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WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT WORTH?

I. H. EVANS

IT is quite the practice now in business houses to make up a monthly balance sheet. Few prosperous corporations fail to submit a present worth sheet in mid-year, as well as at the close of the calendar year. Inventoried assets, both liquid and solid, are ever in mind, and the gain and loss is estimated not by the gross business but in the net assets.

We are in a greater business than any commercial house or manufacturing concern in the whole world. The latter deal with material things. They are not lasting nor of great importance, measured by eternity. Our riches consist not in stocks and bonds, nor in saleable goods, nor in gold and silver, but in the souls of men. They are our riches, they are our crown of rejoicing, they are our stock-inventory, and show our real gains and losses. As our *bona fide* membership increases, to that extent our eternal riches increase.

Have you taken inventory of your gains? One half of 1925 has passed. Not for gold or silver, piled to high heaven, can we recall one day nor one hour of the first half of 1925. It is gone. Nor tears nor prayers nor repentance can recall a wasted moment or a lost opportunity to lead a sinner to Christ.

What have been your gains in the souls of men? How many have you won from the ranks of Satan and this world, to seek and serve the living God? Some say, "I do not seek to know how many. I do not gauge my work by numbers." Well, what is the true basis of progress? If numbers do not count, what does count in the kingdom of God? Some say: "Quality, not numbers." Do such persons mean righteous people who need no Saviour? If righteous people are to be found who need no Christ, then all our ministry is vain; Christ is not needed. But if all have sinned, and salvation comes only through repentance and faith; if every man needs a Saviour, and salvation is a free gift of God; then values are in numbers, and the more souls we lead to Christ and help into the kingdom of God, the greater our riches.

What are your gains for half of 1925? Has your "present worth" increased? If so, how much? Count your assets, not in brick and mortar, not in dollars and cents, but in souls won to Christ. What has been your net gain? Write it in your diary where you can read it over daily; where you can hold it in your mind and lay it before God in your secret prayers.

This "present worth" business is worth praying about. Heaven is more interested in that one thing than in stocks and bonds and bank accounts. Set before the King Eternal your "present worth" and ask Him to show you how to increase your riches. All heaven is at our command in this one great fight for the souls of men.

Take an inventory and know your present worth. Glory in your riches and keep them before the altar in your daily communion with God. Such wealth is the one thing that interests heaven, for the coming of Christ and the reward of God's people are waiting for these souls to find reconciliation with God. When every man has done his work, the King will come and give His people the kingdom.

What is your present worth?

From Workers in China

From Brother DeVinney of Hongkong

I have been up the Min River in the North Fukien Mission. Mails were so uncertain that but few letters followed me, most of the mail matter having been held in Foochow awaiting my return. We had a good institute with the workers at our interior station, Wang-dai where many were present who had been unable to attend the institute held in Foochow formerly. We spent about three weeks in this work, holding studies for from five to six hours a day, besides using much time between meetings answering their questions.

On account of the troubles in this Union, all our ordinary missionary activities are interrupted, and very little can be done except by the Chinese workers in out-stations where the wave of anti-Christian feeling has not penetrated,—if there be such a place in China. Communication with the stations is difficult in most cases.

Our workers in Nanning, Kwangsi, have been passing through distressing experiences, but we have no recent word direct from them concerning the present trouble up there. Wai-chow has again fallen, but without much fighting. All the foreign workers of Canton are here in Hongkong. The Milnes are in Swatow. Word comes this morning that by advice all in Swatow will come here or go to Kulangsu as soon as they can get a ship. But word also comes that there is trouble in Kulangsu, which may develop into a dangerous situation. No word from Foochow has come of conditions there since I left over a week ago. The feeling was high at that time. No boats are running between Foochow and Hongkong, and all but one boat, insofar as I have learned, are off their runs up the coast to Amoy or Swatow. The strike here in Hongkong is growing tighter and tighter each day.

This leaves us all well in Hongkong. Our Summer School in Canton was impossible. We are trying to make the best of the situation, and get the lesson it should bring to us.

Koulou, Hongkong, F. H. DeVinney.
June 29, 1925.

From Brother Mountain of Central China

It is very quiet on Kuling, and were it not for the newspapers, we would know nothing of the trouble in the land. In the mornings we feel happy and optimistic of an early settlement; but when we gather in the evenings to read the newspapers brought in the mail, the seriousness of the situation is again brought to our attention. Word comes in from Sianfu and Changsha that the workers in those places are unmolested.

1166 West Valley, A. Mountain,
Kuling, Kiangsi, July 3.

From Brother Williams of Nanning

We had a most wonderful time at the general meeting in Canton, and enjoyed the spiritual talks given by Elders Evans and Watson. They were so practical, and just seemed to be what we needed.

The day after the meetings closed Mrs. Williams and I went to Hongkong to do our yearly shopping, so as to return to Nanning as quickly as possible; for we had heard that trouble was brewing, and even at the time we left Canton we heard the river was closed. We were in Hongkong about two weeks when news came that the river was open and boats would be running shortly. Dr. D. D. Coffin and family were with us, so we all started out together for Wuchow April 7 and arrived there the morning of April 9. When the boat anchored, one of the customs men informed us that the river was clear as far as Nanning, and that a boat was ready to leave the next morning. We immediately looked up the boat and moved onto it. The Chinese captain told us that in three days we would be in Nanning, so our hearts were cheered some more. Everything was working out so nicely.

At daylight the next morning the boat started on its way up the river for Nanning, but at the end of the third day we were just half way. However, that did not bother us so much, as we knew the river was low and rocks numerous. About four o'clock the morning of the fourth day the crew got an early start, and the boat went chugging on its way. A few minutes before five the boat came to a sudden stop, and seemed to be held quite securely by something or other. Before we had our clothes on, we heard the men bailing water out, and then a shot. One of the guards on top of the boat had signaled a sampan (small boat) to come to our rescue. Soon several sampans came alongside, and all hands helped unload the cargo. In a short time everything was removed from the boat and piled on the bank. The boat returned to Kwei-uen for repairs, which took two days; and the second day, while the men were just about to complete their task, a company of soldiers came along with a junk-load of ammunition, and asked for the privilege of boarding the boat and towing the junk behind. Of course this request was granted, for lack of knowing how to refuse.

Three and a half days later we reached Wing-shan, a small town about sixty miles from home; and here we were informed that our boat would not be permitted to go on to Nanning, as there was fighting up that way, and, too, the soldiers were beginning to retreat. We felt quite badly, as we were very anxious to get home. We went to see the officials, and they told us that it would not be safe for us to go just then; and they also told us that we need not be so anxious to get home as we had no home to go to. Then they came out with a lot of news. They said that our hospital in Nanning was burned to the ground, and everything shot to pieces,—a nice picture for home-comers; but they told their story in so convincing a manner that I believe they thought they were telling the truth. And until we found out differently, we believed it to be the truth.

Well, we waited there ten days. Every day one or more boats of soldiers and supplies would pass us, coming from Nanning; and in all about seven boats and many junks of wounded soldiers came down from Nanning. On the morning of the ninth day of our stop at Wing-shan, three soldiers came walking down the river-bank; and when they saw our boat they came on board and gave orders for the boat to get under way for the scene of action, so they could help care for the troops and supplies. We knew what that would mean, and we immediately got onto our knees and asked the Lord for help. In a few minutes the soldiers left, and we saw no more of them. Truly the Lord hears and answers prayer, and when it is necessary He answers instantly. Our faith was much stronger after that.

The next evening, about dusk, we noticed a boat coming down around the bend in the river, and soon another and another, till in all eleven came into sight. All of them were towing several junks apiece. Our boat was anchored just above the sandbar, and as the other boats drew near, we knew what the meaning of it all was. They were retreating, and were very anxious to get across the sand. That night they worked all night; and up till near daybreak soldiers were passing on the river-bank. It was a night of terror for the crew on our boat; for several times the soldiers on foot called to us for the boat, and one time they began throwing rocks at the boat. All we can say is, Praise God for His protecting care, and for the angels that were encamped round about us that night. "Joy cometh in the morning." Our joy came

that morning, as our boat fired up and started on its way for Nanning once more.

After two days' traveling we came to a market-village about twenty miles from home; and here we were to wait another two days. At this time the rest of the Kwangsi soldiers retreated, and we went on, reaching Nanning shortly before sundown Friday evening. As we turned the corner just in sight of the city, the Yunnanes soldiers opened fire on us. The pilot headed the boat for the shore. Dr. Coffin and I got off and saw the General; and when he found out that all was well, he called the soldiers off the boat and told them to let it alone. Then he walked on up of the bank with us to inform the other soldiers the boat's business, in order that we might have no further trouble. Then the boat pulled up to the customs pier, and we were not long in getting our things off the boat and on the way to our homes. All told, we were just twenty-three days going a distance of three hundred sixty-eight miles.

We had a real praise meeting that Sabbath. Our hearts were so full for what God had done for us and the care He had had over us in bringing us safely home; and for His protecting care over those who were here looking after the place in our absence. One of our men nurses was looking after some wounded men during the battle, and got shot through the right lung, but God has heard our prayers in his behalf, and he is now almost completely well.

When we look about us and see the destruction and the dead on every hand, and then look at our place and see how it came through with so little damage, considering the fact that it was in the direct line of fire from both sides, and had been used as a fort by the soldiers of both sides as they advanced and retreated, we could see the fulfillment of the comforting words of the ninety-first psalm.

