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THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION, SHANGHAI, CHINA January 27 to February 2, 1920

THE first meeting of the Bookmen's Convention was held in the chapel of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, January 27, 1920, 3:00 P. M. At the opening meeting there were twenty-four persons present, including representatives of the Division Publishing Department and the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House, several field men from near by union and local missions, the union bookmen, and a number of our Chinese field men.

Pastor C. E. Weeks, the Secretary of the Department, occupied the chair. The first hymn expressed

After a season of earnest prayer in which a number of the brethren took part, invoking God's blessing, the chairman spoke briefly of the nature of the meetings. The first six days were spent in in English meetings, with a running translation for our Chinese workers, after which a three days' session was held in Mandarin, with a running translation for the men who are working in other language areas.

It was voted that D. E. Rebok act as secretary, assisted by Brother Shen Hin Cheng.



Foreign and native workers in attendance at the Bookmen's Convention.

the sentiment of every heart, "To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done."

Brother C. F. Colton and Brother Chiao Wen Li led in an earnest season of prayer for the blessing of God to rest upon the convention, and for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide.

The chairman directed the attention of the delegates to the second chapter of Second Timothy, the first fifteen verses, as instruction which is particularly helpful to men who are engaged in this important branch of the great work of God. To those who are called "faithful men" is the instruction to be "strong in the grace of Jesus Christ," for as depositaries of a great message we are to be as "soldiers on service," who are not to become entangled in the affairs of this life.

Brother Wilkinson then presented a most interesting and vital message from Pastor I. H. Evans, in which was sounded the keynote of the Convention, namely, The Spiritualizing of the Publishing Work. Brother Evans declared, in part:

"The sale of our literature has become one of the important aids in our great denominational work. The rapid increase in the distribution of the printed page has assumed proportions beyond the imagination of the wisest among us. A few years ago it would have been impossible for us to conceive of the magnitude of the publishing work that is now being carried on by our denomination.

"We must do our part in this Eastern section of the General Conference to promote and increase this important line of work. The denomination

has done about everything it could to make possible the publication and distribution of a large amount of our own literature. We now have well-equipped printing plants in all our leading centers and are able to publish not only periodicals, tracts and pamphlets, but also large books. As the work grows, our facilities will be increased for bringing out more and more of this literature.

"The great point in any business is the selling of the output. It is easy enough to build up a large manufacturing plant of almost any description if only one has the money. Generally it is not difficult to get people to come into the factory and undertake to do the mechanical work on a stated salary. The hard part is the selling of the output of the plant at a margin where there is a living profit. Many years ago Pastor Uriah Smith said to me that he considered the selling of our literature the all-important part of the publishing work; that we could get any number of persons who could write good books; we could find plenty of persons who were glad to work in the manufacturing department; but to build up the selling department and dispose of the output of the publishing house was a business more important than the operating of the printing plant. This is true not only of our own work, but of any manufacturing establishment.

"We must not, however, forget the all-important part of our work in the distribution of our literature, and that we should distribute such literature, and distribute it in such a way, as will bring men into the truth and help them to find salvation. It is not enough that we distribute good, clean, healthful literature, even though we could increase our output ten-fold, if that literature does not bring people to Christ. I have little interest in the selling of books that do not bear directly on the third angel's message. The Commercial Press and other large printing plants scattered through the East, can publish and circulate helpful and educational works of all kinds, but they will not put out literature that bears directly on the third angel's message. No other denomination will do this work. This is *our business*. It is committed to us by the Lord to do this work for Him. We should not devote our energies to the manufacturing and selling of literature that is simply educational in its nature, and does not bring people to a knowledge of Christ. If we are to spend our days in the circulation of educational literature, which is good in itself and helpful to those who receive it, but which does not help men to find Christ, then we should enter the commercial line and become competitors with worldly organizations for the manufacture and circulation

of this kind of literature, and our people should not be urged to devote their time and means to its circulation. But this must not be. We must leave such work to be done by the corporations which devote their energies to that line of work. Our business is to scatter the printed page that is filled with the message for our day, and to enlighten the people concerning this great advent movement and all its allied truths.

"Men in charge of selling our denominational literature must not become possessed of the idea that a book is profitable to distribute because it brings good returns to the agent. The only returns of real value from the selling of a book are the souls converted through reading its truth-laden pages. The true test of a book is the number of people it brings to Christ, the souls it stimulates to become more and more like Christ; just as the true test of service to the Lord is not the position one holds, nor his native ability, but the number of souls he can win to Christ. If we fail in that one thing, we shall certainly suffer loss. One cannot read the apostle Paul's comment on this without being conscious that the real value of service, judged from eternity, is the souls won to Christ, and who find eternal life through faith.

"I am extremely anxious, therefore, that our energies in this field be not simply to build up a circulation of literature, but to circulate such literature as will win men to Christ, and make converted Seventh-day Adventists through the blessing of God. Personally I would not give my time to any other effort. If I were endeavoring to make money, I should try to do it outside the cause of God. If I were endeavoring to build up a business, I would not undertake to do it in the cause of Christ. Our business is so to preach the message for this hour that the world will be warned of its coming doom. This duty rests just as truly upon our Publishing Department as it does upon the ministry. Therefore when a man sells a book that will not bring men to Christ, he does the same kind of work that a minister does who lectures at Chatauquas,—good in itself, but which does not bring to men the truth for this time.

