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## The 1920 Statistical Report

*Far Eastern Division General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

IN this issue of the OUTLOOK we present reports covering denominational activities for the year 1920, with some comparisons.

### Notable Gains

Gains are reported in nearly every field and department. At the close of 1920, the baptized membership of the Far Eastern Division stood at 7705, a net increase of 1006 during the year. There were 1538 baptisms. Some unions, notably the Philippines and the East China Union, have doubled in membership during the past four years; other unions, including South China and Central China and Malaysia, have gained fifty per cent. or more during the past three years.

The Sabbath-school department reveals a steady and healthful development. This is equally true, though in varying degree, of the Educational and Publishing departments. Particular attention is directed to the table showing the Literature sales during the year; also to the graphic chart setting forth sales for a period of years.

### Cost per Capita of Increase in Membership

In the China field the cost per capita of net increase of baptized church-members, is gold \$316.08 for 1918, \$638.30 for 1919, and \$701.31 for 1920. This cost per capita is arrived at by including all funds used for purchase of land, erection of homes, transportation, and outfitting of workers, together with equipment and operation of schools, printing plants, and medical institutions. This is little more than half the cost per member in the North American Division, but is far in excess of that which might be accomplished with a native constituency educated and disciplined in the work of winning souls. We face the future with courage.

C. C. CRISLER.

## Resolutions in which We all Join

WHILE the brethren of the Far Eastern Division Committee were in session during the Spring Council held in Shanghai April 17 to 29, the following resolutions were passed by rising vote:

### (1) Thanksgiving

RESOLVED, That for manifold mercies and blessings attending the labors of the mission forces in Eastern Asia; for the coming during the past year of well-nigh a hundred recruits from the homelands to join our ranks; for unfailing financial support; for growing constituencies; for new life and energy taking possession of the workers and believers; for open doors of opportunity in these lands where dwell a third of the human race; for liberty of conscience still vouchsafed,—for these and all other blessings and favors bestowed by a compassionate and merciful Heavenly Father, we, the Far Eastern Division Committee in council assembled, render sincere praise and heartfelt thanksgiving.

### (2) Resolution of Sympathy

WHEREAS, In His providence our allwise Heavenly Father has permitted death to separate from our ranks Brother R. T. Sisley, of Java; Sister J. P. Anderson, of Swatow; Sister R. M. Cossentine, of Changchuen; and Sister R. A. Falconer, of Nanning,—

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our feeling of sorrow over the great loss sustained by our mission through the death of these workers, whose patient and untiring labors of love, do and will ever follow them in this field; and further that we in council assembled extend to our bereaved fellow-laborers our deepest sympathy in this their great loss, and commend them to Him who alone can give true comfort in sorrow, and in whom is the believer's hope of a soon-coming reunion.

## Mission Notes

BROTHER H. M. LEE, of the Central Chosen Mission, Seoul, leaves per s. s. "*Nanking*," in June for Southern California, where he is to join his family.

PASTOR C. M. LEE, who came out last fall to Chosen, is already preaching in the vernacular, and has been placed in charge of the South Chosen Mission, with headquarters at Keizan.

A NEW house has been erected in Soonan, and is being occupied by Brother and Sister E. M. Oberg.

"GOSPEL WORKERS," sections one to seven, appeared first in the Korean language, and has since been published in the Japanese and the Mandarin.

A NEW Miehle press has been received for the Korean publishing house. The brethren in Chosen have long used a Japanese press, which was far too small for the volume of work that they are now turning out.

DR. RILEY RUSSELL reports the installation of a complete heating system in his new dispensary building.

### Manchuria

A NEW chapel has been rented in Changchuen, and this has been especially fitted up for an evangelistic effort. Brethren R. M. Cossentine and E. Bye, with Chinese assistants, are bearing the chief burden of the work.

BROTHER T. T. BABIENCO, of Harbin, writes that some souls have accepted the truth from among the Russians, and he plans to have baptisms on the fifteenth of May. On the eighteenth he leaves for Vladivostok and the cities to the north, where there are a few Russian workers and nearly two hundred believers. A workers' meeting for Russians in the East Siberian Mission is to be held in Harbin June 28 to July 2, and Brother Evans and others plan to meet with the brethren there at that time.

LATE in April, Harbin was closed to the outside world, because of the virulence of the pneumonic plague which has been raging there for several months. Men are dropping on the streets, so suddenly are they stricken. The dread malady has spread to other places, and it is difficult to forecast the future, although warm weather usually brings a respite from this scourge.

#### Japan

PASTOR AND MRS. B. P. LE DUC have been compelled to leave for the States because of Sister Le Duc's condition of health. The prayers of their mission associates go with them.

THE Shanghai Missionary College closes May 15. This will permit the colporteurs to get out into the field early, and remain for a full four months, until the opening of the fall term, September 12. Most of the colporteurs plan on taking subscriptions for the Chinese *Signs Monthly*.

#### The Philippines

THE year 1921 marks the first public evangelistic effort Seventh-day Adventists have undertaken in the Pampangan Province, P. I. Meetings were begun early in the year, and it is now reported that some are about ready for baptism.

MRS. L. V. FINSTER left Manila April 15, per s. s. "*Logan*," for the States. Pastor Finster hopes to be able to arrange to leave sometime during the summer for his furlough.

DURING the first quarter of 1921, more than one hundred twenty-five were baptized in the Central-Southern Luzon Conference. The brethren have been disappointed in not receiving as many tents as they had planned on using, but are hopeful nevertheless of having a good season in soul-winning.

BROTHER AND SISTER C. N. WOODWARD and daughter Mary reached Shanghai from Manila April 23, and are remaining here a month before going on to the States for their furlough. Brother and Sister Woodward have been in the Far Eastern field since the year 1912.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. I. A. STEINEL sailed from Shanghai for Manila April 30. They have spent some weeks in the Sanitarium. They now return to their work in the Philippine Academy with strength renewed.

FURTHER details of the burning of the Manila church building have been received. A great section of one of the native quarters of the city, was totally destroyed by fire, leaving upwards of 20,000 homeless. In the heart of this district stood the church. Our congregation of three hundred and more are now without any regular place of worship. They are meeting in various homes. They have proposed to raise three thousand pesos (the equivalent of \$1,500.00 gold) toward the erection of a church; and they request the Home Board to grant them an appropriation of two thousand dollars gold to supplement what may be raised locally. The insurance received will assist somewhat, but is inadequate to meet present needs. It is hoped that the friends in Manila may have another church building soon.

AS the result of an evangelistic effort by Pastor Emilio Valera and associates in the city of Laoag, on the northern coast of Luzon, twenty-eight were baptized on Sabbath, March 19. Brother Valera has already begun another series of meetings, with bright prospects.

## OBITUARY

MRS. CLARA CAPFER FALCONER was born April 3, 1894, in Rolla, Missouri. When five years of age she lost both her parents, and was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Capfer, and was brought up in the Adventist faith. When fifteen years old she moved with her foster parents to Loma Linda, where she was baptized and united with the church, and soon entered the Sanitarium as a nurse, graduating in 1917. One year was spent nursing in the White Memorial Hospital. She was of a happy, hopeful disposition and ever ready to respond to the call of duty regardless of the demands upon her time and strength, which greatly endeared her to patients and associates. August 8, 1918 she was married to Dr. R. A. Falconer, and connected with him for a short year at the St. Helena



Clara Capfer Falconer

Sanitarium, when a call came for them to go to China as medical missionaries, and have charge of the dispensary at Nanning, Kwangsi, South China. They reached their chosen field in June, 1920, full of courage and hope, and began immediately the study of the Chinese language preparatory to active missionary work.