We wish to be remembered in prayer, that the work may make advancement in this province, even though war and plague are on every hand.

P. L. Williams.
Nanning, Kwangsi, South China,
June 9, 1925.

From Brother Warren of Chungking

We wonder what you are meeting with there in Shanghai. Conditions are very bad here in Chungking. There has been nothing like it since the Boxer trouble. Several have been attacked on the street. It is reported that one, the River Commissioner, may die from injuries received when he was stopped on the street and his sedan chair was torn to pieces. Word has come from the American Consul asking us to keep off the street as much as possible. The Chinese seem determined to force the Japanese and the British to leave. A proclamation sent out by the officials, orders the people to respect the person and property of the Japanese and English as they are in the act of leaving the country. All the British steamers here are unable to move, as the Chinese crews have left. No one is allowed to take cargo to a Japanese or British boat. The more radical element here say that they will wait till the end of the month to see how Peking handles this matter; and if it is not done as they think it should be, they will then take the law into their own hands and deal without mercy.

I wish we had a large number of evangelistic workers here. Now is our time to work. I have never seen the people more willing to listen to the special truths for which we stand, than they are now.

M. C. Warren.
Chungking, Szechuan,
June 21, 1925.

The Harvest Ingathering

The Coming Harvest Ingathering

I. H. Evans



AN old Scotchman used to say, "Many a nickle makes a mite," meaning that many littles make some. So it is in the Harvest Ingathering work. Few gather large sums, but many little sums swell to a large amount.

The General Conference has released to the world field the sum each raises in Harvest Ingathering. Could we raise \$50,000 gold in our various fields, we add that much to our appropriations. In this lies relief to many a hard-pressed field which greatly needs additional funds. Why not supply the need by a well-organized campaign for Ingathering funds?

It often aids in securing liberal donations to have some specific object for which funds are greatly needed. A school, a particular building for a school, a hospital, or even a church, commands liberal offerings. Before the time arrives for soliciting the money, every one who is to help raise funds must understand the object for which the funds are to be solicited.

Why not have everything so well in hand that when the day arrives for soliciting, your working force can begin their work? A good start means much in a big undertaking. Get a good start, and stay by the work till you reach your goal. Last year the Far Eastern Division gathered \$22,539.96 gold for our work. We ought to touch the \$50,000 gold mark. It can be done if each will do his share. Heretofore some have not tried to do much. This year why not put forth our best effort in this Ingathering? Fifty thousand dollars gold will help a good deal in building up our institutions.

Let us all pray for wisdom not only to have a large ingathering, but to give the message a setting that will win some giver to love our God. All we do we must do for God, and with no selfish end in view. The whole objective must be to win souls for the kingdom of our God. No word, no lack of courtesy, no indifference to the smallest offering, must escape us. Let us show ourselves thoughtful, sincere Christians, praying the Holy Spirit to aid us in our work.

An Open Letter

Manchuria, June 21, 1925.

DEAR BROTHER STRAHLE:

In this northern city I have been thinking much of the possibilities of a successful Harvest Ingathering in your great Far Eastern Division this year. All round the world Adventist believers are united in earnest endeavor to proclaim the second advent message to all men. In every church and Sabbath school, large or small, in every company of believers, and in every isolated family of Sabbath-keepers, with myriad tongues and with earnest purpose, our people everywhere are endeavoring to advance this work to its close and to bring the kingdom of God to men. For the material means to do this, appeal is made to every man, woman, and child of Adventist faith, and through them to our friends in the world about us. The most widely influential means employed by us in our effort to enlist the interest and help of our friends is the Harvest Ingathering plan. During the few years in which we have been operating this plan, large sums of money have been gathered for direct missionary work, and many souls have been brought, by the magazines used and the personal effort of these who have taken part in past campaigns, to the knowledge and obedience of the truth.

In the matter of money raised this way, the plan has been of almost inestimable value to our cause. It brings hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to the mission treasury, and richly supplements the gifts of our own church members. That more is not done in raising means under this plan is due to the fact we have not extended it as widely as we might. Wherever we have seriously endeavored thus to gather money we have been bountifully rewarded for the effort made, and we are encouraged by these results to feel that the sums to be secured are limited only by the measure of our faith in launching and extending the effort.

I understand that you purpose to widely extend the interest of our people in the Far East in the use of the Harvest Ingathering plan during 1925, and I sincerely hope that you will meet with a hearty response to this from the whole church. I wish that your appeal could reach every church member as well as every leader and worker, and swing them all whole-heartedly into this good work. There are some who should and can help, but who have done nothing as yet. There are others who have done but little. They should all be enlisted to do their best this year, and thus reach larger results than in any previous year. Success is assured to all who engage in such a work, and the most possible will be done by the largest possible number taking part. We most urgently need the money thus to be raised, and earnestly appeal for the enlistment of every worker and every church member to do their utmost. There is no real reason why an unusually large sum of money should not be raised this year, and this Harvest Ingathering campaign prove to be a greater blessing to all our people.

That it may be so is my earnest hope.

Yours very sincerely in service,

(Signed) C. H. WATSON.

First Returns of the Big Week

J. J. STRAHLE.

ON account of strikes and riots in certain portions of China, our foreign brethren could not go out to sell literature during Big Week, but plan to do so later. However, it is very encouraging to note the ready response our brethren made to the Big Week appeal. Brethren Henderson, Oss, and others, went out with literature, even though trouble was on every hand, and they were wonderfully blessed. The brethren at headquarters responded nobly by contributing a day's wage. The employees at the Signs Publishing House (Shanghai), and the teachers attending Summer School at the Shanghai Missionary College, have also responded with a day's salary.

Most interesting and thrilling reports are coming in from various portions of the Division, but lack of space forbids more this time.

A Vital Principle

PAUL recognized as vital to Christian growth the principle of sacrifice for the support of gospel work. He asked the Corinthian church to forgive him the wrong he had done them in not encouraging them to support him as he brought the gospel to them. See 2 Cor. 12:13. We prize that which costs us something, and lightly regard what we can obtain without cost on our part. Jesus taught the principle when He said, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple."

One of the weakest features of our mission work in China is the very small extent to which we have led the Chinese to feel the responsibility of giving the gospel to their own people. We do them an injustice, for we know that not far ahead will come the time of trouble with its persecution. How will they bear persecution and remain true to something for which they have not been led to be willing to sacrifice?

We say they are poor. It is true, but, before coming into the church, through fear they have spent no small amount in the support of their heathen worship. Should not the love engendered through the blessings of the gospel lead them to do as much in supporting gospel work?

The Harvest Ingathering offers an excellent opportunity to enlist the efforts of a large part of the church membership in raising funds for the support of the work in China. It provides a way for them to help with their time, without giving any of their cash. The plan instituted last year of printing on the magazine a definite amount to be obtained from each paper makes possible the enlisting of a large number of our church membership in this work.

A strong church is a working church. Work for others strengthens the Christian experience. We owe it to our Chinese brethren to lead them to the joy of sacrifice and service.

W. P. HENDERSON.

Church Membership and Harvest Ingathering

O. A. HALL

AS our work develops in the mission fields, added responsibilities can well be entrusted to the local church members. In past years but few of the believers have in some places taken part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. As they have now become better established in the faith, and sense more fully the obligations resting upon them, has

not the time come for our missions to put forth greater efforts to enlist large numbers of church members in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and thus teach them to unite their efforts with those of other lands in the work that has brought such blessing and financial support to the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel?

Through proper organization and supervision, bands of believers in many churches could be enlisted in this effort to raise funds for the work, and at the same time, if properly conducted, the progress of the message and the work being accomplished, will create an interest to know what is back of such a movement.

Has not the time come to arouse our churches to greater activity along these lines? We have not always accomplished as much as we should in the advancement of the work in these fields. Only by concerted action can the work of the Lord be accomplished. Only by exercise will our churches and our people grow.

The laymen who undertake this work may need patient and careful training and wise leadership, but the results will in the end be commensurate with the efforts put forth. It was planned last year to do more to enlist a larger number in this campaign than before. Something was accomplished. The results may not have been in all cases what was desired, but some failures should only encourage more earnest, systematic, and persevering efforts. Success will come. Our churches must be trained and disciplined in ways and methods of discharging their responsibilities; and this very experience will be the means of strengthening and preparing our churches to take the position they should occupy in this movement.

The First Edition of the Chinese Harvest Ingathering Special—1925

Six hundred and sixty copies of the first edition of the Chinese Harvest Ingathering Special for 1925 were mailed July 8 from the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House to the Hawaiian Mission of Seventh-day Adventists Honolulu, H. T.—the first shipment to go out this year. The presses are turning out the papers rapidly now, and the first edition will have been completed by mid-July. Shipment will be made at that time to the United States, and to various other lands that have filed their orders, including another shipment to Honolulu to complete the filling of their order. Sample copies of this year's special are being mailed to those in charge of each of our mission stations in the Far East.

The plan followed last year, of running an edition with price mark (twenty cents Mex.), is being followed again this year, and the plans for the distribution of these by the rank and file of our laity, under proper supervision, will be sent out in the form of a circular letter of information. In general the plans are such as should bring into the Harvest Ingathering work all who should be encouraged to take part, some soliciting the large amounts, and many soliciting the fixed small amount named on the priced edition.