"Now I think there is a great deal of importance attached to the way we sell our literature. There ought not to be tolerated among us for a moment any underhanded or crooked dealing. We had better have half the number of workers selling our literature in the right manner, leaving the right impression upon the people who buy, than to have a greatly increased corps of workers whose influence is detrimental to the truth and who always have a

shadow of suspicion following their work. Therefore we must be more and more careful in the selection of agents who distribute our literature. They should be Christians, thoroughly converted to the truth, and tested so that they will not adopt methods that are crooked or underhanded, leaving a reproach

fully emphasised in the following statement from the same source:

"We need to realize the importance of the canvassing work as one great means of finding out those who are in peril, and bringing them to Christ."
—*Id.* page 30.



Native field secretaries and colporteurs in to attended the Bookmens Convention

wherever they work. This will probably limit us in the number of agents we can put into the field, but it will have an influence on the minds of the public that will be helpful, and that will make it possible for others to follow and continue the work that this literature ought to begin.

"I am very glad that this Publishers' Convention can be held, and I hope you will have a good meeting. I regret that I cannot be with you from the beginning, for my interest in this publishing work is deep, and I am anxious to see it succeed. I wish you all many rich blessings from the Lord. Let us not forget that our success is dependent upon the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit rather than upon our shrewdness and native ability. I shall pray for the success of the institute."

The Spirituality of Our Work

A message, written by Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press, on The Spirituality of the Work, was read before the body by C. F. Colton. From this we quote briefly, as follows:

"A work which is described in the following language is certainly a deeply spiritual one:

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people... The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Manual for Canvassers*, page 8.

"The soul-winning side of our work is beauti-

fully emphasised in the following statement from the same source:

"The assistance we may confidently expect in the carrying on of this highly spiritual work is promised in the following:

"The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker. If we recognize Christ as the one who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed."—*Id.*, page 38.

Our South American Publishing House manager informs us that the people in that intensely Catholic country seem to prize our spiritual books even more greatly than our medical books. Their average orders per hour on medical books has been \$2.21, while their average for "Great Controversy" has been \$2.27. This same fact has been emphasised more and more in our homeland during the past two years. People are thinking seriously, and are desirous of purchasing books that speak of eternal things. So I am sure we will all agree that spirituality in our work is the first requisite for the highest degree of success.

The Future of Our Work

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the field," is the inspired command that comes to us in a particular way to-day. In obeying it we shall see a wonderful future before us. Brother Spicer said, "The bookman pioneers the way." This fact is being recognized by our conference leaders to-day, and men of experience in the distribution of gospel literature are everywhere in demand."

Report of Committee on Plans

NEAR the close of the convention, the committee on plans brought in its report, and many resolutions were adopted. Some of these may be published later. The first was a resolution of gratitude to God, and reads as follow:

A Resolution of Gratitude: We, assembled in the Bookmen's Convention, express to our Heavenly Father our heartfelt gratitude for His manifold blessings that have attended the development of the Publishing Department since its beginning in

this Eastern Asian field; for His protecting care which has been over our faithful colporteurs, who have gone forth often in the midst of perils to bear the silent messengers to all parts of our fields; and for the influence of the Spirit of God, which has attended the printed page in its visits to the homes of the people, leading precious souls to the knowledge and acceptance of this message.

Among other resolutions, we note one on making the canvassing work a great spiritual influence:

Resolved: That by the Lord's help we will make this work a greater spiritual influence in the salvation of souls.

Goals for 1920

Goals were adopted for 1920. It was agreed that earnest efforts should be put forth to sell the following amounts of books in the various fields:

Philippines.....	\$55,000 (gold)
Japan.....	17,500 (gold)
Malaysia.....	15,000 (gold)
Central China.....	30,000 (mexican)
Korea.....	15,000 (gold)
South China.....	20,000 (mexican)
East China.....	10,000 (mexican)
North China.....	10,000 (mexican)
Manchuria.....	8,000 (mexican)
West China.....	9,000 (mexican)
English colporteur work in the port cities 4,000 (gold)	

ECHOES FROM THE CONVENTION.

From Anhwei

I BELIEVE that the Bookmen's convention, held in Shanghai Jan. 27 to Feb. 5th, is going to have far reaching results, and not simply for the book work alone. Personally, I know that it was good to be there. Not only was I deeply interested in the reports from the various fields, and the papers and discussions, but I also received a spiritual blessing from the very atmosphere of the meeting itself.

Aside from direct results which I believe will naturally come from the many inspiring resolutions and recommendations, I feel certain that there were other influences set at work which will eventually accomplish far more good than was planned for or expected. In this I have reference to the fact that minds have been set to thinking; thinking as they have never thought before. One of the greatest faults in the past has been to do the thinking for the native worker. But I believe, that for the China field at least, this convention has done much toward getting the native men aroused to the great needs in their field, and that *they*, as well as ourselves, are *thinking* and planning for the advancement of the work. Can we not expect splendid material results in the near future? Personally, I do.

H. J. DOOLITTLE.

A Mission Director's View Point

It was good to be there. The convention was typically spiritual. The one great problem constantly studied was a spiritual one,—“How can we win more souls?” Both the foreign and the native workers present earnestly and unitedly sought help from God and from each other as to how present shortcomings might be overcome, and a state of

greater efficiency reached. Every hour seemed to be filled with good suggestions from others' experiences. There seemed to be a combination of *spirituality* and *activity*,—a thing most appropriate to our field and our time.

While my time is not wholly given to the literature work, yet I for one returned to my work feeling that I knew better than before how to do the work God has entrusted to me, and that my soul had been fed from the heavenly table. And so I thanked God and took courage.

