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Integrity

"Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?
He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh truth in his heart.
He that slandereth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his friend,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
He that putteth not out his money to usury,
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved."

—Psalm 15.

GENERAL ARTICLES

The Power of Love to Transform

IN the apostolic age, many members of the Corinthian church had, before their conversion, been guilty of the grossest sins of heathenism. Under the loving ministry of Paul, hearts had been yielded to the Lord Jesus, and the transforming power of divine love was becoming manifest in life and character. This church was especially favored with the labors of Apollos, of Cephas and of others, as well as of the great apostle Paul, who spent a year and a half in that place.

After the departure of Paul, the church became torn with jealousies and quarrels. They quarrelled over the question whether Paul or Apollos were the more eloquent preacher. Some dared even to say that Paul was an imposter, and questioned his honesty and purpose in collecting money for the poor at Jerusalem. They called him a falsifier and a coward. They insinuated that his physical illness was the result of a sinful character. They quarrelled over the matter of spiritual gifts. Each one thought his own gift the most honorable. Their quarrelsome brought disorder into the meeting.

Many who had at conversion put away their evil habits, returned to the debasing customs of heathenism. Pride, idolatry and sensualism increased. The doctrines of the gospel were perverted. Some denied the resurrection and ridiculed the belief of future rewards and punishments according to the deeds done on earth. In the ordinance of the Lord's supper the Saviour's body was no longer discerned. Besides the symbols of bread and wine much other

food was provided. Meat purchased in the shambles and perhaps some that was first offered to idols was eaten. Fornicators were numerous, and among them was one who violated even the low standard of morality held by the heathen. Lawsuits among the believers were common. These conditions in the church were reported by members of Chloe's house to the apostle Paul, who was laboring at Ephesus.

Paul's Attitude

"Putting aside all personal feelings over the course of those conduct revealed such strange perverseness, and keeping his soul stayed upon God, the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth one of the richest, most instructive, most powerful of all his letters."

Two great purpose underlie this letter: one, to lift the Corinthians to a higher standard of morals; the other, to inspire them with the Christian spirit of love. Some of the noblest and most eloquent passages in all literature are found in the chapter in praise of love.

Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers "in anguish of heart" and with "shedding of tears," revealing his great love for them in tender greetings and kind admonitions. He yearned for them as a father yearns for his wayward, wandering boy. He longed for their salvation.

It was also, a very severe letter. After dispatching it to Corinth by his associate, Titus, Paul's tender heart smote him. He feared that he had dealt too severely, and that the Corinthians would be alienated from him altogether. "With trembling anxiety he waited to receive some tidings as to the reception of his message." With the care of this church resting heavily upon his heart, and unable to endure the delay longer, he closed his work at Ephesus and crossed over to Troas, where the Macedonian boats came in, hoping to meet Titus there and to learn from him the result of his words of counsel and reproof. Not finding Titus, with feelings of deep sadness, having no rest in spirit, Paul went on across the sea, and in one of the Macedonian cities met Titus.

The faithful messenger comforted the apostle's heart with the cheering news of repentance and reformation on the part of the Corinthian church,

In another letter, Paul, filled with joy, expresses his tenderness and gladness of heart and his gratitude to God. Love had transformed.

The Church of To-day

We need not point to the native churches of heathen countries as an example of weakness and sin. Has the Church in enlightened countries fully lived up to its light and privileges? Has its growth in grace wholly corresponded to its knowledge of truth? Have we not all come short in the performance of duty? It should not be surprising if the church of Asia has not yet attained even to so high a standard as the church in western countries, where Christian influences have been felt for centuries.

In these native churches we find many shortcomings. Some members are not paying an honest tithe; some do not carefully observe the Sabbath, some are insincere; some are jealous; others may have entered the church from mercenary motives. Nevertheless the church, with all its weaknesses and sins, is the object of the Saviour's loving regard and tender solicitude.

Newcomers to heathen fields, before sitting in judgment on the church, would do well to study general conditions in field, to learn to love the native peoples and to sympathize deeply with them. This can be done without excusing wickedness, wherever found. The church in heathen lands needs not the harsh, exacting master to lord it over God's heritage. Rather it needs the loving ministry of the pastor who, realizing that he also is compassed with infirmity, can have compassion on the ignorant and on them that are out of the way. It needs the labors of men whose lives have been transformed by the power of Christ's love, and who can express that love as a power to transform.