Orders for the Chinese Harvest Ingathering Special for 1925 should be sent into Mr. H. W. Barrows, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, either direct from the various provinces concerned, or preferably through the Union treasurers. The orders will be filled in the order in which they are received, and those who are late in sending in their requests for supplies may have to wait a fortnight or more until another edition can be run.

Special receipt books, solicitors' cards, etc., will be sent out only when ordered.

All expenses connected with the campaign, including the cost of papers, are to be borne by the benefiting Unions, and through them by the local Missions that may be benefiting through the authorized financing of local enterprises. Our lessened budgets for 1925, with little provision for the "specials" named under Classes 2, 3, and 4 of these budgets, constitute the strongest appeal possible that could be brought to bear upon us to make the most of this opportunity of gathering funds from within our own borders for the financing of imperative needs. c.

A Call to Every Adventist

J. J. STRAHLE

LAST year, with a very small percentage of believers taking part in the Harvest Ingathering, we were able by the Lord's help to gather \$22,539.69, U. S. currency. This was indeed splendid, and we commend those who made it possible to bring such a large ingathering to the Lord's treasury.

The General Conference is kind in giving us the privilege of retaining the gifts we solicit through the Harvest Ingathering Campaign to cover some of the "specials" from the regular calls in our annual budget. We feel grateful for this privilege in view of this splendid opportunity to raise funds for the many pressing needs, we should immediately work out a well-organized plan to enlist all of our constituency who are able to approach the public. With a larger number of our membership taking part this year, we should see a decided gain over the amount raised last year.

In promoting this plan of God, let us spiritualize every phase of it, thus ever keeping in view that our great objective is to win souls to Christ. When the Ingathering work is carried on properly, it gives the readers the opportunity to receive the message. Even though they be prejudiced, the story of missions will break down prejudice. In many instances interests are created. Our churches are vitalized by following up the interests. The individuals who contribute are blessed and have been brought to a knowledge of the truth, and in many instance through the Spirit of God have obeyed this knowledge.

From Brother Maloney of Amoy

We have just completed our first year here day before yesterday. The Lord has blessed us in many ways. He has kept us in health and strength and has helped us in studying the language. I have made three of four talks in Chinese, and am anxious for the time to come when we can talk fluently and be able to preach the message freely.

Kulangsu, Amoy, China, V. J. Maloney.
May 24, 1925.

From Brother Andrews of Tatsienlu

For centuries the Tibetans have resisted all association or contact with the outside world, and it may be there will be little to show for the work for some time to come. My language teacher, a Tibetan lama who is well educated in Tibt and who has worked with me in the preparation of our new tract, just completed, despises heartily the tract in its comparison of God and idols. I shall enclose one of these' which really looks quite nice to us here. The title is "God the Creator, and the Memorial of His Power." We have now three 16-page tracts, one 8-page, and the Law Chart, in Tibetan. We are distributing these here, and are hoping the way may open soon for a trip or two along the Border, to distribute many more. Although conditions are bad China-wards from us, things are fairly quiet now along the Border. We have had six thousand Dispensary cases since returning. We are also putting in good time on the spoken language. We have now two or three Chinese whom we hoped to baptize if Brother Warren should make a trip, but this

perhaps cannot be for some time now. We are all well, and things are going on hopefully.

J. N. Andrews.

Tatsienlu, Szechwan,
June 8, 1925.

Summer School Enrolment—Year 1925 The China Missionary Junior College

Province or Mission	Teachers	Students in C. M. J. C.
Honan	7	8
Shandong	6	
Cantonese	1	
Swatow		4
Chihli	1	1
Hakka	2	1
Foochow	1	
Szechwan	3	
Singapore	1	
Kiangsu	22	7
Wenchow	5	1
Anhwei	16	5
Kiangsi	1	
Hunan	6	1
Hupei	6	6
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These are interesting facts concerning the Summer School of 1925 as conducted by the China Missionary Junior College in Shanghai. There are thirteen teachers on the faculty conducting twenty classes each day. These classes are offered to give credit on Professional, First Grade, Second Grade, and Third Grade Teachers' Certificates. The school spirit is fine

and much time is spent in devotional exercises.

The special lecture hour each day is a period of real growth. The Publishing House men conducted one week's special effort on the Adventist literature available in the Chinese language. This was followed by Professor S. L. Frost on Principles of Seventh-day Adventist Education. During the present week Pastor C. C. Crisler has been giving a series on the Fundamental Principles of Seventh-day Adventists. It is planned for a series of lectures by Pastors I. H. Evans and J. G. Gjording before the close of school.

D. E. Rebok, *Principal*.

From Pastor Gillis of Shensi

For some time we have been, as it were out of the world—no newspapers or news letters have come to hand since long before the Hankow general meeting. From the native press it is evident that serious conditions exist in the port cities; but what they are, or how they may affect us, we have no means of knowing. Why our foreign paper mail should be entirely held up, is also an enigma to us.

Every letter we happen to receive usually begins with some words like these: "Of course you know about the events that have happened of late." This is all we learn; and as a matter of fact, we are in total ignorance of what may be referred to.

We are all well. Pray for us that the Spirit's power may make our efforts effective.

W. E. Gillis.

Sianfu, Shensi,
June 30, 1925.



Answered Prayer

J. G. GJORDING

ONE of the candidates at a baptismal service recently held at I-shing, was a young man who bore a very decided testimony to the power of God, and His faithfulness in answering prayer. This young man lives ten *li* in the country, and last fall, in order to attend Sabbath worship it was necessary for him to walk through the lines of the soldiers. He went every Sabbath, fully believing that the Lord would take care of him.

A change came, and the soldiers took him along with other coolies to do service in the army. In the meantime our people in the chapel prayed for him, and he himself prayed. One day one of the soldiers came to him and asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Certainly," the man said. "Well, you may go, then; we do not want to keep you here if you are a Christian." So they let him go, and furthermore sent an escort with him to see that he got through the other line safely. All through the struggle he came every Sabbath through the lines into the city, and never a hand was laid upon him. So the Lord works His wonders to perform.

Word from Tatsienlu

"AT last it begins to look like spring," writes Mrs. J. N. Andrews from Tatsienlu, The spring birds are all around us, and our eagles are back on their crag. This winter has been the coldest in years, and there has been so much snow that wood has been very scarce and dear, and the poor people have really suffered. The fighting on the roads that lead to the lowlands has led to a shortage of provisions which has run the prices to a hitherto unheard of level. Then to cap the climax, although till summer this will not affect us, the rinderpest has swept off almost all the cattle over a large area, leaving the nomads high and dry as far as living is concerned. Just now the political situation is a bit easier, though there have been some nervous days with the Chinese soldiers fighting each other several days away on one side, and troops of robbers threatening the city a few days away on the other side. The merchants and Tibetan compounds are bringing in crowds of lamas to read away the bad luck that seems to be troubling the city.

"Just now the Chinese officials in the city have put an extra tax on the tea, and the Tibetans have gone on strike, as our Boston forefathers did—and with much more reason, though it remains to be seen whether they will hold out.

"The dispensary is going full speed. There were nearly 1200 patients last month, with numerous operations, broken bones, and the like. The day before yesterday we operated on a young Tibetan who had been shot by robbers five days away over the mountains, and had been brought down here on a stretcher. He had a bullet wound through the abdomen, which in a white person would probably have proved fatal. The confidence these people show in us is very touching. On the whole, we are kept busy.

"In every spare moment Dr. Andrews is studying Tibetan, hoping soon to get out a new Tibetan tract. It has been interesting to watch the reactions of his language teacher to the study of the Bible and the gospel. This man is recognized to be the best scholar in this part of Tibet; and it is natural that we long to see the time when God shall touch his heart and convert him. Three Chinese here are now paying their tithe, two of whom show real evidences of conversion. We are so glad for these, our first fruits.

March, 31, 1925.

The Anti-Opium Special

(Chinese)

The artist of the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House has kindly shown me the cover design of the Anti-Opium Special for September, 1925.

The magazine cover is a dignified yet vivid portrayal in colors of the allurements and the evils attending the use of opium. But this cover, good though it is, will not in itself lead to the distribution of the 250,000 proposed by the management. In order to circulate so large a quantity, we shall have to plan early, and then carry our plans through to completion. Many of us must be thinking of lots of 1,000, 5,000, 10,000. Those who choose to think in terms of hundreds, will be able to help some; but a quarter of a million involves figures with three and four ciphers. It means an average of fifty copies for every one of our believers throughout the China field. It means at least 20,000 for a province with four hundred church members; it means 50,000 copies at the least in a Union that has a thousand members. It is good for us to think in terms of this magnitude; for only thus can we ever hope to touch even with the tips of our fingers, as it were, the millions upon millions yet to be given a knowledge of gospel truth in China. Some day soon we shall be planning in terms of millions where now we speak of tens of thousands; for the work is soon to close, and it is to close with a loud cry that will reach the uttermost boundaries of this great land where so many are learning to read and to think for themselves on the moral questions of the day.

Let us, one and all, think in large numbers when planning for the promotion and use of the Chinese Anti-Opium Special for September.

