



Missionary Department

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT MISSIONARY WORK.

The increased zeal and enthusiasm in the various departments of our denominational work may be clearly seen by reading the Minutes of our last General Conference; and I most firmly believe that the missionary interest was both the immediate and remote cause of all this enthusiasm.

"It is a little thing dropped in the heart's deep well; The good, the joy which it may do, Eternity alone can tell."

PERIE F. RANDOLPH.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From David H. Davis.

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 25, 1881.

My Dear Bro. Main,—Having returned from the proposed missionary trip of which I made mention in my last communication, I now take my first opportunity to write you respecting the work.

At first, Mrs. Davis did not expect to accompany me, but I found I could secure the house boat of the Southern Methodist Mission at about the same cost of a Chinese boat, and this would be much more convenient.

as many do, I secured one at the expense of \$50, in American money. This secured, we left Shanghai on the evening of Oct. 6th. Our men were to row us during the night to the village of Wang-Doo, a place of about 2,000 inhabitants, and about fifty le (Chinese mile) from Shanghai.

Having landed, Erlow and I set out to preach and sell books. As we passed through the narrow streets, we chanced to pass a small temple, in which there were several boys playing with the images.

We passed on to a tea shop, and asked if we could kony si, i. e., explain books. They said no, but finally consented. After preaching or explaining the doctrines for half an hour, one man asked if it was admissible to burn incense to Te'n, or heaven.

We returned at about nine o'clock, and started for Kwung San, where we were designing to spend the Sabbath. The remainder of the day was spent in writing some explanatory notes on the margin of the copies of the Gospels we were designing to distribute.

We left Kwung San for Soo-Chow in the evening, and arrived the next day. We spent the day with Rev. J. W. Davis of the Southern Presbyterian Mission. Mr. Davis had been at work at this place for several years; has just succeeded in buying land, and is now erecting a dwelling.

Monday morning we arranged to visit one of the renowned Pagodas of this city, and see some of the public gardens; but with the morning came a heavy rain, and we could not go. We therefore decided to go around to the southwest part of the city and visit the Methodist Mission, where they, too, are erecting buildings.

We left Soo-Chow for Dzang Zok Monday afternoon, stopping at a village on the way by the name of Ta-Wang, where we preached and distributed books, and then passed on, arriving at Dzang Zok Oct. 12th, 8.30 A. M.

The people seem to be willing that missionaries should come, but whether the rulers of the city would give their consent is not so easy to say. There doubtless would be some opposition should the attempt be made to establish a mission there.

We left Ta-Tsong in the evening and arrived at Leoo the next day. The weather was rainy the first day, but still we continued the work. The next day it was more pleasant so that Mrs. Davis and Susie went out with us.

We went to a large court in front of a temple, a place quite convenient for preaching; the people continued to gather until it was one solid mass, and they were so anxious to see Mrs. Davis and Susie that I was obliged to have them go back to the boat, and keep out of sight. We continued to preach, and the crowd was so large that we retreated so that we stood under the veranda of the temple.

1st. It is near to Shanghai, so that there could be easy communication, as you could travel, by boat, wheelbarrow, or on horseback, in a few hours.

2d. The elevation of the place, there being no rice fields in that locality.

3d. This place is so near to Leoo that it might be worked by the same missionary, as he could visit Leoo, and return the same day.

4th. There are several villages about this place that would be brought under the influence of the missionary.

5th. It would give an opportunity to work among the educated class as well as the lower class. Should a hospital be established in connection with a new station, I think everything considered, this place is most desirable.

During the whole trip, although quite rainy, yet we were not obliged to stop our work, and, on most all occasions, had large crowds to listen. We preached thirty-five different times each. We began by selling the Gospels at seven cash each, and giving the tracts; but we soon found that our tracts would not hold out should we continue this plan, so we decided to sell them at three cash apiece.

worship of these images was to no purpose, but the priests wanted to make their living. Erlow made good use of this confession in preaching the gospel. There were several things that I would refer to, but the mail goes this forenoon, and I have not the time to write more at present.

Our hearts were made sad to hear of the death of our aged brother, Eld. Hull. He has truly fought a good fight, and now laid down his armor to receive the crown.

Your most humble servant, DAVID H. DAVIS.

JOURNAL FOR NOVEMBER.

1st. Visited five families in the forenoon, and in the afternoon visited Mr. Prout's school at Flat Rock. He has a very interesting school. Preached in the evening to a full house; subject, "The Work of God," from John 6: 29.

2d. Rained all day, and had no meeting in the evening. Bro. Bracewell and myself "searched the Scriptures" the greater part of the day.

3d. Visited ten families and preached in the evening; subject, "The woman at the well of Samaria."

4th. Preached in the evening; text, "Remember Lot's wife."

5th. Sabbath. Went to my appointment at the Park's school-house, and preached from Mark 12: 37, "The common people heard him gladly." Jesus had just put to silence the Pharisees and Sadducees, who were blinded by sectarianism.

6th. 11 o'clock, Eld. Kelly preached; subject, "Christian duty." Text, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." He very appropriately referred to the law of God and the observance of God's holy Sabbath day.

7th. Visited some to-day, and in the afternoon went back to the Park's school-house. Eld. Kelly had preached there on the evening of the 6th. The writer preached to a crowded house; subject, "The interest taken in heaven and on earth for the sinner." Luke 15: 7. Stayed all night with Bro. Redman, one of the recent converts.

