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“YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

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THE Saviour gave a forecast of the position His church on earth should occupy when He said, “Ye are the light of the world.” Whenever and wherever Christ has dwelt in the hearts of His children, light has shone forth. When the Holy Spirit withdraws, its light gives place to darkness and confusion.

Christ proclaimed Himself the light of the world. In the church Christ dwells,—not simply in the organization, but in the hearts of His true followers. He is the One who illuminates; He kindles the flame of zeal, and sends forth the light of life through those who believe on His name.

The psalmist says, “Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.” Here we are taught that light is sown for God’s people. As seed sown in the earth bears fruit, so light is sown for the righteous, that it may multiply and increase in the lives of the believers.

The apostle, writing to the church in Thessalonica, used this language, “Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day.” Again we read, “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light.” Thus the Lord identifies Himself with His children. They have no light of themselves, but by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit they become light bearers, and share with Christ the honor of being the Light of the world.

Light radiates. It cannot do otherwise than shine. It dispels darkness. It illuminates and makes manifest. Thus when Christ said to His followers, “Ye are the light of the world,” He only declared the position they held as His ambassadors in the earth, and indicated the work He would have them do. None would expect the church could be the light of the world by inaction and idleness. The gospel in the heart is compared to leaven, which knows no rest until the whole lump is leavened. Light is active. It always shines. Its very nature is to enlighten, and so it must be of any people of whom it can be truly said, “Ye are the light of the world.”



West Visayan Mission General Meeting

L. D. WARREN

THE annual meeting of the West Visayan Mission was held in the city of Iloilo, Panay, April 6 to 11, 1925. This was the most largely attended and perhaps the most spiritual meeting of its kind ever held in this field. Members were in attendance from practically all the fifty-four churches and companies of the mission. The meetings were held in the same hall that has been used for several years, but which is now entirely inadequate to the needs. In fact, the constituency of the mission is becoming so large that no buildings are available to accommodate all who attend these general meetings. And it will soon be necessary to substitute several district meetings for the one large central gathering.

The West Visayan Mission has greatly prospered under the guiding hand of God during the past year. Pastor G. H. Murrin was called from the directorship last December and is now on furlough in the States. Pastor W. H. Bergherm, the present director of the field, is vigorously carrying forward the work, and we believe that days of still greater progress are ahead. During the past conference year there have been seven hundred baptisms in the field, with a net gain in membership of 645. The per cent of gain for the year was 55.6, a record rarely equaled in any part of the world field. The present membership of the mission is 1,805. In 1923 the membership stood at 731; in 1924, at 1,160. Twenty-three candidates were baptized on the last day of the meeting. Thirteen new churches and companies have been added during the past year.

Pastor Bergherm has adopted the policy of not baptizing candidates until they have begun to practice tithing, and this is teaching all the churches a most valuable lesson. The tithing for the year 1924 was approximately P 8,000, and for the first quarter of 1925 more than P 3,000. The field will doubtless increase its percentage of self-support very materially during the present year. Sabbath school offerings and other contributions are also on the increase. Though no large book is now being handled in the Panayan dialect, yet a strong company of colporteurs are active with smaller literature. The magazine work is taking on constantly larger proportions. The number of magazines handled each quarter now exceeds twenty thousand, and this will be increased with the next issues. Literature sales for the year 1924 amounted to \$15,000 gold.

Aside from the director and his corps of workers, those present at this meeting included Pastor E. M. Adams, the one who pioneered this Mission in years when foundations were being laid; Brother M. F. Wiedemann; and the writer, all three representing the Philippine Union Mission. A strong spiritual atmosphere was maintained throughout the session, and much practical instruction was given the people on the duties and privileges of the Christian life. The early morning meetings were a time of special spiritual refreshing. A series of studies was presented in these meetings by Pastor Adams on "Christ our righteousness." Because of the large attendance of unbelievers at the evening sessions, these meetings were devoted to a clear-cut presentation of the leading doc-

trines of the message. The attendance was very large throughout, in spite of the fact that the conference was held during the Catholic holy week and a large carnival was being held in the city at the time. The actual attendance of believers on the closing Sabbath was 1,500. The Sabbath school offerings on that day amounted to P 175.

This mission is becoming well organized for evangelistic and departmental work. The present personnel consists of 21 native and two foreign workers, a very small force indeed when one considers the results that are being obtained in soul winning. The Visayan Islands, like other parts of the Philippines, are now ready for the great harvest of the gospel. One evangelist who is assisted by three other workers, reported a total of 231 baptisms for the conference year; another 170. One lady Bible worker was instrumental in bringing about 61 conversions during the year. The one thought which seems to pervade the mind of every worker is soul-winning and finishing of the gospel. Leaders are being trained for the various departments of the work, and the mission is being organized on an efficient basis. We believe that perfect confidence and cooperation exist throughout the field. The Visayan believers dearly love this message, and are a warm-hearted body of loyal Seventh-day Adventists. With the continued blessing of God, the coming year should witness further substantial gains in this mission. We solicit the earnest prayers of our people for the success of the message in this fruitful field.

"Pointers" for Big Week Workers

1. "I CAN do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.
2. "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VI, p. 333.
3. The people you meet may never have another opportunity to receive the light of truth.
4. Do you work in such a way that Heaven can approve?
5. Carry the sunshine of Heaven's love and peace in your face. It may cause a ray of light to penetrate the darkened soul of some discouraged person whose ears are closed to verbal appeal.
6. Go out in all kinds of weather. The day of the worst weather may prove to be your Biggest Day of the Big Week.
7. Success comes from the Lord; therefore give Him the honor.

"A far greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands and to all peoples. Our books are to be translated and published in many different languages. We should multiply publications on our faith in English, German, French, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and many other tongues; and people of all nationalities should be enlightened and educated, that they, too, may join in the work."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VII, p. 160.

The Sabbath School Department—Far Eastern Division—Convention Resolutions—1925

Resolutions Passed at the Sabbath School

Convention in Shanghai

(April 3-14, 1925)

Gratitude and Consecration

WHEREAS, We recognize the leadership of God through the Spirit in all our missionary endeavors, and inasmuch as this has been especially marked in the Sabbath School, Educational, and Missionary Volunteer work throughout the Division during the years we have labored here, leading this work ever forward in strength and spiritual blessings, bringing enlightening and sanctifying truth to thousands in these far-flung mission fields, and giving strength to the general work of the denomination; and,

WHEREAS, We are aware that our personal weaknesses, shortcomings, and indifferences have made impossible the advance that might have been had we but proved true, and realizing that if we are but faithful in the future to the trust placed in us, the Sabbath School, Educational, and Missionary Volunteer Departments hold promises for good beyond our utmost power of comprehension; therefore,

Resolved, (a) That we tender deep, heart-felt thanks to Almighty God for all advancement made, saying with the Psalmist, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. . . . His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. . . . O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever;" and,

Resolved, (b) That we take this occasion to confess our negligence, acknowledge our shortcomings, and turn in confidence and trust to God, rededicating our lives, all that we are or may be, to the Lord to be used of Him in His work here in the East, promising by His help and grace to be faithful to the Educational, Sabbath School, and Missionary Volunteer Departments, as well as to every other department of His work, in consecrated missionary endeavor.