In Canton, February 26, 1921, a daughter was born to them, and the mother was rapidly recovering when she was taken with an excruciating pain at the left side of the base of the brain, with a violent fever. She underwent two operations which gave relief to the pain; but for forty days the fever resisted every human effort. During her illness every foreign physician in the city of Canton was called into consultation. The disease was diagnosed as *Infective Sinus Thrombosis*; but no remedy was found.

Sister Falconer fully realized her condition. She knew that her only hope was in God, and called for the elders, who

responded and followed the Bible directions. Almost continuous prayer went up in her behalf during her illness, and even in her delirium her mind clung in hope to God. She begged for prayer and to have the Bible read, and attempted to pray the familiar prayers, and sing the songs of childhood. She gave every evidence of being reconciled, and ready to lay down every cherished plan and rest, if this were God's will. She was conscious most of the time until the end, which came on the morning of March 6, 1921.

The funeral and interment was at Hongkong, and Sister Falconer rests in the Happy Valley Cemetery near the graves of Bro. La Rue and Gertrude Thompson, and with them awaits the call of the Life-giver. A devoted husband and little daughter are left to mourn, besides the whole force of mission workers, to whom she had become greatly endeared. Words of comfort by the writer.

F. H. DE VINNEY.

### Central China

BROTHER C. P. LILLIE is traveling in the interior of Honan, visiting churches and groups of believers. Economic conditions are improving a little in Honan as the result of rainfalls which will insure fair crops in most portions of the province. It is reported that in some districts the wheat crop will not be sufficient to tide the people over until fall when the main crops are harvested. All members of our own mission are being provided with grain sufficient to supply their daily need and for the next seed-sowing.

BROTHER R. J. BROWN and family and Dr. D. E. Davenport and family are planning to sail for the States per s. s. "*Nanking*" June 17.

WHILE supervising a tent effort in one of the cities of Hunan, Brother O. B. Kuhn was taken seriously ill, and has since been in the hospital in Changsha. He is now reported much improved, and hopes soon to be able to be about again and at his work.

## THE EAST CHINA UNION MISSION

(In this issue a few of the reports of the East China Union Session are given, including the biennial report of the Union Superintendent, Pastor O. A. Hall. Mrs. A. C. Hansen, in the article that follows, outlines some of the leading features of the session.)

### East China Union General Meeting

FROM March 22 to April 5 the workers of the East China Union, both Chinese and foreign, assembled in Nanking for the biennial general meeting of that Union. All the meetings were held in the Nanking chapel, and the foreign workers were accommodated in a Chinese inn not far distant, which had been rented for the duration of the meeting. Beside the regular workers of the Union there were present of the general workers, Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans, Pastor MacGuire, Prof. H. C. Lacey, and Brethren C. C. Crisler and C. E. Weeks, all of whom were in attendance the greater part of the time. We were also pleased to have Pastor M. C. Warren from Szechwan with us. There being three distinct dialects spoken in the three provinces comprised in the East China Union, most of the meetings, aside from those conducted by the general workers during the Bible Institute, were in Mandarin. Brethren E. H. James from Kiangsi and M. G. Conger rendered faithful service in translating. Brother H. O. Swartout spent one week-end at Nanking, and also assisted in the translating work. Doctor A. C. Selmon was present over the second Sabbath and gave an illustrated health lecture emphasizing the principles of sanitation. Bro. Crisler gave three stereopticon lectures on our work in various parts of the Far Eastern Division. On the last Sabbath of the meeting there were one hundred ninety in attendance at Sabbath-school, and the offerings for the two Sabbaths amounted to \$98.00. Mex.

The first three days were devoted to a workers' convention during which carefully prepared papers on various phases of our work were presented, followed by live discussions. The keen interest manifested and splendid ideas presented by the Chinese workers were most gratifying. Some of the subjects under discussion were "Church Organiza-

tion," "Qualifications and Duties of Church Officers," "The Call to the Ministry," "Tithes and Offerings." Time was also given to the Publishing, Home Missionary, Sabbath-school and Educational Departments, during which real convention work was conducted. This has been the first attempt at such a convention, and it has proved very successful.

On Sabbath evening, March 25, the Bible Institute was opened, and this continued for a week during which five studies were conducted daily. Pastor Evans presented a series of studies on the Gospel Ministry, Prof. Lacey on the Work of the Spirit and Pastor MacGuire on the Victorious Christian Life. A deep spiritual application was made in all the studies, and it was felt by all that the Spirit of God was present in a marked manner. Prayer bands were formed which met each morning, and each day there were little consecration meetings held for the workers of the respective provinces.

Following the Bible Institute, the business session of the East China Union continued for three days. Our hearts were cheered to see at this session additional workers seated among the delegates. The Union and provincial reports for the past two-year period were presented. The usual committees were appointed and the general work of the Union transacted.

We were made happy on the last evening of the meeting to see two Chinese brethren, Swen Tsung Gwang and Wu Tsung Shan, ordained to the ministry. The closing sermon was preached by Pastor I. H. Evans on the text "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," and the spirit of consecration to greater service which had been manifested throughout the meeting was stronger as we separated with the determination for greater earnestness for the finishing of the work.

MRS. A. C. HANSON.

## The East China Union Mission

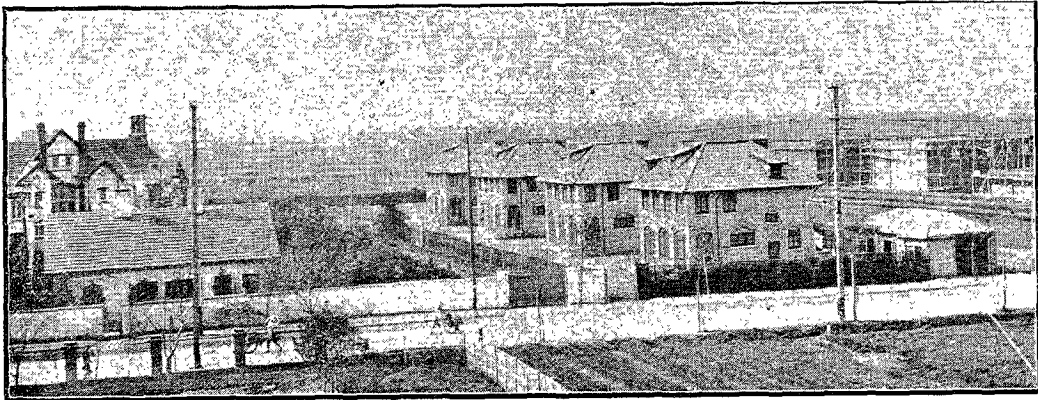
(Biennial report rendered by the Superintendent at the East China Union Meeting)

ANOTHER biennial period has passed in our work in this field. We should express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all His blessings which have attended our work and have been bestowed so freely upon the workers. Within our borders during this period of time we have been comparatively unmolested by the political conflict going on in many parts of China. Neither have we been directly affected to any great extent by famine or plague, which prevail to so large a degree in many sections of the land. A portion of our field, that embraced in the southern portion of the South Chekiang Mission, has been affected by flood during the past year. And indirectly our field has, with all others, been affected by the advance price of commodities, so

sense separated from the others by the dissimilarity of the language spoken. The mutual help, therefore, which under other conditions, one province might render to the other, is largely made impossible. We are glad however to report at this meeting that advance steps have been taken by supplying each language area with laborers who are now able to conduct the work in their respective languages.