At times it becomes necessary to discipline church members; but never should this be done until the Saviour's instruction found in Matthew 18:15-18 has been followed. Not until Paul's epistles to the Corinthians have been studied; not until all personal feelings have been put aside and the soul is stayed on God; and not until one can express tenderness and love with anxiety of heart and with shedding of tears, should a member be disfellowshipped and the church reprov'd. To-day, as in Paul's day, the only power that will reclaim backslidden church members and transform an apostate church is the power of divine love.

O. B. KUHN.

Changsha,

Dec. 12, 1919.

Population of Lands in the Far East

ACCORDING to the ninth edition (1912) of the "Handy Reference Atlas of the World," the population of the entire world is estimated at 1,597,404,000, or, in round numbers, sixteen hundred million. Within the boundaries of the Far Eastern Division dwell more than a third of this entire number. The figures are given by the same reference volume as follows:

Straits Settlements	636,961
Hong Kong	435,986
Malay States	1,584,440
Borneo and Sarawak	660,000
Labuan	8,411
Wei-hai-wei	147,111
China Proper (18 Provinces and Hainan)	407,253,029
Manchuria	16,000,000
Mongolia	2,600,000
Tibet	6,500,000
Chinese Turkestan	1,200,000
Annam	6,124,000
Cambodia	1,500,000
Cochin-China	2,968,600
Tonking and Laos	10,650,000
Siam	6,230,000
Tsingtao	169,900
Japan (including Chosen and Formosa,	
Saghalen, and the Pescadores	66,160,110
Portuguese East Indies (Timor, etc.)	300,000
Macao	63,991
Philippines	8,176,802
Dutch East Indies	37,917,375
TOTAL 577,286,716	

Not the Place to Begin

A CHRISTIAN gentleman, prosperous, and loyal to the church of his faith, met with some serious business losses, and was compelled to consider the question of a more economical plan of living. Talking over the matter with his wife, they decided to get along with one servant less, set a plainer table, sell one pair of horses, and retrench in the matter of expensive clothing.

"James, there is one other way you might reduce," his wife then said.

"What is that?" he asked.

"Your contributions to the church," was the reply.

"Well, Janet," said the stalwart supporter of his faith, "it may come to that, but I won't begin there."

How many of us, similarly situated, would have begun just *there*?—Mrs. F. L. Plummer, in *Sabbath School Worker*.



Along the outer wall of Peking

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

The Week of Prayer in Peking

I AM glad to bear tidings of a good week of prayer in Peking. While our flock is still small, yet the Shepherd took knowledge of us and added His blessing. As our number is scattered far and wide throughout this large city, we decided to hold two meetings each day, so that every person might have opportunity to attend. One was held in the chapel in the Imperial City, and the other at our headquarters at Ta Fang Gia Hutung.

The first Sabbath, when a goodly number, about thirty, was in attendance, the good Spirit of God came into the meeting. Almost all, both men and women, took part in the testimony and prayer service. Some of the testimonies came right from the heart, expressing a desire to know more of the truth, to better keep the Sabbath, to depart from sin. One woman, a servant, whom we had never heard express a desire for Christianity arose, and with tears running down her cheeks said she wanted to be saved and wanted Jesus to forgive her sins.

Each night at the Coal Hill Chapel, which sits in the shadow of the famous Coal Hill, a possession of the Manchu Imperial Family, we had the week of prayer readings, the same as were being read the world over. It seems good that this could be so, — men and women of all nations, in all places, uniting in the mixed languages of the world in praise to God who is to cause His truth to triumph when all shall speak the same tongue, the language of heaven,

After the last Sabbath service the annual offering was taken. I hardly knew what to expect for an offering. I was new to the place, so set no goal. The envelopes which had been handed out the previous Sabbath were collected at the close of the reading. The offering was counted and found to be

well nigh \$70. I made the suggestion that we make it \$75; but before I knew it we had received money and pledges to the amount of \$100. We then arose and asked God's blessing on this liberal offering from our small flock. All rejoiced in the blessing received from the meetings during the week as we closed the final service.