J. G. WHITE.

Tsinanfu, Shantung,

February 22, 1920.

A Stepping Stone to Greater Things

I BELIEVE our recent Bookman's Convention at Shanghai has been a stepping stone to still greater things for our Publishing work in the Far East. As we have assembled together from the various fields of East Asia, and compared notes of what has been done through the circulation of our literature, we can truly say “What hath God wrought” As we return to our various fields of labor, we go forth as a united band, with the one object of seeing the Message carried speedily to save souls.

The Convention has given me a broader vision of what is being done for the millions in these Eastern Fields. It has given me a clearer realization of the possibilities in saving souls. It has given me a greater desire than ever to see our work go forward in Korea. We are expecting great things from God this year, and by His help we are redoubling our efforts to reach our goals. We solicit your prayers.

J. C. KLOSE.

A Most Helpful Meeting

THE recent bookmen's convention was in some respects the most encouraging and helpful meeting that I have attended in China. Just to see so many trained bookmen together, studying the important problems relating to their work, was encouraging. And it was encouraging to have such splendid reports from nearly all parts of the Asiatic Division, showing that the good hand of the Lord is upon the work of scattering our message-filled literature.

Then, too, special emphasis was placed on the spiritual nature of the colporteur's work. The work of the colporteur is a holy calling, and can and must be done in a spiritual way. This was a marked feature of the meeting, and brought renewed courage to our hearts.

It was a most helpful meeting. As topic after topic, dealing with all phases of the colporteur and home missionary work, was presented and discussed, it was apparent that every worker present, both foreign and native, was getting new insight and inspiration. And I am sure that all others present, representing different departments of our work, determined that they would in the future, in a fuller sense, cooperate with the publishing department of our work, and take a more active and personal part in the distribution of our truth-laden literature.

C. P. LILLIE.

A Source of Inspiration and Blessing

THE convention held in Shanghai January 27 to February 2, was a great source of inspiration and blessing to me. As the importance of distributing our literature broadcast was emphasized, I was led to determine to do more of this work myself, and to encourage others to do the same.

GEORGE L. WILKINSON.

More Soul-Saving Literature for 1920.

THE convention sounded the same note of warning to those assembled that was sounded to Gideon in days gone by: "The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there." Not that the Lord could not use twice or three times as many colporteurs as are now enlisted; but in order to carry forward a strong work, He must have men that are tried, men that have stood the test. Far better have only one man with faith in God and with a clear vision of this movement, than scores of men without faith in anything but the silver dollars. The decided turn from the medical book to the new book "Heralds" but voices the desire on the part of all for more soul-saving literature during the present year. This

strictly religious book will be the water test to our workers. Unless a man is driven by a desire to save others, unless he goes out determined to work in such a way that he can go back over his territory with another book, and be welcomed, and unless he serves because of an inward love to serve, he will be separated through this test, and be found among those that went home. May God help the leaders in this time of sifting that none of the kernels fall to the ground, is the wish of the Signs Publishing House.

J. G. Gjording.

The Door of Hope to China

THE Convention just closed in Shanghai has in many ways been to me one of the most interesting that it has been my privilege to attend. Our bookmen coming from North, East, South and West in Asia brought with them reports that cheered, and problems that were food for earnest prayer and study. While the various sections of the field have to a certain extent their own peculiar problems, the giving of the message to Asia is largely one problem,—a task that must of necessity draw heavily upon the resources in men and money of this people until the work is finished. But the work *will* be finished, and we know that the literature must play a very considerable part in this finishing work. As one China director expressed it during the meeting, "The literature work is the door of hope to China."

The Convention has been a great inspiration to me personally, and I believe it will mark the beginning of bigger and better things in this department of service here in Eastern Asia.

C. E. WEAKS.

Sacrificing for Missions

IN the columns of the union conference papers published in the homeland, we are finding many evidences of an increasing spirit of sacrifice in behalf of missions since the Boulder council. From a report by Pastor H. W. Carr, president of the Maine Conference, we learn of a pledge made by a group of colporteurs in that state:

"Recognizing the urgent call for missionary help in other lands, we the members of the colporteurs' institute at Norridgewock, October 26, 1919, pledge ourselves to refrain from all pleasure indulgences, such as games, pictures, and shows; candies, chewing gum, and soft drinks; and faithfully contribute an amount as nearly equal as we can estimate in addition to what we have already been giving to advance the missionary work in other lands, and hold ourselves in readiness for any service at home or abroad which may come to us from the leaders in this message."

The home fires are burning bright. Surely we may take heart. Let us daily place all on the altar, in order that God may fulfil through us the good pleasure of His will in these Eastern lands.

C. C. CRISLER.

THE FIELD WORK

The New Chapel in Canton

ABOUT six years ago our meetings were held in the rear building of the Canton City Compound where the lower school is now being conducted. Bethel Girls' school had been moved to its new home in Tung-shan. The Canton chapel was far from the street, and had to be reached by passing through other rooms, and by an irregular way which tended to discourage outside attendance.



