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THE REWARD FOR SOUL-WINNING

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ONE of the richest promises of personal reward in all the Bible is found incidentally, isolated from all relative texts, in Daniel 12:3. Chapter eleven sets forth the rise and fall of kingdoms, the clash of nations, and should close with the standing up of Michael and the awful time of trouble spoken of in Daniel 12:1. Then follows the resurrection from the dead and our text, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

Here is God's reward for winning souls to His kingdom. This reward seems special, and is to be received only by those who do soul-winning work. It is not a reward given to all the redeemed, but to the one who wins souls to serve the living God. Said the wise man, "He that winneth souls is wise;" and this word is a complement to the statement in Daniel 12: The "wise shall shine as the firmament."

When we consider the reward, we realize more truly the dignity and value of the service. Here is honor enough for the most ardent, self-sacrificing soul-winner, — a reward so great, so beyond our comprehension, that it staggers the imagination. It is a reward that marks the receiver from all the redeemed, and as far as we know, from all others of the universe. There is something akin to the glory of God in this rich reward. It is unlike the perishing earthly things we see about us; unlike anything that mortality knows. The reward belongs to a new creation, and is an exaltation, a glory, we do not yet comprehend. And as if this were not enough, there is added the thought, "And they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

"As the stars" enduring, serene, steadfast! And the service that wins this reward is the turning of many to righteousness. Not the holding of office, not even standing at the head as a leader in the church militant. No! The reward is given to those who win souls from the realms of darkness to serve the living God.

This reward is to be looked forward to and claimed by faith as other men in days gone by rejoiced in their promised inheritance while beholding it afar off. We have not long to wait to come into possession of this promised glory if we are reckoned as soul-winners. We are close to the great day when this reward will be given.

The great question for each one of us to face is, "Am I a soul-winner? Are these passing days, busied with a thousand worries and burdens and jealousies and cares both in the church and at home, barren of fruitage in turning souls to righteousness? or am I a fruit-bearing branch, leading many souls to know the Lord?"

Now is the time to settle whether or not the reward shall be ours. A personal choice must be made if we hope to win the special reward. Lost days are lost opportunities; never will they return. Nor tears nor prayers nor repentance and forgiveness can recall wasted time. A year spent with no souls won to Christ is a wasted year. Five years gone, and no nights of wrestling, no prayerful yearning over the lost, no credits earned in souls won to Christ, ought to make us most serious in our service. Are we to lose the eternal reward? If we have done something, could we have done more?

The saddest of all losses is the loss caused by neglect and indifference. If one has fought and struggled and to his utmost has tried, and has failed, he can manfully say, "I did my best." But when through neglect, through indifference, through carelessness, one suffers loss, the sting hurts, the pain is poignant. The present should be the day of our greatest activity. To-morrow may not find us able for service.

Shall I receive this crowning glory when the Master comes? Will you? Let us strive for it. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3.



Living in Our Work

We must live in our work to do it well;
 We must dwell in its spirit and bow to its spell;
 We must love it and know it to make it count,
 We must feel it and trust it before we mount;
 We must get from it comfort and pleasure and rest,
 We must live in our work if we'd do it the best.

And, ah, there is something to gain from it all—
 In spite of the shadows and sorrows that fall;
 Something of beauty and cheer and content
 Out of the struggle, if over it bent,
 We live in it largely and draw from its heat
 The joy and the gladness, the fervor and sweet.

We must live in our work, we must know what it means
 To give our whole souls to it—whether it's jeans
 Or velvets or satins in which we must toil,
 Whether the shop or the mill or the soil,
 Whether the green country lane or the mart—
 We do the work best when we give it our heart.

—Selected.

Getting Supplies to Tatsienlu

IN the March number of the *OUTLOOK* we followed with interest the experiences of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Andrews *en route* to Tatsienlu. We left them in their mission home at Tatsienlu, awaiting the arrival of their goods, and still ignorant of the extent of the damage done by the retreating soldiers. The following excerpt from *The North China Daily News* of March 5, under the caption, "An American Doctor's Ill Luck," tells more of the story:

"Having left the border without looting or rioting, the 3rd Army reached the bridge at Liuting and continued along the small road to Yachow. Ten miles beyond Liuting they met a caravan of foreign boxes coming along. The goods, over eighty boxes, belonged to a young American doctor and his wife, and several of the residents at Tatsienlu. The doctor, with his wife and family, were returning to the border after furlough in America, and had with them some valuable things, presents and medicines from their friends at home. As the roads are snowed up in the winter, boxes travel much slower than chairs, so the doctor and his wife arrived some weeks before their belongings.

"Shortly after Christmas the head coolie arrived in Tatsienlu wounded, saying that the soldiers belonging to the 3rd Army had carried off all the coolies carrying the doctor's belongings, and had opened a number of the boxes. Men were sent from here, and the report came back early in January that 34 boxes had been opened and 20 boxes of scattered materials had been gathered up from the roadsides, the contents of 10 boxes being missing. During the latter part of January the damaged goods slowly arrived in town, and the doctor and his wife anxiously and patiently waited to see what of their belongings and medicines had been destroyed and carried off.

"Travelers who came along at the same time reported that the soldiers wantonly destroyed a considerable quantity of the medicines, smelling a bottle here and there and then throwing it away. Steamer trunks were opened and rifled;

what the soldiers wanted they took; what they did not fancy they threw away; till they had robbed or destroyed something like \$800 worth of stuff.

Major Ao to the Rescue

"But for Major Ao of the 3rd Army, practically nothing of the doctor's goods would have reached Tatsienlu. Hearing that his soldiers had laid hands on the foreign goods, he immediately returned and did all in his power to protect the boxes. When the soldiers threatened to burn the building in which the boxes had been stored after the coolies had been commandeered to carry military chattels, the major refused to leave the building. But for this brave man, to whom we are indeed grateful, the loss to the doctor and the other Europeans in Tatsienlu might have been much greater." . . .

Despite the loss and inconvenience occasioned by this dispensation, Dr. Andrews, under date of February 11, writes cheerfully of their future work for the Tibetans at this border station. It took the people only a short time to learn of the doctor's return, and busy days in the dispensary followed. "During January," the doctor writes, "we had nine hundred cases, and this month we shall probably have more, as today there were more than sixty patients.

"We brought an evangelist with us from Chungking, and he is holding meetings with the Chinese. He is having some success in building up those who were studying with us before we went on furlough. These are Chinese, not Tibetans.

"Our work for the Tibetans, I believe, will have to be done largely along literature lines. These people are firmly bound by Buddhism; yet the knowledge of reading which many of them have will surely be used of the Lord in bringing some to a knowledge of His truth. We hope to keep a stream of tracts of various kinds, dealing with different phases of the message, pouring into the country. I plan this year to prepare one or two more tracts, and to repeat the trip of two years ago into the earthquake region to distribute this literature among the really large numbers of Tibetans to whom we have access on the border."

With the Youth in Our Schools

IT has been the rare privilege of our youth in schools in Mandarin territory, to enjoy the labors of Prof. M. E. Kern during February and March. Leaving Manchuria, as noted in a former number of the *OUTLOOK*, Brother Kern and the writer spent from a week to ten days in each of several educational centers, including our intermediate schools at Yencheng (Honan), Hankow (Hupch), and Tsinanfu (Shantung). At Yencheng Brother Kern labored untiringly for ten days in behalf of the students, besides giving several studies to workers and lay members who had come in for the annual meeting of the Honan Provincial Mission. Brethren O. A. Hall, D. S. Williams, W. E. Strickland, and others did all in their power to make these services effective; and with the blessing of the Lord, at the close, thirty-two went forward in baptism. Of these, eighteen were young men and women, chiefly from the school. Later, in Hankow, a baptismal class was formed from students in the school. Still later, in Tsinanfu, where a considerable proportion of the students are direct from heathen homes, many decisions were made for Christ, and thirty-five joined a baptismal class formed by Brethren H. L. Graham and Geo. J. Appel of that station.

