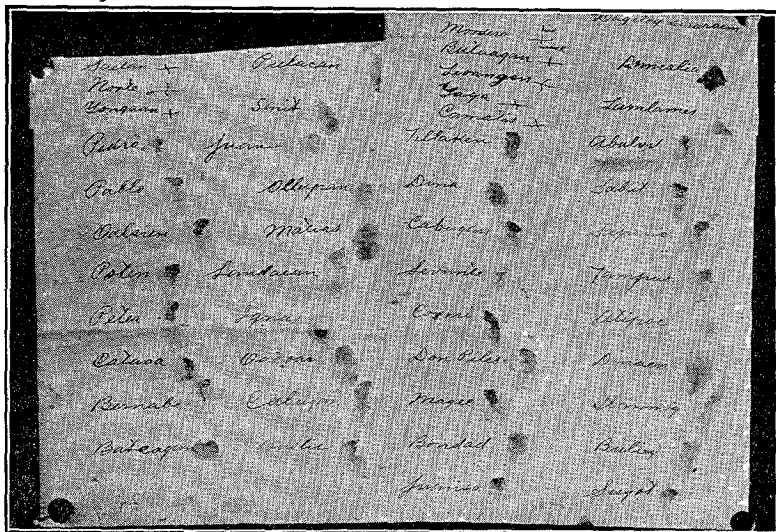


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*Photographic reproduction of signatures affixed to a letter written to Pastor R. E. Hay, of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, P. I., by Brother Simeon Balatero, one of our Filipino evangelists stationed at Suyoc, Lepanto, P. I. As the ones who signed are unable to write, they made their distinctive crosses or thumb-marks, and our evangelist wrote in the romanized form of each name. An interesting feature of the signatures is that only one name-word appears, as the non-Christian people of Northern Luzon have no surname. When they become Christians they add a second, or surname. These Lepanto-Bontocs (sometimes called Igorrotes) are asking Brother Hay to send a missionary to instruct them and teach their children.*

## GENERAL ARTICLES

### Our Vernacular Church Papers

FOR a series of years church papers have been published regularly in several of the language-areas of the Far East, including Japan, Chosen, North and South China, and the Philippines. These papers have served our constituencies much as the *Review* has served our English-speaking constituency, although necessarily in a much more limited manner, inasmuch as our numbers have not been sufficient to warrant heavy expenditures for the issuance and distribution of such papers.

In fields like those in which we are operating, nothing can fully take the place of the living pastor, whose loving instruction goes far toward shaping the thoughts of our believers, and giving them true concepts and noble aspirations. The pastor emphasizes the supreme value of the living Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, as the rule of our faith and practise. Every man who understands the Word, and follows its teachings, is a well-informed Seventh-day Adventist.

Experience has demonstrated the inestimable value of church papers for supplementing the work of the pastor and for stimulating a closer study of the Scriptures. And in proportion as our pastors give time and thought to the preparation of material that can be given their flock in printed form, they find their work being strengthened and established. The apostle Paul, himself one of the greatest of preachers and a most loving and sympathetic pastor, sought to improve every opportunity to communicate with the churches by letter. Thus his work was made to abide.

Our increasing constituencies here in the Far East are bringing new courage and inspiration to those who have for years borne the burden of writing for our church papers. At present, in several of our fields, the church paper reaches more than a thousand believers. A congregation of a thousand warrants the expenditure of much time and of our best thought. Let us unite in a special effort to make these church papers all they should be. Contributions are solicited from all. Let none excuse themselves and leave the responsibility to rest upon others. Every foreign worker in the Far East has some responsibility in shepherding the precious flock entrusted us of Heaven. So let short contributions, and longer ones as the Spirit may direct, be sent in to those who are editing these papers in Tokyo, Seoul, Manila, and Shanghai.

In China, beginning with January, 1920, both the Mandarin and the Wenli church papers will be issued from the Shanghai office of publication. The size of page has been made that of an ordinary book, in order that some of the plates used in the regular issues may later be used for the printing of small tracts and booklets. The number of pages in each issue will be sufficient to give a variety of matter for the benefit of our believers, and there will be room for contributions. Reports of work in progress are particularly desired. Let us all unite in making these papers a decided factor in the upbuilding of the Church of Asia.

C. C. CRISLER.



### Meetings in Foochow, Amoy and Canton

WE arrived in Foochow on Sabbath, October 25, and spent eight days there holding meetings and planning for the work. Brother F. H. DeVinney, superintendent of the Union Conference, with Brethren W. C. Hankins and B. R. Owen were also with us. These visiting brethren took part in the services and did all they could to help.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting, fifteen persons were baptized by Pastor Keh, and in the afternoon the ordinances were celebrated.

The meetings were held in our own church building, which is the best church building that we own in all China. It is about 40 x 70 feet in size and has a gallery which alone will seat about one hundred persons. The church is built on an old temple site, and part of its walls were once walls of the temple. We have a church with a membership of about one hundred sixty in Foochow, and a school with an attendance of one hundred fifty. Our school building is inadequate for the purpose, but we already have a desirable site, and hope soon to have a good building on it.

Brother and Sister E. B. Jones and Brother and Sister W. A. Scott, of Takoma Park, reached Foochow on the closing Sabbath of the meeting and spent about an hour at the mission home, going back to their boat that evening. The next day we joined them and went down the coast to Amoy.