A view of the front elevation of the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church. The lot is a very narrow one and it has been difficult to secure a photograph showing the entire structure

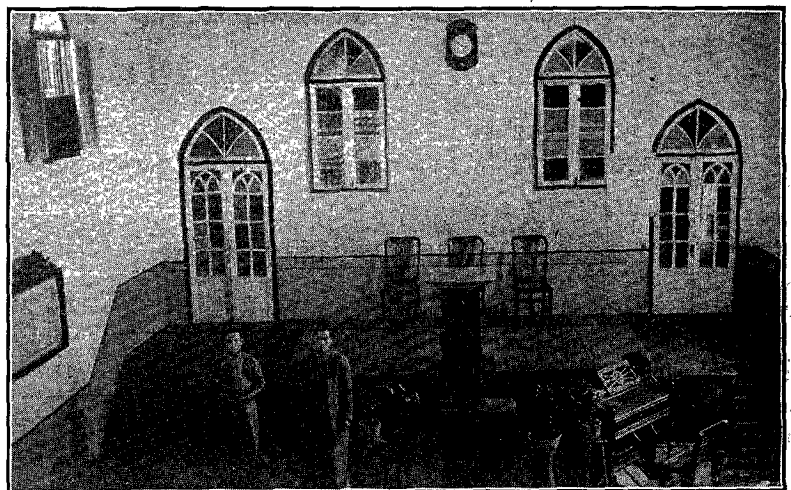
were remodeled for the use of the boys' school, which was also started at that time.

There still remained one building between the chapel and the street which was so built as to leave a narrow path at one side as entrance to the chapel and school rooms. While this arrangement was a great improvement over previous conditions, yet it was not ideal. The chapel, being on the ground floor, could be lighted only by windows in the front and roof. We could not open windows on either side as other buildings prevented this. It was found that the chapel was very dark on cloudy days, and when the sun shone through the sky lights, rays would beat down upon the head of the speaker. Rain would often find its way through the sky windows and down on the head of the preacher and on his books. The

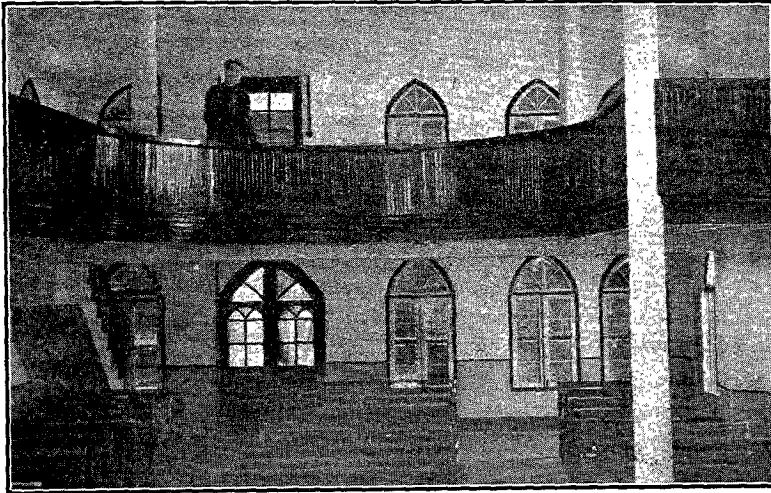
damp, cloudy atmosphere which so often prevailed in the chapel was not conducive to a worshipful attitude.

About a year ago it was found that the general condition of the materials in the buildings would soon force us to rebuild, so we set about to work out a plan whereby we would not only put new material into the buildings, but would improve our situation and have a more representative church building in this city of two and one half millions.

There was an appropriation granted to us for land which joined our compound at the rear, but so much time elapsed between the time we asked for this appropriation and the time when we received assurance of its being granted, that the land was sold to other parties and a fence put around it. When the way was hedged up to purchase this land, we turned our attention to the proposition of rebuilding our church, and asked for and obtained permission to use this land appropriation of \$800 (gold) for the rebuilding of the church. At the same time we promised to raise the additional funds needed to complete the work, and soon we set ourselves to work to organize our churches and companies for a campaign to raise funds. All took hold of the work willingly, and while we were interrupted several times in our soliciting on account of political troubles, we have been successful in gathering funds sufficient to complete the building of a nice church 32 by 35 feet in size, with basement divided into three rooms for dispensary use; a balcony that will seat from eighty to one hundred people, and a baptistry. The whole church will seat about four hundred. It presents a very good appearance from the street which it faces, and is a



A view of the interior of the new chapel in Canton, showing the rostrum and baptistry



A view of the interior of the Canton chapel showing the rear of the main auditorium with gallery

credit to our work in Canton. It also stands as a monument to the energetic efforts of our Chinese brethren in the Mission who worked so faithfully in raising funds for its construction.

The church was dedicated free from debt, at the time Pastor and Mrs. Evans and Pastor and Mrs. DeVinney and others were in attendance at our Cantonese Mission general meeting in November of last year. Pastor Evans preached the dedicatory sermon and Pastor DeVinney offered the prayer. All hearts were deeply impressed, and at the close of the service, eleven souls followed their Lord in baptism, dedicating themselves to Him for lives of faithful service.

Appropriate music was furnished by the students from our schools at Tungshan and Im Po.

We earnestly pray that this church may be a great blessing to the work in this great city, and continue to be the sanctuary where God will meet with His people.

A. L. HAM.

The Philippine Academy

THE Philippine Academy closed a very successful term February 17, 1920. On the afternoon of February 16 a suitable program was rendered by the students, after which the visitors were invited to the rear room of the Academy building to inspect the many industrial products there exhibited. Here samples of carpentry, hat, belt, bamboo box and vase weaving, and also of embroidery work were displayed in great profusion.

The evening of February 17 marked the commencement of a definite career for four of the high grade students, who completed the Academic course.