In all these schools we found that faithful and persevering effort has been put forth during the school year, by various members of the faculties; and this has laid a splendid foundation for work such as Brother Kern has been doing. We rejoice that so many in our schools are making definite and final decisions to serve the true God and accept of salvation through Jesus our Lord. c.

Through the Federated Malay States and Sumatra

LEAVING Singapore, Brother Beecham, union field secretary for Malaysia, and the writer went up country through the Federated Malay States, then over to Sumatra, in the interests of the literature work. On our way we stopped at Kuala Lumpur, where we met Pastor and Mrs. Leedy, in charge of the Federated Malay States Mission. On Sabbath services were held for the Chinese and Tamil believers, and the next morning we gave instruction to the brethren on the sale of literature.

From Kuala Lumpur we went to Penang, a port city, where we found Dr. and Mrs. Gardner in charge of a mission clinic. The halls were filled with waiting patients. Dr. and Mrs. Gardner are happy in their work. The day we were there sixty patients had attended the clinic. Future prospects for our work in Penang are very bright.

We sailed from Penang to Medan, Sumatra, where Pastor Schmidt, director of the North Sumatra Mission, is stationed. Pastor Schmidt carries a heavy program, and the colporteurs have done excellently under his supervision.

The trip from Medan to our mission station in the mountains at Sipogoe was made by auto. A school is conducted here for the Batak people, with Brother and Sister Youngberg in charge. And in addition to their other duties, these workers are conducting a dispensary where clinical services are rendered to the suffering. While in Batakland we called on several of the leading men, as well as on the Rajahs, in an effort to secure information regarding the preparation of literature for the Batak people. We received valuable help.

Those who have not visited Sumatra cannot realize what a wonderful country this is for climate and beauty. Though situated on the equator, it was cooler than many of the islands distant twelve or fourteen degrees from the equator. It rained nearly every day while we were there, yet because we were high up in the mountains, we could still see the blue, blue sky. The scenery cannot be surpassed. The wonderful mountains, the wild, romantic gorges, the dazzling sunlight, offer scenery for a fairy land.

We embarked on the Dutch boat "Van Heemskerk" at Sibolga for Padang, and arrived in time to spend the Sabbath with our brethren. Brother and Sister Wood were away visiting an outstation; but the Chinese and Malay brethren of Padang were very kind and hospitable, and we were well cared for. The brethren in these remote places are letting their lights shine. They are living the truth, they are talking it, and they are distributing truth-filled pages of literature.

J. J. STRAHLE.

Cheering Prospects in Szechwan

IN reporting the net membership of the West China Union for 1924, showing an increase of six notwithstanding the transfer of some baptized believers to another Union during the year. Pastor M. C. Warren writes of present prospects in a most cheering way. To quote in part from his letter:

"The present prospects are the most encouraging that they have ever been. Our workers confidently expect to see forty more won to the message and baptized before the end of our Union meeting. Our net gain for the past four

years is only 20%, but I believe that the record will be 60% at least for the four years ending with 1925. Blessings are being received that were not known in the past. I hope for a membership of 200 by the end of next year."

The work has gone slowly in West China, and many losses of workers have brought perplexities and hindrances to those who have been left in the field with double burdens. Last year the two foreign families remaining in the field, engaged in earnest prayer that God would give them souls notwithstanding their many limitations. With these prayers they united most earnest soul-winning efforts; and now the fruit is beginning to appear. We rejoice with our brethren, and pray that their goals for the present year may be more than realized.

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The Singapore Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by the director, Pastor J. W. Rowland, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, February, 1925.)

SINCE we last met in conference the Lord has blessed and prospered His work. The Singapore Mission has made gains in all lines. The workers seem of good courage, and are striving this year to double the number of souls won the past year.

Two conferences held during the past biennial period have helped both workers and lay members to a better understanding of the organization and its methods of working. Some of these matters were very new to our Asiatic brethren, and they appreciate the information that has come through this means.

During the biennial period sixty-one have been baptized, exclusive of those baptized in the school. Still others are awaiting baptism. Our tithe has not made so marked increase as in previous years. The total tithe for the biennial period was \$16,307.61. This shows a per capita tithe for the total membership of \$31.67; and for the native membership, \$14.58. (All monies in Straits currency.)

The Sabbath School

Sabbath school offerings for the biennial period were \$5,522.26, showing a weekly per capita offering of 26 cents, Straits money.

Colportage

Colporteur work for the two years has not been large. Two years ago the Singapore mission released to the British North Borneo Mission the West Borneo territory for canvassing work. What has been sold in this mission has been sold in Singapore, on the island, and in the state of Johore. The sales for the two years total \$13,177.93.

Evangelistic Work

The preaching tent has been pitched in several places and public efforts have been made to reach the masses with the present truth. Our work has been especially for the Chinese. We hope during 1925 to put forth definite efforts for the Malays who are Mohammedans. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can break the bonds which hold these people and can dispel their superstitions.

The Tamil population also calls insistently for help, and we look forward to the time when a worker can come who will learn the Tamil language and work for these people. With these many millions to be warned of the soon coming of Christ, how great the need that we gird on the armor and push the battle to the gates. Let us consecrate ourselves to this blessed task, and work on in faith and perseverance.

J. W. ROWLAND.

THE MALAYSIAN UNION SESSION

Malaysian Union Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by the superintendent, Pastor L. V. Finster, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, Singapore, February, 1925.)

WE are glad to greet so many of our workers and delegates at this first meeting of the Malaysian Union session. Especially are we glad to welcome so many of our Asiatic brethren to our deliberations. We trust that all will feel a deep responsibility in helping to lay plans for the progress of the work in this part of the world. God's care and protection have been over the delegates as they have come from the different sections of this far-flung field. We do not know how many more such meetings we shall be privileged to hold before Jesus comes; so, brethren, let us make this the best meeting that has ever been held in Malaysia.

We are sorry to record the loss by death of three of our workers during the past two years. Sister Petra Tunheim died of pneumonia August 13, 1923, on board ship just before reaching Singapore while on her way to take up work again in Java. Sister Tunheim was an earnest worker of deep Christian experience. Brother Woon Sie On died in Sandakan May 19, 1924, while at his post of duty. He had been a faithful worker for many years. Brother Hoetasoit died March 19, 1924, in South Sumatra where he had just gone to open up a new mission. He had been a faithful teacher for two years in the Malaysian Union Seminary. These workers have been called to rest from their labors, and we that remain should renew our consecration to the work that was so dear to their hearts. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the broken families that they have left behind.

With the blessing of the Lord and the faithful seed-sowing of former years we have been able to add 668 new members the past two years. Two years ago our membership was 844. It now stands at 1512. The average cost for every baptized member in 1923 was \$370.88 gold. In 1924 it was \$185, one half that of 1923. In 1919 the average cost was \$1714.53 for every baptized soul.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the past year's work is the large number of converts from Islam. This Gibraltar that has withstood the Christian efforts of past ages is giving way. Last year 75 were won from this masterpiece of deception.

Literature Work

Literature sales show an encouraging increase. In 1923 the sales were \$66,435.08 Straits money; in 1924, \$80,220.16, making a total of \$146,654.24, as compared with \$93,112.49 for the two previous years. Our men engaged in this work deserve much credit for this splendid showing.

At the close of 1923 our Malay paper had a circulation of 1450. At the close of 1924 this had increased to 3600. We are now printing literature in English, Malay, Batak, Nias, Arabic, Siamese, and Javanese. Recently we received our first manuscript, "The Ten Commandments," in the Dusun language. This we hope to print soon.

Educational

The work of training our youth and of gathering our children into our own schools has made progress the past two years. At the beginning of 1923 we had no church schools in this union. We now have eight. In most of these better equipment is needed. A more uniform course of

study should be arranged. A teachers' summer school should be planned for in the near future, that our school work may be unified and our teachers properly graded.

The Malaysian Union Seminary enjoyed its largest patronage last year. The enrolment was 290. At the close of the year twenty-four were baptized. Last year the school reduced its indebtedness to the Union \$3162.64, Straits money. The new buildings have been erected from funds solicited from people in this field, with the exception of \$3,500, which came from the sale of our Sandakan property. To date these buildings have cost \$35,944.41. We rejoice that at this meeting we can dedicate these buildings to the advancement of the Lord's cause in this mission field.