8th. Visited the school at the Park's school-house in the forenoon. Mr. Turner, the teacher, has a well-conducted school. Addressed the scholars on the subject of Education and the evils of the use of tobacco and alcoholic drinks.

9th. Eld. Kelly and myself went over to Bro. Towery's, some three miles west. In the afternoon, visited the school in Bro. Ensminger's district, Mr. Monroe Springs, teacher. Spoke on the subjects named above. This school is well attended, and the teacher is doing good work, trying to advance the students morally as well as intellectually.

10th. Prayer-meeting at Deacon Spain's at 2 o'clock P. M. No meeting in the evening in consequence of rain.

11th. Visited several families in connection with Dea. Spain, and secured pledges to the amount of seventy-six dollars and fifty cents toward building a Seventh-day Baptist meeting-house near the Park's school-house. The school-house is entirely too small to accommodate the increasing congregations here.

12th. Sabbath. Eld. Kelly preached at the Park's school-house, followed by the writer. Bro. Wm. Redman joined by experience. In the evening, Eld. Kelly preached, the writer following. The house did not accommodate hardly half of those assembled.

13th. Eld. Kelly preached at 11 o'clock, and the writer bapt. Bro. Redman at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Holy Spirit manifested his presence on this occasion and the brethren were much revived.

14th. Preached at the Motsinger school-house in the evening.

15th, 16th, 17th, 18th. Circulated subscription for the

purpose of repairing our church house. Some two years ago the directors closed the school house to us, so we immediately bought a house that had been occupied as a storehouse, and in a few days we were holding meetings in it.

19th. Sabbath. Attended Sabbath-school. 20th. This day I am 48 years old. Preached at the Olive General Baptist church, seven miles away.

21st-25th. Collected the money to repair the church, \$10 60, and visited the schools at New Stone Fort.

26th. Sabbath. Went to my appointment at Enon; preached five times while there. Eld. Clayborn, a First-day Baptist, preached once, and Eld. Van Cleve once; good interest. Had a long, private conversation with Eld. Rayburn, who appears to be a very earnest and sincere man, on the Sabbath subject, and who takes the position that Christ appeared to his disciples on the first day of the week, not denying that he arose in the latter part of the then Sabbath, which was a sign, and Christ the substance.

27th. Visited the graded school, of which Mr. Wm. H. Gilam and J. R. Deaton are teachers.

28th. Visited Mr. Prater's school in Eld. Van Cleve's district, and the 30th, on my way home, visited James Smith's school. All the teachers referred to in this report are doing a noble work. F. F. JOHNSON.

SAVED BY THE THOUGHT OF HIS MOTHER.

A distinguished public man of Indiana, who lately deceased, was engaged at the time of his sudden death, in writing reminiscences of his life. He was narrating to his daughter, who was writing from his dictation, the story of a terrible temptation which assailed him when quite a youth.

At this point his voice suddenly choked, his emotions overcame him, he said to his daughter,—"We will finish this at another time"—laid his head back on his chair, and died almost instantly.—Baptist Weekly.

CHARITY is long-suffering and is kind. The ten thousand minor acts, both at home and abroad, that express it, are the flowers that adorn and sweeten life's pathway. Even when crimes and their perpetrators, ingratitude and base treacheries, render necessary the expression of righteous indignation, charity turns anger into sorrow, and breathes a prayer for the sinful or erring.

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Conducted by Rev. J. A. ... of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society.

"Let us ..."

THE CHAMBER

OLIVER ...

This is the ship of the ... The vessel ... On the sweet ... In gulfs ... And coral ... Where the cold ... Its web of living gauze ... Wrecked in the ... And every chamber ... Where its dim dream-life ... As the frail tenant ... Before these lies ... Its irised ceiling ... Year after year ... That spread his ... Still, as the ... He left the past ... Stole with soft ... Built up his idle ... Stretched in his last found ... no more.

Thanks for the heavenly ... Child of the wand ... Cast from her lap ... From thy dead lips a ... Than ever Triton blew ... While on my ear it ... Through the deep caves ... that sings.

Build thee more stately ... As the swift season ... Leave thy low-vault ... Let each new temple, noble ... Shut thee from heaven with ... Till thou art length ... Leaving thine out-grown ...

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Correspondence of ...

I. CERTIFICATE OF THE ... THE CHURCH IN FA ... This we certify all ... may come, that our ... loved brother John ... Conn., was at ... in Hopkinton, Febru ... appears by our church ... appointed by this Chur ... Elder, and in the mont ... was legally ordained ... son of Newport, Rhode ... Joshua Clark of Hopk ... Sabbatarian Constitu ... their Church, and was ... ister all the ordinances ...

Afterward being re ... bers of this Church, I ... to come and settle with ... said Farmington, where ... the word and ordinance ... several years.

When such numbers ... in the same faith and ... that it was thought p ... to recommend to the ... liberty for them, if t ... thought proper, to a ... church order, to be ... church, in fellowship ... Accordingly this o ... meeting in Hopkint ... 1780, appointed Eld ... kinton to go to said ... nized by Deacon Elish ... with the brethren and ... They accordingly m ... and sisters there, on ... ber, 1780, at the hous ... Present at said meeti ... and Deacon Elisha S ... ton, Elder John Dav ... min West, Elisha Cov ... David Covey, Jonath ... man, Nathan Covey, ... jah Stow, sisters Lydi ... terlee, Goodeth Covey ... full Lanphere, Pr ... Stillman, Naomi Da ... from Farmington.

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