Having received great help from the counsel and ministry of Pastors C. H. Watson and M. E. Kern in our Convention work, we hereby express to each of them our sincere appreciation of their earnest efforts in our behalf, and extend to the General Conference our thanks for making it possible for these men to be with us on this important occasion; and, further,

We express our appreciation of the messages received from Pastor W. A. Spicer, Professor W. E. Howell, and Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

Sabbath School Offerings—Goals

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school offerings have become a great factor in the advancement of mission work in all lands, in that about one-half of all mission funds are received through the Sabbath School Department; and,

WHEREAS, Our fields in the Far Eastern Division can do much toward the support of mission work by adopting systematic plans and goals for offerings; therefore,

We recommend, (a) That each Union Mission fix a per capita goal for its membership according to local conditions, increasing this goal from time to time according to the ability of its constituency.

(b) That Sabbath school offering goals for the Unions shall be combined to constitute the Sabbath school offering goal for the Far Eastern Division.

(c) That it shall be our aim in the Far Eastern Division as quickly as possible to reach the goal of one thousand dollars gold per week for missions through the Sabbath schools.

WHEREAS, The plan at home is to raise for missions sixty cents gold per week per church member; therefore,

We recommend, That in order that we may not come behind in this good work, all adult foreign members of our Far Eastern Division be encouraged to give an average of one dollar of local currency or the equivalent of fifty cents gold every Sabbath through the Sabbath school.

Reporting the Sabbath School Offerings

In order to bring about perfect accord in the reports of the Sabbath School Department secretary, the Missionary treasurer, and the statistician,

We recommend, (a) That local Sabbath school secretaries and church treasurers make sure that the Sabbath school offerings are carefully and correctly counted and uniformly recorded by each for their respective records and reports.

(b) That in preparing their reports to be forwarded to the next higher officer, the local Sabbath school secretaries and church treasurers make sure that their reports cover the the same period of time, which should include the entire thirteen Sabbaths of the quarter.

The Sabbath School Lesson Hour

WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the Sabbath school is *Bible* study; and,

WHEREAS, There is a tendency to allow special features to take the place and time that belong to the lesson hour; therefore,

We recommend, That we encourage all our Sabbath school superintendents to follow the plan of holding the Sabbath school not less than sixty minutes nor more than seventy-five minutes, beginning promptly on time, and closing just as promptly; and so to arrange all parts of the program that the lesson period shall not be cut short.

Sabbath School Field Help

Recognizing that the Sabbath schools of the Far Eastern Division may become a greater spiritual uplift in the lives of our believers and their children, and a more effective evangelizing agency in behalf of those who are yet in darkness; therefore,

We recommend, That Sabbath school secretaries or their assistants in local missions and conferences be encouraged to spend a large part of their time in their respective fields among the Sabbath schools, endeavoring through institutes, Rally Days, and by personal contact and instruction, to lift our Sabbath schools into better service for the Master.

Caring for the Children

Recognizing the serious neglect that exists in many of our Sabbath schools, of giving proper instruction to the children during the Sabbath school hour, and recognizing also the great truth that if the springtime is wasted there can be no harvest; therefore,

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We recommend, (a) That in all our Sabbath schools, large or small, every child of kindergarten age and upward, be encouraged in regular attendance, and be placed in a class suited to his years, and taught our Sabbath school lessons by the best teachers available.

(b) That definite methods for teaching the children in the Sabbath school be taught in connection with the special training courses to be conducted in our Intermediate and Training schools.

Sabbath School Training Courses in Our Training Schools

WHEREAS, There is a great need in all our Sabbath schools of officers and teachers who have received special instruction in the best ways of doing their work; therefore,

We recommend, (a) That there be conducted in our Intermediate and Training schools, training courses that will provide definite instruction in the following fundamentals:

- 1 The history of the Sabbath school work
- 2 The organization and conduct of Sabbath schools
- 3 The duties of the superintendent
- 4 The duties of the secretary, including special drill on reporting, and looking after the various offerings
- 5 Methods of teaching children
- 6 The use of helps, including the Missions Quarterlies, the Teachers' Training Courses, etc.

(b) That all our young people be encouraged to take this work, that they may not only *know how* to work effectively themselves, when they return to their homes, but that they may also be prepared to instruct others.

Sabbath School Manual

WHEREAS, The Educational Department of the Far Eastern Division in its Educational Convention has passed a recommendation to give a course in departmental training in its training schools; and,

WHEREAS, There is urgent need of a suitable text for use in giving the instruction in the Sabbath school work, in the form of a Manual, with outlines and questions; therefore,

Resolved, (a) That we petition the General Conference Committee to have prepared at the earliest possible date a Manual covering the following points:

- The history of our Sabbath school work
- The organization of the Sabbath schools
- The duties of officers and teachers
- The Home Department
- Reporting
- The use of helps, including the Missions Quarterlies, the Teachers' Training Courses, etc.

(b) That the subject matter of this Manual be accompanied with a series of outlines that will enable those reading English to use it as a text in taking Sabbath school Training, and which may be translated into other languages for those who do not read English.

Sabbath School Teachers and Officers

Recognizing the benefits that our Sabbath schools may receive from continued service on the part of officers and teachers;

We recommend, (a) That the minimum term of service for officers and teachers be six months; and,

(b) That officers and teachers who have proved efficient and faithful be continued long enough to gain real results in their work.

"Special Testimonies on the Sabbath School Work"

WHEREAS, There exists great need of helps for our Sabbath school workers in China, and in other fields of the Far Eastern Division where the Chinese language is used; therefore,

We recommend, That the Signs of the Times Publishing House be urged to print at once the translation of "Special Testimonies on the Sabbath School Work."

The Sabbath School Helper

WHEREAS, It has sometimes occurred that subscriptions to the *Sabbath School Helper* have lapsed for lack of proper notification of expiration; therefore,

We recommend, That the Signs of the Times Publishing House be urged to furnish to each Union Sabbath school secretary a copy of the mailing list used in the Union, in order that the secretary may co-operate with the Publishing House in securing prompt renewals.