### Laborers

Our force of laborers in the East China Union has grown until during the past year the number has averaged one hundred four, nineteen of whom are foreign workers and eighty-five Chinese. Our corps of Chinese workers is composed of one ordained minister, five licentiates, forty-one missionary licentiates (twenty-six of whom are men and fifteen women), nine colporteurs, nineteen teachers and



A general view of the four residences recently completed in the new mission compound for the accommodation of workers connected with the East China Union. Here reside Pastor O. A. Hall, superintendent of the Union; K. H. Wood, director of the Kiangche Mission; A. C. Hansen, secretary-treasurer for the union; and C. F. Colton, field missionary agent for the Shanghai language area.

that it has been found necessary in each of our provinces to render temporary relief to our Chinese workers for a few months by the granting of a bonus. We are grateful that, notwithstanding some disadvantages, the temporal necessities of all our workers have been met.

### General Survey

The East China Union, comprising the three provinces, Anhwei, Kiangsu and Chekiang, has about 70,000,000 people to whom this third angel's message must be carried. These are divided into three distinct language areas. The Mandarin portion number about 44,000,000; those speaking the Shanghai dialect, about 20,000,000; and those in the Wenchow dialect, about 6,000,000. Thus, in addition to the immense task of reaching these millions with this truth, we find our work made still more difficult because of each field's being in a

ten other workers. We regret our dearth of ordained and licensed ministers in this field; but we are encouraged by the fact that there are a number of workers who are laboring whole-heartedly and are making rapid advancement. The future, we feel confident, will see many of these men carrying heavier responsibilities in connection with our work. One of the great needs confronting every mission field is the need of qualified men and women who from year to year can be added to our force of laborers. We would emphasize this need, and trust that those who are leading out in the work in the different provinces will seek constantly to turn the hearts of those who give promise of developing into strong workers in this cause, toward our training school, that as quickly as possible they may be prepared to join in bearing the responsibilities of carrying this message to every part of the field.

### Changes in Personnel

During the past two years some changes have taken place in the personnel of our Union. Some of our regular workers have, for a time, been absent from the field. Brother K. H. Wood, director of the Kiangsu Mission, spent a year and four months of this biennial period on furlough. Brother Doolittle, director of the Anhwei Mission has also been on furlough one half of the past year. It has been a loss to our field to have two of our directors absent at the same time. It is true that their responsibilities have been carried by others, but this extra burden has made it impossible for those substituting these absent members to carry their own work as strongly as might have been. During this period, also, Brother and Sister Scharffenberg, who were carrying the secretary-treasurer work of the Anhwei Mission, were released to connect with the Shanghai Missionary College. Pastor Wu, who was taking a leading part in the interests of the South Chekiang Mission, and Swen Mo Si, who had been assisting in the Union Sabbath-school Department, was also released to the Missionary College. Brother H. L. Graham, our former secretary-treasurer, was called to connect with the work in Shantung.

These losses have been supplemented by the return of Brother K. H. Wood from furlough and the appointment of Brother and Sister A. C. Hanson to our union office, Brother Hanson carrying the treasurer work of the Kiangsu Mission; Brother and Sister Ackley to the secretary-treasurership of the Anhwei Mission; Brother Gregory to the educational work in the South Chekiang Mission; Brother Colton to the Publishing and Home Missionary work in the Kiangsu Mission; and Brother Swen Tsung Gwang to the evangelistic work in South Chekiang. While we regret the loss of those who have been called to other lines of work, we greatly appreciate the consideration given to our field by the assignments made to our Union by the Mission Board and the Asiatic Division Committee, making our laboring force somewhat stronger than at the beginning of this period.

### Membership

We regret that we cannot report a larger membership than is shown by our statistics, for we realize that the aim of all our labors is that many from this land be gathered out and united with the world-wide family of believers. Yet while we cannot report large numbers, we are encouraged by a gradual increase year by year, and believe that if our present numbers can be thoroughly established in present truth and filled with zeal and earnestness in laboring for others, the future will

see many additions to our present membership.

At the beginning of the year 1919, the membership of our Union stood at approximately five hundred. During the year 1919, one hundred thirty-four new believers were baptized. After taking into consideration transfers and the number dropping out of our ranks, our membership at the beginning of 1920 stood at six hundred twenty-nine. During the past year 1920, eighty-four have been baptised and united with our various churches. Had we not sustained losses, our membership at the beginning of the present year 1921 would have stood at seven hundred thirteen. In some cases there have been adjustments of the membership records and in other cases apostacies, leaving our present membership at six hundred forty-four. It will be seen by this that while during the two years two hundred eighteen have been baptized and united with the church, there have been losses numbering sixty-nine. Our membership increase is, therefore, 66% of our baptisms.

As we have already stated there are in our Union about one hundred laborers. With these one hundred laborers in the field during the past two years there have been but two hundred eighteen baptisms, an average of two baptisms for each laborer, or an average each year of one baptism for each laborer. This is truly a record of which we need not be proud, and one which ought to stir every worker in this Union to deeper earnestness and greater activity in the proclamation of this truth. While it is regrettable that our efforts have not brought forth greater results, yet none should let this situation bring discouragement or lead any worker to feel that his work is in vain. The Lord does not look altogether on numbers, for even one soul is of so great value in His sight that He would have given all for the salvation of that one. Yet we would place before this body of workers the need of making the year 1921 a year of greater activity, with the aim in view of increasing our constituency. At the same time let careful plans be laid for thoroughly establishing our present body of believers and fully instructing those who newly come into the truth.

### Tithes and Offerings

The statistical report of our Union reveals a marked growth in tithes and offerings over past years. From the small beginning made in 1912, when only \$436 were raised in tithes, the amount has increased year by year until in 1919 our tithe amounted to \$8429 and in the year 1920 to \$9495, making a total of tithe received in the Union for the past biennial period of \$17,918. In the year

1919 the average tithe per capita was \$13.39 and in 1920, \$14.74.

The special offerings to missions, which include the mid-summer and week of prayer offering amounted in the year 1919 to \$829 and in 1920 to \$67, a total of \$1796 for the two-year period. Figuring this on the basis of our church membership, we have an average weekly donation per member of approximately three cents. In 1919 the Sabbath-school offerings amounted to \$2437 and in 1920 to \$2821, making a total for the biennial period of \$5258. Figuring this on the basis of our present membership, the Sabbath-school offerings for the two years would average eight cents per member per week. Our total offerings, including offerings to missions and Sabbath-school offerings, for the two years amounts to \$7054. This would bring our total average per member to about eleven cents per week.

#### Departmental Work

In each of the various departments of our union earnest efforts have been made to strengthen the work, and the reports of the departmental secretaries show progress along all lines. We believe that with the thorough organizing of our churches for work, not only will the church members personally receive great benefit, but they will be the means of leading many to a knowledge of this truth. The thorough organization of the Home Missionary and the Young People's Volunteer work is bringing real strength into our union. We are greatly in need of more laborers, and we believe that through these departments many young people, as well as those older in years, will be led on to a more complete preparation in the training school and finally into the work of proclaiming the third angel's message. One goal which we should keep constantly before us is that of completing the organization of these departments in every church and company in our field; for as these departments are fostered just to that extent our churches will grow and become strong, prepared to show forth the light for this generation.