Batakland Mission School, Sumatra

We are not permitted to do mission work in Batakland, but we have been able to conduct a school. The enrolment the past two years has ranged between 125 and 150. Formerly, the school was held in three native houses, and the boys lived with the villagers as best they could. Now we have a very comfortable school building with five large rooms. Nearly all the members of the higher class are in our training school this year.

Sabbath School

The condition of our Sabbath schools is generally a fair test of the real spiritual life of the church. Where the Sabbath school is fostered, and every church member is an active member of the Sabbath school, studying the word of God daily, you will find the church in a healthy condition.

At the beginning of 1923 there were 28 Sabbath schools with a membership of 901. We now have 46 schools, with a membership of 1608. The donations for 1921-22 were \$8,285.39; for 1923-24 they were \$9,557.09, making a gain of \$1271.70 in offerings, a gain of 18 schools, and a 707 increase in membership.

Tithes and Offerings

The treasurer's report shows a gain in tithes of \$15,517.28 over the previous period, in offerings a gain of \$8,729.73. While our tithes and offerings stand second in the Division, yet I believe we are not receiving an honest tithe or the liberal offerings we should have from a large part of our members. Our work in this mission could be greatly strengthened if all our workers, foreign and Asiatic, would do more to encourage all our church members to pay a faithful tithe. The advent spirit of sacrifice must permeate our Asiatic churches as well as our churches in the homeland if we are to carry the message to all the world.

Medical Department

We are glad to report the opening of our first dispensary at Penang. A fine two-story building has been rented in the central part of the city, with offices below and living quarters above. On the opening day there were four patients. Now the doctor and his wife are kept more than busy with their hundred daily patients. A good Sabbath school has been started. Brother Pan of Batavia is now located in Penang to assist in the spiritual work. Doctor Gardner and his wife are busy and happy in their work.

We are all glad for the splendid increase of the past two years, I am sure; but we are not here this morning to glory

in our work. The mere fact of increased numbers, tithes and offerings, may not in itself necessarily spell progress. The great question of all importance is, Are we making spiritual progress in our own lives, or are we going on from month to month with the same old sins holding us down? Are we gaining victories, or are we being defeated? Are we having the teachings of Jesus transformed into our lives, or are we continuing in a formal religion? Are we practicing the Golden Rule of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us? Is the hope of soon seeing Jesus purifying our lives as He is pure? Are we preparing for translation from this sin-cursed world, or are we planning to live here a long time yet? Are we as faithful in our work as we should be, or are we allowing the temporal things of life to occupy more of our time than they should? Do the seventy million souls in this Union, in darkness and unwarmed, burden and trouble our souls? Are we pleading with God daily for an unction from on high that we may know how to break through the adamant wall that separates forty million of these people of Islam from God?

Does it trouble our hearts that in many of our missions we are doing practically nothing for the natives of the land? that only a little handful of believers is coming to Christ each year? If the third angel's message is to be given to all the world in this generation, we surely have reached the time when we should see greater power in the winning of souls. Let us pray for this promised power. Our great concern at this meeting should be for a new experience in the things of God. How can we discharge the responsibilities that rest upon us unless we have a new baptism of the Spirit! Our conference business is important; the planning for our future work is necessary; the study of the theoretical side of this message is essential; but our greatest need is to seek God together and obtain the fulness of His blessing. My brethren, let us make this our main business while we are here.

L. V. FINSTER.

West Java Mission

(Report rendered by the director, Pastor J. S. Yates, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, Singapore, February, 1925.)

THE Master's prospering hand has been with us during the past biennial term, and has wrought even more for us than we had dared to hope for. During this period five new churches have been organized. Among these are Java's first Dutch- and Chinese-speaking churches, and the first Ambonese church. Seven Sabbath schools have been organized, two of which were raised up without the help of paid workers. Of the 234 baptized, 49 have come direct from Mohammedanism; 83 from heathenism, and others from the Roman church. Full twenty races are represented on our church and Sabbath school records.

Our first church school in Java has been opened during this term, and now has an enrolment of 50. Beside this school building, built on land purchased by the Mission Board, we have erected a church at a cost of f.32,000. Sister Petra Tunheim started this church building fund over ten years ago, and during the past two years f.19,000 have been added to it. The church is built to the memory of Sister Tunheim, the wall bearing a marble slab with the words, "In memory of Petra Tunheim."

The story of our advancement is partly told in the following figures and comparisons:

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| Literature Sales | f.51,585.00 |
| Tithes | 17,012.60 |
| S. S. Off-rings, etc. | 4,428.00 |
| Poor Fund and Church Expenses | 1,701.00 |
| Public Effort Offerings | 675.10 |
| Church Building | 19,200.00 |
| | <i>Funds Baptisms Membership Literature</i> |
| 1919-1920 | Gold \$5,224.64 13 64 \$4,252.32 |
| 1921-1922 | 8,000.00 66 132 17,000.00 |
| 1923-1924 | 16,826.00 234 338 20,400.00 |

Our need is the continued presence of the Spirit and favor of God. We ask your prayers that this may be granted us.

J. S. YATES.

The Educational Work in Malaysia

(Synopsis of report rendered by V. E. Hendershot, Principal of the Malaysian Union Seminary, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union meeting.)

IN the two previous reports submitted to the delegates at the biennial conference sessions, I have tried to be confident of the future of the educational work in Malaysia. This faith has not been disappointed during the past four years. The Lord has truly blessed us along all lines of endeavor.

At the beginning of this biennial period a campaign was launched for the purpose of collecting funds for the erection of two new units at our central training school, the Malaysian Union Seminary, one unit to be utilized for chapel and class rooms, the other to accommodate our industries. Brethren I. C. Schmidt and Phang Yin Hee went earnestly to the task of raising \$50,000, Singapore currency. The road to the desired goal was a long and troublesome one, but grit and determination win out in the long run. With due praise to the faithfulness of these brethren in soliciting, and the mention of real assistance from Professor Baumgartner and Pastor N. T. Phang, represented by the sum of \$5000 (five thousand dollars), raised chiefly in Johore and the island of Banka, we pass on to other encouraging features. The entire amount realized has netted us \$30,954. Seminary Hall, in whose capacious chapel we are now privileged to meet, and Industrial Hall, which is nearing completion, have been sorely needed, and bring genuine relief.

In the year 1923, the enrolment of the Seminary was slightly over 200, while in the last year it attained the high mark of 290. Our training departments are the largest in our history. Never before have we had such a large and representative student body from the Malaysian Union. Seventeen languages are represented, and from every mission we have three or more students; some missions having as high as fifteen. The Malay Department is a growing one. Its over seventy members, chiefly taught in Malay, form the backbone of the Seminary. The Chinese department, too, with over fifty members, is an enthusiastic and earnest one.

Brethren Youngberg and Baumgartner have had charge of the industrial work of the school; but we have long felt the need of a man who could devote full time to this important department. We rejoice at the coming of Professor and Mrs. Bunch, to assume responsibilities in the industrial and primary departments. At the close of 1923, Brother Immanuel Siregar, an old pioneer in this message, was released to enter active missionary work among the Peninsular Malays. We are glad to hear his good report of interested ones there.

During the biennial period a goodly number of church schools have sprung into existence. I have before me a list of seven schools located in the cities and villages of British North Borneo, with an enrolment of 137 students. The West Java Mission has two schools: the Batavia church school, with an enrolment of 43 and two teachers, teaching in the Dutch language, and Tanah Abang school, with 45 pupils, also Dutch.

In Padang, Brother Wood reports that 30 pupils assemble daily for instruction in English and Malay. Two teachers help to make this school progressive. Brother Abel tells of a promising school of 24 in Ban Pong, Siam, where Chinese and Siamese are taught. The Sarawak school had an enrolment of 18 in 1924; and the very latest addition to our list is the effort of Brother Schmidt in Medan, where there is a school of three.