Pray for the church in Peking. The prospects are bright. The walls, figuratively as well as literally, are many. We need God's assistance to break down the barriers raised against us. But surely the truth will triumph at last. A remnant will be gathered out to shine in the kingdom.

62 Ta Fang Gia Hutung,

FREDERICK LEE.

Peking Dec. 23, 1919.

A Station in Kiangsi Province, China

BRETHREN O. J. GIBSON AND H. R. DIXSON and their families are now settled in Kiukiang, the principal port city of the province of Kiangsi. A property suitable for temporary use as mission home and headquarters has been rented. Kiangsi has long waited for the help that these brethren are now able to render. The province is a populous one, it being estimated by one authority that there are 26,532,125 inhabitants within its boundaries. In size, the province is a little larger than England and Wales and slightly smaller than the state of Oklahoma. The few believers we have in this province are scattered, some residing far to the south, nearly a week's journey from Kiukiang. We bespeak for our workers stationed in Kiangsi the prayers of God's children throughout the Far East.

THE CENTRAL-SOUTHERN LUZON CONFERENCE.

Address of the president at the opening of the Fourth Annual Session, Manila, Philippine Islands, Nov. 27, 1919

WE are glad to welcome so many of our brethren at the opening of our conference this morning. We are grateful to the Lord that we can hold this our Fourth Annual Session of the Central Southern Luzon Conference under such favorable circumstances. The great war that was raging at our last session has come to a close. We are now living in that "little time of peace" that is to intervene before the final "time of trouble" comes that is to usher in the Prince of Peace. The right use of this little time of peace is of utmost importance. The destiny of all living on the earth will be decided during this short time. The messages of the three angels are to swell into the "loud cry," and all the world is to be enlightened with the glory of the Lord.

We have gathered at this conference to obtain a better knowledge of this great work and a preparation that will fit us to act our part in this closing message. Plans must be laid at this conference for the speedy carrying of this message to every person living within its boundaries . . .

We wish to acknowledge, and thank our heavenly Father for, His protection and manifold blessings during the past year. We also wish to thank all our conference workers for their hearty support and faithful labor. This has been our banner year in winning souls for the Lord. We are also glad to say that the money raised here in the Conference has met all our expenses. This should cause every soul to rejoice greatly.

A Retrospective View

Although the Philippines has been passing through one of the greatest crises of its history, we are glad to know that the work of the Lord is not dependent on these things. During the past year twenty tent-efforts and series of meetings have been held. Four new churches: one at Candelaria, with a membership of 58; one at Calamba, with a membership of 87; one at Naic, with a membership of 40; and one at Sampaloc, with a membership of 24; and four new companies, at Itagonoy, Abukay, Gapan and Pilar, have been raised up. Many others have been added to our churches. During the year 320 were baptized. This is a gain over last year of 64. The present membership of our conference is 1248, besides 62 baptized members in our companies. We also have many keeping the Sabbath through the reading of our literature and the work of our colporteurs in different parts of the conference, who have not yet been brought in touch with our organized work.

Literature Work

The reports of our Field Agent, Missionary Secretary and Tract Society Secretary will show marked activity in the sale of our literature. By the help of the Lord our colporteurs have been able to place in the homes of the people during this year 64640.04 pesos worth of literature as compared with 65506.94 pesos for the last year. This gospel-filled literature is having effect. God is speaking to the hearts of men as they read of the truths for this time. Our colporteurs are our advance agents in all places. When we sent our tent to Naic, we found several families already keeping the Sabbath through the reading of our literature. When we opened our meetings at Gapan, a Sabbath-school of ten members was found as the result of the faithful work of our colporteurs. The present elder of our new church at Calamba has been a reader of the *Tanglaw* for five or six years. On my last visit to Paete I was asked to baptize two men from Pangil. When I inquired how they learned of the truth, they said that several years ago Brother Zarate sold them a book and they then subscribed for the *Tanglaw*. During the Week of Prayer, I met a man at Nagkarlang, who lives at Lumban, who is a member of the Christian Church but has been keeping the Sabbath for a long time through reading the *Tanglaw*. Our colporteurs report that in the barrio of Tinigiban, municipality of Calawag, at the end of the railroad in Batangas, all the people are keeping Sabbath. At Isabang, a barrio of Sariaya, we now have a company of ten members who came into the truth by the efforts of our colporteurs. It is reported that a large part of the people of Indang are keeping the Sabbath through reading our literature. We have Sabbath-keepers in Pampanga, Mindoro, Marindupue and many other places, who are following the truth as far as they know through reading our literature. Well has the servant of the Lord said, "If there is one work more important than another, it is getting our literature before the people."

