

Nicas, Sept. 30, 1887

The Rev.

M. H. Palmer,

Dear brother,

Your  
letter with reference to the  
Simultaneous Meetings has  
come to hand. I think  
it a splendid idea, that  
of a concentrated effort  
in the behalf of Missions.  
I was much pleased with  
the account I read of  
the F. S. M. in England  
and connection with the  
Church Miss. Socy. I was  
also pleased with the article  
you gave in the  
Churches of America  
on the same subject.  
I have always had great  
faith in the power of prayer  
and especially for  
them in the Mission field  
and I felt the need

and also the power of the  
prayer of Christians at  
home. It is most encour-  
aging to us to know there  
is such an ardent  
interest in the work  
among the home churches.  
The effort you propose is  
a most laudable one  
and must be promotive  
of the Christian goal of the  
Church. We are especially  
pleased to feel the discrim-  
ination can harmonize &  
cooperate in an effort  
to advance the interests  
of a common Lord & Master.  
I cannot consider it a  
favor you ask of me to  
cooperate; but I simply of the  
nature of information which  
I am so pleased to pt.

You already love my people  
I have had them ever  
since I've been here. You  
have had five or six a  
special object of prayer.

which I am only too pleased  
to pt. I can also assure you  
of the prayer of my colleagues  
at home.

I wish I could visit you more  
in the way of watching for  
travels or more narration  
of the mercenary cry for the  
Gospel. But you know I am  
in a rather unfruitful field  
and the Gospel has to win  
its way by inches. However,  
I'm going about among the  
populous villages of the Panking  
district in this province. I  
am everywhere well received  
and my message is heard  
with apparent pleasure. I am  
often asked to open a chapel  
or school but I find it is all  
too far in the hope & expecta-  
tion that I will pay a large  
rent. There is one young man  
I will mention, however, a school-  
teacher in Yenching, Mr. Lei Du-tai  
whom I baptized last May. This  
man asked for Christian books  
which he wished to introduce  
into his heathen school of  
some thirty odd boys. He is seri-  
ously & thoughtfully in earnest

in the Gospel, and he is  
in our important Centre  
and holds an influential  
position. Let him benefit  
the benefit of your united  
prayer. I wish I could  
aid you further with  
fresh facts and interesting  
circumstances. But we live  
in hope the time is  
approaching will come.

Pray for me that I  
have patience to labor  
and to wait. I am

Yours very sincerely,  
Wm. J. White.