C. C. Crisler.

The China Missionary Junior College

D. E. REBOK

IN spite of difficulties and many obstacles which have confronted the workmen engaged in building the new school at Chiao Tou Djen, we are reasonably assured that everything will be in readiness for the opening of school the last week in September of this year. For a number of years the members of the School Board and of the General Conference have been urging a change of location for our China training school. Appropriations from the Mission Board have made it possible for us to get into Mandarin territory, where we can conduct a training school after the pattern outlined in "Christian Education." And the School Board has done everything possible to equip this institution in faculty and buildings so that it can serve the needs of the China field.

The school belongs to the field. It is established for the benefit of the field. We are anxious to maintain this school solely as a training center for Seventh-day Adventist workers. We do not want the non-Christian element to enter and break down our hope for the successful training of the workers so greatly needed. Plans are being worked out so that the mission committees will have it largely in their hands as to who shall attend the school.

We hope that it will be possible for a number of workers to be sent in for special work: that several men from each mission come with the one idea of training for secretaries of the departments in the local fields; some to take commercial work and thus prepare for office work in the mission stations; some who will come definitely assigned to the ministerial department for training as evangelists, and some assigned to the normal department to qualify for teaching in the Junior Middle Schools to be established in the various missions. In this way the field can hope for workers trained in particular lines for definite service. Can you not, directors, work out some scheme to accomplish this end?

Given the material with which to work, the school stands ready with men qualified to train these various classes of workers.

The calendars will be sent out for early distribution, and all arrangements can be perfected so that no one needs come late for the opening of the school. Let us pray that God will bring peace to China once more, that His work may go forward unhampered during the new school year.

British North Borneo

Good news have just been received from our work in the interior of British North Borneo. Brother Mershon is now working in a district beyond Tenom where he has twenty-five to thirty attending services regularly. At another place a little further in the interior, he found a settlement of ten Chinese families who have been studying the truth from our books for several years. A colporteur spent a little time with them while he was working in that neighbourhood. Ten are now preparing for baptism. On Brother Mershon's visit, they invited in about twenty neighbours, and they are having good meetings.

The Lord works in mysterious ways. For years we have tried to open work in this district, but the resident would not permit it. Now permission has been granted for our workers to carry on meetings. We hope that in the near future a large church will be organized here from these two companies. Our Chinese worker at Sandakan also reports several ready for baptism.

We are also glad to report that the Government has granted us land upon which to erect a school building among the Dusun people. Here are several million people who must be warned before Jesus comes. The first literature to be printed on our new linotype was the Ten Commandments in the Dusun language; and this will be the first printed literature in the Dusun language. Let us pray that God may greatly bless the work in this great field. L. V. FINSTER.

Colporteur Band Work—Shanghai Missionary College

E. R. THIELE

FOR some time it had been felt that more time should be given in the Shanghai Missionary College to the training of our students for colporteur work than can be given in a hastily conducted institute at the close of the school year. Therefore, a canvassing band was organized, which held its first meeting February 18, and met regularly each week until the close of school.

The band meetings were made as practical as possible, so as to effectually prepare the students for actual conditions as they will find them in the field. A translation of "Lessons on Christian Salesmanship" was used as a basis of study. This was supplemented from time to time by valuable instruction from field men, Brethren Strahle, Oss and Milne.

The enrollment at the beginning was 68, and for some time the attendance grew in spite of the efforts made to limit the attendance to those who would actually go into the field to do colporteur work.

To assist in the work of the band, a four-day institute was held May 4-7, Brother John Oss having general oversight of the institute, while Y. H. Peng, Dung Yun Yu, David Hwang and Liu Chi Chen led out in the practical work of the meetings. Though all was not accomplished by this effort that we might desire, yet the students who followed regularly the work of the band received much practical help, which we believe will be demonstrated in definite results from their summer's labor.

Nanning, Kwangsi

SINCE the month of April the city of Nanning, Kwangsi, has been the scene of war and bloodshed. Our mission properties at that place have been directly in the path of the contending armies, and have consequently suffered. Thus far no harm has come to our workers stationed there, and for this we may well be thankful. The following is taken from a letter written by Sister P. V. Thomas under date of April 30:

"This finds us still in the land of the living. Yesterday before daybreak we almost thought the end was near, but things have smoothed over. No need to say that war has begun again. Wong's army chased the "Reds" back, and a terrible battle took place. We had peace just ten days. The "Reds" from Yunnan are in charge at present, and Wong is striving to get them out.

"As our house is dangerously located, having the marks of at least 200 bullets from the former seige, we slept in our wood house two nights, one night on the floor. The night before last the shooting was all about us, especially in the street just behind us. Finally the "Reds" began to pound holes in the hospital wall, preparing a fort. Next, to our dismay, they began to pound a hole in our wall. It was about 3 o'clock. Mr. Thomas immediately went out and remonstrated with them; but they said that their lives were as precious as ours and continued to make two big holes, large enough to crawl through. Just about that time day broke, and the "Reds" could see that the Wongs had retreated, so they were not so excited. They left our wall, and it was not long before we had those two holes stopped up—temporarily at least.

"I hurried into the house and packed up our clothing, and we moved down to our new chapel and schoolhouse. Yesterday I feared that the soldiers would soon break through into our houses and smash up things, and take what they chose; but they are outside our wall this morning. Fortunate for the property's sake that we are here. The soldiers are all about us helping themselves to people's

doors and bed boards, which they use to make forts. They entered the hospital and began to 'carry out;' but Mr. Thomas went to the captain, and everything was brought back. We hope to save the place, but already many buildings have been burned; and since war is war, there is no telling what may happen.

"Brother and Sister Williams and Dr. Coffin and their families have not arrived yet. Wong's soldiers stopped their boat at Wingshan, about 40 miles from here. No small boat will dare to bring them on to Nanning. They left Wuchow April 10. We had a letter from them this morning. They are all well, but nervous and dismayed, of course. Mr. Thomas sent them a pass from the highest officer here in charge. This will help them enter Nanning.

"We all have plenty of rice, so shall not starve. The mails come overland, and we are glad for this.

"It seems nice that no bullets are flying today, and I can walk about our yard freely. I like to have the "Reds" see that we are still here, and are not frightened out as yet. Other places are dangerous, too. We cannot tell when a battle may take place, so we plan to 'stay by the stuff.'"

A Faithful Convert

J. G. GJORDING

AMONG those recently baptized at Changchow was one young man named Gu Wen-i, an only son. At the age of nine he suffered from a severe case of small pox, which left him blind in one eye and rendered the other almost useless. Although almost blind, his people saw in him the possibilities of a good fortune-teller, and they consequently paid \$200 to have him learn that profession. When the boy accepted the truth, and refused to follow this false practice, his parents were enraged. He also refused to worship the ancestral tablets and to offer food to the spirits of the dead; and for this he was often severely beaten.

On a certain day his parents determined to conquer him and to compel him to worship the ancestral tablets. The mother tied him to a bedpost, and flogged him until her strength was exhausted; then the father took his turn, beating the young man most cruelly. The uncle of the boy, his mother's brother, followed. As they flogged, they held up before him constantly the ancestral tablets, asking him to bow to them. But Wen-i was equally determined. "You can kill me, if you like," he said; "but I won't worship them."

Gu Wen-i went to work to win the members of his family, and he is succeeding. His wife, a woman of twenty years, now knows the truth, and is ready for baptism. His sisters also are interested in this message, and are attending our meetings.

The truth of the Gospel message has blessings in its train for those who now sit in darkness. Let us praise the Lord that He is calling out the honest in heart and leading them into the joy of winning souls for the kingdom of Christ.

North China Union—Biennial Session

The North China Union Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor Geo. J. Appel, superintendent, at the biennial session of the North China Union, Peking, May 20, 1925)

AT the very beginning of this session we would voice our feeling of gratitude to God for His unfailing care and help since last we met. In the midst of multiplied troubles, God has had a care for His children. While there has been serious illness, yet under the goodness of God all have been spared, and the message has gone steadily forward. The membership, which two years ago was 150, now stands at 191, a net gain of 41. I trust that at this meeting we shall set our goal to double our membership the next two years.

Notwithstanding war conditions and the fact that we had no regular field man for the major part of the time, our colporteurs have had good success.

In Peking a higher primary school has been conducted, with a good class graduating this year. In Tsinan we have been able to erect a good nine-grade school, and last year the enrollment reached 159. Four other church schools were conducted in the provinces.

Our Sabbath schools show a marked increase in membership and offerings. Many of our church members are isolated, and when these can be enrolled in the home department of the Sabbath school, the membership of this organization will be materially increased.

Wherever home missionary societies have been organized, definite results have been attained. The members are enthusiastic. Our small literature is being sold in increasing quantities. One home missionary society is selling, among other things, 25,000 Bible portions each quarter.

Two of our foreign sisters have been devoting part time to work for the Chinese women. Bible classes have been organized, and a good interest is manifested. Some will soon be ready for baptism.

The Union treasurer's report shows that \$1,966 Mex. of tithe has been paid in by our native constituency during the biennial term. Other offerings have amounted to \$1,012, besides the amounts received from Harvest Ingathering campaigns, reported as \$5,923 Mex.

We have two organized Missionary Volunteer societies,—one in connection with each of our schools in Peking and Tsinan.

We are glad for the progress that has been made; and we would seek God more earnestly than ever before for an infilling of His Spirit, that we may return to our stations to do greater things for Him than ever before. Let us unite in seeking for an experience that will make us more forgetful of self, more patient, more loving in our ministry.

GEO. J. APPEL.