We have three foreign families in Amoy, the headquarters of our work in the Fukien Province. The Mission owns one home on the south side of the island of Kulangsu, and two good school buildings, a dormitory and a recitation hall. It is much in

need of an industrial building in which to carry on the school industries. At present the boys are weaving towels, but the work is all done in an old rented building which is unsuitable in size and too far away from the main school buildings. This school has ninety-eight students, about half of them being day students living in the vicinity.

Across the bay, in the city of Amoy itself, we have a primary girls' school and also a boys' school. We visited these schools and enjoyed talking to the young people. There were about one hundred of them in the meeting, and altogether about two hundred students are in attendance. We are told that we could have many more if we could take care of them.

Leaving Amoy on Friday afternoon, we reached Swatow the following morning. However, as Brother J. P. Anderson, our foreign leader in Swatow, was in Shanghai, and as we could not speak Chinese, we could not talk to the people; we could only greet them and give the customary salutation.

The general meeting for the Cantonese Mission workers was held in the city of Canton, November 13-18. All the native laborers were present, together with all the foreign workers. The meetings were held in the new chapel which has just been completed on the front of the site previously known as the Bethel Girls' School. The chapel is a neat building, with a basement which is used for a tract society, a public day school, and the accommodation of native workers. It is surrounded on every side by Chinese homes and shops. During the meetings the



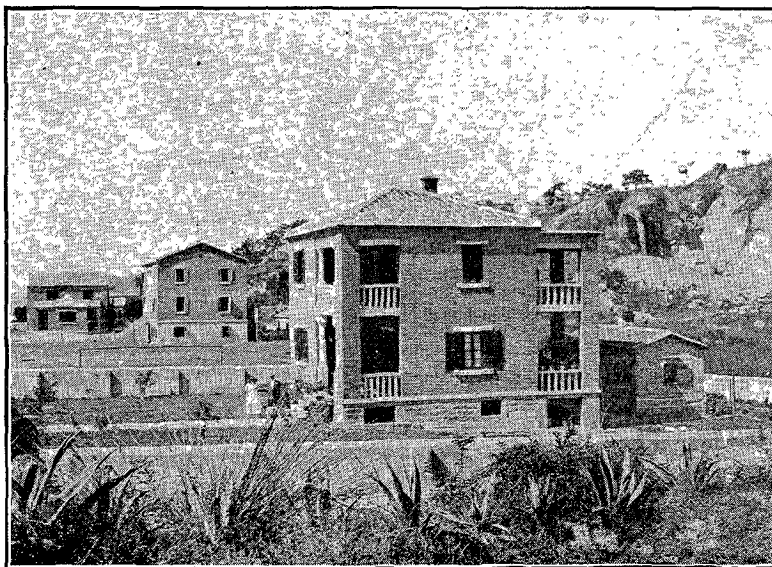
Our Mission Compound at Tungshan, a suburb of Canton, South China. The large building at the left is used for the boys' school; the buildings in the center are the homes of workers; the building at the right is the girls' school. The chapel recently dedicated is in the heart of the city, two miles distant.

gate stood open and often a curious crowd gathered about it.

As a whole this little chapel is a very presentable building and the brethren in charge of the work have done the cause credit in erecting it. The brethren raised in native contributions and from the workers over \$900 Mex., with pledges to increase this amount to more than \$1000. The building is entirely paid for and the brethren have a balance on hand with which to buy seats and other necessary furnishings.

The Lord is blessing the work in Canton and we look to see a rapid growth there during the years to come. We see no reason why there should not be a strong church of native believers raised up in this great city.

I. H. EVANS.



Our Amoy (South China) Compound, showing mission home in foreground, and intermediate school buildings at left.

Our school work has proven a help to our evangelical work. Children of our own people become converted in the schools, and their influence helps to keep their parents firm in the truth. If rightly conducted these schools may be made mighty factors in the building up of our work in this country.

W. C. HANKINS,

Director Fukien Mission.

### Thoughts of Honan

It has now been nearly two months since we left Honan, and we can still feel the regret that filled our hearts as we stood on the north-bound train and bade goodbye to our foreign and native brethren at Yencheng. We had labored with them for the past five years under various conditions and circumstances, and had learned to love and respect them.



A glimpse of the Yencheng, Honan, Compound, showing the school chapel and two of the mission homes. The dispensary-hospital was built after this view was taken

It was only natural that we hesitated to strike out into new fields when we had to leave behind so many friends and brethren. As we look back on that field now, we can but thank God that we had the privilege of laboring among such earnest and kindly people.

It matters not that there have been many inconveniences, many trials and conflicts. We have seen heathen people changed to bright and shining lights; men and women, sunken in the despair of a hopeless future, smile for having found the blessed hope; boys and girls grow up into workers for God; and that is enough to repay for what little we have apparently sacrificed. We have seen a strong church grow up year by year; we have seen workers developing into men who can lead. It has been good also to see an efficient and representative center gradually built up until we can rejoice in the establishment of every branch of our work here in this central province of great China.

When I left Honan, our dispensary-hospital so generously donated by Mr. Schee of Nebraska and leading public officials of China, was practically completed. These buildings have been excellently planned by Dr. D. E. Davenport. They will accommodate between thirty and forty in-patients, besides providing for two good treatment-rooms and a commodious dispensary. The Drs. James had arrived and were looking forward to their work with pleas-

ure. With such a staff of workers, and with the opportunities for service presented by this destitute province, much will surely be done, and our work will be greatly strengthened.