In concluding this report, while we are encouraged by the fact that there has been growth and progress along all lines, yet none can say that we are satisfied with what has been accomplished. Let us as laborers in every department of the work in our Union go out from this meeting with stronger determination to build up the work that falls to our hands to do. Let us aim and work for greater results in soul-winning. Let us, by faithfulness to every known duty hasten the time when the work shall be finished, and we with the faithful from every part of the great harvest field, shall enter into that higher service to which those who have served faithfully here will be called.

O. A. HALL.

#### South Chekiang Mission

THE territory of the South Chekiang Mission comprises the three southern prefects of Chekiang Province, Uetsin, Chitsin, and Tetsin, with an estimated population of about six millions. This section of the country has several rivers that flow on to the ocean, and it is traversed in every direction by a net work of canals through pretty, fertile valleys surrounded by picturesque hills. The traveling is done mostly on small boats. The people are peaceful and great lovers of their own country.

The principal dialect spoken is the Wenchow, which is different from all others, and quite difficult to acquire, as it is made up largely of expressions, without the character. There is only one text book, which was put out about twenty years ago. But aside from this, there are about ten other dialects, some being a slight variation from the Wenchow, and others entirely different. Two of our stations, separated only by a small divide and only thirty li apart, have two distinct dialects, so entirely different that those living in the area of one cannot understand the other. Even the Chinese coming from other sections find it very difficult to learn the Wenchow.

Our mission has five organized churches, with a membership of one hundred twenty-two. Twenty-nine of these have been baptized the past year, and one church has been organized. Considering the fact that it is not yet two years since this mission was organized, and only four years since the first interest was awakened, we feel encouraged with the progress that has been made. During the year 1919 there were no baptisms, as we thought it better for the candidates to be thoroughly prepared before being baptized. We have endeavored to build solidly, for we realize that our strength lies, not in our numbers, but in our personal relation to God.

Our native force of laborers consists of nine evangelists, four Bible women, three school teachers, three canvassers, two office help and two chapel help. Because our work is new, our workers have not had many educational advantages in our own schools. As we can spare workers we hope to give them the advantages of the Shanghai Missionary College. The dialect spoken being different from others makes it imperative that we have trained men from our own territory.

Last fall we opened an upper grade primary school in Wenchow. In January we welcomed to our field Brother Gregory, who will devote his time to the educational work. He expects to help in the school this coming autumn. If possible we hope to get some industries started that will help students to make their way in school. There are many who will be glad to attend if opportunity is afforded them of meeting their expenses by industrial work. We are hoping for a good enrolment next year.

We are especially interested to see the progress made in the sale of literature, because the work in Wenchow was first started through the influence of the printed page. As this mission was organized in May, 1919, we can therefore compare only the last seven months of 1919 with the twelve months of 1920. During the last seven months of 1919 we took one subscription to the *Signs of the Times*, and book and tract sales amounted to \$115.80. For the year 1920 we took *Signs* subscriptions amounting to \$339.60, and book and tract sales amounted to \$793.80.

Donations received for this period are as follows:

	1919 (7 months)	1920 (12 months)
Sabbath-school	\$98.05	\$217.64
Tithe	108.50	245.59
General Offerings	46.59	97.29

The Sabbath-school offerings reported do not include the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings.

While we have made progress during this biennial period, we realize that much more might have been accomplished. We pray that each of us as workers for God in this needy land, may surrender all to Christ, so that He may use us fully in His service.

G. L. WILKINSON.

### The Kiang-Che Mission

THE report of the work of the Kiang-Che Mission during the past biennial period, must by force of circumstances, be brief, owing to the fact that we have been on furlough in America during the greater part of this time. However among the available reports and statistics there is much of an encouraging nature.

During the past six months of 1919, forty-two persons received baptism, and during the year 1920, thirty-seven more, bringing the present membership of the six organized churches up to three hundred twenty-one. There are also twelve companies of believers not yet organized into churches, making a total of eighteen centers where meetings are being held and work conducted.

The figures of the Missionary and Publishing Departments for the past two years are below those of the previous two-year period, but we have hopes for the future of these departments, as Brother Colton, now in charge of the work, is prepared to conduct both these lines of work in a strong way.

Sister Bothilde Miller has done systematic work for the women in this field with most encouraging results. Members of several wealthy and influential families have accepted the gospel, as a result of the Bible studies given in their homes. A number of very successful Bible institutes have also been conducted for the women in some of the larger stations.

In order that some of the church school teachers might come to Shanghai for further training, two schools were closed, leaving only three in operation at the close of 1920.

The Kiang-Che Mission has sixteen Sabbath-schools with a membership of 609, a gain in membership of eighty-eight. The Sabbath-school donations during 1919 amounted to \$1,938.68. This was \$466.00 more than our donations for 1918. In 1920 a still further gain of \$63.49 was made.

The tithe receipts in 1919 amounted to \$4,914.16, bringing the total of all receipts for the year up to \$9,226.68. This was an increase of \$2,831.48 over the previous year's grand total. During 1920 there was a further advance in tithe receipts, which reached a total of \$6,374.88, but the grand total for the year 1920 was \$314.00 less than that for 1919.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the income of the Mission from local sources alone during the year just closed was only \$576.46 less than the entire expense of operation of all departments of the mission for the same period.

This report would be incomplete should we fail to mention the aggressive evangelistic work which has been made possible by the donation of the entire expense of operation of an additional chapel by Brother B. A. Roberts. This chapel has been operated throughout the past year with very tangible results.

Since our return from the States a month's special meetings have been held in Soochow, and the work there has taken on a rather more encouraging outlook.

We are now about to close a three months' series of meetings in Shanghai. It is, perhaps, a little early to determine what the full results of this effort will be; but on a recent Sabbath there were thirteen men and two women at the regular Sabbath services who have been attending this series of meetings. Almost three hundred persons have handed in their names, indicating their willingness to study the gospel and to read any literature we might send them. It is planned to move the chapel provided by Brother Roberts to the vicinity of the present hall, that the interest from this series of meetings may be followed up and cared for.

I believe I express the desire of every worker in this Mission when I state that our ambition for the year 1921 is to see every church and station growing, and all earnestly laboring for the advancement of the cause in their respective territories. To this end we consecrate our all, and determine to bend every energy to the accomplishment of our task.