The entire enrolment to date is 640 students. Let us thank God and take courage, for the educational work in Malaysia is onward and upward.

V. E. HENDERSHOT.

Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division Mission

| 1 Number of Mission | 2 NAME OF MISSION | 3 Number of Mission Stations | 4 Number of Mission Outstations | 5 Number of Organized Churches | 6 Baptized Membership of Organized Churches | 7 Baptized During Quarter | 8 | | 9 | | 10 | | 11 BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10) | | 12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed) | 13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVISSERS | | Number of Mission | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---|--------|--|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| | | | | | | | Foreign | Native | Foreign | Native | Foreign | Native | Foreign | Native | | Foreign | Native | | Foreign | Native |
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| 1 | Division | 1 | | | | | 5 | 1 | 4 | | 35 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 2 | Philippine Union | 5 | 136 | 98 | 5296 | 259 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 30 | 17 | 16 | | 11 | | 1 | 71 | 2 | | |
| 3 | Chosen Union | 3 | 17 | 21 | 1519 | 117 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 13 | 46 | | | | 2 | 29 | 3 | | |
| 4 | Japan Union | 1 | 14 | 9 | 425 | 40 | 4 | 4 | | 7 | 5 | 5 | | | 9 | 1 | 11 | 4 | | |
| 5 | Manchurian Union | 2 | 9 | 9 | 202 | | 2 | | 2 | | 4 | 7 | | 1 | | 1 | 8 | 5 | | |
| 6 | Central China Union | 5 | 63 | 22 | 1454 | 98 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 53 | | 11 | | 3 | 39 | 6 | | |
| 7 | North China Union | 2 | 9 | 3 | 191 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | | 1 | | 1 | 8 | 7 | | |
| 8 | South China Union | 7 | 85 | 35 | 2262 | 80 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 64 | 20 | 26 | | 16 | | 1 | 12 | 8 | | |
| 9 | West China Union | 3 | 4 | 2 | 90 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 7 | | 2 | | | 1 | 9 | | |
| 10 | East China Union | 3 | 59 | 26 | 1101 | 29 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 46 | | 1 | 23 | | 2 | 10 | | |
| 11 | Malaysian Union | 12 | 22 | 19 | 1502 | 202 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 23 | 29 | 20 | | 4 | 3 | | 6 | 39 | | |
| 12 | East Siberian Union | 1 | 17 | 7 | 802 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | |
| 13 | TOTALS, 4th Qr. 1924 | 45 | 436 | 251 | 14844 | 875 | 72 | 39 | 41 | 166 | 160 | 239 | | 6 | 70 | 10 | 20 | 234 | | |
| 14 | <i>The totals given below for preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Totals, 4th Qr. 1923 | 44 | 343 | 235 | 12845 | 785 | 73 | 43 | 41 | 153 | 165 | 228 | | 2 | 79 | 8 | 10 | 190 | | |
| 16 | Totals, 4th Qr. 1922 | 46 | 337 | 230 | 10954 | 504 | 61 | 38 | 55 | 155 | 159 | 203 | | 5 | 79 | 10 | 13 | 192 | | |
| 17 | Totals, 4th Qr. 1921 | 46 | 299 | 201 | 9740 | 731 | 59 | 33 | 48 | 154 | 138 | 192 | | 5 | 54 | 8 | 17 | 145 | | |
| 18 | Totals, 4th Qr. 1920 | 40 | 267 | 169 | 7705 | 392 | 61 | 26 | 49 | 133 | 170 | 147 | | 1 | 55 | 9 | 3 | 178 | | |

| 25 Number of Mission | 26 Average Attendance S. S. | 27 S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths | 28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering | 29 Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering | 30 Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions) | 31 Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price) | 32 Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature) | 33 No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission | 34 Estimated Value | 35 Approximate Seating Capacity | 36 Number of Church Schools Conducted | 37 Enrollment Church Schools | 38 Number of Mission |
|-------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 4071 | 1151.62 | 187.59 | 1339.21 | 2305.47 | 10259.86 | 12565.33 | 72 | 17532.00 | 6735 | 10 | 424 | 2 |
| 3 | 2988 | 631.21 | 65.77 | 696.98 | 1634.21 | 2054.28 | 3702.35 | 50 | 11539.00 | 5050 | 29 | 930 | 3 |
| 4 | 377 | 352.63 | 195.82 | 548.45 | | | 4361.78 | 7 | 16000.00 | 900 | | | |
| 5 | 221 | 106.41 | 25.30 | 131.71 | 613.20 | 240.01 | 853.21 | 2 | 6000.00 | 275 | 5 | 120 | 5 |
| 6 | 1859 | 372.37 | 133.15 | 505.52 | 696.93 | 2680.07 | 3377.00 | 19 | 10127.00 | 1800 | 18 | 254 | 6 |
| 7 | 402 | 96.44 | 16.48 | 112.92 | 445.55 | 133.01 | 578.56 | 1 | 1500.00 | 400 | 5 | 150 | 7 |
| 8 | 3499 | 437.74 | 102.38 | 540.12 | 778.08 | 642.15 | 1651.48 | 17 | 13225.00 | 3600 | 45 | 2147 | 8 |
| 9 | 166 | 78.29 | 59.33 | 137.62 | 67.88 | 109.18 | 177.06 | 1 | 3000.00 | 250 | 4 | 136 | 9 |
| 10 | 1950 | 512.49 | 118.53 | 631.02 | 113.18 | 398.61 | 511.79 | 6 | 24175.00 | 1650 | 22 | 537 | 10 |
| 11 | 1413 | 983.13 | 437.32 | 1420.45 | 3560.23 | 11871.68 | 15498.41 | 6 | 8200.00 | 700 | 13 | 273 | 11 |
| 12 | 768 | 344.27 | 53.17 | 397.44 | 28.24 | 484.23 | 513.07 | 1 | 12233.00 | 450 | 2 | 52 | 12 |
| 13 | 17714 | 5066.60 | 1394.84 | 6461.44 | 10243.02 | 28873.03 | 43790.04 | 182 | 123531.00 | 21810 | 153 | 5023 | 13 |
| 14 | <i>Totals Fourth Quarter, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920, given below</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 14871 | 5729.42 | 1095.36 | 6824.78 | 9911.17 | 23878.40 | 41862.19 | 140 | 89212.45 | 20725 | 131 | 3884 | 15 |
| 16 | 12897 | 4596.12 | 919.49 | 5515.61 | 8918.77 | 29363.54 | 40492.18 | 76 | 36675.50 | 10163 | 139 | 3927 | 16 |
| 17 | 10836 | 3674.99 | 743.89 | 4418.88 | 10935.87 | 18460.67 | 29558.41 | 71 | 35036.00 | 8855 | 127 | 3602 | 17 |
| 18 | 9062 | 3524.80 | 714.45 | 4239.25 | 7405.96 | 21423.66 | 29193.07 | 69 | 36863.00 | 9015 | 109 | 2833 | 18 |