The four diplomas presented these young men, Flaviano Dalisay, Luis C. Espada Alvaro C. Roda, and Vicente D. Clava, were well deserved. From our acquaintance and association with these young men, we bespeak for them a bright future in connection with the cause they love; and we pray that they may be as true to principle as were the four young men who were called to witness for God in idolatrous Babylon. Four other students passed from the Intermediate grades to more advanced work.

Professor and Mrs. Stienel, together with their collaborators, deserve commendation for their un-

tiring efforts to make this institution tell strongly for the upbuilding of the Lord's great cause in this immediate union. Our prayers will follow them as they pray and plan and labor to do the will of Him who sends forth laborers into the harvest fields. Let us also remember in our prayers the youth who are striving to become efficient for service through the opportunities afforded those who attend this Christian school.

MRS. C. N. WOODWARD.

Report of Hakka Work for Year 1919

THE territory in which the Hakka is spoken is nearly four hundred miles square, comprising all northern Kwangtung, and extending into the bordering northern provinces. The country is very mountainous, the people living in the small valleys along the numerous rivers and tributaries. Our mission work began among this people in 1908, Pastor J. P. Anderson being our first worker.

Our first years were spent in laying a foundation, attaining a knowledge of the language. Our membership at the beginning of 1917 when we returned from our first furlough was 125. During 1917-1918 the membership nearly doubled, reaching 233 at the beginning of 1919. We thank God that this year has seen even a larger growth, and in every department has been our best year of work among this people.

The field is large and difficult to reach. We surely need more foreign help. The field is divided into two sections. We now live in the very southern part, while our best work is in the north.

This year I made three extended trips over the entire field. On two of these trips I took my family

with me, and we spent from a week to ten days at each station building up the work in each department. On the last trip we spent sixty-five days, and fifty-four were baptized. One trip I made in the interests of Harvest Ingathering work, when a native brother and I received six hundred dollars for this fund. More than eighty per cent of this year's converts came from heathenism.

Young People's Work

This is the first year we have done much with this work. We had our first class finish the Standard of Attainment, every student in the Bible school passing the examination. Many in the field have kept their promise to read the Bible through, and every worker has taken the reading course.

Sabbath School Work

The Sabbath-school work has seen some growth. This year a native secretary has spent most of his time in the field visiting the churches in the interests of this department. This has improved the organization a great deal, and through the goal method we have more than doubled our donations over the preceding year.

Women's Work

Mrs. Nagel has spent a good share of her time in laboring for the women, and looking after the girl's school in Waichow. We see some fruit. The girl's school reached an enrollment of fifty-one, which is the largest number we have had. Sixteen sisters have been baptized the past year.

Educational Work

Enrolled in all our schools this year were nearly four hundred students. These schools are proving to be a real evangelizing agency. Many students, especially among those in the Bible school, have been baptized, and we trust some will make workers. We have about fifty young men between twenty-one and thirty years of age who should be in training for the work.

Book Work

We have sold more books in this field this year than in all the previous years combined. Yet we have not done all that ought to be done. We passed our canvassing goal at the end of May. We used also 1000 sets of the Broad-sides.

Evangelistic Work

We opened three new stations this year—as many as we dared with the means we had. The calls and opportunities are so many that we could and should open many at once. We set a goal of 100 baptisms this year, and one hundred and ten were baptized within the year; but there were several stations I was unable to visit before the end of the year; so I left home January 2 and visited all these remaining stations.

I have just returned from this trip. Fifty-nine others were baptized which should be really included in last year's work, bringing our total for 1919, to 169. For this we thank the Lord of the harvest. Our membership in Hakka Land now numbers over four hundred. We are endeavouring to build solidly, even for eternity.

Finances

During the year 1919 the Chinese members of our churches and friends contributed to the support of the Hakka mission as follows:

Harvest Ingathering	\$560.00
Tithe	515.00
Sabbath-school Donations	233.00
Annual Offering	117.00
Tuition	331.00
Miscellaneous Offerings	37.00

May the year 1920 be much better than this one has been. May it see greater consecration and more loyalty to truth, is our prayer.

S. A. NAGEL.

The Law Chart in the Tibetan Language

FROM Tatsienlu, in Szechwan, near the borders of Tibet, Dr. Andrews writes: I have just completed one of our standard Law of God charts, filled out in Tibetan, to be reproduced and printed from. We are happy indeed in getting off this first sheet in this new language, and are glad also that it is God's law, with the many good texts which it contains. The last text says: "The law of God is perfect, converting the soul." Somehow the converting power of the law of God is oftentimes overlooked or not fully realized. We are praying that some Tibetans may be influenced in favor of the gospel message by means of reading this law chart.

It has taken much hard work by both my lama teacher and myself to get out this chart. The lama is considered an excellent writer, one of the very best in this district; but in order to make the chart perfect, and in correct proportions, he had to re-write some of the matter several times, and make sure that the large amount of lettering contained no errors. We both believe that as it stands now, it is accurate throughout.

In most instances the texts on this Tibetan law chart are the same as those that are given on the Mandarin chart. As the Bible is not wholly translated into the Tibetan language, some few changes were made in the selection of the texts, though the one just below the illustration of the Bible, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man," we could not do without; and

so we have translated this verse of Scripture, and included it in the chart. The translation of this verse from the book of Ecclesiastes is the first attempt we have made in translating any of our denominational literature into the Tibetan language. These familiar texts of Scripture seem to translate very readily into the Tibetan language, so far as I am able to judge from the little study I have been able to give to the language thus far. The fact that the Tibetan is an inflected language, makes translation work less difficult than to render Bible portions into languages that have no inflection.