We were also glad to welcome Professor and Mrs. Williams to the educational work of the province. There are bright prospects ahead for our intermediate school, which is doing excellent work for the students not only of this province but of adjoining provinces as well. The outlook for this year's school was rather doubtful to those of us who studied over the situation in August immediately after the flood, which had destroyed many of the buildings. Most of the boys' dormitories were in ruins, and almost all the buildings were somewhat damaged. The situation was anything but bright for the opening of the school in the usual way. However, we took the matter to the Lord, laid plans in faith, and asked the students to put up with inconveniences. It has been hardest on the teachers who had to move over to the village into unsuitable houses. It is very difficult for them to go back and forth to school, especially in bad weather when the roads are well-nigh impassable. However, they have cheerfully met the situation, and are doing all they can to help Brother Williams to have a strong school year. On the opening day of the school we had the largest attendance that we have ever had at the beginning of school, and I have heard since that many have come in to swell the actual attendance to nearly one hundred.

All hearts were made glad when we received word a few days before I left for Peking, that money had been made available by the Mission Board for erecting dormitories and workers' quarters to replace the ones washed down by the flood. Enough money was provided so that good permanent brick buildings can be erected to take the place of the poor and oftentimes unsanitary mud buildings destroyed. This work has already begun.



The student-body of the Honan Intermediate School, Yencheng, Honan, 1918-19

We look for a strong work to be developed in this center, and a steadfast church to be built up from the good, solid class of people who make up the bulk of the great population of this province. For this we have worked, and for this we will continue to pray, although we leave it all behind. We

## Hunan, China

THE general meeting for the province of Hunan was held November 1-8 at our mission headquarters in the city of Changsha. About 125 of our people were in attendance, or a little less than one half of the church membership of the field. More would have been with us but for the unsettled state of the country, making travel difficult, and even dangerous. Hunan Province is in some respects unfortunately situated as it is the main highway between North and South, thus making it a great battle ground for these opposing forces. During the troubles of two years ago, the city of Changsha changed hands three times, and everywhere north and south of the city one sees marks of the struggles through which the country passed. Flourishing cities and towns were in many cases largely depopulated and destroyed.

Although Hunan has passed through more than its share of troubles, the cause of God has made advancement. Brother Kuhn's report showed that fifty-five had been baptized during the year, bringing the present membership of the province to three hundred four. There are six church schools in operation, while this year forty students have gone to the Intermediate school at Hankow and to the college at Shanghai. The tithes and offerings of the native church will average about \$5.00 Mexican per capita for the present year. In spite of the awful civil war that has wrought such havoc in Hunan during the past two or three years, our colporteurs have met with remarkable success. Their sales for the first nine months of 1919 total \$6,488. This is a gain of about fifty per cent over the same period of 1918.

Brother and Sister Kuhn have been largely alone during the past few years, though Brother Strickland and wife were with them for a few months last winter, but giving their time largely to language study. Now Brother Strickland has taken up his definite work as superintendent of the Hupeh Province, while Brother and Sister C. H. Davis of Honan have been transferred to Hunan, Brother Davis to take charge of the publishing and missionary work of the province. This great field, with its 30,000,000 unwarned souls, and its growing Seventh-day Adventist constituency, greatly needs one or two more foreign families. A treasurer should be sent there early so that Brother Kuhn could share much of the detail work that now rests upon him, thus enabling him to give his time more undividedly to evangelistic endeavor.

Our workers and people in Hunan are of good courage. We had a spiritual feast together during



Pastor Frederick Lee and Dr. A. C. Selmon on an itinerating trip in Shensi, which province at the present time is under the supervision of the Honan Mission.

are glad that Pastor C. P. Lillie has come to take oversight of the work, and we believe that the blessing of Heaven will be with him.

We take up the work in this northern field, believing that God has here a remnant whom He wants speedily to gather from the great mass of people in these densely populated provinces of Chihli, Shantung, and Shansi. The prospects for the work in Peking are encouraging, and we are glad to have the privilege of holding up the light of truth in this wonderful and representative capital of China. Already there is a nucleus around which we hope, with the help of God, to build a church fit for the heavenly kingdom.

FREDERICK LEE.

62 Ta Fang Chia Hutung,  
Peking, China,  
Dec. 11, 1919.

ACCORDING to the "Handy Reference Atlas" (1912 edition), the population of the province of Honan is estimated at 36,316,800.

the eight days of the meeting, and I believe all left Changsha feeling it had been good to be there. To me it was a great personal privilege to meet with Brother Kuhn and his associates. They are working hard to accomplish the great task committed to them, and God is blessing them, giving them souls for their hire, the greatest reward that can come to the worker for God.

C. E. WEAKS.

## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

### The Signs Weekly in Mission Lands

"ONLY recently I met a man in one of the out-stations who first learned the truth through reading the *Signs* weekly. Somebody had sent it to him. After five years a colporteur came along, and this man noticed that the literature the colporteur was handling seemed to be like the *Signs*. He made inquiry, and found that the young man was a Seventh-day Adventist. He at once began asking questions, and he is to-day a member of the church. They also have a nice little Sabbath-school of about twenty in his locality."