K. H. WOOD.



# ANNUAL STATISTICS

## Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division Missions

Statistics desired 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)

1 Number of Mission	NAME OF MISSIONS	3 Number of Mission Stations	4 Number of Mission Outstations	5 Number of Organized Churches	6 Baptized Membership of Organized Churches	7 Baptized During Year	8 ORDAINED MINISTERS		9 LICENSED MINISTERS		10 LICENSED MISSIONARIES		11 PAI-KU WOMEN (not including column 10)		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS		14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)	
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native
1	DIVISION PHILIPPINE UNION	6	68	42	2177	745	7 8	1 7	10 5		49 13	19	11			1 69		7 1	23
2	CHOSEN UNION	3	13	20	1032	131	7	4	1	17	14	25			1	1	21	2	8
3	JAPAN UNION	3	12	15	286	18	5	3		12	2	3	1	8		11			
4	MANCHURIAN UNION	3	7	6	135	28	3		3	6	9	2	1			6			
5	CENTRAL CHINA UNION	3	54	37	1121	103	4	5	8	20	14	33	9			17	2	16	
6	NORTH CHINA UNION	2	5	2	83	24	2	1	2	1	5	7				3			
7	SOUTH CHINA UNION	6	65	23	1652	310	8	4	4	40	25	24	14			10	5	2	
8	WEST CHINA UNION	3	3	2	75	14	1		3	1	4	3	3			8	1		
9	EAST CHINA UNION	3	34	13	644	84	4	1	6	5	11	26	15			9			
10	MALAYSIAN UNION	8	6	9	500	81	12		7	15	24	5	1 1			1 24			
	TOTALS	40	267	169	7705	1538	61	26	49	133	170	147	1 55	9		3 178	18	49	
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33		34		35		36	37	38				
Number of Mission	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Number of Tracts Sold	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on basis of Retail Prices)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)		Number of Church Buildings Owned by Mission		Estimated Value		Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools Conducted	Enrollment of Church Schools				
1	2909.71	620.93	3530.64	58577	4054.42	44990.64	55306.05		21		7940		2995	2	67				
2	1941.33	237.70	2179.03	10077	6731.73	2092.29	11878.61		23		3906		2070	22	600				
3	1094.04	373.73	1467.77	7099	7775.62	3339.79	11115.41		4		4300		525	1	38				
4	238.90	61.89	300.79		1595.54	1303.76	3657.88		1		70		100	2	12				
5	861.96	301.67	1163.63	100	2418.50	2542.48	6378.86		9		7222		1000	12	271				
6	212.46	36.89	249.35		246.50	3391.91	3640.41							3	112				
7	834.67	124.24	958.91		1372.94	2537.91	4864.47		8		6925		2000	45	1275				
8	182.13	38.38	220.51	4079	1455.18	895.44	2419.86							4	119				
9	1 349.33	176.82	1526.15		678.77	3538.97	4977.62		1		3000			16	293				
10	2744.23	644.90	3389.13	5152	2308.91	21798.55	35342.03		2		3500		325	2	46				
	12368.76	2617.15	14985.91	85084	28638.11	86431.74	139581.20		69		36863		9015	109	2833				



ALL VALUES IN U. S. GOLD

Number of Mission	Number of Intermediate Schools	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment	NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		Total Number of Teachers	Estimated Value of School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	V. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	V. P. S. Contributions for Mission Home Work	V. P. S. Contributions for Education Work
						Men	Women	Men	Women								
1			1	236	236	5	4	6	3	18	17000.00	8526.81					
			1	180	247	3	4	3	4	14	23000.00	6000.00	2	55		25.66	26.30
2			1	76	684	2	2	31		35	12955.52	5279.11	1	65			1.50
					38	2		2	2	6	3000.00	3905.71			7.30		
			1	32	44			2		2	425.00	269.19					
5	1	67			337	1	2	15	2	20	3618.00	3152.50	11	200			
6					112		1	3	3	7		100.00					
7	4	273			1548	3	3	63	21	90	13808.00	11033.65	1	85		6.23	17.82
8					119		2	7	2	11	100.00	300.00					
9					293		1	10	5	16	162.35	1518.00	12	272			40.00
10			1	43	89	2	1	5		8	7000.00	6000.00	1	15	13.24	21.71	4.83
	5	340	5	567	3747	18	20	147	42	227	81068.87	46084.97	28	692	20.54	53.60	90.45

## Quarterly Report

## Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division Mission for the Quarter Ending

December 31, 1920.

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Statistics desired 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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## THE STATISTICAL REPORTS

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY - FAR EASTERN DIVISION - 1920

All Values in U.S. Gold

UNION	MEMBERSHIP			BAPTISTS 1920	OFFERINGS FOREIGN PER MISSIONS CAPITA		T I T H E 1 9 2 0		TOTAL TITHES 1920	TITHES PER CAPITA FOREIGN 1920 & NATIVE	
	1920	1918	GAIN Loss				FOREIGN	NATIVE			NATIVE
PHILIPPINE	2177	1560	617	745	\$3530.64	\$2.26	\$1091.80	\$10769.52	\$11861.32	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.01
CHOOSE	1032	923	109	131	2179.03	2.35	1518.96	2829.44	4348.40	4.71	3.14
JAPAN	286	324	38	18	1976.46	6.10	1363.20	4058.15	5441.45	16.79	13.13
MANCHURIAN	135	65	70	28	366.12	5.63	665.06	434.55	1099.61	16.93	7.36
CENTRAL CHINA	1121	1005	116	103	1294.07	1.28	1952.26	1491.32	3443.58	3.42	1.48
NORTH CHINA	83	56	27	24	306.13	5.46	569.80	275.72	845.52	15.09	5.80
SOUTH CHINA	1652	1259	393	310	1105.22	.87	2176.11	1791.01	3967.12	3.15	1.45
WEST CHINA	75	41	34	14	292.44	7.13	362.43	186.99	549.42	13.40	5.66
EAST CHINA	644	501	143	84	1884.79	3.76	706.51	3619.39	4325.90	8.63	7.35
MALAYSIAN	500	348	152	81	4059.40	11.66	2385.04	7712.74	11097.78	31.87	23.73
DIVISION							1810.83		1810.83		
TOTALS 1920	7705	6082	1623	1536	16994.30	2.79	15622.10	33168.83	48790.93	8.02	5.59
TOTALS 1919	6699			1317	19144.41	4.11	14197.84	23966.37	38164.21	8.19	
TOTALS 1918	6082			1125	12254.54	2.40			28809.34	6.15	
TOTALS 1917	4656			896	11310.97	3.14			18961.48	5.26	

## From Weakness to Strength

DURING the recent session of the Far Eastern Division, when the brethren were studying the problem of how to advance the cause of God in lands where our constituencies are relatively small and financially weak, the reading of the following paragraphs brought courage to every heart. We pass on to all our associate workers these words of hope and exhortation from the pen of Sister White:—

"In some of the fields where, through the blessing of God, our missionaries have met with a measure of success, and have raised up a few churches, serious problems confront those who desire to see the work advance rapidly. Most of the brethren are poor, and as they look at appearances, it seems impossible for them to do much to sustain and extend the work. But let them remember that in the early days of the cause in the United States, similar difficulties had to be met. At first, there were very few who accepted the truth, and nearly all of these were poor. They were obliged to practise the strictest economy; they brought their needs into as close a compass as possible, in order that they might have even a limited amount of their hard-earned means to use in the advancement of

the gospel message. Sometimes it seemed that the work must come to a standstill, and that the publication of the message must stop. But after sacrificing to the utmost of their ability, they cried to the Lord, and He heard them. Some one would be raised up to supply the necessity then pressing upon them, and as they moved forward, new strength was given them to advance.