Home Missionary Work in the North China Union

(Report rendered by Pastor N. F. Brewer at the Union session, Peking, May 20-25, 1925)

THE Home Missionary work in this Union has been thoroughly organized only a few months, so that we have had no full reports until about six months ago. Now we have active missionary societies in the different stations, and the Lord is blessing their efforts. Our most active society is at Tientsin, and most of the inquirers and members there have become interested in the message through the efforts of this society. Mr. Meng, the evangelist, is the leader. The members of this society purchased a gospel cart, and filled it with 6,000 Bible Portions, Present Truth Tracts and "Way of Life," and a few of the members walked with this cart from Tientsin to Peking to attend this meeting, distributing literature all the way.

Many letters have been received from evangelists in Shantung telling of the work of the Home Missionary societies. The Bible classes have increased as a result, and the workers are seeing fruit for their labors.

According to the *Shepherd* circulation report, North China Union stands at the head of all the Unions in China, with 175 per cent of their goal reached.

Harvest Ingathering funds collected during 1923-24 were \$5,923 Mex. Over \$2,000 of this amount was collected by Mrs. Oss and the foreign women associated with her from our Union.

We look forward to the coming biennial term with courage, knowing that the Lord will work mightily through His people if we consecrate our lives to Him. What we need more than anything else is the spirit of Him who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

N. F. BREWER.

The Chihli Provincial Mission

(Synopsis of a report rendered by the director, Pastor W. J. Harris, during the biennial session of the North China Union, Peking, China, May 20-25, 1925)

THE Chihli Provincial Mission comprises the province of Chihli, in northern China, and has a membership of 98 baptized believers. The native working force of 17 is supplemented by the foreign families stationed in Peking. We are operating five centers in Peking and one in Tientsin. During the biennial period 48 precious souls have been baptized into the faith, and four have been added by letter. The net gain during the year 1924 was slightly more than for 1923, though the number baptized each year was the same. There is every indication of a decided increase in membership during 1925.

A corresponding growth is seen in tithes and offerings and in church activities. Literature sales have been increased, and the first four months of 1925 saw nearly as much literature sales as during the whole of 1924.

One fully accredited conference session of the Chihli Mission has been held, besides a Bible Workers' Institute. These have helped materially. It is planned to conduct a short Bible School for Workers at least once each year.

Evangelistic Campaigns

Our foremost evangelistic campaign was the tent effort in the fall of 1923 held at *Tien An Men*, in the very heart of Peking, under the leadership of Pastor Frederick Lee, when for nearly a month large crowds gathered to hear the messages of truth. It is planned to hold another such effort again this fall.

Like tower-lights on dark and unknown streets our chapels stand in the moral darkness, pointing to "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Strategically placed, open all the time, with preaching services every night, our chapels are centers of lively Christian activity. We feel it a high privilege to be able to say that the Seventh-day Adventist Mission is doing more chapel evangelistic work in Peking than is any other Christian Mission. More than 1,500 sermons have been preached in our Peking chapels in the year 1924. One chapel reports an average of five days' street preaching every week, besides a chapel service every night throughout the year, and three Bible studies each week besides, in addition to the regular Sabbath services. From this same chapel have been sold over 100,000 Bible portions since the first of March, 1924. The funds received from the sale of these are used to help defray chapel expenses. In each of our chapels, twice a year, a special evangelistic campaign lasting from ten to fourteen days, is conducted. Thus new people are gotten in touch with, new Bible classes are organized, and a healthy growth is maintained.

We feel especially thankful for the appropriation of \$7,500 (gold) from the General Conference for the erection of a church building in Peking. It is hoped that we may

soon have a suitable, well appointed house of worship in which to meet, and from which to carry forward aggressive evangelistic work.

Our Needs

We need more native evangelists who are filled with the spirit of wisdom and trained in the art of soul-winning. We need more colporteurs. We need a foreign lady who can give her entire time to work for the women. May the Lord lead us in securing and training such workers. But our greatest need is a need that budget appropriations and men cannot supply. Only on our knees can we get the burden for souls, a longing to see men saved, and an infilling of the Spirit that will enable us to follow Him truly. We need your prayers for our native workers who stand with lighted torch in the dark highways of this heathen land. May God grant us patience, and love for souls, and a large measure of His Spirit, that we may carry to completion this great task.

W. J. HARRIS.

Shantung Provincial Mission

(Synopsis of report given by Pastor Geo. J. Appel, director, during the recent biennial session of the North China Union held in Peking)

"FROM the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, My name shall be great among the Gentiles." Mal. 1:11. I like to think of this promise as I consider the thirty odd millions of the Shantung Province, very few of whom have ever heard of the third angel's message.

In the province of Shantung there are twenty cities of 100,000 population, or more, each. In three of these we have opened work. We have five outstations, besides the Tsinan station.

The literature sales for the period have been \$8223.68 Mex. Several of our students are making their scholarships each year, and some of the evangelists have been faithful in promulgating our literature, with good results.

In 1923 our believers paid \$559.79 Mex. tithe; in 1924 \$549.68, totaling \$1,109.46. The annual offering for the two years was \$461.05 Mex.

Our Sabbath schools have nearly doubled during the period. The membership at the close of 1924 was 253. Sabbath school offerings were \$722.14, Mex.

The baptized membership stands at ninety-three, twenty-one of whom were baptized during the biennial period. A goodly number are in the baptismal classes.

In Tsinan, next to our Mission compound, is located our Tsinan Industrial Mission School. Six buildings have been erected during the past two years, making it possible to conduct a strong work for our boys and girls when they finish the lower primary grades. The present enrollment is 159. The towel factory operated in connection with the school has put on the market during the past two years more than \$6,000 Mex. worth of towels. Labor has been provided for most of the students, and the factory has been able to show good gains in operation. There are three schools in the outstations, with an enrollment of 71.

We thank God for what has been accomplished, but we believe that only as we measure up to His grace can we finish the work. We are of good courage and are unitedly seeking the throne of Power, that God may use us to send the light of His word speedily to the darkest recesses of the mountains of Shantung.

GEO. J. APPEL.

Sabbath School Work in the North China Union

MRS. I. H. EVANS

THE following paragraphs are taken from the North China Union Sabbath school report presented at its biennial session by the Union Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. W. J. Harris:

"In presenting the report of the Sabbath School Department we wish first to express our thanks to God for His manifold blessings and to our fellow-workers for their hearty co-operation. We feel to say with David, 'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' We are glad to be able to report a good increase in membership and attendance, a substantial growth in offerings, and general progress in the various lines of Sabbath school promotion.

"This development may be easily seen from the following table:

	1923	1924
No. of Sabbath schools	12	12
Sabbath school membership	361	428
Average Attendance	291	412
Blue Seal Cards issued	372	320
Red Seal Cards issued	159	122
Cards with both seals	120	179
Members Baptized	30	39
Sabbath school offerings	\$791.48 Mex.	\$885.28 Mex.

"One encouraging feature of our Sabbath schools is the fact that the membership and the average attendance are now keeping very close together. Thus a very large percentage of our members are attending the Sabbath school regularly, and receiving the blessings from it. During the biennial period 692 perfect attendance cards and 281 daily study cards of honor were issued to members for faithfulness in these two endeavors. During the year 1924, 30 yearly certificates were given for perfect attendance and daily study for the entire year. We are unable to give an accurate report of the Star Memory Verse Certificates issued, as we have no figures covering that work. But we feel safe in saying that at least 100 of our members have received these certificates.

"Three Sabbath school conventions have been held during this biennial period, 1923-1924, one in connection with each of the Shantung and Chihli yearly meetings and one in connection with our recent combined workers' institute at Tsinanfu. Special emphasis was given at these meetings to bringing our Sabbath schools to a higher plane. Studies and institute work were given, seeking to help the Sabbath school leaders and pupils to reach our perfect attendance, daily study, and financial goals. We have found that institute work such as this is not only very helpful but is really quite necessary if we are to accomplish for our members all that the Sabbath school should. As the number receiving the rewards of merit continue to increase, we are able to see that these Sabbath school promotion measures are helping our members to receive more and more of the help given through the Sabbath school. Ten Picture Rolls, 150 Memory Verse Card Sets, and 47 copies of the *Sabbath School Helper* are coming to our field each quarter to help carry the blessings of the Sabbath school to our members and teachers.

"We pray that the Sabbath schools of the North China Union may indeed become centers of light and truth to all our members."

Though the time for the regular session was short, an hour was devoted on two days to the Sabbath school work. At this time the following topics were considered: "The Purpose of the Sabbath School," "Our Sabbath School Goals," "The Efficient Sabbath School Program," "The Qualifications and Responsibilities of the Sabbath School Teacher," "How to Instruct the Children," and a demonstration on "Two Methods of Class Instruction,—Preaching the Lesson, and Teaching the Lesson."

Earnest work is being done in the North China Union in behalf of our Sabbath schools, and we believe they will continue to advance with the advancing work.

The Distribution of Literature in the North China Union

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor N. F. Brewer, field missionary secretary, during the biennial session of the North China Union Mission, Peking, China, May 20-25, 1925)

"NOT by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord," is a promise that has not failed in the work of the faithful colporteur these past few months in the North China Union. The conditions in the business world and among the people in general have been anything but prosperous. The hearts of the people, fearful of what the future may yet hold, are searching for an explanation of these calamities. But the very conditions that bring dismay to those who know not the Saviour and the promise of His return, open the way for us to present the message of present truth. Many, we find, are ready to listen to any doctrine that promises relief.