This story from the Philippines shows what our English papers will accomplish in these lands. How are you using the papers which the Pacific Press is sending you? Are you carrying them with you to pass out to fellow travellers? Then you can frequently induce people to become regular subscribers. Somebody sent the *Signs* to that man in the Philippines. Such work pays.

C. E. WEAKS.

### Items

BROTHER DU SHU REN, our Chinese assistant field secretary for Manchuria, took during the month of November five hundred and one yearly subscriptions to the Chinese *Signs of the Times*. One of his colporteurs took one hundred fifty-eight. Brother Bye, in reporting the literature sales for November says: "Another little monthly word from the far north country. You will notice that the laborers are few, but also notice that it is not only subscriptions this time. Almost \$200.00 Mexican in book sales. There are a number here who go out now and then, men whom we hope to make permanent canvassers in the future, whom I have encouraged to sell subscription books. And they do well."

So Brother Bye is evidently encouraging our church members to work. This is our hope in these

lands. Our churches must supply our future workers, so we must begin to teach them how to work.

WHEN sending in his October report, Brother Rebok added: "I have just heard of an old gentleman who has been reading our literature for eight years. He lives far back from any of our chapels, but he has looked around for us all this time and this year was baptized. This literature work is making Christians out of heathen, and it does us good to see the real results as well as to see the financial growth of our book work. After all, the dollars don't amount to much in this work. If the souls saved are a minus quantity then we are operating in vain. A few of these cases does a lot to stimulate the interest of our workers in the use of literature."

How true! Souls is our aim. And our various departments are of value only as they contribute their part in winning souls. Our literature is winning souls in every land.

PASTOR HOFFMAN writes from Japan: "The three quarters of this year that have closed have seen literature sales to the amount of thirteen thousand yen in the field, and I believe we will raise this to twenty thousand by the end of this year." If Japan reaches this goal, it will lack only a few yen of the combined 1918 sales of Japan, Korea, and Manchuria.

THE denominational World sales for 1918 were \$3,566,500. The 1919 goal is \$4,000,000.

WHILE our work in Manchuria is small, the November report shows that 4157 tracts were given away during the months.

THE following little note taken from a recent *Review* shows that the influence of our Shanghai publishing house is beginning to reach around the world: "It is a long way for our Chinese subscription books to travel, from Shanghai, China, to Jamaica, West Indies, but this does not discourage our Jamaican brethren from undertaking to place among the Chinese in that field our good books published in Shanghai. This note from Brother J. A. Applegate shows how well this work prospers: 'Recently I was out with the Chinese book, "Health and Longevity," and secured seventeen orders in one day.'"

C. E. WEAKS.

**Comparative Literature Sales Report—Far Eastern Division**  
**First Nine Months 1918 and 1919.**

All Values in U. S. gold All China Reports on Basis of \$2.00 Mexican for \$1.00 gold.		
Field	1918	1919
Philippines	\$39,008.47	\$32,543.59
Malaysia	6,052.76	15,027.23
Central China	6,209.66	6,854.81
South China	2,022.09	5,108.43
Korea	2,731.75	4,921.02
East China	2,989.45	4,399.00
Japan	2,224.02	3,784.44
Manchuria	Reports not complete	2,610.71
North China	" Reports not complete	
West China	" " "	
Totals 9 Months	\$61,238.20	\$75,249.23
Gain, Omitting Manchuria		11,400.32

C. E. WEAKS.

### NOTES FROM THE PHILIPPINE UNION

AWAY to the north, in the country under the supervision of Elder R. E. Hay, a cry comes from thirty-six people who have been keeping the Sabbath, and who want further instruction. Thirty of this company live at San Emelio, and the remaining six at Burgos, Lepanto Province. The leader, Vicente Fabrigos, has been in the employ of the government, and has recently been offered a better position; but so anxious was he to connect with the cause of present truth that he wrote to Elder Hay to telegraph him if there was a place for him in our work. Later he was baptized. He is reported as being a man of wide experience and superior education. A Sabbath school of forty members is being conducted at San Emelio. Elder Hay reports seven baptisms at Surigwan and nine at Candon, Ilocos Sur.

At Sagunta, in Northern Luzon, a company has recently been brought to a knowledge of the truth by Elder Leon Roda. At Suyoc, where a company has been raised up, Sister Albina Ambino, at her death, bequeathed to the church fifty Pesos in money and a substantial board building for chapel purposes.

While Brother R. A. Caldwell was at Baguio some months ago, he met a young man, Victorino Lapitan, to whom he gave the message and some literature. After returning to his home town, Sison, this young man interested his friends and neighbors in the things he had heard and read; and as a result,

a number began to keep the Sabbath. Later Elder Hay visited the place, and instructed the company more fully. Last week Elder Jackson spent two days with them, and while there organized a church, baptized twenty-five believers, and married eleven couples. Elder Jackson suggests that in the last particular he may have made a record on that day.

Brother Emelio Valera writes from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, that in the face of great opposition the workers are of good courage, and the message is steadily gaining believers. The workers are doing house-to-house labor. Eighteen souls are interested and give promise of becoming believers. Cholera is raging at Bacarro at the present time, and this is a serious obstacle to the progress of the work, as it prevents the holding of public meetings.

An edition of 20,000 copies of the temperance number of the "Ang Tang Law" has been printed in the Tagalog, and most of these have been circulated throughout the Central-Southern Luzon Conference.