"It is only by faith, self-denial, and persevering effort that the Lord's work in the earth can be carried forward. The great majority of those who have embraced the truth in foreign fields are poor people, and it seems ordered, in the providence of God, that these should be educated and disciplined to do that which, if they were to look at appearances, would seem impossible. In order to do the work before them, they must strain every nerve and arouse every power. All the mental and financial strength of those who believe the truth must be called into action. If they walk out by faith, as the pioneers in this work were obliged to do in the home field, God will co-operate with their efforts. When they have done all that they can do, and have gained the experience that God desires them to gain in burden-bearing, then He will raise up others to

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## LITERATURE SALES FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

YEAR 1920

ALL FIGURES IN U.S.GOLD

FIELD	SALES 1920	SALES 1919	GAIN	LOSS	MEMBER- SHIP (1919)	AVE. PER MEMBER	1921 GOAL
PHILIPPINES	\$ 55306.05	\$ 45926.44	\$ 3479.61		1663	\$ 33.25	\$ 65000.00
MALAYSIA	35342.03	17000.00	18342.03		455	77.67	50000.00
CHOSSEN	11878.61	7697.00	4181.61		1021	11.63	17500.00
JAPAN	11115.41	9600.00	1515.41		305	36.44	12500.00
CENTRAL CHINA	6378.86	9500.00		3121.14	1037	6.15	8000.00
EAST CHINA	4977.62	2775.00	2202.62		629	7.91	6000.00
SOUTH CHINA	4864.47	7526.00		2661.53	1353	3.56	11000.00
MANCHURIA	3657.86	2792.50	865.38		87	42.04	4000.00
WEST CHINA	2419.86	2552.00		132.14	64	37.81	3500.00
NORTH CHINA	3640.41	4347.00		706.59	75	48.53	3500.00
TOTALS	139581.20	109715.94	36466.66	6621.40	6699	20.38	181000.00

NET GAIN IN 1920

LARGEST SALES, PHILIPPINES

LARGEST AVERAGE SALE PER MEMBER, MALAYSIA

LARGEST PER CENT. GAIN OVER 1919, MALAYSIA

\$29865.26 OR 27%

\$55306.83

\$77.67

107%

## From Weakness to Strength

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help teach the truth, and also men of means to help carry forward the work.

In most fields the work goes hard and slow in the beginning. The time of greatest difficulty is the time for the believers to bend their shoulders to the load, and do all in their power to carry forward the work. Advance they must, although the Red Sea be before them, and impassable mountains on either side. God has been with His people in the past, and has blessed their efforts. They must go forward by faith. 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.' The missionary must pray, believe that his prayers are answered, and then work and trust. He should remember that there must be a beginning before there can be great advancement. 'First the blade, then the ear.' The work may start in weakness, and its progress may for a time be slow; yet if it is begun in a healthy manner, there will be a steady and substantial gain."—"Review and Herald," April 14, 1910.

## LITERATURE SALES OF THE JAPAN MISSION PUBLISHING HOUSE DURING 1920

(All Values in Japanese Yen)									
MISSION	SIGNS 1st. Quarter	SIGNS 2d. Quarter	SIGNS 3d. Quarter	SIGNS 4th. Quarter	BOOKS	TRACTS	SERIES	TOTALS	
HOKKAIDO	22.00	5.20	4.66	.60				32.46	
TOHOKU	101.20	10.40	20.29	.60		3.00	11.45	146.94	
KANTO	140.39	389.51	794.05	13.56		21.50	31.22	1357.49	
KANSAI	214.00	973.50	221.99	44.40		59.25	15.33	1516.27	
CHUGOKU	40.50	29.10	19.08	1.80		9.10	2.50	96.08	
KYUSHU	107.00	160.80	30.97	1.20		13.00	312.97		
Misc. & Foreign	1426.64	47.20	13.66			08		1487.50	
TOTAL	2059.73	1611.51	1105.48	59.16		84.41	73.50	4993.79	
2nd. Quarter									
HOKKAIDO	56.00	3.20	31.88	.10		7.60		95.78	
TOHOKU	45.00	4.40	27.62	.84		1.20		60.46	
KANTO	236.84	502.80	811.34	.78		20.82	10.55	1663.13	
KANSAI	218.00	1016.00	190.26	.50		3.62	6.50	1634.68	
CHUGOKU	87.81	7.20	107.15	2.70		3.50		208.26	
KYUSHU	184.20	42.40	17.40	1.68		.20	12.10	257.98	
Misc. & Foreign	.20	63.20	76.70					140.10	
TOTAL	1028.05	1719.20	1262.35	6.40		36.94	30.55	4053.49	
3rd. Quarter									
HOKKAIDO	92.20	182.00	77.30					351.50	
TOHOKU	77.60	76.40	76.70					306.07	
KANTO	295.60	1052.40	876.51	.60		52.25	20.38	3064.94	
KANSAI	289.20	776.20	207.01	1.44		6.05	2.02	2764.43	
CHUGOKU	113.20	113.20	33.20	1.44		1.20	4.50	263.10	
KYUSHU	173.00	137.20	102.80	1.44		1.80	7.27	423.51	
Misc. & Foreign	6.00	28.40	81.00			2.00		117.40	
TOTAL	1047.00	2265.80	1458.62	4.92		63.40	54.38	4894.12	
4th. Quarter									
HOKKAIDO	24.80	26.80	12.00					63.60	
TOHOKU	62.00	39.20	36.50			2.34		142.34	
KANTO	324.60	870.00	253.39	22.50		7.13	2.02	2479.64	
KANSAI	508.20	1256.40	974.68	3.18		1.20	3.77	2766.43	
CHUGOKU	44.00		82.05	1.20		4.50		131.75	
KYUSHU	450.60	202.00	293.65	17.40		8.20		947.84	
Misc. & Foreign	79.00	62.80	84.00					225.80	
TOTAL	1513.20	2457.20	2714.77	46.68		19.33	10.23	6757.47	
SUMMARY									
1st. Quarter	2059.73	1611.51	1105.48	59.16		84.41	73.50	4993.79	
2nd. Quarter	1028.05	1719.20	1262.35	6.40		36.94	30.55	4053.49	
3rd. Quarter	1047.00	2265.80	1458.62	4.92		63.40	54.38	4894.12	
4th. Quarter	1513.20	2457.20	2714.77	46.68		19.33	10.23	6757.47	
Yen	5647.98	8053.71	6541.22	117.16		200.08	168.72	20728.87	

## THE MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION

### The Signs Press

JULY 1, 1919 was a day of good news for Malaysia. On that date we began to occupy the new press building and to inaugurate the work of producing literature in our own plant. March 10, 1920, was another good day for our institution, when a service was held dedicating the building to the work of this message and the service of God.

The closing months of 1919 were eventful ones. The "Perang Doenia" having been printed in the city, it fell to our lot to bind and ship it to the field. The *Pertandaan Zaman* was also being printed for us in the city, and we rejoiced when the first number came from the press in October.

Until the close of the year 1919 the union office continued to carry the business of the publishing interests; at that time the following balances were given us with which to open our books for the year 1920:

#### Resources

Machinery, type and material.....	\$15,934.70
Stock.....	5,639.25
Library.....	107.64
Office sundries.....	10.00
Stamps.....	2.43
Cuts and engravings.....	117.61