Closing the Sabbath School

WHEREAS, There seems to be a tendency in some parts of the Far Eastern Division field, for the Sabbath-school officers to imitate the regular church service by kneeling before the service, and closing with a benediction; therefore,

We recommend, (a) That on taking their seats, the leaders of the Sabbath school bow their heads for a moment in silent prayer; and,

(b) That the Sabbath school be dismissed by a song, followed by the recital of an appropriate text, such as Numbers 6:24-26; Genesis 31:49; Psalm 19:14; the Lord's prayer, or a moment of silent prayer.

Chinese Class Record Blanks

WHEREAS, The class record in Chinese needs certain additions in order to give all the information now called for; therefore,

We recommend, That the Signs of the Times Publishing House be asked to stock a new supply of class record blanks, using the revision supplied.

Reward for Daily Study and Perfect Attendance

In order to promote and encourage the plans of the Sabbath School Department for Daily Study and Perfect Attendance,

We recommend, That a new reward card or picture be prepared to be given to those who have received four consecutive Blue Seals for Perfect Attendance, or four consecutive Red Seals for Daily Study, these attainments to be indicated on the Reward by suitable seals.

Star Memory Work

WHEREAS, The Word of God, stored up in the mind, is a defense against temptation and will be a refuge in the time of trouble so soon to come upon all the world; therefore,

We recommend, (a) That the Sabbath schools in the Far Eastern Division adopt the memory work outlined for the coming biennial period by the Sabbath School Department of the Far Eastern Division, as follows:

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- 1 The Ninety-first Psalm
- 2 Texts on the love of God
- 3 Texts on the Sabbath
- 4 Texts on the Second Advent
- 5 Texts on the Home of the Saved

(b) That the slips containing these Scripture references be supplied free to all who will undertake this memory work, and that we suggest that they be pasted inside the Bible, so they will be always at hand,

(c) That the certificate prepared by the Signs of the Times Publishing House be supplied free by the Union Missions to those who do the required memory work.

The Successful Sabbath School

S. A. NAGEL

THE secret of success is found in The Book. The word "success" appears in our King James version only three times, and two of these are marginal readings. In each instance success is promised only on condition of absolute obedience.

To Joshua the Lord said: "This Book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have *good success*." Joshua 1:8.

David says: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: *good success* have all they that do His commandments." Psalm 111:10.

The Wise Man adds: "My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tables of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor and *good success* in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:1-4.

The successful Sabbath school is the school conducted after God's order, which accomplishes the full purpose for which it was established; namely, the upbuilding of the whole church in the knowledge of the Scriptures through systematic study, and the interesting of non-Christians in saving truth. Every Sabbath school, like Moody's Sunday school, should be a soul-trap. To this end we briefly emphasize a few points which factor in success:

1. Consecrated, intelligent *leadership*. The Chinese church stands greatly in need of leaders who appreciate the value and importance of the Sabbath school. Not long ago a worker in our field remarked, "It isn't much work to run a Sabbath school." Like his school, things left to run themselves, only run down hill. To have a successful Sabbath school takes much thought, prayer, and hard work. Such a school must have a leader who has love, a good voice, tact, impartiality, originality, and zeal. People who are more dead than alive don't make good Sabbath-school leaders. There is room in our Sabbath schools in China for vast improvement in the training of efficient Sabbath school leaders, both superintendents and secretaries.

2. The successful Sabbath school has *order, system, and variety*. These three tend to increase the interest and to

promote peace of mind and spiritual thought. It begins on time and ends on time. "Our Sabbath schools should be made more interesting. The public schools have of late years greatly improved their methods of teaching. Object lessons, pictures, and blackboards are used to make difficult lessons clear to the youthful mind. Just so may present truth be simplified, and made intensely interesting to the active minds of the children."—"Testimonies," Volume IV, pages 69, 70.

3. No Sabbath school can be a full success without *trained teachers*,—teachers who will teach instead of preach; teachers who know the value of the souls who belong to their class; teachers who will hold the interest of the whole class all the time; teachers who face their classes and speak so that every one in the class hears all that is said.

4. The successful Sabbath school has some warm-hearted, cordial person who will take a special interest in all visitors. He will see that they get into a class, where the teacher welcomes them and tactfully tells them that common talking is not in order in God's house, that men do not wear their hats in church, etc.

5. Last, but not least, while the successful Sabbath school cannot be measured in dollars and cents, no Sabbath school can be termed a success unless each member is doing his part in the giving of offerings to the work of the Lord. Truly converted men and women *will* study the Bible, *will* be on time to service each Sabbath, *will* give to the Lord's work. Love is a better word than duty.

To sum up, the successful Sabbath school has a live, earnest, sober, cheerful, tactful, Christian leader; a secretary who knows how to write interesting, varied reports, and who has a clear voice easily heard by all; a program of song, prayer, Bible-reading, review, lesson study, blackboard drawing, special songs, Thirteenth Sabbath readings, donations talks or charts, dialogues, memory verses, etc., so varied from week to week that interest will increase; a band of earnest, qualified teachers, who have had the advantage of daily lesson study and instructive teachers' meeting; small classes where possible; a missionary spirit to bring others to the school, and a warm welcome for all who come. Such a Sabbath-school, conducted with reverence for the House of God, in an orderly, prayerful, yet cheerful spirit, cannot fail to receive the blessing of God which assures success.

Some Practical Suggestions

F. H. DE VINNEY

(Note.—These suggestions by one of the senior members of our missionary force in the Far East, are gleaned from Pastor De Vinney's biennial report given in Hongkong last March.)

THOSE of us who have had the benefit of model Sabbath schools as conducted in the homelands, should take ceaseless care to interest ourselves in teaching others regarding the proper program to follow in the Sabbath school, and in training officers and teachers in school management, the keeping of proper records, and in the making out of understandable and accurate reports in order that all these may serve their intended purpose. When reports are incomplete, or carelessly made out, or when they reach headquarters only after long and inexcusable delay, they fail of fulfilling their intended purpose. Reports should be made out the day following the close of the quarter, at latest, and forwarded promptly.

The Big Week for 1925—A Symposium

Big Week

"When I appear
 You need not fear,
 But get your books all ready,
 Big Week, you know,
 Is the time to go,
 With courage strong and steady."

The Missions Extension Fund

J. J. SRAHLE

ONE of the important events in our Adventist calendar is the Big Week. The Big Week has become a definite part of our organized work, and our people look forward to this campaign with interest. In the four years that have just passed we have seen a wonderful expansion of the Missions Extension Fund. As a result of the Big Week effort, almost \$600,000 has been raised for land, buildings, equipment, and working capital for publishing centers throughout the world. Only a tithe of this development could have been accomplished were it not for the Missions Press Extension Fund, to which has been credited the Big Week effort.

At the Autumn Council of 1924, the Missions Press Extension Fund was enlarged to include help for schools and dispensaries in mission lands. The financial returns from now on will no longer be called the Missions Press Fund, but its new name will be Missions Extension Fund, for it will be disbursed in the interest of publishing, educational and medical work in mission lands.