A good, earnest band of colporteurs are doing a spiritual work among the people. Some have had opportunity to pray with those who have subscribed for the paper, and others have witnessed for Christ in schools and in jails, where they have been asked to speak.

They are also doing a thorough work. It used to be that only the official places and largest shops were canvassed; but our workers are learning that this message is for every one, and God has blessed them as they have faithfully gone to every shop. As a result, in places where formerly we would not have thought of stopping, people are subscribing for the *Signs*, and thus our territory is enlarged. Kalgan, last year, under favorable circumstances, was canvassed for the *Signs*, and about one hundred subscriptions were taken. This year, after suffering from floods, looting, fires, and heavy taxes, this city gave us over two hundred fifty subscriptions. In another city we worked in what was regarded as the hardest street in the city. Last year only one subscription was taken on this street. This year we received over fifty. The colporteurs are learning not to fear what is called "hard territory."

I find recorded for 1924 sales totaling Mex. \$5,503.76 for the North China Union; for the first four months of 1925 the sales were Mex. \$2,675.79, or nearly one-half as much as all last year's sales, and the best part of the season is still before us. Subscriptions to the *Signs* have risen from 2,845 on Dec. 1, 1924, to 4,912 for April of 1925.

The goal set by the Division for the North China Union for 1925, is Mex. \$12,000. This is more than double the total sales last year; but with the Lord's help, and all working together, we shall do our best to reach it.

N. F. BREWER.

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY ---- INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS --- FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1925

Union Missions and Provincial Missions in the Far Eastern Division	Number of Churches	Baptized Membership March 31, 1925	Baptisms during First Quarter, 1925	Net GAIN during Quarter minus sign---LOSS	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	No. of Colporteurs	Total No. of Laborers March 31, 1925	Netive (THE Receipts First Quarter, 1925 (gold)	No. of Sabbath Schools March 31, 1925	Sabbath School Membership, Mch. 31, 25	Total Sabbath School Offerings for Missions First Qr., 1925 (gold)	No. of CHURCH SCHOOLS	Enrollment, Church Schools March 31, 1925	Total Literature Sales-- Books and Periodicals First Qr., 1925 (gold)	No. Y.P.M.V. Societies	Membership, Y.P.M.V. Societies	Harvest Ingathering Receipts First Qr., 1925 (gold)
PHILIPPINE UNION	99	5654	358	368	15	30	46	72	217	\$ 5453.29	170	5317	\$ 1334.69	11	659	\$ 15463.06	45	1160	\$ 444.50
Northern Luzon Mission	14	853	108	108	3	3	6	12	32	483.04	25	947	161.32	3	102	1284.63	5	141	444.50
East Visayan Mission	6	521	21	21	1	3	2	18	35	699.24	25	555	173.81			3011.80	2	51	
West Visayan Mission	30	1746	161	161	3	7	15	13	41	1192.40	53	1288	332.32	3	182	4614.20	13	310	
Central Luzon Conf.	49	2433	58	58	5	13	5	26	62	3054.51	64	2446	664.57	4	145	4537.55	25	648	
Southern Luzon Mission		81	30	30		1		2	5	24.10	3	81	2.87			4.86			
Union Mission					3	3	16	1	42					1	230				
CHOSEN UNION	22	1513	13	-4	10	22	60	31	149	954.96	84	4011	726.06	30	1156	4006.57	31	1513	
West Chosen Mission	11	720			2	6	22	11	42	338.56	35	2073	369.70	15	540	971.07	15	980	
Central Chosen Mission	7	432			1	4	9	8	28	335.66	22	881	199.28	6	180	891.57	8	260	
South Chosen Mission	2	290		-6	3	7	9	10	31	209.84	24	861	149.02	6	193	2075.10	6	178	
Union Mission	2	62			5	5	20	2	48	70.30	3	191	7.26	3	263	68.83	2	115	
JAPAN UNION	9	427	2	2	8	7	10	11	48	1217.67	15	536	574.44	1	50	3639.71	4	65	76.93
Kyushu Mission	2	41	1	1		1		2	3	104.02	2	40	30.93						
Chugoku Mission	1	54		-3	1	1	1		3	237.64	3	73	100.74						
Kansai Mission	2	101	1	4	1	2	2	4	9	318.49	4	141	158.67						
Kanto Mission	3	184		-1	1	1	2	5	10	437.90	3	209	247.10						
Tohoku Mission	1	30		2		1			1	27.28	2	59	15.70						
Hokkaido Mission		17				1			1	68.44	1	14	21.30						
Union Mission					5		5		21	23.90				1	50	3839.71	4	65	76.93
MANCHURIAN UNION	9	202			2	5	16	8	35	167.35	11	324	120.69	7	142	954.31	8	153	.75
Fengtun Mission	7	152			2	2	12	6	26	130.61	8	229	71.93	5	102	558.07	6	113	.75
Kirin Mission	2	50			3	4	1	9		36.74	3	95	48.76	1	28	396.24	1	28	
Union Mission								1						1	12		1	12	
CENTRAL CHINA UNION	20	1484	45	50	10	22	68	40	217	636.45	73	2463	487.60	27	571	1510.16	2	142	72.07
Honan Mission	7	566	32	20	3	6	21	13	77	235.13	24	920	186.89	7	180	442.59	1	100	8.25
Hunan Mission	4	458	2	2	1	4	26	10	58	194.41	23	796	122.73	7	100	490.69			16.37
Hupeh Mission	7	315	5	2	1	5	12	5	41	120.51	17	418	85.61	7	166	254.98	1	42	49.45
Kiangsi Mission	2	77	6	6	2	3	6	7	25	76.60	6	236	56.40	4	85	267.40			
Shensi Mission		48			1	3	2	5	12	19.80	3	93	35.97	2	40	54.50			
Union Mission					2	1	1		4										
NORTH CHINA UNION	3	191			5	4	17	11	57	145.72	10	416	106.12	6	266	805.05	2	102	
Shantung Mission	2	93			1	2	6	4	27	73.36	6	232	42.16	5	224	408.05	1	60	
Chihli Mission	1	98			2	2	7	6	24	72.36	4	184	63.96	1	42	397.00	1	42	

* NORTH CHINA UNION	3	191			5	4	17	11	57	145.72	10	416	106.12	6	266	805.05	2	102	
Shantung Mission	2	93			1	2	6	4	27	73.36	6	232	42.18	5	224	408.05	1	60	
Chihli Mission	1	98			2	2	7	6	24	72.36	4	184	63.96	1	42	597.00	1	42	
Union Mission					2		4	1	6										
SOUTH CHINA UNION	35	2272	5	10	16	69	46	7	244	738.49	86	3902	418.89	50	2318	1253.30	2	85	
Cantonese Mission	7	358	5	6	5	19	20	3	58	131.14	16	428	132.28	9	251	616.67	1	85	
Hakka Mission	4	818			3	23	2	1	51	106.98	21	1231	74.79	11	519	246.50			
Kwangsi Mission	5	147			1	2	7	1	30	49.22	8	193	68.00	2	98	73.44			
North Fukien Mission	6	342		5	1	11	1		27	210.70	13	350	25.12	8	322				
South Fukien Mission	5	272			4	4	5		44	141.52	9	700	58.44	7	500	198.04	1		
Swatow Mission	8	335			1	8	9	1	49	99.93	19	1000	60.26	13	628	118.55			
Union Mission					1	2	2	1	5										
WEST CHINA UNION (Estimated)	2	90			5	5	12	1	26	84.00	7	183	132.00	4	156	165.00	2	41	
East Szechwan Mission	1	59			2	1	5	1	10	50.00	5	109	56.00	2	45	135.00	1	25	
West Szechwan Mission	1	31			3	3	5		12	50.00	1	62	58.00	2	91	30.00	1	16	
Tibetan Mission						1	2		4	4.00	1	12	18.00						
EAST CHINA MISSION	26	1115	14	14	9	12	55	14	140	547.94	66	2872	591.78	24	743	849.80	3	237	66.00
Anhui Mission	5	287	5	5	3	4	16	5	48	112.37	13	502	80.03	11	258		1	33	
Kiangsu Mission	15	616	9	9	2	4	17	4	50	370.14	26	1547	452.32	7	305		1	150	
South Chekiang Mission	6	212			2	3	19	4	38	66.43	27	823	59.43	6	180	849.80	1	54	66.00
Union Mission					2	1	3	1	8										
Division Headquarters					6	4	53	1	122					1	287				
MALAYSIAN UNION	20	1537	35	35	21	32	58	17	169	3036.43	50	1696	1332.73	16	734	5818.41	4	260	1068.56
Batakland Mission					1		1		10	57.30	5	129	13.24	2	106	15.00			
British No. Borneo	2	159	4	4	1	3	4		14	113.60	7	120	66.10	6	133	346.16			
East Java Mission	1	144			3	3	8	6	15	400.00	4	121	135.00	1	35	1500.00			
Malay States Mission	1	161	1	1	1	6	2		11	173.20	6	142	116.64	2	13	439.50			5.65
North Sumatra Mission	1	43			1		5		6	143.00	4	58	46.90			341.15			
Siam Mission	1	56		1	1	5	3	1	11	107.30	3	80	42.38	1	33	129.94			
Singapore Mission	3	251			2	3	3		13	922.20	6	341	496.13	1	18	757.26	2	125	52.29
South Sumatra Mission	2	73			1	2	3		8	173.89	2	98	138.83	1	37	172.33	1	15	3.00
West Java Mission	6	360	22	22	2	5	10	9	21	713.30	10	307	221.70	1	54	2092.57			1007.62
Celebes Mission	2	187	8	7	2		3		5	232.64	3	300	57.81			24.50			
Union Mission	1	93			6	5	18	1	55					1	301		1	120	
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION	1	312	36	490	2	5	3	6	18	822.68	5	374	348.51	2	57	313.98	2	148	20.13
DIVISION TOTALS <small>March 31, 1925</small>	246	14797	507	47	109	217	429	219	1442	\$13804.98	577	22094	\$6173.51	179	7119	\$32779.35	106	3896	\$1748.94

The transfer of the East Siberian Union on Jan. 1, 1925, from the Far Eastern Division to the European Division, automatically reduced our church membership in the Far East by 490. The gains for the first quarter of 1925, totaling 443, fall short by 47 of meeting this loss. Accordingly, at the close of the quarter ending March 31, 1925, we show a net loss of 47, bringing our total church membership down to 14,797.