#### Liabilities

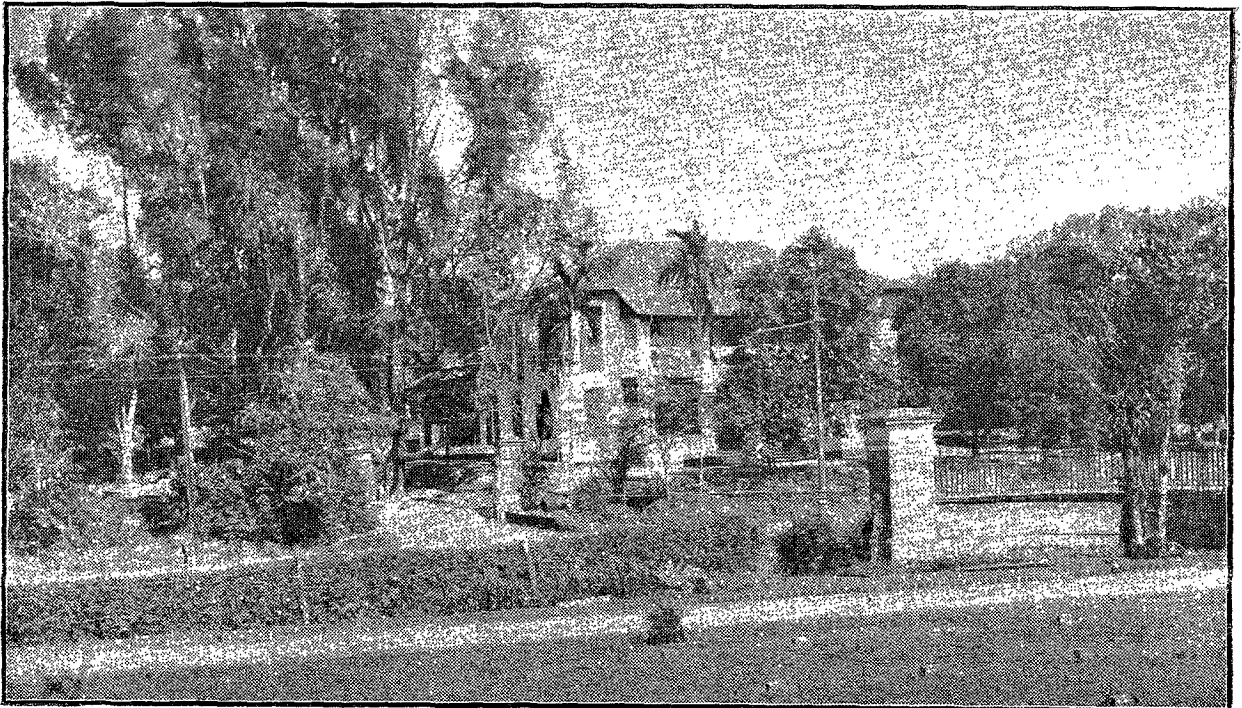
Malaysian Union Mission.....	\$11,673.01
Present worth.....	10,138.65

It was found that the present worth was affected by items of business coming to us during the early part of 1920, and this finally stood at \$9281.19, Singapore currency. The heavy liability to the Union was brought about by the rapid changes in cost of labor and material that occurred during the period of construction and purchase of the plant.

The book "Perang Doenia" ("World War") had sold so successfully that when the union committee assembled in March 1920 it was voted to prepare the manuscript for an adaptation of "Our Day" under the Malay title "Zaman Kita," and to issue an edition of 10,000 copies in the romanized Dutch Malay. Later it was found impossible to obtain sufficient stock, and so we were obliged to make the edition 7000.

Brother V. L. Beecham arrived in the field in time to hold an institute at the close of school, from which twenty-two colporteurs entered the field for the sale of "Zaman Kita," "Health and Longevity," and "Heralds of the King." By the close of the year almost four thousand copies of the book *Zaman Kita* had been placed in the hands of the public,—a very creditable showing for a period of four months with practically an entire company of new colporteurs.

We have found much difficulty in obtaining good workmen. The student labor, while usable, is never wholly satisfactory, and we greatly desire to



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get two or three Chinese young men who will be full-time workers, and who can be educated to bear responsibility in the publishing house.

The following report of sales has been made in detail so as to give a comprehensive view of the distribution of our own as well as imported products. North and South Sumatra show an inflation, owing to transshipment of both Malay and Chinese

books to the missions in Java, and consequently Java shows a corresponding loss.

Considering the year's business as a whole, we have cause for encouragement, and praise God for His abundant mercies and for the evidence pointing to a large place of usefulness for this institution in the proclamation of the third angel's message.

W. E. GILLIS, *Manager.*

### Sales Report Malaysian Signs Press for Year 1920

FIELD	Malay Tracts	Chinese Tracts	English Battak Arabic Tracts	English Books	Malay Books	Chinese German Dutch Books	P. Z.	Total	Subs.
N. Sumatra	62.58		74.28*	121.00	116.71	1837.77	62.92	2275.26	56
S. Sumatra	47.12		3.26	35.49	573.60	1137.15	133.79	1930.41	119½
E. Java	51.75	1.17	2.02	169.50	5088.64	2942.05	156.30	8411.43	140
W. Java	52.74	1.10	3.20	55.93	2277.09	2291.44*	222.67	4904.17	198
Borneo		28.95	1.70	9.75		598.00	44.50	682.90	40
Celebes				2.29	105.22	970.00	6.70	1767.11	6
Singapore	33.94	47.89	45.21	991.16	142.65	2610.49	22.36	3893.72	20
Malay States		53.57	10.05*	416.84	1.70	5097.76		5579.92	
Siam		33.28	3.58	58.75		5809.50		5897.11	
TOTALS	248.13	165.96	143.30	1860.71	8305.11	23294.16	649.26	35342.03	579½

\* This amount of \$74.28 includes \$68.80 for Battak Tracts.

\* This amount of \$10.05 includes \$1.08 for Arabic Tracts.

\* This amount of \$2291.44 includes \$64.50 for German Books and \$436.00 for Dutch Books.

### The Singapore Training School

SCHOOL work was begun in Singapore in 1915, and the following year the Training School was established. With the inconveniences of a rented building, built for other than school purposes, and the clamoring demands of all classes for education in the English language, the school fared as best it could. The numbers increased rapidly under the leadership of Professor K. M. Adams. Unfortunately, however, in a few years the health of Mrs. Adams made a return to the States necessary. Together with the loss of the principal were other losses to the faculty. It seemed that defeat was the portion when the school was finally left without foreign help. This one and that one was pressed into service.

#### A Change of Policy

The school during the first few years had served a double purpose, that of training our much-needed native workers, and that of educating for government examinations. In consequence the latter gradually threatened the former. Because of the craze for English and our obligation to help satisfy it in return for Government assistance financially, all felt that the training of native workers and

ministers was inadequate. It was apparent that if the real mission of the school was to be realized, a separation from the secular arm must be made. Shortly such separation was effected, and for the present and future we are assured liberty to teach subject matter which is in strict accord with our denominational policies. We believe that the change will be productive of great good.

#### Losses and Gains

The often threatened closing of the school, due to the absence of teachers, did not take place. Much credit must be given to the superintendent, F. A. Detamore, for his firm determination that the school should not "perish from the earth." The arrival of Brother H. C. Baumgartner in 1920 brought genuine relief. The holding together of things by Brother Youngberg was thus strengthened. We were happy on our arrival in the field to find the school in session, the native teachers faithfully performing their duties.

During the past two years the school has maintained an average teaching force of six. At the present we have three foreign teachers, two Chinese teachers, and one Malay instructor, an assistant to the Malay department being *en route* to the school.

The school finances, as well as the equipment, suffered on the removal of the foreign teachers. As closely as we are able to estimate, the school made a gain of \$233.76 in 1920. In 1919 there was a net loss of \$958.15.

We cannot adequately express our gratitude to God and His people for the nice new building in which we now hold classes. This building will serve in future years as a dormitory. We trust that soon work may be begun on the school girls' dormitory and the main classroom building. The finished arrangement will give the effect of a letter H.