We are sending this Tibetan chart to our publishing house in Shanghai for printing, and we believe that this, our first printed sheet in the Tibetan language, will be presentable and attractive.

We have been conducting our Dispensary work for several weeks, and already are treating a considerable number of Tibetans daily, as well as many Chinese. Yesterday we had forty patients, and twenty of these were Tibetans. Usually more Chinese than Tibetans come. We have received several invitations to visit the homes of Tibetans desiring medical assistance, and we are rejoicing in these privileges of meeting them and of ministering to their physical needs. We are praying God that He may help us to minister to their spiritual necessities as well.

Although hitherto we have had no Tibetan papers or tracts, we have endeavoured to sow some seeds of truth by purchasing small portions of Scriptures printed in the Tibetan, and marking in these important texts dealing with various phases of the third angel's message, and distributing them to friends who come to our Dispensary for treatment. We know that God's word will not return unto Him void. (Isaiah 55:11). We shall be very happy when we can have the law chart to hand out, and also some small tracts. Our faith reaches out after the honest in heart who are dwelling in this great Western land.

J. N. ANDREWS.

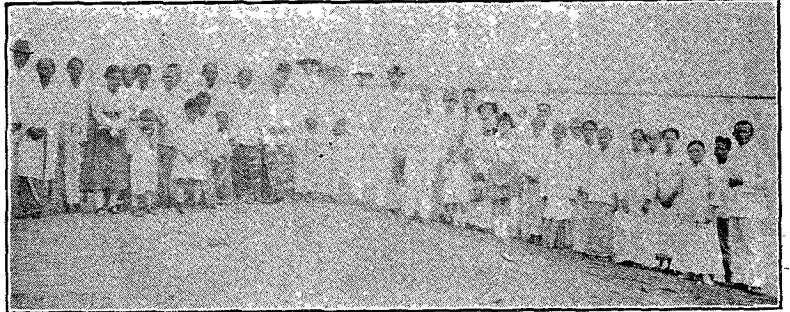
*Tatsienlu,
January 21, 1920.*

Baptisms in West Java

SINCE we returned from our vacation at Somber Wekas in August, the Lord has been pleased to give us ten souls, whom we baptized in the Java Sea during the last Sabbath of the old year. Two more are to follow soon. Without these we have baptized

just eleven during the past year. I believe this is more than during any previous year. Since we have set our aim at doubling our membership by the end of the present year, we have only about 37 more to find. We believe the Lord will help us in securing our aim. We are at least bending every effort toward that end. I know it will mean hard labor and much prayer, but we are willing to pay the price, by God's grace.

I will enclose a photo of those baptized. You will notice the presence of Brother Sisley. We invited him to attend the Sabbath services and



A group of believers and friends assembled on the shore of the Java Sea, Batavia, Dutch East Indies, for a baptismal service. At the extreme right stands Pastor I. C. Schmidt, and next to him the ten candidates who were baptized the last Sabbath of the old year.

share with us the blessings of our labours. We were greatly pleased to have him come.

One of those baptized recently, is a sergeant in the army; another is a school teacher of experience; still another is a dear old lady eighty years of age. One of those soon to be baptized is a convert from Mohammedanism. Although coming directly from Mohammedanism, she is a beautiful character.

We are of good courage in the Lord and desire to be faithful until He comes. We have never enjoyed our work more than at the present time. Our committee is to meet the first part of March. We expect great things from the Lord at this meeting. Doubtless it will mean much in advancing the work of the Lord in our union. Surely the waters are beginning to move in our field. It has meant hard and diligent work through the past years, but the fruit is slowly maturing.

This Week of Prayer has been the best in our experience. The fact that we could unite with God's people everywhere in seeking His blessings was of itself a great encouragement to us. We have laboured hard and faithfully in helping our own people, and praise the Lord, He has heard and answered our prayers. We are now planning to instruct our people carefully in the doctrines with the object of getting as many as possible into active service. Our aim demands the faithful services of the entire church, and the serious times in which we live demand whole-hearted endeavour on the part of all.

I. C. SCHMIDT.

GENERAL ARTICLES

A Broader Work in China

THAT there has been a great awakening in China no one can deny. The China of to-day is not the China of five years ago. China has awakened, not merely to look out upon what others are doing, but has aroused as a strong man to perform great tasks. That powerful revolutionary ideas are transforming, the nation is admitted by even a casual observer. A new national consciousness is forming ideals for every department of the nation's life. Wonderful revolutions are seen in political, educational and industrial enterprises and activities. Radical changes have occurred in the religious life of multitudes.

In commercial relations China demands a selection of enterprises, and consideration of Chinese interests. She is satisfied with none but the best of industrial productions. Everywhere and in all activities, the Chinese who have been content to be followers and students of foreigners are now pressing close upon their Western leader and teacher. If we are to be successful as missionaries we must be students of conditions, minute men with the ability to adapt ourselves quickly and easily to the rapidly expanding lives and experiences of the people. The impressions and conceptions formed in our minds by reading about China several years ago, and even those formed by direct contact with the people a few years ago must not bind us to-day nor largely influence our work. To-day and tomorrow we must receive new impressions and form new conceptions in order to be true to this rapidly changing people of China, and in order to become wise and efficient guides of these moving multitudes.

Changsha.