for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1924

All Values in U. S. Gold

| 14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed) | | 15 OTHER WORKERS (not else- where listed) | | 16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total) | | 17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD) | | | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Foreign | Native | Native | Foreign | Native | Foreign | Native | Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native) | Tithe Per Capita | Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. M. S., as noted Columns 27, 51 | Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest, Ingathering, and Sustentation Funds | Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work | Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21 | Number of Sabbath-Schools | Membership | | |
| 3 | 4 | 58 | 44 | 75 | 972.10 | | 972.10 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 17 | 26 | 152 | 623.79 | 5265.68 | 5889.47 | | 430.84 | | 111.57 | | 152 | 5056 | | |
| | | 17 | 23 | 126 | 715.61 | 1168.55 | 1884.16 | | 581.17 | | 35.00 | 269.96 | 85 | 3721 | | |
| | | | 18 | 28 | 643.37 | 1458.48 | 2101.85 | | 356.10 | | 1009.20 | 171.45 | 15 | 536 | | |
| | | 4 | 8 | 23 | 204.25 | 165.88 | 370.13 | | 121.32 | 13.47 | 548.36 | 90.61 | 11 | 291 | | |
| 3 | 12 | 22 | 30 | 186 | 744.83 | 636.73 | 1381.56 | | 258.45 | | 1691.56 | 710.58 | 69 | 2132 | | |
| | | 8 | 12 | 38 | 220.24 | 150.90 | 371.14 | | 245.94 | 12.08 | 15.00 | 1.16 | 12 | 419 | | |
| 3 | 7 | 57 | 36 | 229 | 900.34 | 929.31 | 1829.65 | | 545.69 | 5.24 | 102.94 | 114.49 | 80 | 3867 | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 10 | 16 | 225.82 | 85.35 | 311.17 | | 82.50 | 7.85 | 30.00 | 80.46 | 7 | 183 | | |
| | | 26 | 19 | 121 | 779.23 | 790.52 | 1569.75 | | 334.01 | | 535.85 | | 64 | 2393 | | |
| | | 17 | 54 | 54 | 1106.64 | 3434.82 | 4541.46 | | 188.47 | 278.51 | 4698.50 | 26.72 | 46 | 1578 | | |
| | | | 3 | 14 | 80.23 | 1597.96 | 1678.19 | | | | 302.24 | | 17 | 768 | | |
| 13 | 24 | 228 | 283 | 1062 | 7216.45 | 15684.18 | 22900.63 | | 3144.49 | 317.15 | 9080.22 | 1465.43 | 558 | 21044 | | |
| 13 | 27 | 266 | 289 | 980 | 6734.73 | 14873.33 | 21608.06 | | 4808.36 | 3344.66 | 7845.76 | 2618.13 | 530 | 18180 | | |
| 16 | 44 | 268 | 288 | 988 | 5587.78 | 10073.68 | 15661.46 | | 3248.19 | 71.67 | 9383.18 | 396.81 | 501 | 16261 | | |
| 13 | 30 | 232 | 300 | 863 | 6397.93 | 8322.43 | 13015.73 | | 534.62 | 393.85 | 6609.35 | 1219.70 | 423 | 13970 | | |
| 18 | 49 | 229 | 290 | 813 | 4035.63 | 8243.49 | 12279.12 | | 1150.00 | 449.77 | 3948.99 | 765.88 | 382 | 11603 | | |
| 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | | 45 | | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 |
| Number of Intermediate Schools | Enrolment of Intermediate Schools | Number of Training Schools | Training Schools Enrolment of | Total Enrolment | NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS | | NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS | | Total No. of Teachers | Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment | Expense of Maintenance of Schools | Number of Young People's Societies | Membership | Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work | Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work | Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work |
| | | 1 | 287 | 287 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 21 | 17000.00 | 6500.00 | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 230 | 654 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 27 | 7180.03 | 3109.50 | 49 | 1149 | | | 23.96 |
| | | 1 | 148 | 1078 | 2 | 2 | 38 | 3 | 45 | 14076.60 | 3532.22 | 31 | 1474 | | 8.10 | 1.43 |
| | | 1 | 50 | 50 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 7 | 3000.00 | 716.00 | 4 | 65 | | | |
| 1 | 12 | | 132 | 1 | | | 4 | 2 | 7 | 630.00 | 188.07 | 8 | 153 | | | |
| 2 | 152 | | 406 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 4 | 42 | 42 | 16400.00 | 1381.00 | 3 | 223 | | | |
| 1 | 81 | | 231 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 4500.00 | 273.00 | 2 | 120 | | | |
| 3 | 263 | | 2410 | 4 | 7 | 80 | 21 | 112 | 112 | 40182.00 | 4808.05 | 8 | 222 | | 22.01 | |
| | | | 136 | | 1 | 11 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 650.00 | 365.00 | 2 | 41 | | | |
| 2 | 101 | | 638 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 34 | 34 | 2892.14 | 1030.06 | 11 | 614 | | | 2.25 |
| 1 | 90 | 1 | 290 | 653 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 9 | 39 | 29786.00 | 4506.61 | 4 | 127 | 3.96 | | |
| | | | 52 | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 442.71 | 442.71 | 1 | 43 | | | |
| 10 | 699 | 5 | 1005 | 6727 | 27 | 33 | 242 | 66 | 368 | 136296.77 | 26852.22 | 123 | 4231 | 3.96 | 30.11 | 27.64 |
| 12 | 935 | 5 | 989 | 5808 | 24 | 33 | 225 | 72 | 354 | 84374.77 | 15262.32 | 83 | 3200 | 27.06 | 96.99 | 30.24 |
| 7 | 681 | 5 | 867 | 5475 | 23 | 27 | 220 | 59 | 329 | 100697.16 | 18959.41 | 76 | 2835 | 12.90 | 45.29 | 31.25 |
| 5 | 422 | 5 | 766 | 5034 | 22 | 20 | 168 | 45 | 255 | 93467.65 | 12770.68 | 36 | 1062 | | | 51.97 |
| 5 | 340 | 5 | 567 | 3747 | 18 | 20 | 147 | 42 | 227 | 74545.10 | 7959.87 | 28 | 692 | | 6.23 | 46.33 |

Malay States Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by the director, C. G. Leedy, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union Conference, Singapore, February, 1925.)

THE Malay States Mission is a large field, comprising four British colonies and eight federated and unfederated Malay states. Its territory stretches from the State of Johore to Siam.

The population of native Malays is small in comparison to the alien population of Chinese and Indians, and the problem of giving the gospel of a soon-coming Saviour is greatly multiplied by the large number of languages spoken by these immigrant peoples. To warn the Chinese alone, we must speak to them in at least five of the major languages of this people, and the Indians must hear the message in three of the languages of India. This leaves out of the reckoning numerous other languages spoken by small groups of people. To cope with this task we have five Chinese preachers all of whom are native Hakka, and who spend most of their time among the Hakka people; one Malay-speaking worker; and none who can minister to the Indians. Surely, the time has come to "pray the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth laborers into His harvest."

Of all the larger cities of this field, we have preached the message in only two, and in two only of the numerous smaller towns. Only within recent months have we been able to enter Penang, the largest city. The people of that city had never heard the third angel's message preached in public, yet we were surprised to find several Sabbath keepers when we opened mission work there. We are laying plans for a strong work in this center. We have work started in one British colony, but never a sermon has been preached in the colonies of Province Wellesley, Dindings, or Malacca, where there are scores of cities. In the states of Selangor and Perak we have two companies and one organized church; but in the states of Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Kedah, Perlis, Kelanton and Trengganu, a Seventh-day Adventist preacher has never set foot. Four colonies, and work barely started in one; eight states and only a few believers in two of them. These conditions are a mighty appeal for more workers. Among these millions who are now satisfied with heathenism, many can be taught to love God.

Since our tent arrived, we have begun public efforts. This is a new method with our Asiatic workers, but they are of good courage. We have baptized some as the direct result of our tent meetings.

Tithes and Offerings

In 1923 our Asiatic believers paid \$1222.44 tithes, Straits currency; in 1924, \$1534.32; totaling \$2756.76. Foreign tithes for the year amounted to \$908.58. Sabbath-school offerings in 1923 were \$461.36; in 1924, \$539.31. Thirteenth Sabbath offerings in 1923 were \$306.58; in 1924, \$346.83. Annual offerings in 1923 were \$118.13; in 1924, \$140.59. Tuition paid in 1924, \$65, a total offering of \$1977.80, and a grand total of tithes and offerings of \$5653.14 for the biennial period.

During these two years we have reported to the union Harvest Ingathering donations amounting to \$3568. This, with amounts previously reported totals over \$4000.

Literature and Periodical Work

Our literature and periodical sales amount to \$10,333.80, gold, or a little more than \$20,000 Straits money. We praise God for what this means. Our canvassers have gone out into many unentered places, and have sold hundreds of truth-filled books and thousands of magazines. We have a splendid class of colporteurs in school who during the last

two years have earned 13½ scholarships. One student during the vacation earned two scholarship; another gained nearly 1000 subscriptions to the Chinese *Signs* magazine. The results of this kind of work cannot be given in figures. Happiness, contentment, eternal life, cannot be computed by mathematical precision.