There is an encouraging gain of 1,060 in the Sabbath school membership. Eighteen new Sabbath schools have been organized during the quarter.

The literature sales for the quarter, \$32,779.35 gold, represent the totals received by the Union secretaries, and not the amounts billed by publishing houses for books, tracts, and papers shipped out from these houses during the quarter. Publishing house figures, usually in excess of those sent in by the Union secretaries, are made available to us at the close of each year, at which time they are adopted as the basis of the annual reports.

The West China Union and the East Java Mission having failed of reporting for the first quarter, estimates are given, based by us on the figures for the close of the fourth quarter of 1924.

The Central China Union Biennial Session, May, 1925—Reports

Honan Mission—Director's Biennial Report— 1923-24

(A synopsis of the report rendered by Pastor W. E. Strickland during the biennial session of the Central China Union, Hankow, May, 1925)

IN the Honan Province of Central China, with its nearly 31,000,000 inhabitants, the work of Seventh-day Adventists began over twenty years ago. Here was established our first Chinese printing plant, later developing into the Signs of the Times Publishing House of Shanghai; here also was established our first Mandarin training school, developing into our present Shanghai Missionary College; here also the medical work had its beginnings. Despite many obstacles, the work has gone forward, and some of the seeds sown have brought forth good results. To-day, in bringing to you a report for the biennial period of 1923-24, I wish to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all His blessings, His protection, and the presence of His Spirit that has given the results achieved.

Baptisms and Membership

During 1923, 117 were baptized; during 1924, 147; a total of 264 for the two years were added to the church. At the beginning of the biennial period under review, there were 376 members; now at its close we have 566. This number, while less than the goal we had set, is nevertheless in excess of any previous period, and we are grateful to God for what He has given us. The membership is included in 7 organized churches and 16 companies—a total of 23 stations and out-stations.

Evangelistic Efforts

It has been our aim to strengthen our evangelistic force, and to get every worker to realize that his or her duty is to bring men and women to Christ. During the two years we have conducted 12 tent efforts, besides the efforts that have been carried on locally at different stations. As a result, an encouraging number have received baptism, and a still larger number are inquiring into the doctrines.

Each year we have set a goal for souls. This goal has been divided among the different stations and the various workers, and has served as an incentive to keep us all hard at work. While in neither year have we fully reached our goal, nevertheless we believe that with the right spirit and with the help of the Lord, we can yet reach the mark toward which we are striving year by year. Upon the colporteurs, teachers, doctors, nurses, office helpers, as well as upon the evangelists and Bible workers, rests the burden of spreading the gospel; and in proportion as we realize this, our advance will continue to be made.

Church Buildings

During this two-year period two buildings have been erected, the local members having raised one-half of the building costs. Further, we have received gifts of 3 pieces of land, two of which already contain buildings suitable for temporary meeting places. These efforts by our members tend to bind them closer to the Lord's work, and to make them more earnest in personal work. We look forward to the day when our churches in Honan will be housed in their own properties, thus effecting a monetary saving. The donations received from our own people last year for church buildings and local church expense, totaled \$501.40 gold.

The Honan Sabbath School Department

At the close of 1924 the Sabbath school membership stood at 908, a gain of 330 during the two-year period. Our goal has been 1,000; we feel confident this will be reached soon. The Sabbath school is our best single help in the training of church members and inquirers, and we believe that whatever is attained in our field in soul-winning results, is traceable in considerable part to the helpful influence of the Sabbath school.

The Publishing Department

In colportage there has been a large gain over preceding years. Under good leadership the work has gone forward. The sales for 1921-22 were \$3,057.84 gold; for 1923-24, \$11,185.34 gold, showing a gain of more than 260%. This is remarkable, especially when taking into consideration the unsettled and dangerous conditions almost constantly prevailing in our territory. God has richly blessed His colporteurs, and we praise His name.

Educational and Medical Work

Our two institutions at Loho (near Yencheng station) have been a great help to our work in Honan. The school, conducted by Professor Williams, has had good support from the field. Each year a large number of the students have taken their stand for Christ, and we believe that our school is filling to a large extent the place it should fill. Besides this intermediate school, we have had six out-station schools with a good enrollment. We look forward to the time when every out-station shall have a church school, and when each of these small schools will be serving effectively as a "feeder" to our central intermediate school in Loho.

The Yencheng Hospital-Dispensary has been well patronized. We hope soon to see it enlarged and better equipped and compassing a broader field. This institution is the only one of its kind in a radius of hundreds of li.

Tithes and Offerings

The total Mission receipts for 1923-24 were practically double those of 1921-22. While the workers' tithe remained nearly the same, owing to the number of workers not being materially increased, the tithe from the church members among the laity nearly trebled; the Sabbath school offering advanced nearly 50 per cent; the Harvest Ingathering receipts were increased seven-fold. These results were accomplished with practically the same working force as in former years, and reveal what can be done for the Lord when all have a mind to work.

Harvest Ingathering

During the fall of 1923 strong efforts were put forth to raise money for enlarging our Hospital-Dispensary, and as a result about \$1,850 gold was raised. Last year our Ingathering work was carried on with the view of getting our church people to work, and we estimate that about 20 per cent of our membership, including the workers, took part in the campaign. The returns were not large, but we believe this kind of work will reap results other than dollars and cents. We desire to see both workers and people taking a live interest in this annual Harvest Ingathering campaign, and we know that they will as they realize its importance.

Our Aims

While we are looking forward to the time when all our companies, housed in buildings owned by the Church, will be paying an honest tithe and will be supporting the cause liberally in free-will offerings and in Harvest Ingathering and other campaigns for the raising of funds; nevertheless, beyond all these material aims and blessings we have as our highest and most essential aim, the winning of souls. We have as one of our aims, the bringing up of our Honan church membership to 1,000 and beyond. For the accomplishment of this we need most of all the help of the Lord; and for this we pray. We seek for His divine guidance, His instruction, His Holy Spirit. With His presence and aid we determine to accomplish much for the glorifying of His name and the hastening of the return of Him whom we love and for whom we labor, with the fond hope that the fruit we bear may be gathered with us into His kingdom. And so we press on, asking an interest in your prayers that our faith fail not.

W. E. STRICKLAND.

The Hupeh Mission—1923-24

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor A. J. Wearer, director of the Hupeh Mission, at the biennial session, Hankow, China, May, 1925)

THE Hupeh Mission includes 7 churches and 15 out-stations, each of which is connected with one of these 7 churches. During the past year evangelistic efforts have been held in 5 cities and towns with varying success. In endeavoring to put the evangelistic work of this province on a proficient, steady basis, we have been greatly aided by Pastor Kuhn, who for the past nine months has given full time to this work in the Wuhan cities. Three men have been in training under him, and two additional men are to be released for this line of work in the future. Efforts are now being held at Hwangpei and Hankow, with splendid interests.

Six to ten colporteurs have been at work, and \$4,148.32 Mex. worth of literature was sold in 1923 and \$3,193.36 in 1924. We are working to the goal of \$6,000 for 1925. Under the promotion of Fan Dze Tsiang, many of our lay members are becoming interested in home missionary work. Some are giving full time to the distribution of Bible portions and our booklets and tracts. In all 22,555 were sold in 1924, of which 8,880 were Bible portions. This will be far exceeded the current year.

Seventeen Sabbath schools were reported at the close of 1924, with a membership of 418. The total Sabbath school offerings for the biennial period were \$1,389.69 Mex.

Three primary schools have been conducted. The Hankow Middle School, carrying work up to and including the ninth grade, has had an enrollment of 70 and 55 for the two school years included in the biennial term; 14 students have been graduated from this school; 13 were baptized at the close of the 1923-24 school year; 24 were in the baptismal class at the close of the 1924-25 term. A broom industry is being developed which promises success as an aid to those boys who must work to meet their expenses. The girls' industry consists for the most part of fancy sewing, for which market has been found in Hankow.

The total tithes for the term were \$1,970.23 Mex.; lay members' tithes, \$779.78, or about \$2.59 Mex. per capita. The total of all special offerings was \$693 Mex. Church properties valued at \$160 Mex. were donated to the mission.

In some places one half of the furniture is now being furnished by the members.