The ministerial institute preceding the Central-Southern Luzon Conference began November 17 with a goodly number of the workers present. The Lord drew tenderly near to His people during this meeting, and great blessings were experienced. The Central-Southern Luzon Conference convened November 27.



A church of twenty-four members has been organized at Sampoloc, Tabayas Province, P. I.

A very profitable Sabbath-school convention was held at Calamba, Laguna Province, P. I. October 11. Elder and Mrs. S. E. Jackson, Elder and Mrs. L. V. Finster, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Woodward, J. J. Strahle and J. S. Barrows were in attendance, and rendered help in presenting the various interests of our great Sabbath-school cause.

The front-page photograph gives the signatures that were affixed to a letter written to Pastor R. E. Hay, Vigan, Ilocos Sur, by Brother Simeon Balatero of Suyoc, Lepanto Province. Brother Balatero wrote the names of the men, and they made their crosses or 'humb marks, thus signifying their desire for a missionary teacher to instruct them and their children more fully. One interesting feature of these signatures is that only one name appears for each person. Non-Christian Igorrotes bear but one name until they become Christians, when they take the second, or surname.

Dr. and Mrs. Fattebert have recently returned from a health-hunting trip in Mindanao. A few words from Mrs. Fattebert may be of interest to the OUTLOOK readers:

"We had a delightful trip to Mindanao, and are feeling much better. The country is fine, having as good prospects for agriculture as is found anywhere in the tropics. The land is sparsely settled and well watered. We spent our vacation at the old army post, Camp Kiethley. It has an altitude of 2200 feet, and is situated on the shores of Lake Lanao. There are eighteen large officers' houses, twelve of which are vacant. We visited the famous Maria Christina Falls, and other places of interest. The weather was cool and stimulating. We left all home cares behind, having given instructions that not even our mail should be forwarded; so we really rested.

"The Moros are a sturdy people, who still believe the ancient to be better than the modern, and do not wish their customs interfered with. Physically they are a fine people. We saw considerable of them and visited in some of their houses. Thus far education has not done much for them, although it is compulsory. If the children are absent from school the constabulary hunts them up and compels them to go. The officials work largely through the Datus, which means the ruling class.

"The Moros are not suffering from hunger. They are exporting rice, but they eat camotes twice a day, and so are not dependent on their rice crop. Good Irish potatoes are grown and exported. Canadian Wonder beans thrive. Fruits, but not many vegetables, are cheap. Fish are plentiful in the lake.

Birds also are plentiful. It seems too bad to have these nice houses vacant when houses are so greatly needed in Manila, Cebu and Iloilo."

Elder Hay reports seven baptisms at Suriwan and nine at Candon, Ilocos Sur.

The adapted form of "Special Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" has been printed in the Tagalog, and this serves as a basis for our native Teachers' Training Course in the Central-Southern Luzon Conference.

NANNIE L. WOODWARD.

### On Furlough from the Central China Union

For some time Pastor F. A. Allum has been suffering a form of heart trouble which has been difficult to overcome while he has been actively engaged in arduous labour. This fall his physician told him it would be absolutely necessary for him to cease from work for a full year in order to regain his normal health and overcome the difficulty that has troubled him of late years. Accordingly the Far Eastern Division Committee voted him a furlough covering the year 1920, and he and his family sailed from Shanghai for Australia, December 14. The prayers of our readers will be ascending in behalf of Brother Allum during these months of enforced absence from his appointed field. During his furlough he hopes to spend considerable time in Cooranbong, New South Wales, where communications may be addressed to him in care of the Australasian Missionary College.

The work in the Central China Union will be conducted in the various provinces by the directors of the provincial missions, and no general union meetings will be held during the absence of the superintendent. Pastor Lillie has charge in Honan, Pastor Kuhn in Hunan, Pastor Strickland in Hupeh, and Brother Gibson in Kiangsi. The Shensi work is under the supervision of the Honan Committee. Brother R. J. Brown remains at the Hankow Headquarters as Secretary-Treasurer, where also reside Brethren Swartout, Strickland, and E. H. James. Plans have been laid by the Union Committee for aggressive evangelistic effort in all the provinces, and the prospects are excellent for an ingathering of souls during the coming year. The present membership of the Central China Union Mission is an even 1,000 baptized believers. This is in marked contrast with the membership at the time Brother Allum joined our forces in Honan thirteen years ago, when less than a score of believers had been gathered in. The cause of God is advancing in the heart of China; and although the workers at times must go apart and rest awhile, the Lord blesses the means employed for restoration of health, and soon they are permitted to return to join hands with their associates in a vigorous prosecution of the work.

C. C. CRISLER.



## FAR EASTERN DIVISION NOTES

TRANSLATIONS are in process for several of our standard works in important European languages, and many of these will be issued during the next year or two from the Brookfield branch of Pacific Press. Some of this literature can be used to excellent advantage in the Far East, and negotiations are now under way for bringing to this field two colporteurs to labor among English-speaking and other European residents in the port cities of the Orient. Among the volumes being issued are Pastor Spicer's "Our Day" and abridged editions of "Great Controversy."

A MEDICAL worker for Nanning, Kwangsai, South China, is under appointment, and we may be able in our next issue to publish the name of the one who is to come.

WE understand that Dr. Irving Feldkamp is to sail early in 1920 for Chosen, where he will connect with the Soonan Dispensary.

DR. EARL J. GARDNER is under appointment as physician for Singapore. He is now awaiting his permit.