Our Needs

We need trained workers who will consecrate themselves fully to the giving of this message, men who have a burning zeal to see souls won and the work finished. We need an awakening such as God's Spirit only in its fulness can give, that we may arise as one man to finish the work on time. To this end we crave the prayers of all God's people, and especially of the brethren in this union. G. C. LEEDY.

North Sumatra Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by the director Pastor I. C. Schmidt, during the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, Singapore, February, 1925.)

"THANKS be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14. Especially do I rejoice because the work of God has triumphed in every department of our field, and I believe that I can also say that it has triumphed in each heart of our constituency.

We arrived in our field of labor April 12, 1924, and after getting settled, organized our constituency and distributed tracts and papers systematically. This work was followed up with Bible readings and cottage meetings in the homes of the people and in Chinese and native shops.

Literature Sales

Soon after the close of the school, about ten canvassers arrived in our field, and thereafter much of my time was devoted to this line of work. During the biennial period covering the years 1923-1924 our literature sales totaled \$6,721.23, an increase of \$4,058.82 over the preceding two years. Our Big Week sales were \$700.46. Better still, a goodly number of our big subscription books have been placed in the homes of the people of Medan, and are now being studied. As a result we have had some interesting inquirers.

Tithes and Offerings

Our tithes and offerings for the biennial period, totaling \$1,509.36, show a healthy gain.

The Sabbath School

We consider the Sabbath-school a strong evangelistic agency. Besides our regular Sabbath-school on Sabbath morning, we have three children's Sabbath-schools and one Home Department, with a total membership of fifty-eight.

Baptisms

And last but not least is the number of souls the Lord has helped us win. During 1921-1922, a total of six were baptized; during 1924, twenty-five.

The Future

Thus far we have been restricted in our evangelical operations, and since there are now no restrictions regarding the literature work, we feel that definite steps should be taken at this meeting to publish at an early date Batak literature, and thus hasten the truth onward. Our tent has now arrived, and we hope to use it holding tent efforts this year in the Malay, Chinese and Dutch languages. We are of good courage in the Lord, and reconsecrate our lives anew to Him for more effective service in His vineyard.

I. C. SCHMIDT.

The Siam Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother R. P. Abel at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, February, 1925.)

THE work of Seventh-day Adventist missions was opened in Siam by Brethren F. A. Pratt and E. L. Longway about six years ago. Much of the time during the first biennial period was no doubt spent in language study and in the distribution of literature. One and another of our Chinese workers were called from different places to labor for the many dialects of Chinese living in Siam. A chapel was opened, and services conducted in the Tie-chiu and later in the Hakka dialect. The Hakka field proving more fruitful, and the difficulty of finding Tie-chiu workers, caused a temporary suspension of the Tie-chiu work. We have at present, however, one Tie-chiu worker on half time.

The Chinese work has received practically all the efforts put forth in Siam, both in literature and evangelical lines. That part of the field accessible by rail has been worked with most of the Chinese literature. The Chinese *Signs of the Times* has a circulation of 853, according to the latest report from the Press. This we hope to see much larger during 1925; for I believe that the colporteur will be the only messenger of light that many of these people will ever see. The Spirit of prophecy tells us: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

At the beginning of the third biennial period, the prospects for the advance of the work in Siam were bright. Many obstacles, however, had to be met. Resources were limited. The cruel hand of death was laid upon the wife and child of one of our workers, Brother Lui The Then, and one of our faithful mothers was taken from us. Then came the furlough of Brother and Sister Pratt. But through all the Lord has watched over the little company of followers who are endeavoring to hold up the light of truth. The results have not been so great as hoped for, but we praise God for the degree of success which has attended our efforts.

The baptized membership of the Siam mission stands at 55, of whom 35 have been added during the last biennial period. Total tithing receipts were \$1299.20, giving an average of \$13.21.

There are three Sabbath schools, with a membership of 66, and average attendance of 62. Sabbath school offerings for the biennial term totaled \$398.01, with a weekly average per capita of .09. The total income from all offerings, was \$1956.41; an average per capita of \$43.47.

Literature sales for the period amounted to \$2147.64, a gain over the preceding biennial term of \$597.87.

R. P. ABEL.

The British North Borneo Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by the director, Pastor L. B. Mershon, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, Singapore, February, 1925)

WE are glad to meet once more with our brethren and sisters, and to bring greetings from our brethren in British North Borneo. We thank our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings, and for new experiences gained. Souls have been won to the truth. Battles with sin have been fought. Many have been victorious. A few have missed the way, and for these we should pray. The change in the attitude of the government toward mission work is more marked, and openings are being made for the prosecution of gospel work in places heretofore closed. We have baptized 37 new members during the biennial term. We praise the Lord for this.

The past biennial term has been one of building for the British North Borneo Mission. We sold our former property at Sandakan, and bought a piece of land containing two acres just out of the town limits. On this place there is a large house with basement sufficiently large to serve as a schoolroom. We have built a chapel here, and now have homes for two Asiatic workers, room for the accommodation of 100 students, and chapel with seating capacity for 150 persons.

In Jesselton the Government has given us three acres of land, and on this we have built a foreign home, a church and school combined, and a home for an Asiatic worker. At Kudat there has been erected a building for chapel and school purposes, and we have also come into possession of a chapel built many years ago for the use of another mission, but which has not been made use of. Behind this little chapel we have built a teacher's home. We still need a dormitory at Jesselton, and a home for Asiatic workers at Kudat. With these additions we shall be well provided for.

There are 137 young people in our schools, 20 of whom are Dusuns. Eighteen of these young people have been baptized during the past two years.

Sabbath Schools

There are seven Sabbath schools in the Mission, and one Home Department school. Sabbath school offerings show a slight increase, there being a gain of \$191.27 over the preceding biennial term.

Literature Work

Since we received the addition of West Borneo to our canvassing territory, there has been a marked gain in our book and periodical sales. Our gains over the preceding period are: Book sales; \$2682.10; periodicals, \$912.85, making a total gain of \$3594.95. We are thankful for the faith-filled canvassers that have made this good gain possible.

Work among the Dusuns

During the year 1923 we began work among the Dusun tribe. Our worker stationed there, Johannes Pasariboe, has a fair knowledge of the Dusun language and has translated the ten commandments into Romanized Dusun. This brother is conducting a school at Mengattal, with an enrollment of twenty boys. A number of Dusuns living at this place have become interested in this message. Some of the students in the school entertain the hope of entering our school at Singapore, that they may get the necessary preparation to work for their own people.

Another worker, Lazarus Sibrani, is located at Tauran, the gateway to that great Tempassuk plain and Kota Belud country, and to all the interior tribes of Northern Borneo. The interest at Tauran has developed until we have seven baptized believers there, and about ten more in a baptismal class. Others desire to know more about our faith. We also have a school at Tauran, which we hope may, in the hands of God, be the means of opening up a fruitful field among the Dusun people.

The Government through the Resident has given us permission to enter the Dusun field for missionary enterprise. It is desired that medical missionary work be done for these natives, and we are invited to do this work. We should have very soon another foreign family, preferably two nurses or a doctor and his wife who will give themselves to this undertaking. The door is now open. How long it will remain open we do not know. According to the policy of the Government, should another mission body step in and accept this responsibility, we should be prevented from entering.

We are of good courage in the Lord. Difficulties have been many during the past term, but the Lord has brought us out into a large place. We request your prayers for ourselves and for the work we represent. Our greatest need is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This blessing will bring all other blessings in its train. We must talk about it; pray for it; believe that we have it. We must pray that our brethren may receive it. We must ask God to send it upon the people of Borneo, that hard hearts may be broken. We must have power, the power of the Holy Spirit, if we are ever to finish the work of God in this generation.