"Our Day in the Light of Prophecy" and "The Early Writings" of Sister White have been put into the Tagalog during the past year. "Kristong Paririto" has been translated and published in the Bicol. This is our first book in this language. "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work" is just off the press in the Tagalog.

Sabbath-Schools

A few advance figures from the report of the

Secretary of the Sabbath-schools show 33 schools as compared with 26 schools for last year. Our present membership is 1181, as compared with 1013 last year. Most encouraging increase is seen in our Sabbath-school offering. For last year our Sabbath-school offerings were 1884.22 pesos. For this year they were 2633.40 pesos. This shows an increase of 749.18 pesos.

Several Sabbath-school conventions were held during the year to increase the efficiency of our schools. Progress has been made in many schools, but much remains to be done to make our Sabbath-school work what God would have it to be. Decided effort must be put forth to enlist all our members in a daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons. Persistent effort must be made to have all our children in our Sabbath-schools.

Home Missionary Work

The report of the secretary of this department will show a healthy growth in nearly all lines of missionary activity. A 15,000 edition of a small booklet entitled *Di Magkamayaw na Kaguluhan* was printed in the Tagalog as a campaign book for our societies. These have all been sold. A 20,000 edition of the prohibition number of the *Tanglaw* has been taken hold of with energy by our societies, and nearly all are now in the hands of the people. In several of our churches they have divided their

towns into districts and are working every house systematically with tracts, on the envelope plan. Wherever this has been taken up it has proved a great blessing. This work must be taken up in each church. The Lord has sent this message to His people. "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 117.

Our Young People's Work

In our work, it is to the young men and women of our churches that we look to carry this last message to the world, that will prepare a people to meet their Lord. Many may be called to lay down their lives, but victory is sure.

The report of the secretary of this department will show that encouraging work has been done by our young people. An earnest effort has been made to enlist all our youth in service for God and to inspire in their hearts a desire to enter our school to prepare for better service.

We now have five societies with 150 members.

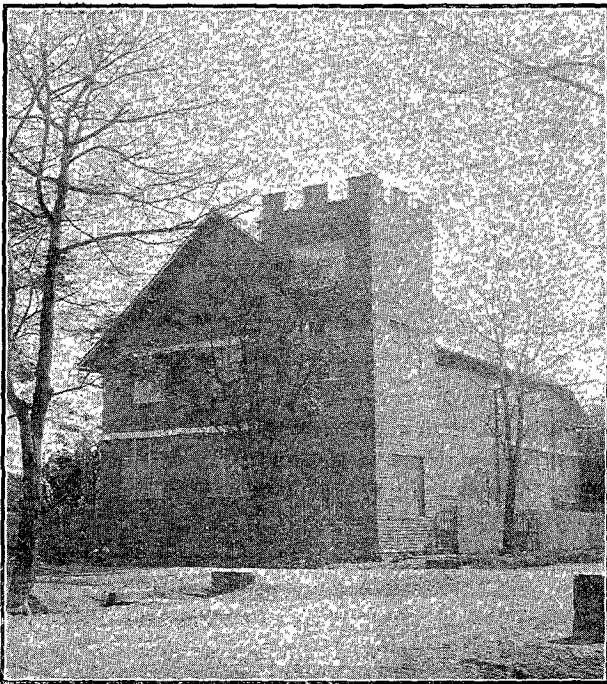
Women's Work

"Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their work is needed. Discreet and humble women can do a good work in exclaiming the truth to the people in their homes."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 128.

God has a place for every one who will work. He says, "Go into the vineyard." When our sisters band together in service for God, they will see great opportunities in the homes of the people for service. Many have been brought to the truth through the faithful efforts of our sisters.

Our Needs and Plans for Future Work

The present world situation points out in no uncertain tones the times in which we live. We have reached the perilous times of the last days. The world is imitating the days of Noah. Satan is mustering every agency in his power to deceive men and lead them to destruction. We should consider well the words spoken by Jesus for this very time.