BROTHER A. G. FLETCHER, of Singapore, has been with us at the Shanghai headquarters during a portion of the month of December. After spending many years in the tropics, he found our cool December days decidedly invigorating. For two years, Brother Fletcher was the Secretary-Treasurer of our Malaysian Mission. He returned per s. s. "Dilwara" December 14.

BROTHER F. P. GREINER, of Wenchow, Chekiang, has been spending a few days at the Shanghai Sanitarium. He returns in time for a portion of the general meeting now in progress in Wenchow.

BROTHER AND SISTER H. L. GRAHAM have completed their year's work in the Nanking Union Language School. Brother Graham is spending a few days on conference business in Shanghai during the holiday season.

THE provincial meeting for the South Chekiang Mission is in progress in Wenchow. Pastor and Mrs. O. A. Hall and Brother Nathan Brewer, of the East China Union, are in attendance, assisting Pastor G. L. Wilkinson, the Director of the Mission. The membership of the South Chekiang Mission is now

approximately 100. Full reports of the meeting are promised us.

THE Shanghai City Church suffered the loss by death of three of their members during the closing days of November. Brother Liu, for many years a faithful attendant at our Sabbath services, was stricken first. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters to mourn. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor George Harlow, assisted by Brother Wu Tse Giao, one of the local evangelists. During the afternoon this service was being held, another brother named Chiu Sien Seng, for about eight years a faithful communicant, passed away. A few days later, the leading evangelist of our Kiangsu Mission, Brother Chih Fong Hsien, was called to rest, having had the influenza with complications. For years Brother Chih has had serious heart trouble, and this was the real cause of his death. At the time of his decease, Brother Chih was the leading evangelist of our Shanghai City Church. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. A. C. Selmon and Pastor George Harlow.

THE general Bookmen's Convention to be held in Shanghai late in January, will soon be in session. The union book leaders from all portions of the Far Eastern Division will be in attendance. The prayers of God's children are solicited in behalf of this important gathering. Our book sales in the Far East are revealing a favourable increase in volume, as evidenced by the comparative summary appearing on page 7 of this issue of the OUTLOOK. The greatest problem before us is that of making sure that the largest possible returns in souls saved for the kingdom may be realized in connection with the efforts put forth. To this end, bookmen and editors and publishers will unite in a careful survey of present conditions and needs and of the responsibilities devolving upon us to proclaim the truth that appears in printed form.

EARLY in December, Brother and Sister M. E. Mullinnex, of the Malaysian Union, arrived in Shanghai from Singapore. Sister Mullinnex has been advised by Singapore physicians to leave the tropics in order to regain and maintain her health. The few days already spent at the Shanghai Sanitarium have wrought some improvement, and hopes are held out before her for a reasonably early recovery.

BROTHER AND SISTER W. P. BARTO, of the North Sumatra Mission, arrived in Shanghai December 21. Sister Barto is seeking medical aid at the Shanghai Sanitarium. En route, Brother Barto spent several weeks in Singapore assisting in the training school there because of the shortage of teachers.

BRETHREN O. J. GIBSON AND H. R. DIXON have been spending some weeks in itinerating in the Kiangsi Province.

THE campaign booklet, "The World's Struggles," by Brother F. E. Stafford, has enjoyed a good sale in the Wenli, 30,000 having been printed within four months of the time the first copy was completed. Several hundred copies have been sold in Honolulu, and many have been placed in Malaysia and Siam. A shipment has been made to the States. There is an excellent prospect of a large sale of this book during the year 1920.

BROTHER AND SISTER JOHN OSS, after a hard trip, reached our Peking Headquarters the latter part of November, and have now settled down to a study of the Mandarin tongue. They are in attendance at the Peking Union Language School.

BROTHER R. T. SISLEY, of Soekaboemi, Java, tells of improvement in health as the result of a visit to our Weltevreden, Java, headquarters, where Brother and Sister Schmidt cared for him during his convalescence from influenza. Brother Sisley writes courageously of his hope in God, and of his determination to prove faithful unto the end. He says: "I am thankful for the good reports coming from all quarters relative to the advancement of the cause along all lines. It is quite generally acknowledged that our people in the homeland are growing more spiritual-minded. This is a very favourable symptom. I do not know why it is necessary for us to be waiting for the latter rain, when the gift of the Holy Spirit is awaiting our demand and reception, individually. There never was a time when we needed it more than now. I am longing for a proper appreciation of the need of divine guidance and keeping."

THE chapel room of the Shanghai Press has undergone thorough renovation. The outer stairway has been removed and an inner stairway provided.

"THE influenza is working havoc with us at present," writes Pastor Butterfield from the Seoul headquarters. "All three of Brother Urquhart's writers in the editorial rooms are sick. In fact, we have only two secretaries who are on duty at all to-day."

THE work throughout Pastor Butterfield's territory is progressing, and many in different places are beginning to keep the Sabbath. Special blessings were brought to some of the groups of believers across the Manchurian border during the last few days of Brother Butterfield's visit into that isolated district, and several baptisms are reported.

BROTHER A. B. COLE, manager of our Tokyo publishing house, reports the completion of a small book in Japanese, entitled, "World Destiny in the Light of Prophecy," and dealing with Matthew 24.