The goal for 1925 has been set at \$135,000 gold, and the General Conference Extension Fund Budget provides for the following distribution of this sum of money:

| PUBLISHING | EDUCATIONAL | MEDICAL |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$87,334.84 | \$24,000.00 | \$26,000.00 |

The money raised by our brethren during the Big Week will provide facilities for the various institutions. We believe God will richly bless such efforts to hasten on His good work in the earth.

In view of the great need, I am confident that every believer will desire to do his part in the swelling of the Missions Extension Fund. Some of our workers may say, "We will give a day's salary," and feel that they have done their duty. That is not the prime objective of Big Week, but rather that we devote a little time meeting the people and selling literature, and apply the profits to the Missions Extension Fund, as well as a day's salary. Our lay members are encouraged to devote six hours during the Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund, and if any find it impossible to devote time and effort to the sale of literature, it is suggested that an offering be made of at least a day's salary.

Our goal for the Far Eastern Division is \$10,000 gold. This is an average personal goal of about \$1.40 gold for each member. The amount is small, and if every one of our believers, nearly 14,000 in number, will accept as his task the proposed goal, a splendid sum will be raised. If each member will do his duty we shall go far beyond the goal set for the Division. May we all share in the task and in the blessing God has in store for those who enter the Big Week campaign wholeheartedly.

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World Goal:
 \$135,000

Now and Then

I. H. EVANS

It is a common saying that man has two things ever before him—taxes and death. *Now* and *then* other things are sandwiched in, and the Big Week is coming,—it is almost here.

The Big Week is in need of you as a booster and a promoter. It needs you *now*. It needs every salaried worker who can enter the field for one week to sell literature.

The profits on that week of sales are not to be personal.

They belong to the cause of God. In addition to the profits on the week of sales there is to be donated one day's salary from all who receive a salary.

All regular canvassers are asked to donate the profits of the day in the Big Week which has the largest sales. That is their contribution to the cause.

Each church member is asked and urged to spend a definite amount of time selling literature, and to donate all profits, or to give the earnings of one day to the work.

Now is the time to enter into the spirit of the day.

Now is the time to get ready for it.

Now is the time to decide that you will take part in the Big Week.

Then there will be funds in the treasury to help in our educational, publishing and medical work.

Then with each doing his share, we can see our needy schools better equipped, hospitals opened with large possibilities before them of affording physical aid to many.

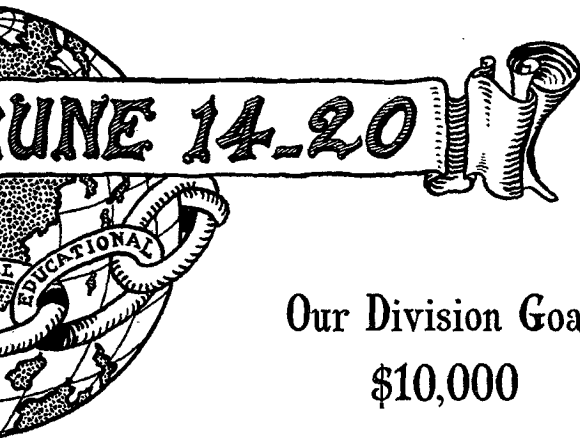
Then our publishing houses can publish more and better literature for the many. *Now* is the time to work; *then* will come the day of growth and improvements in these three great fields of activity.

Now for the Big Week to gather funds; *then* for enjoying the helps with which to forward the work.

REMEMBER! The General Conference recommendation is "that both earnings and a day's salary be dedicated to the Missions Extension Fund."

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| If my day's salary is | \$ 5.00 |
| And my week's sales amount to \$200, there will be a profit of | 100.00 |
| And my contribution to the Missions Extension Fund will be | \$105.00 |

EXTENSION FUND



Our Division Goal:
\$10,000

Three Links

R. W. PAUL, M. D.

AS OUR medical workers scattered throughout the world have learned of the action taken at the Fall Council of 1924, making the Publishing, Educational, and Medical Departments co-sharers in the Big Week campaign and in the benefits derived therefrom, I am sure their hearts have been caused to rejoice.

For several reasons this arrangement seems altogether fitting. In many instances, as the young men and women from our schools go out into the field during their summer vacations to earn scholarships, they find sickness in the homes they visit. They can then bring into play the simple treatments taught them in their classes. Relief has been brought to many sufferers in this way. It is thus that the medical missionary work has at times proven an entering wedge in the labors of those engaged in evangelistic canvassing for the purpose of securing an education in our schools, in preparation for service.

When a few short years ago the Spirit of Prophecy called upon our people to lift the debts of our educational and medical institutions through the sale of our publications, the Educational, Medical and Publishing Departments were brought close together; and now surely the Big Week will more solidly cement this union.

I am confident I voice the sentiment of all our medical workers in the Far East when I say we have deep interest in the Big Week, and will do all we can to make it an even greater success, if possible, than it has been during the hitherto fruitful years of effort under the auspices of the Publishing Department alone.

Wesley's Slogan

"ALL at it, at all times, in all places, and in all ways."

REMEMBER, you are on the preferred list. We are expecting big things from you during Big Week.

DON'T let anyone point his finger at you and say, "You didn't work Big Week."

The Relation of the Educational Department to the Big Week Missions Extension Plan

S. L. FROST

THE educational work of Seventh-day Adventists occupies a most important place all over the world. Workers for each department in every land are recruited from the students and graduates of our schools. Without our schools it would be difficult to carry forward advance movements or to keep a steady stream of hundreds of workers crossing the ocean and taking up missionary work in the great mission fields of earth.

It is well understood that the General Conference in its work of establishing, developing and maintaining a large number of primary schools, academies and colleges, carries a heavy financial burden.

For a few years past a project, known as Big Week, for raising a Missions Press Extension Fund, has been promoted by the Publishing Department of the General Conference, having as its aim the providing of facilities, in men and equipment, for advancing the publishing work. As a result, the publishing interests of the denomination have been greatly advanced in mission lands.

At the time of the 1924 Fall Council plans were perfected for extending to the Educational and Medical Departments the benefits of the Publishing Fund plan. Henceforth the fund is to be known as the Missions Extension Fund, and is to be apportioned to educational and medical institutions as well as to publishing houses. It is indeed magnanimous of the Publishing Department, after seeing a good plan started and satisfactory results attained, to acquiesce cheerfully to the plan of the General Conference to open the doors to two other Departments.

In 1925 the Educational and Medical Departments are to realize some \$25,000 each from the proceeds of the Big Week campaign; and in 1926 these Departments are to share alike with the Publishing, each Department receiving one-third of the proceeds secured.

In view of these facts, it is especially fitting that there be full and hearty cooperation in this campaign on the part of all our educational leaders, educational secretaries and teachers, as well as the teachers in our schools.