The Seventh-day Adventist church in Manila, Pasay, where the fourth session of the Central Southern Luzon conference was held

"But take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21: 34.

I am so glad that we can also look on the other side of the picture and see what God has declared He will do at the time of Satan's greatest efforts:

"At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life... is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour... Intense earnestness should now take possession of us."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pages 43, 44.*

We have surely reached this time of iniquity and we should now seek for this new life to take possession of us. I hope that this may be the keynote of this meeting.

We have a great work before us and only a few laborers to do the work. We have calls from more than a score of places for meetings in the Tagalog field, and then there is the whole province of Pampanga yet unentered by our evangelists. Something must be done at once to meet the many calls for this field. At one place we have a Sabbath-school meeting regularly. A short time ago they sent in their Sabbath-school offerings and tithe. God has surely gone before us in this field and we must follow. We have entered the Bicol provinces with our new book and we should lay plans at this conference to prepare workers to enter this promising field.

The times and the needs of the cause of God call for a deep consecration on the part of every member. May God give us much of His Spirit at this meeting, and wisdom to know how to finish His work in the earth.

L. V. FINSTER.

West Java

PASTOR I. C. SCHMIDT writes concerning the work in the West Java Mission:—

"I have never felt more optimistic than at the present time in regard to the success the Lord is willing and ready to give us. It is true that we are but few workers and there is much to do, but when at times our strength seems insufficient for our labors we recall the promises of the Lord: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be;" (Deut 33: 25); and, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. 26: 3. Knowing our weakness, we have

learned to trust in Him whose help never fails His children.

"Recently we have had to do some work in connection with our church record, but it has brought the blessing of God to us. Some names have been taken from our church book and others have been added, so that we hold practically the same number of members as we had several years ago. We have been able to secure a good place in which to hold meetings. Heretofore we have been in a small place, hardly sufficiently large to accommodate our own membership; but after this month we shall be in a good location such as will warrant our holding regular public meetings for the Malays. We feel very thankful for this change for the better.

"Our native workers are meeting, here and there, with persons who are interested in present truth, and calls are coming in for some one to go and teach these inquirers the third angel's message. One of our Chinese canvassers met several Chinese who have asked him to stop with them and study the truth with them. He told them he could not, but assured them that he would send them the help they needed. I went to the place several weeks ago, and made arrangements for our Chinese worker to give studies twice a month to the inquirers who are studying the truth there. At another place our Malay canvassers were asked to stay and preach the truth, being assured that the people would build a church and pay the minister's salary. And just a few days ago, our native canvassing agent met a man who is also very anxious to study the truth. And so the work continues to advance.

"Here we are studying with a number of inquirers who are anticipating baptism by the end of this year. I am studying with an army sergeant of the first class, who has studied the truth during the last year and believes that he should accept this message. The same is true of his wife and mother. They are all attending Sabbath-school.

"We plan to start our baptismal class as soon as we get into our new meeting place. Just yesterday one of our native workers has gone west to a place called Ragkasbetoeng, where are eight individuals who desire to study the truth. I go there this afternoon to help the worker make a beginning. One or two others, at Soekaboemi, where Brother Sisley lives, are looking forward to baptism, possibly by the end of this year. I am not able to say how many will be ready by the end of the year, but indications are that the Lord will help us to make up for the slow progress of the past years. The waters are beginning to move: It is the Lord's work."

Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division Mission for the Quarter Ending September 30 1919

ALL VALUES IN U. S. DOLL

Statistics derived for each separate provincial mission
List as stations those places where foreigners reside (column 3)
List as outstations those places where no foreigners reside (column 4)

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** No report received from Malaysia and West China. Figures given for these two Unions are estimates based on latest data available.

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A PARTY of missionaries for various portions of Asia recently spent three days in Shanghai while their steamer was in port. Among them were four families for the Far Eastern Division: Brethren Breitigam and Munro, for the Philippines; Brother Yates, for West Java; and Brother B. L. Anderson, for South China. The last two named were returning from furlough. We were glad to greet Brother Thomas W. Rowe, who is on his way to India, where he will connect with the educational work. Miss Juanita Hibben broke her journey at Yokohama, traveling by rail to Seoul, where she will serve as church school teacher. We welcome all these additions to our Asian forces.