OUR Shanghai Sanitarium has enjoyed a good patronage all through the fall and early winter seasons. At present the physicians are busy with many influenza cases in the city in addition to their regular work in the sanitarium. Sister Petra Tunheim, who came from our West Java Mission to Shanghai some months ago for her health, has fully recovered and is now connected with the sanitarium as matron of the girls, and as a Bible worker.

BORN, to Professor and Mrs. M. G. Conger, of Shanghai, December 12, a daughter.

BORN, to Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Greiner, of Wenchow, Chekiang, December 9, a son.

### The Week of Prayer in Shanghai

THE Week of Prayer season in Shanghai brought many blessings to our believers. Services were held regularly in the school chapel at our mission compound and also in the Range Road chapel in the city, and at the sanitarium. A deep interest was taken in the readings and many earnest seasons of prayer were held. Victories were gained in the school and in our churches. A special blessing was enjoyed in the Range Road chapel the last Sabbath of the prayer season.

Reports have not yet been received of the Week of Prayer offering in the Far Eastern field. Our three churches in Shanghai contributed upwards of \$400 Mex., and we understand that there are others who expect to add to this sum.

### A New Magazine in Mandarin

DURING the summer Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee, arrangements were made for the consolidation of the Wenli and the Mandarin "Signs of the Times" into one magazine which is to be issued regularly in Wenli, the classical language understood by nearly all readers in China. This will not decrease materially from the good influence exercised by our Chinese monthly in years past, and will effect a saving in time and expense.

For the benefit of many who prefer to read a Mandarin publication, and who, furthermore, are unable to subscribe to the regular monthly, which sells at one dollar Mex. a year, the Shanghai Publishing House will issue at irregular intervals a new magazine in the Mandarin tongue which will be sold for the small sum of three coppers per copy. This journal will be issued as campaign literature about as often as once a quarter, and will fill a need which has long been pressing upon the hearts of many in the field. The first issue is just from the press. It is anticipated that large numbers will be sold, and that much good will result from the distribution of this cheap paper. All inquiries and orders should be addressed to the Manager of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. Contributions for the columns of this paper should be sent to Pastor Geo. Harlow, the editor of our Shanghai Publishing House.

### Literature Sales in Japan

FROM Brother A. B. Cole, secretary-treasurer of the Japan Union Mission, we have received a summary of book, tract, and periodical sales (Japanese) for the first nine months of 1919; also comparative statistics of sales for the years 1913 to 1918 inclusive. The sales for the first nine months of the present year are more than eighty-two per cent. of the total sales for the entire six preceding years. If this general average of increase has been maintained during the last quarter of 1919, the current year's sales will have exceeded in financial returns the entire amount realized from 1913 to 1918. This is most encouraging. The figures speak for themselves:—

Book sales, January to September, 1919, Yen 1787.99; tract sales, same period, Yen 115.86; periodical sales, first nine months of current year, Yen 11,068.93; total for nine months, Yen 12,972.78.

Total for the entire six preceding years, Yen 15,677.66. Year by year, the sales have run thus:

1913	-- -- -- --	Yen 2,149.12
1914	-- -- -- --	349.53
1915	-- -- -- --	180.24
1916	-- -- -- --	2,089.46
1917	-- -- -- --	4,615.11
1918	-- -- -- --	6,314.20
1919, first nine		
months	-- --	12,972.78

The leaders of the book work in Japan have as their goal Yen 20,000 literature sales during 1919.

The records of sales in Japan for the years 1914 and 1915 are incomplete; hence the small amounts recorded for those years.

The future of our Japanese literature work is bright with hope.

### Our Malaysian Publishing House

THE November number of the *Pertundaan Zaman*

has just reached our desk. This is the first number of our Malay monthly magazine which has been handled entirely in our own printing plant in Singapore. The cover design is pleasing, and has required the use of only one colour of ink. The press work throughout is good, and the illustrations show much more clearly than when our magazine was published by commercial firms. The articles are on present-day topics and on various phases of present truth. We rejoice with our brethren in Malaysia in the substantial results being attained through the establishment of the "Signs Press" in Singapore. The issuance of this twenty-four page Malay monthly is only one of many objects for which the Press has been established. Already a 3,000 edition of a small subscription volume has been published and sold, and the brethren are now hard at work on the preparation of an abridged edition of "Our Day" by Pastor W. A. Spicer, which will serve as a standard subscription volume in the Malay for some time to come. A few small tracts are being issued on the coming of the Lord, the meaning of present-day events, and the Sabbath. Any inquiries concerning Malay literature should be addressed to the Signs Press, 399 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements. Pastor W. E. Gillis, the manager of the Press, and his associates, have a large field to serve, and the work they are pioneering in the printing of our denominational literature in the Malay should be supported by all who are in touch with those who use this language.

### Added Facilities for Our Training Centers

At the rear of the Shanghai Missionary College chapel there is being erected a two story dining-hall and teachers' dormitory. The building is 80 ft. by 30 ft. The first floor is to be of cement, and will have space for a commodious dining-room and a good kitchen, with small rooms adjoining for the storage and preparation of food. On the ground floor there will also be a wash-room and bathroom. The upper floor will have six suites of rooms for teachers, in addition to two general rooms. It is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupancy within two months. During the present school year our accommodations have not been sufficient for all who came, and it was found necessary to transfer the girls to the Rest Cottage and to transform their former dormitory into a home for teachers and a few of the students. Even when the new building is completed, our quarters for teachers and students will still be inadequate fully to meet present needs. We rejoice in the development of the Shanghai School. What has been said concerning lack of accommodations for students in this center, is equally true of other training centers. In Yencheng, in Hankow, in Foochow, and in Singapore, there is special need of added room. In still other centers there is need of industrial buildings and other equipment. We may expect increasing needs with the development of our work in various fields, and these needs will be met as circumstances may permit.