O. B. KUHN.

An "All-Year Round" Program

In portions of the Southern States where the temperature is wont to rise with the advent of early summer, there are a few weeks in mid-winter when snow flies, and these have not always been used to the best advantage by our bookmen. The colporteur there seems to thrive best in mid-summer, making the warm months his time of harvest. A campaign is now on the get the bookmen to labor as diligently during the time of snow; and the leader, Brother V. O. Cole, calls particular attention to the experience of Benaia, a valiant man, who, witnesses the Scriptures, "slew a lion in the midst of a pit in the time of snow." 2 Sam. 23:20; 1 Chron. 11:22.

"Is there a lion in the way" in the time of snow? Slay him. And without in the least suggesting the

abandonment of the vacation idea and of periods of recreation and rest, how about the lion that lurks in the time of heat? Shall we not also slay him? It is the labors of those who bear the burden and heat of the day that we are to exemplify as well as those who go about slaying lions in the time of snow. Thus we may enter into an "all-year round" program of judiciously planned labor, that always bring results.

C. C. CRISLER.

Funds for the Philippines

THE returns are in for the special offering given by our world's Sabbath-schools at the close of the first quarter of 1919 for the support of our work in the Philippine Union, and show a total of \$58,812.02. The call was for \$40,000, and all over this amount promised in addition to help meet the ever-growing needs in this island field. We rejoice in this goodly overflow of \$18,812.02. Changing conditions have made most difficult the attempt to finance the work on the lesser amount. Now more is assured, and our work need not be crippled unduly. God has heard our prayers.

We are confident that the donors will find precious souls in the kingdom as the result of their liberality. In some outstations in the Philippines our numbers have been doubling annually, and in districts where the truth has been proclaimed for a few years, the ratio of increase is still good. The overflow offering comes at an opportune time to strengthen the evangelistic advance and to warrant the early occupation of some hitherto unentered territory.

C. C. CRISLER.

A Greeting from Home

A RECENT mail brought the following to our office:—

"At a meeting of the China Mission Band of Walla Walla College last night the members passed a resolution as follows: 'That we the members of the China Mission Band of Walla Walla College send our sincere Christian greetings to our fellow workers in the Far Eastern Division, and furthermore that we are preparing in a very definite way to take our places with you in the very near future. As we read the reports of the work as it is advancing in its onward march we long to be with you and hope, if the Lord so directs, that this may be so.'"

CHINA MISSION BAND,

Walla Walla College, Washington.

OBITUARY

The Death of Sister Scharffenberg.

MIMI SCHARFFENBERG was born November 7, 1883, at St. Louis, Mo. She was raised in the Lutheran church, and was a member of the same until she was seventeen years old. At that time she heard the Third Angel's Message, and began to keep the Sabbath. The year following she began to do Bible work in Wisconsin, and labored there for four years. She then responded to a call to come to Chosen, and arrived in this field in January of 1907.



Miss Scharffenberg readily learned the language, and for fourteen years worked hard to teach the truth to the people of Chosen. She was always willing to do all she could to help give the message. She traveled much among the churches. For a long time she was secretary of the Sabbath-school, and for six years served as editor of *The Signs of the Times*. For one year she taught Bible in the Soonan School. Sister Scharffenberg spoke the Korean language well, and greatly loved the Korean people. It was her desire to work for them until the end. Her last work was the translation of "The Story of Ancient Times." This was done while she was sick, and much of it while she had to lie in bed; but she had a great desire to translate it because of the help she knew it would be to the Korean church.

Miss Scharffenberg had not been well for more

than two years. One year ago she went to our sanitarium in Washington, D. C., where everything possible was done for her. She was very hopeful that she would get well and be able to return to Chosen; but God saw fit to let her rest until Jesus comes. December 19, 1919 she fell asleep in Jesus to wait until the morning of the resurrection. We greatly miss her help, but we mourn not as those without hope. We must close up the ranks, and with greater determination press the work forward to its victorious conclusion.

C. L. BUTTERFIELD.

Notes from the Philippine Union

A COMPANY of twelve or fifteen are awaiting baptism at Paete. Pastor Finster left Manila February 12 for that place, where he hoped to administer this rite to these believers.

At Binang, February 12, Pastor S. E. Jackson, assisted by Pastor Victorio Arevalo, baptized forty-five persons.

The committee council convened in Manila January 22. This brought together all the leading workers in the Union, besides Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans and H. W. and Mrs. Barrows from the Division headquarters. Many important features of the work were considered, and definite plans inaugurated for the future progress of the work in the Islands. The work is onward in the Philippine Union.

Pastor and Mrs. S. E. Jackson, with their son and daughter, left Manila February 18 for a vacation in Baguio. They expect to spend at least a month or six weeks on the mountain.

After attending the council, in Manila, Dr. and Mrs. Fattebert, in company with Pastor and Mr. S. W. Munroe and family, returned to Cebu. Dr. and Mrs. Fattebert plan to spend some time at Baguio before taking up active labor again.

After spending several weeks with Brother J. S. Barrows and family, Mrs. H. W. Barrows and son left on the s. s. "Venezuela," February 7 for a brief stay in Hongkong, where they were to join Brother Barrows, who sailed from Manila two weeks previous.

Brother Isaac Enriquez reports forty keeping the Sabbath at Pangil.

At Lulio we are having a most interested hearing, from 500 to 700 attending the meetings each evening.

A meeting at Sariaya has opened quite favorably. The brethren report an increasing interest from night to night.

One of our native Bible women, Sister Juana, has been blessed of the Lord in bringing several more to a knowledge of present truth in Manila. These expect to be baptized soon.