#### Plans for the Future

But what of the future of the educational work in Malaysia? We must have native ministers, consecrated canvassers, and spirit-filled missionaries in every section of the field. We can but leave the future with the great Teacher, earnestly praying for His anointment of the teachers.

In the very near future we must develop industries and special lines of domestic training. Definite plans are now on foot for some lines. We are burdened for the young women of Malaysia. How neglected they are! We feel truly thankful for the half-score of Chinese girls in school at present. But there are the Malay women who must be trained to become suitable companions for our gospel workers.

Malaysia is crying for church schools. We cannot longer refuse. How can we deny our Adventist youth education in the Holy Scriptures, when many are at this moment out of school and refused readmission because of their faith? Or shall we be content to see our children in Catholic institutions, or yet in state or mission schools where the precious truths for this time are not taught? The God who has given a superior system of education expects His people to use it.

The future is ahead of us. At best the time is but a few years in length. God hasten the day when every child of every believer in Malaysia is in a church school. We should have schools in every mission, and the most promising should be sent to our Singapore finishing school. May we not only expect great things from God, but may we attempt great things for Him! We need your earnest prayers, your whole-hearted cooperation, your unqualified support.

VERNON EDWARDS HENDERSHOT.

### The Singapore Mission

THE Singapore Mission comprises the Straits Settlements, the Independent Kingdom of Sarawak on the west coast of Borneo, the State of Johore and the small islands near Singapore.

In Singapore and the Straits Settlements the population is largely Chinese, Malay and Tamil (Indian). In Singapore nearly every dialect spoken in China and India is represented, making in all about fifty. In Sarawak we have the Dyaks.

In Singapore one of our great needs is a central place where we can hold meetings for the native people. Here two workers have been stationed,

and they have done good work. The Tamil people number thousands, with no worker.

In Sarawak, where Brother Chan has been laboring for the past year, there is a good interest. About twenty families (Chinese), numbering one hundred in all, are interested in the truths of this message. Twelve of these families are direct from heathenism. All belong to the farming class.

Twenty miles further along the coast is a Dyak village. These people, the land Dyaks, are kind-hearted and peaceful, in complete contrast to the fierce and warlike Sea Dyaks. They are heathen, and have very little form to their worship. We should establish work among these people so as to get a foothold for a large work in the central part of that great island. Recently I made a visit to this village. One of the leading men invited me to his home. A number who could speak the Malay tongue entered, and I gave a Bible study on the second coming of Christ. In establishing our work in this place it would be necessary to open a school and teach the people to read. They already have the Bible in their language, but we must take to them the special truths of this last message of mercy and warning.

In Pontianak the work has prospered. Here also is a door open to the Dyaks. At the time of my last visit the Dutch authorities assured me that we were free to go and teach these people, and added that if we did not do this work, others would.

During the biennial period thirty souls have been baptized.

#### The Sabbath School Work

We have four regular Sabbath-schools in the mission, with an average membership for 1919 of 144 and for 1920 of 179,—a gain of thirty-five. The offerings are as follows:—

	Gold	Local Currency	Per Capita	Per week
1920	\$928.64	\$2908.08	\$11.67	.224
1919	606.50	891.30	6.11	.12
	322.50	1197.78	5.56	.104
1919-20	\$1535.14	\$2980.38		
1917-19	1360.198	2403.38		
	174.16	477.25		
	Gold	Tithes Local	Per Capita	
1920	\$2614.91	\$5287.43	\$41.46	
1919	2321.73	4100.25	30.69	
	293.18	1787.25	10.69	
1919-20	\$4936.64	\$9987.68		
1917-18	4221.14	7454.52		
	715.50	2553.16	Gain	

#### Books and Periodicals

During the biennial period 1917-18 there was sold in the mission English and Chinese literature to the amount of \$700.00 Gold. During the period 1919-20, the amount was \$1643.80. The gain over the preceding biennial term amounts to \$3943.80, Gold. This is a good gain, but we should regard it as only a beginning and determine that during the coming term still greater advancement shall be made.

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REPORTS from Brethren Beecham and Altman, on publishing work in Malaysia, are held over until our next issue, for lack of space.

THE Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee has closed, and the brethren have returned to their fields. A summary of proceedings will appear in the OUTLOOK for June 1.

It has been arranged for Pastors H. C. Lacey and Meade MacGuire to accompany Pastor I. H. Evans on the round of Union Mission sessions this spring and summer in Japan, Chosen, Manchuria, North China. Brother Lacey has already sailed for Kobe and Tokyo, and Pastors Evans and MacGuire are to reach there by the 20th of May. Pastor C. E. Weeks also will be in attendance at some of these union sessions.

BROTHER H. H. HALL, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, is in the Far East at present, visiting our printing plants. He has called at the Singapore House, reaching there in March from India, where he had spent nearly two months. He visits the Tokyo (Japan) House in mid-May; then the Manila House and Seoul, prior to sailing for the States in midsummer. His visit to Shanghai was opportune. Brother Hall sees a great future before our Oriental printing plants.

A DAUGHTER was born to Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Lee, of the Peking Mission, March 19.

A DAUGHTER, Louise Marie, was born April 9 to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brines, of the Shanghai Missionary College.

## Appointments for Union Sessions

SEVERAL Union Conference sessions are to be held during the remaining months of the present year. Dates were fixed during the recent council meeting, as follows:

Japan Union, Tokyo, May 20-31.

Chosen Union, Seoul, June 3-13.

Manchurian Union, Mukden, June 17-26. (To be followed by a general meeting in Harbin for Russian workers, June 28 to July 2.)

North China Union, Peking, July 8-16.

Central China Union, Kikungshan, July 31 to August 13.

West China Union, Chungking, September 2-11.

## Distribution of Labor

DURING the Committee Council held in Shanghai, several appointments were made, including the following:

L. I. Shinn and wife, to Tatsienlu.

O. W. Morgan and wife, to Chungking; Brother Morgan to serve as secretary-treasurer of the West China Union.

S. H. Lindt and wife, to Chengtu.

M. E. Mullinnex and wife, to Central China Union.

H. O. Swartout and wife, to the Central China Union; Brother Swartout to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Central China Union.

H. G. Bogar and wife, to Central China Union.

J. P. Beach and wife, to Central China Union.

C. H. Gerald and wife, to North China Union; Brother Gerald to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the North China Union.

M. G. Conger and wife, Shanghai Missionary College.

O. R. Shreve and wife, Division headquarters.

George J. Appel and wife, to the Malaysian Union, for service in the Singapore Mission.

E. A. Moon, appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Philippine Union from April 10, 1921.

H. J. Perkins, appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Japan Union from time of close of union session soon to be held.

H. F. Benson, appointed superintendent of the Japan Union Mission from date of close of union session soon to be held.

## Summer School

DURING June and a portion of July a summer school for church-school teachers is to be held in Shanghai, under the auspices of the Shanghai Missionary College. Full announcements concerning the school, and the courses offered, will be sent out shortly to all our mission workers. It is expected that many will attend from various parts of the China field, including perhaps a score, all told, from South China.

## An Acknowledgement

DEAR FRIENDS,—

I cannot express in words, many or few, how grateful I am to the many kind friends who did so much to help during the fatal illness of my loved wife, and to those who, since her death, have expressed their sympathy by letter; also for the sustaining prayers of all in our behalf.

Trusting that the grace of God may be with us all to keep us in health, and near to Him for service, I remain, your fellow-worker.

Nanning.

R. A. FALCONER, M. D.