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We wish all our readers a Happy New Year!

The next issue of the Outlook will bear date of January 1—15, 1920, and will contain the statistical report of the Far Eastern Division for the third quarter of 1919.

## En Route to the Far East

AMONG the appointments made by the Committee on Distribution of Labour during the Boulder Council, we have noted upwards of twenty families for various portions of the Far Eastern Division. We understand that on the S. S. "Nanking," which is to reach Far Eastern ports about the close of the year, there are four or five families, including Pastor and Mrs. B. L. Anderson, returning from furlough to take up work in the South China Union; Pastor and Mrs. J. S. Yates, returning from furlough for service in Malaysia; Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Munro, of the North Pacific Union, under appointment for the Philippine Union; Pastor and Mrs. R. R. Breitigam, also under appointment for the Philippines; and Miss Juanita Hibben, a church school teacher to serve at the Seoul, Chosen, headquarters. A little later Brother and Sister A. C. Hansen are expecting to sail from San Francisco for the East China Union. The Lord is raising up workers to join those who have been struggling with heavy burdens, and we rejoice in this prospect of early help.

## A Bereavement

THE friends of Professor R. J. Brines, of the Shanghai Missionary College, and Sister W. P. Barto, of our North Sumatra Mission, will be grieved to learn of the death of their father, Bro. William J. Brines, at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., U. S. A., November 18, at the age of sixty-three. Our brother died in the blessed hope. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved.

The sacrifices of the fathers and mothers who bravely bear the burdens of life alone in order to give their sons and daughters for service in mission lands, can never be fully appreciated by those who have not passed through the supreme trial of yielding all for the sake of the cause of God. Heaven knows, and the rewards of these faithful ones will be commensurate with the sacrifices they have so willingly made.

## An Excellent Showing in Tithes and Offerings

IN the Philippine Union practical self-support has been attained the present year in the Central-Southern Luzon Conference. The tithes and offerings have proved sufficient to meet the salaries of labourers. This does not, of course, include special expenditures such as the building of mission homes, etc., etc. For the encouragement of other fields where many are striving to attain the same goal, we give a statement of the tithes and offerings received by the Central-Southern Luzon Conference during the year 1918 and during the first ten months of 1919, as prepared by Brother J. S. Barrows, the secretary and treasurer of that Conference:

### CENTRAL-SOUTHERN LUZON CONFERENCE (P. I.)

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For the Year 1918

(Figures in Pesos—one Peso is 50 ¢ U. S.)

Churches	Tithes	S.S. Don.	13th Sab. Or.	Annual Of.
Balanga	13.15	37.43	4.44	4.50
Baliwag	119.28	26.10	1.61	5.35
Binakayan	654.03	79.08	12.50	10.61
Bocaue	47.09	29.87	4.73	4.15
Kalumpit	118.60	39.99	2.55	3.05
Malabon	536.28	101.34	8.01	30.17
Malolos	290.40	64.27		20.10
Manila	3217.40	304.37	87.75	76.98
Mauban	53.88	25.32	2.61	8.00
Nagkarlang	71.69	37.74	4.71	
Norzagaray	93.84	16.27	3.16	2.50
Paete	21.59	38.71	10.37	3.40
Pasay	2819.10	465.76	236.02	21.28
San Pablo	1870.28	273.92	19.99	73.62
Sta. Rosa	18.37	17.70	1.10	6.04
Sta. Tomas	156.45	50.50	2.41	2.32
Individual	61.80	90.38	3.81	
Totals 1918	10163.23	1698.75	405.77	272.07
Year				
1917	6735.57	987.25	200.07	240.11
1916	5318.67	795.18		
1915	3237.07	464.84		

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#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For first ten months of 1919

Churches	Mem'ship	Tithes	S.S. Don.	13th Sab. Or.
Balanga	23	48.57	41.74	5.03
Baliwag	15	58.09	23.94	1.92
Binakayan	45	628.15	46.62	5.92
Bocaue	18	151.60	16.65	1.36
Calamba	87	188.22	66.78	9.47
Candelaria	58	224.97	60.34	6.66
Capan		13.40	22.11	1.18
Hagonoy	20	19.90	14.74	1.72
Kalumpit	32	82.82	3.80	1.66
Malabon	107	596.50	144.17	12.54
Malolos	48	325.79	63.30	8.74
Manila	243	2895.76	334.91	93.20
Mauban	16	67.53	37.96	2.18
Nagkarlang	47	244.60	33.75	2.96
Naic	40	246.92	32.69	4.23
Norzagaray	46	36.58	19.43	2.29
Paete	40	30.93	27.59	2.69
Pasay	84	1901.59	481.32	224.04
San Pablo	115	1252.77	148.49	9.04
Sta. Isabel	48	216.06	73.74	15.42
Sta. Rosa		29.00	18.60	4.22
Sta. Tomas	42	295.92	42.43	4.05
Individual		12.99	7.38	.72
	1174	9568.66	1761.98	421.24

\* Not organized churches.

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