An action passed at the recent Educational Convention at Shanghai suggests one way in which we may do our part in helping to make the campaign a success:

"In harmony with the plans for the Big Week Missions Extension Fund, which now includes medical and educational projects, as well as the development of publishing work.

"We Recommend, That our denominational schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week."

This plan for one or more field days calls for our teachers and students to go out during Big Week and do our best in selling literature, giving the proceeds to this enterprise. Let all our schools, especially those carrying work beyond six grades, take hold of this plan earnestly, putting in faithful time and effort.

There will be other ways in which our educators in the Far East may give this Big Week plan a good lift. I urge all to give that degree of encouragement and help to this enterprise that so worthy a campaign deserves, and let us see if there will not be a substantial surplus over the \$135,000 goal that has been set as the goal for the world field.

The Big Week Missions Extension Fund—Far Eastern Division—June 14-20, 1925

The Five-fold Blessing of Big Week

M. E. KERN

BIG WEEK is one of our plans for advancing the work of God in the world in which all our people may have a part. In doing this work there are at least five blessings. They are,—

1. The blessing to our Publishing Department, in helping to establish and equip publishing houses for more and better work. Our publishing houses must be strengthened year by year to do their work of publishing in all languages the message that is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

2. The blessing to our medical work, in providing sanitariums and hospitals. These are very much needed, that the sick may be treated, nurses trained, and the people taught how to care for their health.

3. The blessing to be gained by the building of schools for the education of our children and the training of workers. When we give ourselves to God, He fills our hearts with a great purpose to carry the message to others. To do this we need a preparation. Many Seventh-day Adventists who are not young people go to school to prepare to become soul-winners. All our children should receive a Christian education, and for this purpose schools are needed. Now we are building a training school for China, and there are other needs in different parts of this great Far Eastern Division. Surely all who are teachers and students will take a special interest in this Big Week effort. And our Missionary Volunteers everywhere should be much interested also. Every Missionary Volunteer is either in school or wants to be. All should get out and work for the upbuilding of our schools.

4. The blessing to the people to whom we sell the literature. These books and magazines are sharp arrows of truth to send conviction to the hearts of the people. Many of these people will want more literature, and doubtless many will come into the truth. This has already been true in different parts of the world where the Big Week effort has been made.

5. The special blessing to those who take part in Big Week. All we do for the Lord reacts in blessing upon ourselves. As we go out to help others our own hearts are filled with love, for love increases by exercise. God has chosen "to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ, and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, and the spiritual uplifting which results from this unselfish ministry." "*Steps to Christ*," *Pocket Edition*, page 79. And one of the greatest blessings is that many who take part in this work will continue to sell our literature right through the year.

Surely all of us want a part in this work which has five blessings in it! May the Lord help us all to make June 14-20 truly a Big Week,—a Big Week of work, a Big Week of blessing to others, a Big Week to our institutions, and a Big Week to ourselves.

"THROUGHOUT our churches there is to be a re-conversion and re-consecration to service."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VIII, p. 46.

"Big Week"

W. P. HENDERSON

ONE of the most successful campaigns for raising money that has been carried on by the denomination for the past few years is the Big Week campaign. One reason for its success is because it is conducted on sound principle,—that of unselfish service. Salesmanship is the rendering of a distinct service, and it is a service for which the world is willing to pay a good price. Those taking part in Big Week go to the public with an article of the highest value—literature that contains teachings which if accepted and lived out will bring eternal life. The fact that the prospective buyer does not recognize his need does not change the fact of that need. The service lies in arousing a desire to buy and thus fill the need.

There is a certain pleasure in approaching a man with a proposition to which he has never given thought, and leading him to the place where he desires something to the extent that he is willing to part with his money to get it. Couple with that the knowledge that the service rendered may lead to the winning of a soul for Christ, and you have a very interesting work.

In 1921 a five-year program for building up the publishing work in mission fields was begun. The method chosen for raising the funds for this important work was what is known as "Big Week." While the five year program is not yet completed, the plan has been so successful that for 1925 the funds are to be divided with the Educational and Medical Departments. In asking to join with the Publishing Department in building up schools and medical work in mission fields through the Big Week plan, these Departments have given assurance that it will not be merely as a dividing of the receipts, but that the Educational and Medical Departments will add their strength to the enterprise to such an extent that a much larger work will be done.

Besides the completing of the unfinished Publishing Department program in the Far East, it is planned to raise \$6,000 gold this year for dispensaries in China. Surely we in China should have a part in raising this money.

You who have already taken part in Big Week will join again this year without question. To you who have never taken part let me say that if you want a change of work for a time, and a thrill of joy from service rendered, join prayerfully in selling gospel-filled literature. Be alert for opportunities of speaking a word to a soul groping for light; make records of names to follow up with personal work later, and you will finish your day with a glow in your heart, an offering in your hand, and infinite possibilities for eternity left with the people whom you have visited.

ONE sister did not wait until Big Week to get out with her books, but took a few on her way to work one morning, and we quote the following from her letter:

"On my way to work I went by the church and selected ten of the small books, and sold them all in about five minutes. Some people would take two books. I am running ahead of Big Week. Guess this is all right, is it not?"

It surely is quite all right to take part in a good work at any time.

Big Week Facts

1. *The date:* June 14-20, 1925.
2. *Location:* Throughout the Far Eastern Division.
3. *For Whom:* Every Seventh-day Adventist and friend of the cause of missions.
4. *The Purpose:* To provide the 1925 Missions Extension Fund with \$10,000 gold.
5. *Enterprises to be Benefited:* Mission dispensaries, schools, and publishing plants.
6. *Who are to Take Part:* All workers and church members, both adult and young people.
7. *The Plan:* Through the sale of literature, to place the message of truth in thousands of homes; and through the profits on sales to raise the required amount for the Missions Extension Fund.

All the workers are to contribute a day's salary in addition to the profits from the literature sold.

The colporteurs will give the profits of their biggest day's sales during the Big Week.

The lay members are urged to spend six hours in selling literature and give the profits of the same. If they are unable to do this, they are encouraged to give a day's salary to the Missions Extension Fund.

A True Vision of the Big Week Campaign

J. J. STRAHLE

YEAR by year, as our vision enlarges of the possibilities wrapped in the Missions Extension Fund plan, Big Week becomes a bigger occasion to us all. When the plan was inaugurated I welcomed it because of the added impetus it would be to our book work. As the world-embracing possibilities of building mission schools, dispensaries, and publishing plants in all lands were gradually unfolded, my enthusiastic interest in the Extension Fund plan has grown in proportion.

When speaking and writing to our people about the Big Week, let us help them to realize that in the Big Week there is more than merely a scheme to sell literature and raise money. They must catch a vision of the relation of Big Week to the finishing of the work in all lands. Our object primarily is not monetary gain, but the saving of men's souls.

