSION TRAINING SCHOOL: I have found my way at last to the Japan Mission Training School. And now I am learning so many new things about Jesus who loves me. I often wonder why I ever worshipped idols of wood and stone. I am so happy.

Some day I want to go back to our village and teach my neighbors all that I am learning. But I must stay here a while yet, so that I will be able to stand the persecution when I do go back. They have heard that I am a Christian, and they are very angry. I am the first Christian from our village.

About a year ago I went to work for the white people, and there I first heard of Jesus. They told me, too, about this school, so I came just as soon as I could. I was glad to know that there is a school where I can learn how to teach my people. I am going back as soon as I can.

BOY REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINE ACADEMY: This is my first year at the academy. I came from the mountain districts where we do not have any schools. My father was a head-hunter in days gone by. At home there is a large jar which we used to worship as a god. In it are the bones of some of the people my father killed. At home we all used to gamble and smoke and drink.

And now I am here, and I hope some time to go back to the mountain people. It made me so happy when I learned that Jesus would forgive and forget all the wrong things

I did before I came here. I hope that some day there will be a school up in my mountain home.

SMALL GIRL REPRESENTING THE BETHEL GIRLS' SCHOOL: My sister has for years attended school at the Bethel Girl's School in Canton. She has always made beautiful embroidery work which her teacher sold, and in this way she paid her expenses. She wanted me to go to school, too, but we had no money.

When school closed last year she, with some of the other girls, decided to try to sell enough books in Hongkong to pay their expenses for the year. My sister thought if she could do this, she would embroider during the school year to pay my expenses. No Chinese girls had ever tried to sell books before. You know, not very long ago, Chinese girls were not even allowed to go on the streets.

In just a few weeks my sister had sold enough to pay her expenses for the year, so she kept on, and soon had enough to pay all my expenses, too. Wasn't that wonderful? And now we are both at school, and as happy as can be.

BOY REPRESENTING THE SINGAPORE TRAINING SCHOOL: In our school, the teaching is done in English, Hakka, Chinese, and Malay. Before I came here, I attended a school taught by a Chinese teacher. He was at one time a disciple of Confucius. All around the walls in school were the writings of Confucius. But now he is a Christian, and the schoolhouse is closed on Sabbaths.

He told me that if I would go to the Singapore Training School, I would learn more than he could teach me of the right way. I like it here, but I often hear the teachers say that if they had enough money to start some industries, we could have more students, and not have to turn them away year after year.

GIRL REPRESENTING THE SHANGHAI MISSIONARY COLLEGE: I go to school at the Shanghai Missionary College. I came early, and even then the only place they had left was in a small room where there were already five girls. We have beds made like the berths in a ship, one above another, and in this way we can get six in a room. Some of the girls who came a long distance to attend school, had to return because there was no room.

I'm so glad I could stay. My foster-father is now an evangelist. Long before he was a Christian, he bought

me to be a slave girl. I worked very hard. My foster-father engaged me to be married to a young man whom I have never seen. He is not a Christian. When my foster-father became a Christian, he adopted me, and he and my foster-mother treat me as they would their own child. They have no children of their own.

There is just one thing that troubles us. The father of the young man to whom I am engaged, insists that we must carry out the bargain made so long ago. Long before we were Christians my father spent the money that had been given him to seal the bargain, and now we have no way of paying it back.

They have agreed to let me have a few years first to go to school. I am planning to be a teacher, so that I can earn enough to pay back the money that was given my father. Then perhaps they will not say that I must marry a man who would want me to worship idols. I am glad they had room for me here. If they had sent me back, it would have meant that I must go to a heathen home where there are no Christians.

But I cannot help but think of the girls who had to go back, and I wonder if some of them are even more in need of it than I am. I *do* wish we had room for all!

BOY REPRESENTING THE HANKOW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: Would you like to know how I happen to be attending the Hankow Intermediate School? I will tell you all about it.

My family is very poor. I used to earn a little money every day by weighing grain. One day when I was walking down the street, I noticed a compound that I passed every day. It had always before looked the same as the other compounds on that street. But this evening everything looked so nice and clean. There was one big room that looked particularly nice. This room was called the Gospel Hall. It had been whitewashed, and on the walls were strange pictures. I know now that they were pictures from the Sabbath school memory verse picture roll. But they were very strange to me then.

There was a man who invited me in. He was an evangelist. He tried to explain the pictures to me, but I could not understand, because he kept talking of a Man who died for me. I went there often, and gradually I learned more about Jesus and the Bible. Then the evangelist said I ought to go to school, so I could help to teach others.

I had no money, so he went out with me, and helped me to sell papers until I had enough money to come to school. I hope to be an evangelist some day, too.

SMALL BOY REPRESENTING BORNEO : One day my big brother bought a paper, and read it out loud to me. It told a great deal about Jesus coming again, and about the Sabbath day. My brother went back to the place where he bought the paper, and learned more about it all, and now he says that he and I are going to be Seventh-day Adventists always.

As soon as the teacher at our school found out, he said we could never go back to his school again, and no other school will let us in either. When we pray, we ask Jesus to send us a teacher and a school soon, because there is no Adventist school here.

[All reverse placards, and allow time for the audience to read the words on the back.]

OLDER GIRL REPRESENTING THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF ALL THE WORLD : I represent the Sabbath schools of all the world. As we meet today in schools far and near, we hear your story, and understand something of your needs. And all our thirteenth Sabbath offering today will be sent to help you. We shall all do our very best to help you each and every one.

OLIVE D. OSBORNE.

A Little Boy's Thoughts

“ Two beautiful, shining pennies, bright and yellow and new !
Don't tell me about the heathen ; I want them myself, I do.
I want a top and some marbles, a sword, and a gun that shoots,
A candy stick and a trumpet, a knife, and a pair of boots ;
But if I were a heathen with no precious Bible to tell
The story of Jesus our Saviour, who loves little children so well ?
For Jesus, you know, may be asking the question of you and me ;
Did you carry my love to your brothers and sisters across the sea ?
I think you may send them, my pennies, perhaps in some way they will grow ;
For little brooks grow to be rivers, and pennies make dollars, you know.”