L. B. MERSON.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

Fruitage in Mukden, Manchuria

"FOR several months, as time would permit," writes Brother Esteb, "I have been studying the truths of the third angel's message with some young men. One of these young men has been thoroughly converted. He has held a splendid position in the accounting department of the British American Tobacco Company, and has seven or eight years of English. He has resigned. His firm could not understand why, and offered to increase his wages. He said, 'No; it is not money I want; I want to go to work for my Lord.' He knows that we pay a very small salary compared with that which he is leaving; but he wants to win souls for Jesus.

"Already this young man has brought along a friend, with whom also I am studying. Both these men desire baptism. I rejoice over them, because they are the direct result of colporteur work. The young man first mentioned subscribed for the *Signs* last fall when I was canvassing with one of our colporteurs. Later, I organized a Bible class, and he with other young men I met at that time, has been coming to my home to study with me.

"It is just six months since we arrived in Mukden. I praise the Lord that He has so soon given me these two well educated young men as the fruit of my labors. My goal for the year is three souls, and I am confident that with the Lord's help I shall more than reach the goal. Our colporteurs have set goals that total twenty-nine souls. This is what we are sent forth to do—win souls for Jesus."

Field Day in the East Java Mission

FOR three days preceding the opening of the East Java Mission conference, the church in Soerabaya met together for a home missionary convention. The following Sunday was given to a field program, in which many took part; and the evening meeting, when those who had gone out for field work during the day related their experiences, was one of the best of the conference.

One elderly sister, coming to the front of the congregation, pulled out from her clothing a kerchief full of money, and related one experience after another. At the close of her recital she placed f.14.00 (\$5.66, American money) on the table for the Lord, the receipts for her day's work in distributing literature. Here, where currency is of small denomination, it means real work to gather such an amount.

Some of the local pastors testified that the field day had brought new life to the work in their part of the field; and at the conference it was voted to have field day once each month, following the first Sabbath home missionary day. Later when Elders Evans, Watson and Finster came to Batavia to attend the West Java Mission conference, they brought the word that the church members in East Java were still doing missionary work and bringing in money as a result of the impetus given on the field day at the time of the conference.

Our hope of warning the Far East of the soon coming of the Saviour and the end of all earthly things, lies in a working church membership. Let us therefore take advantage of our opportunities, and develop from our ranks a large corps of consecrated workers. "When the leaders in Israel lead, the people follow gladly." Judges 5:2, Revised Version.

J. J. STRAHLE.

Colporteur Experiences in North Sumatra

LITERATURE sales in the North Sumatra Mission reached their highest mark during the year 1924. The sales amounted to \$3856.12, Mexican, being a gain over 1923 of \$991.01.

Pastor L. C. Schmidt tells the following experiences of two of the canvassers in that field: Two Chinese students from the seminary were selling "Great Man of Western Asia." One of the books fell into the hands of a man who, after examining its contents, wrote through the columns of the Chinese daily, discouraging those who had subscribed for the book from taking it. "This was a great blow to our colporteurs," writes Brother Schmidt. "The Chinese public would show them what was written about the book, and refuse to order. So they came to me. We prayed about the matter, and then went to the editor of the Chinese paper. We assured him that the work of our colporteurs had been misrepresented, and asked him to make the proper correction. This he did, assuring the public that they could safely trust our workers. When the time for delivering the books came, all but one was taken, and this one was not refused because of misrepresentation.

"One of the canvassers went to Sibolga. A Protestant missionary heard of his arrival, and after examining the pictures of his book (he could not read Chinese) forbade him selling it. It happened—and I believe the Lord so directed—that the Chinese consul from Medan, who had met our canvasser, made a trip south about this time, and meeting our canvasser learned that he was not permitted to work. The consul took him to the authorities, where they learned that there was no law prohibiting him from pursuing his work. So he continued, selling a goodly number of books in that place."

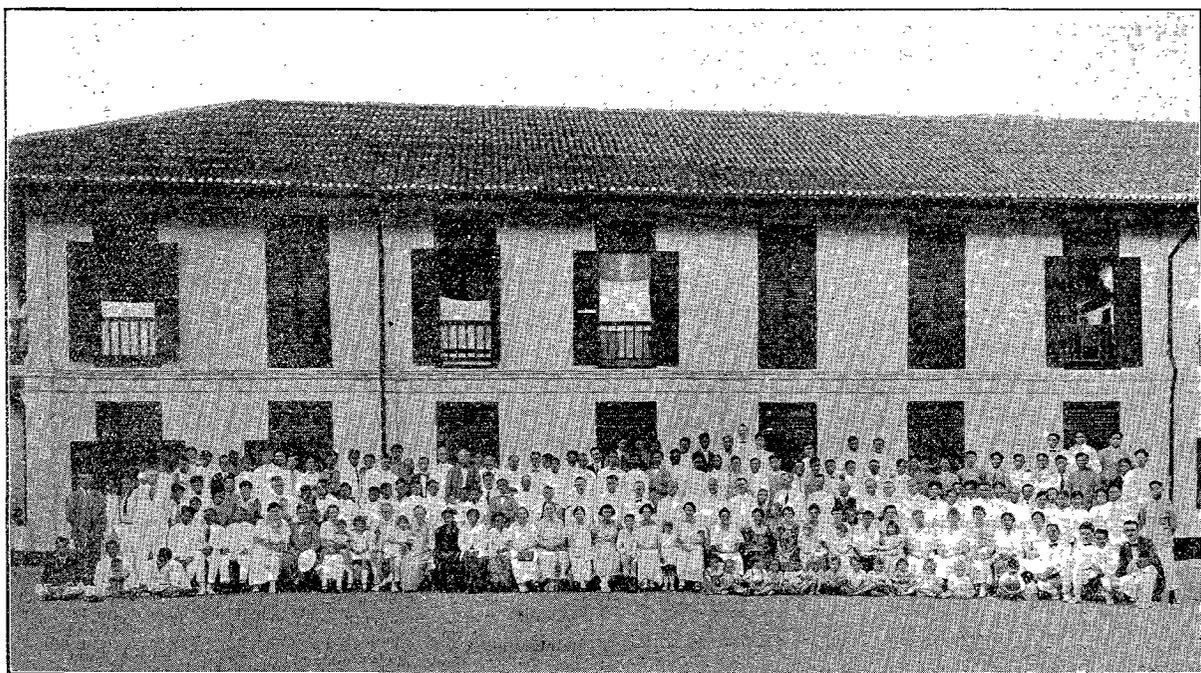
Let Us Be Thorough

I WAS spending a few days in the little city of Fushun, Manchuria, with a colporteur who needed help. Many said the city could be worked in a few days—one man said in three. I constantly hear it said that only the large stores in these small Chinese cities are able to subscribe to the *Signs* or to buy our books. By the help of the dear Lord, whose we are and whom we serve, I have set about to change this attitude. I believe we can and should do thorough work. There are many in the smaller stores who will subscribe if given an opportunity to do so, and told in the right way of the wonderful message of truth contained therein.

Last year the best colporteur in the union finished the city of Fushun in one week, taking fifty subscriptions to the *Signs*. Seeking the Lord for His special blessing, I went to work with the colporteur. In thirteen hours, by selling small books, we had reached the mark set last year—\$50. Mex.

The colporteur began to think. After a time he said, "I cannot finish this town in a month. I can sell something to all these little stores. If they cannot subscribe for the *Signs*, they can buy small books." After the second day he said, "It would take two months to do the work in this town. I can work for the Lord in every place." That was music in my ears. He had caught the vision. My work for him was finished, and I returned.

A. ESTEB.



PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY WORKERS, SINGAPORE CONVENTION

"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."—*Colporteur Evangelist*.
 "Let us now by the wise use of our periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John in the Isle of Patmos."—*Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 62*.
 "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand." *Ib., p. 61*.

The Convention at Singapore, Straits Settlements, February 17-20, 1925

THE work of God has made wonderful strides in the Malaysian Union Mission, and in no department is this growth more manifest than in the publishing. It was only a few years ago when the literature sales were a negligible quantity. To-day we have in Malaysia a well-developed publishing work, an up-to-date publishing house, well equipped with a Miehle Press, a new Linotype, and other labor-saving, cost-reducing equipment. The Malaysian Signs Press is turning out literature in four languages and is making preparations to print in several more. Pastor Beecham, the Union Field Missionary Secretary, has a large corps of colporteur evangelists in this field. During the school vacation fifty colporteur evangelists went to all parts of the islands and the Malay Peninsula with the message in printed form. Last year the literature sales in the Malaysian Union Mission were \$43,161.00, U. S. currency, or a gain of \$6,622.37 over 1923.