Brethren, Take Courage

J. J. STRAHLE

IN a time like this, when an appeal is made for every one to participate in the Big Week campaign, the devil immediately busies himself in an effort to persuade us that our other duties are more necessary. Our hearts begin to flutter, and fear rises in our minds at the very thought of going to the shops and mansions around the corner to canvass for a book. And soon the thought comes that Brother and Sister Blank both have a special gift for canvassing. Let them take a part in the Big Week; it is quite out of my line.

Brethren, such reasoning is entirely wrong. Every individual who has at any time in this world's history done anything worth while has had to "screw up his courage" before he could attack the job. If you truly believe with all your hearts the message we profess, the Holy Spirit will prompt the people you visit, to buy; and our literature will meet with a ready sale wherever it is exhibited.

Brethren, take courage, and enjoy the blessings imparted to those who have a part in the Big Week campaign.

Central China Union—Biennial Session

Biennial Report of the Central China Union Mission, 1923-1924

(A synopsis of the report rendered by the Union superintendent, Pastor O. A. Hall, at the general meeting in Hankow, May, 1925)

ANOTHER two years in the history of our work in the Central China Union Mission have passed away, and again by the blessing of God we are permitted to assemble in biennial session.

Gratitude

We would not at this time be unmindful of the many blessings our Heavenly Father has so freely bestowed, and we would render to Him heartfelt gratitude. While at one time or another during the past two years war and banditry have existed in every part of our Union, yet under the guiding hand of God the work has gone steadily forward. Our workers have been in journeyings often, with conditions of travel such as have not been known before in the history of our work in Central China. They have been in perils of waters, as many sections have been devastated by floods beyond anything experienced in decades. They have been in perils of robbers, at times being in the very midst of evil men, who by kindness and courtesy have been won to friendship.

Of the perplexities that have arisen, the anti-Christian movement is not the least. This movement has swept our union, and much anxiety has been caused as to the outcome and the results. But through it all our Heavenly Father has exercised His tender care.

In Memory

Our hearts have been made sad by the loss of two of our workers. Evangelist Li Gwei Fu of Hunan and Evangelist Li Sin Dji of Honan have been taken from us by death. We desire to convey to the bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy, and solicit for them the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and we must continue to encourage them to hold fast the hope set before us.

Welcome

We appreciate the action of the General Conference in arranging for Pastor Watson and Professor Kern to visit our Union. Professor Kern's efforts in connection with our student bodies and the one provincial meeting he attended were greatly appreciated by all, and the results have been encouraging. We extend to Pastor Watson a hearty welcome to this meeting, and to our Union. We welcome again Brother and Sister Evans to our midst, and also extend to Brother Strahle a hearty welcome as he is with us for the first time in Union session.

To our workers and delegates from the five Missions of this Union, we extend a hearty welcome. We are glad so many can be in attendance, and trust we may together have a real spiritual uplift and be better fitted for the period of service before us.

Our Field

The Lord, in sending forth His messengers, and outlining the work, indicated that the field is the world. Our part of this world-wide field embraces the central provinces of China. We are in the very heart of this great and needy land. The Lord has laid upon this body of workers the

grave responsibility of carrying this saving message to more than one-fourth of the population of China, totaling 127,000,000 people within our six provinces. Our field, constituting more than one-fourth the entire area of China, extends from near the sea in the south-west to the far distant Chinese Turkestan in the north-west, a distance by route of travel of nearly 200 miles, requiring two months or more of time to cover the distance without stop. Over this extensive territory, in spite of the many difficulties, hindrances, and delays in travel, this message must be quickly carried.

Extension of our Work

We regret that greater results in the extension of our work in this Union cannot be reported, for truly the time is here, and rapidly passing by, when a greater work than has been accomplished in the earth is to be done.

We do thank God for the progress made in the five provinces where we are conducting organized work. Since last we met Shensi has been given some foreign help, and during the past year mission homes have been erected, which indicates permanency.

We are glad to note the substantial gains made in the membership in most of the provinces. While the net gain of 247 members is not as large as we would like to see, yet as far as we are able to learn from available statistics it is one of the largest, if not the largest, gains made in any similar period during the history of the Union. Yet how small it seems, and how our hearts should be stirred to do greater things when we think that during the two years we gained on the average of but a little more than one new member for each worker. If with our present force of paid laborers we could reach an average of even eight new members during the next biennial period, we would double our present membership. This seems like a small undertaking for two years of work. If we could from the time of this meeting on fully consecrate ourselves to more earnest and faithful service and be endued with that measure of the Holy Spirit that we should have, could not that goal be fully reached?

In the losses sustained, perhaps our Educational work has suffered more than any other department. In number of schools we have lost eleven. The probable cause of this is the difficulty of maintaining a staff of qualified teachers who can produce the desired results. The schools now in operation are mostly meeting with success.

Our Sabbath schools throughout the Union are practically where they were two years ago. We have lost seven in membership, and gained a few dollars in offerings. The departmental work has been carried by those already loaded with other responsibilities, and the attention needed to build up this most important branch within the church has been impossible. We trust with the inspiration of the recent convention, which all our secretaries attended, this department may go forward during the coming years, and that the next report may show a substantial gain.

The most encouraging gain made in any department is that seen in the circulation of our literature. The Lord has greatly blessed the work of this department, and much credit is due the faithful efforts put forth by those in the Union and local missions to forward the work under the dangerous and trying conditions that have existed. We will leave to those who have led our fields in making the greatest gain in our history to tell the story of the 64 per cent, or \$18,147.45 Mex., increase in sales, and how it has been accomplished.

There has been a gain of about 12½ per cent in tithes and about 6 per cent in all other offerings, with a small loss in Harvest Ingathering receipts. In a number of cases our Ingathering has been for church extension and naturally has not appealed to the public as strongly as some other object would have done.

It is the aim of this Union to have, as quickly as possible, a church or chapel property of our own wherever we have a company of believers. To this end we have already acquired one-third as many places of our own as we have stations, and in addition there are a number of places pawned, both of which eliminates permanently from our budget calls for a large amount of rentals. We trust that this item may in the near future be entirely eliminated.

Permanent and temporary losses in our laboring force have materially affected our Union, and the manning of the field has not been without difficulty and perplexity, and the success of the work has been to some extent affected.

During the biennial period we lost permanently four families. We are glad to report that two new families joined our ranks last year; and early this year, two new families have answered our calls. On behalf of the laborers of this Union we extend to these four families a hearty welcome to our midst as fellow-laborers.