BROTHER H. W. BARROWS and family sailed for the Philippines January 14, where they will spend some weeks in auditing work, returning via Hongkong.

BORN, to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest L. Lutz, of Chungking, Szechwan, December 27, 1919, a son, Roger Leslie.

UNION committee meetings are being held in several fields—the Chosen Union, beginning January 12; the Japan Union, January 8; the Philippine Union and the East China Union, late in January; the South China Union, probably in February. This affords opportunity for reviewing the work, planning for the 1920 advance, and drafting the 1921 budget.

OUR workers throughout the Division field will rejoice to learn of a change for the better in Sister J. P. Anderson, who for several months has been bravely battling for life and health at the Shanghai Sanitarium. The Lord has heard prayer and has blessed the ministrations of physicians and nurses, and our sister's physical condition is considerably improved, although not such as to permit of her sitting up for any length of time. Pastor Anderson, who has not left his wife's bedside from the time of her arrival in Shanghai last summer, is now able to make a short trip to Swatow, where he will arrange for a transfer of the responsibilities of the directorship of that mission to Pastor F. E. Bates, recently appointed to that position. Let us as a Division family of laborers, continue praying with strong faith in behalf of Brother and Sister J. P. Anderson, in order that they may be permitted to resume their work of ministry to which they have given so many fruitful years.

BROTHER J. J. Strable, of the Philippine Union, tells of victories gained in the colporteur work in his field despite the heavy odds against which the men have been working during an unfavourable season. After a visit to the Visayas following the close of the Manila general meeting, he expects to come to Shanghai to attend the Bookmen's Convention to be held here the last few days of January. The other union field secretaries are expected in at the same time.

FROM Seoul Pastor Butterfield writes: "The Week of prayer was rather a sad one for us here at Seoul. The influenza made its appearance the first Sabbath and we were unable to meet the last Sabbath. On Friday we buried two of the wives of our office help. They were both young women, one with three small children and one with two. They have been with us for six or seven years. Three others were not expected to live, but all seem to be getting better at present. It almost broke up our readings entirely, as so many were sick that very few came at all."

FOR two months Brother and Sister L. I. Bowers and Brother and Sister J. C. Klose, of the Chosen Union, have been in attendance at a special two months' language class held in Seoul. These short-term classes afford special help to those who are studying the Korean tongue.

PASTOR B. P. HOFFMAN writes from Tokyo: "I have just returned from an absence of three weeks spent among the churches and companies in Kyushu. On my way back I spent one day each of the Week of Prayer with the churches at Moji, Hiroshima, Kobe, and Nagoya. It was a time of great blessing to all that I saw at the meetings, and I believe that we will see good returns from the annual offering. The brethren in most of the places took hold well in the work of the Big Week for the circulation of the magazine."

BORN, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, of Changsha, Hunan, January 3, a daughter.

The Statistical Report

THE statistical report for the Far Eastern Division, covering the third quarter of 1919, appears on page seven of this issue. This report reveals some gains and some losses. Unfortunately, returns have not been received from two of the unions, and this makes impossible an accurate setting forth of our exact standing. The net gain in membership since 1918 is slight. The baptisms for third quarter total 236. For the first quarter of 1919 the baptisms were 260; for the second quarter, 332, which, with the 236 for the third quarter, gives a total of 828 baptisms for the first three quarters of 1919. If this average was kept up during the fourth quarter our baptisms for the past year will nearly touch the record figures of 1916 and 1918.

Owing to the system followed in this field of deducting the tithe of the workers and not reporting the same as receipts, the tithe showing in this report is much lower than that which has actually been paid. This is true of both the foreign and the native tithe column.

The book sales during the first three quarters of 1919 are in excess of anything reported for a like period in former years. This is true also of the Sabbath-school offerings.

With a membership of 6254, including 199 foreign and 715 native workers, surely we may hope for decided advance with proportionate gains in all departments during the year 1920. Let us all work with diligence toward this end.

It is planned to publish during the month of April, or at latest by May 1, the annual statistical report of the Far Eastern Division. Complete returns should be sent in as promptly as circumstances in each field will permit, in order that when the brethren meet in committee council in Shanghai during the month of April we may have in hand a proper representation of the Far Eastern Division for the past year.

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