We are glad to see our Malay young men develop strength in leadership. Today we have men occupying positions of trust in three of our missions, namely, West Java, East Java and the Celebes. We believe that in the very near future the other missions of the union will also follow this good example. Malaysia has a fine corps of Chinese colporteur evangelists, some of whom will make good leaders in the very near future. There was a large attendance at the convention, in fact the largest of any I have ever attended in the Orient. Field, home missionary, and tract society secretaries, publishing house representatives, mission directors, delegates from the various missions, and student colporteurs were present. It is estimated that one

hundred and seventy-five persons were present throughout the convention. The days were filled from early until late with a study of the problems that confronted us in the publishing and home missionary, and tract society departments. Meetings were carried on simultaneously in three different languages, namely, English, Malay and the Chinese. It was a rare privilege to be present at this convention and be associated with brethren who were so appreciative and who cooperated to the fullest extent in working out policies for the advancement of the cause of God.

The home missionary work in Malaysia is being rapidly developed. A large number of persons have accepted the truth through the activities of our Malay, Dutch and Chinese brethren.

Both publishing and home missionary departments in Malaysia have been great soul-saving agencies, and the major topics considered at our convention were those dealing with ways and means of making these departments a still greater influence in bringing people into the truth.

We were glad to have Elder Watson from Washington, D. C., with us. Elder Evans gave us splendid support. His advice was timely. Elder Finster, president of the Malaysian Union, did not spare himself in order to make the convention a success. Brother V. L. Beecham and the writer worked together conducting the convention. Brother Beecham is a bookman through and through. We are glad to have him associated with us in promoting the literature work in Malaysia.

The convention has been a great inspiration to me personally, and I believe it will mark the beginning of bigger and better things in these departments of service in the Malaysian Union.

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WE are privileged to have with us in Shanghai, as representatives from the Home Board at our departmental conventions and the Spring Council, Pastor C. H. Watson, vice-president of the General Conference, and Pastor M. E. Kern, general secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

PASTOR AND MRS. I. H. EVANS have forwarded to us typewritten copies of several of the reports rendered to the Malaysian constituency during the Union session recently held in Singapore. A synopsis of these is given in this issue. Brother Evans reports a most encouraging meeting, with prospects bright for the coming months.

ON the last Sabbath of the Honan provincial meeting, thirty-two were baptized, sixteen of whom were students of the Yencheng Middle School.

WE welcome to the Far East, for service in Central China, Brother B. C. Clark and family, from Canada. These workers arrived in Shanghai March 8, and sailed for Hankow March 11. On March 22 two more families arrived, namely, Brother G. G. Hamp and wife, of the Lake Union, and Brother L. H. Davies, wife and child, of the East Canadian Union. Brother and Sister Davies have already gone forward to Peking for language study.

In for the Conventions

AS WE close this last page for the printers, we are having the pleasure of greeting many associates coming in from all parts of the Division to attend the departmental conventions opening April 3. Pastor and Mrs. De Vinney are in with their delegation from South China; Pastor Hall and his group from Central China; Pastors Warren and Lindt from Szechwan; Pastor and Mrs. Jackson and several others from the Philippines; Brethren Appel, Graham, White, and Harris from North China; Pastor and Mrs. Doolittle from East China. Delegations are soon to arrive from Japan, Chosen, Malaysia, and Manchuria. Full lists will appear in the *special* to be mailed out in mid-April.

Returning from Furlough

PASTOR W. P. BARTO plans on sailing with his family from Vancouver March 20th, per s. s. Empress of Australia for Malaysia. He writes of gains made in health and strength during their sojourn in the States, and particularly while on the Pacific Coast the past few months.

Malaysia's Goal—1,000 Souls

IN attendance at the Malaysian Union Session recently held in Singapore were all of the foreign families, with the single exception of one sister unable to come. And with these were many, many of our leading native workers. As the brethren studied their responsibilities and privileges they determined to fix upon a soul-winning goal for the year 1925. Some of the Division brethren made bold to suggest that the goal for the present biennial period, which covers the years 1925 and 1926, be made 1,000 net increase in the church membership. The brethren who are expected to reach any goal that may be fixed were altogether unwilling to assent to such a proposition, and insisted that the goal for the year 1925 alone should be 1,000 net increase of souls won for the Kingdom. After serious consideration of this question, there was a unanimous vote in favor of adopting this goal. May the Lord's blessing attend our associates in the Malaysian Union as they labor on with full confidence in the Lord's power to bring conviction and conversion to a multitude of souls.

Harvest Ingathering Papers for 1925

PREPARATION is now being made to print the 1925 edition of the Harvest Ingathering papers in Chinese. We hope to have these papers ready for delivery earlier this year than heretofore, so that orders from distant places can be filled in good season.

We desire to receive information at an early date as to the number of papers wanted by the various Unions, that we may be in a position to place a printing order for the total number required. If we can do this, the price per copy will doubtless be less than if we should be compelled to have a second order printed. We are glad to report already an order from America for 20,000 copies.

Please send all orders to the Treasury Department of the Far Eastern Division. We shall also be glad to pass on any orders for the English edition that may be placed with us.

H. W. BARROWS.

Notice—Legal Meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium Association

THE regular annual session of the constituency of the Shanghai Sanitarium Association will be held at the Signs of the Times Publishing House Chapel, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, on April 15, 1925, at 10 A.M.

(Signed) I. H. EVANS, *President*
C. C. CRISLER, *Secretary*

Statistical Report for the Fourth Quarter, 1924

IN the center pages of this issue we give the statistical report of the Far Eastern Division for the fourth quarter of 1924. The general annual summaries will appear as usual in a special statistical number to be published early in May, following the close of the Spring Council of the Division Committee.

Some features of the report now being given, may be noted, especially the following:

1. *Stations and outstations.* We are now working in Far Eastern territory from 45 stations, with 436 outstations. Eastern Asia chapel work is regularly carried forward in 481 places where there are church buildings or meeting halls denominationally owned or rented.

2. *Organized churches.* Twenty-five years ago there were not more than two organized churches in all the Far East. To-day there are 251. What hath God wrought!

3. *Baptized membership.* During the year 1924 there was a net gain of 1,999, the total membership on December 31, 1924, being 14,844. We failed of attaining our goal (3,000 net increase during 1924), but the gain that was made, a net increase of 1,999 exceeds that of any preceding year. In many sections of the field faithful efforts have been rewarded with a goodly harvest of souls. Perhaps the most notable feature of the record for the past year, is the fact that 75 of those who have been won, come to us direct from Mohammedanism. Our gains direct from heathenism have constituted so large a percentage of the annual totals, that they are now taken somewhat as a matter of course; but these increasingly large gains from Islam should give occasion for special rejoicing, and for large hope for the future, particularly since within our borders dwell fully fifty million Mohammedans.

4. *Sabbath school membership.* At the close of the year 1924 there were 21,044 enrolled as members of our Far Eastern Division Sabbath schools. This is in excess of the record for any previous year.

5. *Tithes and offerings.* The totals given speak for themselves. In several Unions steady gains have been made in the receipt of tithes and offerings, with consequent blessings to constituencies.

6. *Church buildings.* The number of houses of worship in the Far East denominationally owned, has been materially increased, now being 182.

7. *Church schools.* For the 153 church schools, and 5,023 enrollment, we render thanksgiving to God. In addition there are 10 intermediate schools, with an enrollment of 699, and 5 training schools, with an enrollment of 1005, which gives a grand total of 6,727 of the youth enrolled in our schools.

Taken as a whole, the figures for the fourth quarter of 1924 are such as to lead us one and all to unite in re-consecrating ourselves to God to labor as never before during 1925 for a great ingathering of souls.