The Unfinished Task

As we look over our field, broad in extent and populous in inhabitants, and see the task as yet unfinished, and even barely touched in many sections, with one province still unentered, together with scores of prefectures, hundreds of cities and thousands of villages still unwarmed, our hearts cry out, "Who is sufficient for these things?" When we think of five per cent of those living within our borders passing beyond our reach in death each year, and the multitudes still in heathen darkness, bowing down to idols of wood and stone, without knowledge and hope in Christ and His soon appearing, our hearts burn within us, and the weight of this solemn responsibility rests down heavily upon us. May God stir all our hearts to greater earnestness and faithfulness in winning back to Him the lost to whom He has sent us.

Plans and Needs

As we think of the accomplishment of the work yet before us, it is our aim as quickly as possible to enter the north-west province of Kansu and carry the message to that distant unentered section of our Union. We need workers to enter that field and lead in opening the work. We need means with which to send these workers and open stations. It is our plan to press into unentered sections of fields already as we can, until all within our territory have heard the warning message. One urgent need in this Union is for a family who can devote their full time to the departmental work. The work in all departments in the churches must be kept strong, and every member enlisted in service in some definite line. There is great need of some one to give careful supervision to the work of the departments throughout the Union and we are hoping this need may be soon supplied.

We would encourage all our missions to urge forward the plans already set in operation to have every church and company provided with permanent places of worship, and to do all possible to provide local self-support in connection with our outstations. We feel that the plans for increasing our tithes and offerings should be enthusiastically pushed forward with the view of reaching as soon as possible the self-supporting basis in our evangelistic work.

Above all, the great need in our work is to realize that "When we have entire, whole hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure," and that there will be "no limit to the usefulness of those who, putting self aside, make room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts," that through us there may be an abundant harvest of souls, and a church made ready for the coming of Christ.

Appreciation and Conclusion

In addition to our gratitude to God for the many blessings we have received in our labors for Him, we wish to express our appreciation to all the workers of this Union for the hearty co-operation that has existed, and for the unity of heart and purpose in which the work has been carried forward.

It now seems necessary and advisable for the writer to lay down his responsibility as superintendent of this Union and return to America. The two and a half years during which we have been connected with you in labor have been pleasant ones. Better unity, cooperation and sympathy could not have been asked, and it is with deep sorrow that we sever our associations with you. After nearly sixteen years' connection with the work in China, during which time it has been our privilege to be an eye-witness to the growth of the work from a few stations in Central Honan and a few in Kwantung, with but about 100 baptized members in all China, to its present status, with work being conducted in 16 provinces and nearly 300 outstations, with a membership of 5500 baptized believers, together with the many personal blessings received in connection with this work, we wish to express our joy in being privileged to have a part in connection with the development of this work. And now, with deep regret, we lay down our labors in this field, at least for a time; but we shall still continue to carry the work and every worker upon our heart; and our earnest prayer is that God may richly bless you all and greatly prosper His work as it moves forward in China and in the Central China Union. We also solicit an earnest interest in your prayers that the God who has guided in the past may still continue to guide our future, and if consistent with His will, that we may again have the fulfilment of our desire to take up our labors for Him in China.

O. A. HALL.

The Yencheng Dispensary-Hospital

THE work of the Yencheng Hospital for the past biennial term, though not all that we would desire, has been one of encouragement in many ways; and while we cannot boast of any special growth or financial gain, still we can trace the guiding hand of the Great Physician in results attained. Because of the very unsettled conditions through war and banditry, one or both of which have ruled almost continually, the people have suffered financially and physically. Many who have come to the hospital for help have been the victims of these lawless conditions. We have had evidence that the help given to these needy souls has not been in vain. Seeds have been sown in the hearts of many that have caused hope and faith to take the place of fear and superstition, and some have expressed their desire to know more of the gospel and its power to change the life.

The number of patients treated during the two-year period, and the receipts, are as follows:—

During the year 1923 we had 4,510 cases treated at the dispensary, and 300 patients in the hospital. During the year 1924 we treated 6,549 cases in the dispensary, and had 358 hospital patients. The receipts during 1923 were \$4,208.40 Mex., with \$300 Mex. in special charity work; in 1924 the receipts were \$3,220 Mex., with \$400 Mex. of special charity work. The number of hospital patients, though small, includes a number from surrounding districts who have been relieved not only of physical suffering, but from their burden of sin as well.

During the latter part of 1924 we were encouraged by the coming in of much needed help—workers who could care for the spiritual and other requirements of our hospital family. Pastor Liu Djen Bang came to give Bible instruction to patients and nurses. Miss Johnson came to join our medical staff, and has been giving faithful instruction to the nurses in training.

About two years ago, land was purchased in order that we might establish a compound for our mission workers; and on this land two homes for hospital families have already been built. Later, seven mow of land was added to the east of the hospital compound, which gives space for expansion.

Some thought has been given to the problem of answering calls for dispensary work in places near enough to the main hospital to be served from this center. The first little branch to be opened, is a dispensary at Yencheng station, within a mile from the main institution; and here we are trying out the extension plan. To such places patients unable to visit our main institution, can be served, including women with bound feet who cannot walk far, and who cannot afford any means of conveyance to our main hospital. With nurses now in training, we hope later to do such extension work in yet other places round about.

Honan was one of the first of the provinces of China to be entered by Seventh-day Adventists; here it was that our medical work was started; and as yet it is the only province in Central China where a medical institution has been established. Let us pray that with better organization and additional workers trained by us, we shall be able to get out into many parts of this field to teach and to help in a practical way the people who are so greatly in need of medical aid.

H. C. JAMES, M. D.

Dates of Union Sessions and Other Meetings

DATES of Union sessions have been fixed as follows: Central China, May 8-16; North China, May 21-25; Chosen, May 29 to June 6; Manchuria, June 10-18; Harbin, June 19-21; Japan, June 26 to July 4; South Chekiang provincial meeting, June 12-20.

Dates of 1926 Spring Council Meetings: Institutional board meetings, March 31, 1926; Publishers' and Bookmen's Conventions, April 1-6, 1926; Institutional board meetings, April 7, 8, 1926; Far Eastern Division Spring Council, April 9-17, 1926.

Division Publishers' and Bookmen's Convention—1926

A PUBLISHERS' and Bookmen's Convention is to be held in Shanghai April 1-6, 1926, at which shall be present the managers of the five denominational publishing houses in the Far East, together with foreign Union Field Missionary Secretaries.

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The Statistical Number

Bearing date of June, 1925, the statistical number of the *Outlook*, covering the activities and advances of the Far Eastern Division during the year 1924, and showing our membership totals for Dec. 31, 1924, is being sent out almost simultaneously with our May issue. With the statistical tables has been included a synopsis of the proceedings of the Spring Council, together with several of the resolutions of general interest.