The tent effort in Manila, under the supervision of Pastor Emelio Manalaysay, has had a good hearing from the first. We trust that a large number will take their stand for this truth in the Sampaloc district.

January 25 is a day long to be remembered by the church at Calamba. A large number of believers from different churches gathered for the dedication of the new church building there. Pastor I. H. Evans gave a most instructive discourse, and he was followed by other speakers who set forth the importance of keeping all the commandments of God.

After spending nearly three months in the Philippine Islands Pastor and Mrs. Evans and Brother Chester Rogers left Manila February 8 for Borneo and other points in Malaysia. While here they visited all the principal outposts in the union, and their services at these different stations were greatly appreciated. It is hoped that these workers may be able to help again in the great work that lies before us here, and that other parts of the Division field may be strengthened and built up by their good counsels.

Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Hay and children are taking a needed rest at Bauio. The family will remain there during the heated season, during which time Baguio will be their headquarters.

MRS. C. N. WOODWARD.

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A GENERAL meeting for the Hupeh Mission is in progress as we go to press. A report has been promised for our next issue.

IN the city of Seoul there is a young man attending medical college who is making his way selling our literature. A Korean sister in that city is also making a large record in that city. Our Korean sisters are doing a good work with our literature.

BROTHER G. A. THOMPSON, of Kuala Lampur, Federated Malay States, writes that he and one of the native boys went out, and in six hours took \$130 worth of orders. At another time, he and another young man took \$198 gold, worth of orders in two days.

BROTHER J. J. STRAHLE writes that he found, on his return from the Convention the work going most encouragingly in the Philippines. One colporteur had taken 400 Pesos worth of subscriptions for "Our Day" in a single week.

WE have been shown pictures of the three mission homes nearing completion in Nanking for our workers of the Anhwei province. These homes, while comparatively small because of the unusual cost of building, present a neat appearance, and will be greatly appreciated by our workers, who have often been compelled to live in unsuitable quarters. Our Nanking property is well located in one of the most healthful parts of the city.

BROTHER S. E. JACKSON writes from the Philippines that Brother Breitingam has been asked to take the Bible work of our Manila training school, and Brother Munroe has been appointed director of the Cebuan Mission. Brother J. S. Barrows, the union secretary, will be compelled, because of health conditions, to leave shortly for the States. Brother C. N. Woodward has been asked to take the treasury work for the union and Sister Sevrens the secretaryship. Brother Jackson writes further of the baptism of more than five hundred individuals in his mission during the year. The Northern Luzon Mission doubled its membership.

THE many appointments made of workers of experience to go to the assistance of our brethren in Europe and South Africa have placed an added burden on the Home Board; yet we are assured by our brethren that they will do everything possible to send to us the workers promised during 1920. A few are even now on the way, and others are planning to sail early in the spring. Among those to arrive per S. S. "Nanking" in mid March, are Brother and Sister A. C. Hansen, who have been assigned to the East China Union for service in the Kiangsu Mission. The brethren of the Home Board should

have our daily prayers as they endeavor to find men and means for the furtherance of the work in every part of the world.

THROUGH correspondence of Brother E. L. Lutz of Chungking we learn of an evangelistic effort which was conducted in that place following the return of Brethren Warren, and Lutz from their trip through Kweichow. At present Pastor Warren is in Chengtu, assisting Brother C. L. Blandford in an evangelistic effort there. Brother Lutz reports six men in the field canvassing for the Chinese *Signs of the Times*.

Sales Records from the Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House

A CIRCULAR filled with information has been sent out by Brother J. G. Gjording, the manager of the Shanghai Publishing House, in which he tells of good sales during 1919. The total retail value of books shipped from the Shanghai house during the year 1919 amount to \$73,623.18, mexican, and the retail value of periodical sales during the same period totals \$23,544.44, mexican. This gives a grand total of \$97,167.62, mexican, as the retail value of all literature sales made by our Shanghai House during the past year. The cost of material and the discounts allowed have been such as to make difficult entire self support. Some subsidy is still being received by the House from the Mission Board in order that it may conduct its work on a mission basis, supplying matter at the lowest possible cost. It is hoped that during the present year the sales will be sufficient to cover all the costs of material and lay aside for the salaries of the foreign workers.

Baptismal Record for 1919

THE statistical returns for the fourth quarter of 1919 are now coming in from the various Unions in the Far Eastern Division. From these it is evident that during the past year there has been at least some increase in membership. The total promises to be in excess of anything hitherto reported.

The baptismal record is a good one. During the year Chosen reports 124 baptisms. This is a slight increase over the previous year, when 116 were reported. In South China during 1919 there were 250 baptisms, the previous year's record being 207. The reports for the first three quarters from the Philippine Union give a total of 350 for the past year as compared with 346 during the entire year of 1918. When the reports for the fourth quarter are in, the Philippine Union will show more baptisms than any other portion of our field. Although the reports are not complete, yet already the Japan Union and the Manchurian Union show an increase in their baptismal record. We are anticipating increases in other Unions.

Less than ten years have passed since the entire number of believers throughout the Far Eastern Division was not greater than the number being baptized annually within our three years. This certainly gives ground for encouragement; yet we cannot rest on our lees for a moment in self-satisfaction. The Lord expects great things of us, and we must arouse ourselves as never before in an effort to develop constituencies much more rapidly in future. The angels of heaven are doing their part, and the way is open on every side. It is our privilege to advance in the opening providences of God and reap an abundant harvest.