Statistics of the Far Eastern Division for the first quarter of 1925 are now coming in, and those in hand by the close of June will be published in the July number. The faithfulness of the Union secretaries in sending in these reports in time to be published ninety days after the close of the quarter, is appreciated; and in this work the provincial mission secretaries have had a very vital part to act. The entire system of reporting, although bringing perplexity at times to the provincial and Union secretaries, brings also its own reward in fuller knowledge of net results and of conditions and needs.

Reports from Union Sessions

The biennial session of the Central China Union, held in Hankow during the month of May, was well attended by workers from the various provinces included in that Union. A synopsis of the report of the superintendent, Pastor O. A. Hall, appears on pages nine to eleven of this issue, and reveals substantial progress along many lines. Several of the reports given during the meeting, are in hand, and these will be published in abridged form in our July number, together with reports from the North China Union session, which was held soon after the close of the Central China meeting. Still other biennial Union sessions scheduled for late May and the month of June are Chosen, Manchuria, and Japan, in the order named; these will be reported in due course. In addition to Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans and Pastor J. J. Strahle, from Division headquarters, these meetings are being attended by Pastor C. H. Watson, vice-president of the General Conference, and by Pastor O. A. Hall, of the Central China Union. Brethren Watson and Hall sail for the States early in July, immediately following the close of the Japan Union session.

The Midsummer Offering—1925

Attention is directed to the Midsummer Offering appointed by the General Conference for Sabbath, July 18, 1925. Our constituencies should be notified early, so they may be prepared to bring in an offering for the general mission funds on this day. During the Spring Council some of the brethren were asked to prepare short readings on this offering, and these will soon be sent out for translation into the leading vernaculars used by our brethren and sisters in the Far East. It is desired that proper publicity be given this offering, and that all be encouraged to have a part in it.

The Shanghai Missionary College—

Change of Name

With the early removal of the work of the Shanghai Missionary College from its present quarters at 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, to its new country site at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu Province, China, the name of this training-school for all China is being changed to China Missionary Junior College. In the Chinese character it is to be known as 中華三育學校. Professor Rebok, the president of the China Missionary Junior College, has returned early from his furlough, in order to join Brother C. F. Colton, the Division building superintendent, with Brethren Barrows, Frost, Shull, Guild, and others, in an effort to get all things in readiness for the scheduled opening date, September 28, 1925. The task before these brethren is no light one, and they surely will have the prayers and support of all as they endeavor to effect this change of location with no break in the running of the College.

Harvest Ingathering Papers for 1925

Orders for 1925 Harvest Ingathering papers, in various languages, should be sent in at once to Mr. H. W. Barrows, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The Chinese edition will be issued with and without price printed on the outside cover. In giving your order, please specify how many of the Chinese papers should bear no price mark, and how many should.

The Big Week Campaign

Space is gladly given in this issue to a presentation of campaign plans for the annual Big Week appointed for June 14-20, 1925. With so many opportunities for establishing contacts and placing truth-filled literature, to say naught of substantial benefits accruing to our institutional work,—we surely can enter upon Big Week with enthusiasm, and make every day count toward the attainment of our respective goals. Malaysia's published goal is \$5,000 gold; their actual goal as talked of and determined upon among themselves is \$20,000 Straits! If a constituency of 1,500 can think in such terms, what could not our entire constituency of nearly 15,000 do, were we all to do our very best during Big Week.

Assignment and Transfer of Workers

(As arranged during the 1925 Spring Council)

That Dr. L. H. Butka and family be assigned the Central China Union, for service in the Yen-cheng Hospital-Dispensary during the year the Drs. James are on furlough.

That Brother A. N. Kovshar and family, of Harbin, be transferred from the Sungari-Mongolian Mission to the Manchurian Union Mission.

That Brother and Sister E. Bahr and Sister Ihlenfeldt, of Central Europe, be assigned to the Chosen Union Mission.

That Brother J. Effenberg, soon to arrive from Central Europe, be assigned to the West China Union.

That Brother C. A. Woolsey and family be assigned to the West China Union.

That Brother L. H. Davies and family be assigned to the North China Union.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shaw, of Kiu-kiang, Kiangsi, on April 25, a daughter, Sylvia June.

Arrivals

Brother and Sister C. A. Woolsey reached Shanghai May 18, and went on up the Yangtze River five days later, accompanied by Pastor S. H. Lindt of Chengtu. Brother Woolsey has been assigned to the West China Union as a bookman, and will spend his first year in language study at Chengtu.

Prof. and Mrs. D. E. Rebok and children returned to Shanghai from their furlough, May 18, glad to be back in China, and ready to enter at once upon their work. Brother Rebok continues as head of the China Missionary Junior College.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Haysmer are now in attendance at the Language School in Seoul, preparatory to service in the Soonan Hospital-Dispensary.

Pastor and Mrs. W. P. Barto and children, returned from furlough, spent a day in Shanghai en route to Singapore, where Brother Barto is to be connected with the Malaysian Union Training School.

On May 28 Brother and Sister E. Bahr and Miss Ihlenfeldt passed through Shanghai for Kobe, en route to Chosen. These workers are from Central Europe, and will spend their first year in the study of the Korean language. A hearty welcome is extended to those who are coming into our field to unite with us in service.

In mid-May, Brother and Sister E. J. Johansen and child returned from their furlough in Australia and are now taking up their work in Singapore, where Brother Johansen is henceforth to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Malaysian Union Mission.

Departures

At this season, when the heat of summer is approaching, those who have been granted a furlough are passing through Shanghai and other ports, en route to the homelands. Among recent departures we note:

May 21, from Shanghai, Mrs. G. S. Luther, to be joined in Yokohama by Brother G. S. Luther, Division auditor, for their furlough in the States.

May 21, from Hankow, Pastor O. A. Hall, of the Central China Union, who returns to the States by way of the northern route in order to be in attendance at biennial sessions now being held in the North China, Chosen, Manchurian, and Japan Union Missions.

In May, from Singapore, via Europe, Brother and Sister A. E. Iverson and children, returning to the States.

In early May, from Baguio and Manila, Pastor and Mrs. W. B. Ammundsen and children, of the Northern Luzon Mission, for furlough in the States. Pastor Ammundsen and family had a day in Shanghai, en route; and from him we learned anew of the special blessing of the Lord resting upon the Filipino ministers and evangelists in their soul-winning campaigns.

On April 26, from Shanghai, Pastor and Mrs. S. E. Jackson, of the Philippines, for furlough to the States.

On May 28, from Changsha, Hunan, Pastor C. H. Davis, on furlough in Australia.

On June 1, from Shanghai, Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Strickland and children, of Honan, Central China, on furlough in the United States and in Canada.

On May 28, from Hankow, Central China, Mrs. A. Mountain and children, returning to the Australasian Union. Brother A. Mountain is remaining in the Central China field until next year.

In early May, from Shanghai, Brother and Sister H. L. Graham of the North China Union, on furlough to the States, via Europe,