Our numerical goals are 100 souls brought to the truth in 1925; 300 yearly subscriptions to the *Signs*; \$3,000 Mex. worth of books sold; Harvest Ingathering funds solicited, \$1,500; subscriptions to the *Shepherd*, 170; additional Sabbath school members, 500; and \$1,405.80 Mex. in offerings; every Adventist student of Middle School grade in our own schools; every Seventh-day Adventist systematically paying an honest tithe.

We need more consecrated, zealous, soul-winning workers—preachers, teachers, colporteurs. We need more mission-owned church buildings and schools. Especially do we need a church building on our lot in Hankow, that the lot may no longer remain idle while we continue to pay exorbitant rents. Not less needed is the long-planned-for rural home for our intermediate school, where our educational work may develop in an efficient, heaven-approved way. We need more zeal, more consecration, more faith; having these, we shall be given a full measure of the Holy Spirit to guide us on in winning many souls. So shall His cause press on in speedy conquest until the work shall have been finished.

A. J. WEARNER.

The Hunan Mission—1923-24

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor C. H. Davis, director of the Hunan Mission, during the biennial session of the Central China Union, Hankow)

DURING the past two years efforts have been held in all our chapels with varying success.

Two tent companies have been kept busy, and these have yielded better results than our chapel efforts or other evangelistic work. The last tent effort held in 1924, at H-yang, brought a revival to that church that gives promise of a large number of baptisms and the purchase of a chapel building.

Colporteur Work

The colporteur work suffered during the war of 1923, and a half year of rain that followed brought great hardship. Following is a comparison of sales for the years 1921 to 1924, inclusive:—

1921	1922	1923	1924
\$4248.64	\$4727.47	\$2246.00	\$5609.21

The sales for the year 1923 represent little more than half a year's work. During the past four years 59 of our 74 hsien cities have been worked by colporteurs, and most of the 59 have been canvassed each year, together with the numerous small towns represented by the hsien. The remaining districts being in robber-infested country, it has been well nigh impossible for the canvassers to work there.

For years Hunan has taken a large number of subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* the whole field being well sown with this good paper. The last few months our *Signs* list has been the highest of any province.

Sabbath Schools

Three new Sabbath schools were added during the biennial term. The total Sabbath school offerings for the period were \$1,788.51 Mex., a gain of \$174.46 over the preceding term. When we consider that during the 1923-24 term there have been fewer foreign families to give offerings, it will be seen that the gain from the Chinese church is considerable.

Educational Work in Hunan

During 1922 we were able to buy suitable land on which to build our provincial school. The next year we solicited sufficient Harvest Ingathering funds to build two dormitories. Our main building is now under construction, and will be ready for use in September, 1925. It is large enough to care for any growth that we might expect in our school work for a number of years. The building will contain five large class rooms, two offices, and a chapel spacious enough to seat between two and three hundred.

There are twenty boys in our higher primary school, all of whom are children of Seventh-day Adventist parents. Six lower primary schools have a total attendance of eighty, about half of whom are children of our own people.

We are grateful to God for all the blessings we have enjoyed during the past two years, and for what has been accomplished in His name. We consecrate ourselves anew to Him, that He may work in and through us for the prosperity and development of His work. C. H. DAVIS.

The Shensi Mission

THE record of Shensi Mission thus far has been one of hope deferred. During the past few years conditions in this field have militated against the development of a strong, united church, and with many there is evident a lack of appreciation of gospel order and labor. Our effort now is to educate these away from local strifes to an appreciation of the truth. Encouraging responses bid us hope, and we know that God has a people here. We have two companies of believers, one at Tan Gia Bub, Gospel Village, and another at headquarters in Sianfu.

Our headquarters are now quite ready for advance work. The 27 *mow* of land is walled in by a ten-foot tile-capped mud wall, and some two hundred trees have been planted. The two foreign homes and office building are substantially built, and give promise of comfort and efficiency.

We need a school—it should be operating now. Our compound is well adapted for this. The west portion will give ample accommodation for a good school building and grounds.

Before the middle of the year we shall have baptized not less than twenty-five souls who love this truth, and who have pledged themselves to faithful missionary effort for friends and neighbors.

The colporteur work at present is dependent on imported colporteurs; but we hope this year to have three or four men from our own companies enter this field. The province of Shensi seems remunerative where an effort is made.

Relying upon God, and with firm faith in the living power of the truth, we set our stakes for growth and advance.

W. E. GILLIS, *Director*.

I. O. WALLACE, *Treasurer*.

Educational and Young People's Work in the Central China Union—1923-24.

(Synopsis of report rendered by Prof. D. S. Williams, Union educational secretary at the biennial session of the Central China Union, May, 1925, Hankow)

IN number of schools, teachers, and students, the Central China Union report for 1923-24 shows a falling off below that of 1921-22. In that biennial period our teachers numbered 50; schools, 31; and attendance, 719; while in 1923 we had 38 teachers, 18 schools and 463 students; and in 1924, 42 teachers, 20 schools, and 405 students. Of the 20 schools, reported in 1924, two were carrying grades 1-9. These two junior middle schools, located at Hankow (Hupeh) and Yencheng (Honan), are provincial schools. In both these a number of students were baptized during the two years, the number baptized at Yencheng being forty.

Every year sees a number of our students going into the work in the capacity of colporteurs, office helpers, nurses and even evangelists. In 1924 the number from Yencheng thus to enter active service was ten.

In the Hankow and Yencheng schools we are endeavoring to develop industries that the students may be self-supporting. Neither of these schools controls land enough to give to agricultural work; and the industries for the boys are practically limited to food-canning at Yencheng and broom-making at Hankow, with needlework for the girls.

Three Young People's societies are organized in the three higher schools in the Union. The principal work done by these societies is in going out among the villages and into the homes of the people, holding Bible readings and preaching services. Ten Standard of Attainment certificates were issued during the past year.

We are glad to welcome two new foreign families to our educational force of workers, and also to see the interest in educational work shown by some of the provinces in the election of secretaries for this and the Young People's departments. These two departments of our work have not had adequate oversight in the past. We trust that arrangements may soon be made whereby our work for the young people of this Union may have the consideration it deserves, and that our youth may be educated and trained in a way that will bring glory to God and advancement to His cause.

D. S. WILLIAMS.

Advancement in Central China

MRS. I. H. EVANS

THE report of the progress of our Sabbath schools in the Central China Union was given by Brother A. Mountain at the biennial session held in Hankow in May. In spite of wars and deep poverty and the terror of bandits, with many other difficulties, the work has advanced in the provinces of this Union during the two-year period just closed.

The accompanying table shows what was done in 1923-1924, the apparent drop in membership, it should be explained, being caused by adopting a higher standard in keeping the records:

	Member- ship	Attendance	Total Offerings	Perfect Attendance	Daily Study	Perj. Daily Study	Attend. and Daily Study
1923:	2317	1918	\$1441.61	Mex. 909	48		172
1924:	2232	1859	1737.25	18:4	619		338

A number of resolutions passed by the Sabbath School Convention held in Shanghai in April were adopted by the workers in attendance at the Hankow meeting. No resolution on Sabbath school offerings was needed; for the executive committee of the Central China Union, meeting early in 1925, adopted a financial goal for their Sabbath schools, based on the 1924 statistics of church membership, of 5 cents Mex. for each church member, 10 cents Mex. for each Chinese worker, and \$2 Mex for each foreign family per Sabbath. "with double these amounts for the thirteenth Sabbaths." Surely Central China does not intend to come behind in the good work of lifting in the Sabbath school offerings.

At the close of the regular biennial session, several days were spent in Convention work. At this time the various features of the Sabbath school work were carefully studied, and plans were laid to bring this work as a whole onto higher ground.

We are grateful for the loyalty and faithfulness of the believers in Central China, and look toward the future with bright hope of seeing the Sabbath school work steadily advance in this Union.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Hospital-Dispensary at Soonan

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Haysmer are now in attendance at their second term of language school study in Seoul, Chosen. It is their plan to open the hospital-dispensary at Soonan soon after the beginning of the new year.

During the recent session of the Chosen Union plans were laid for developing as rapidly as possible a strong training center at Soonan for medical missionary evangelists. To this end a nurses' training class will be formed and operated in collaboration with the Chosen Union Training School.

An Advance in the Chihli Mission

On Sabbath, May 23, 1925, in the midst of the North China Union biennial session, thirteen were baptized at our Peking compound. Late in June others were baptized in Tientsin. It is planned to open a chapel in Kalgan and to press forward with the large work already inaugurated in various sections of the Peking district.

W. J. Harris.

Visiting a Country Out-station in Shantung

Pastor N. F. Brewer, in charge of the publishing and home missionary departments of the North China Union, writes under date of June 26 of a visit to the out-station of Dungan, distant from Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung Province, about two days' journey by cart. We can give only a few extracts from this most interesting letter:

"This station had not been visited for over a year, and we felt as if we must get to the place, although traveling is not the safest nowadays. We asked the American consul about the advisability of undertaking the journey, and he replied that he would advise against it, unless the need were very urgent. After praying about it, we decided to go, and reached there after two days of travel by cart.

Thursday was spent in visiting the members and inquirers living in the country outside Dungan thirty, twenty, and ten li from the chapel. Some of these people walk into Dungan each Sabbath; among these are several ladies with bound feet.

"We invited the people to come into Dungan Friday and to remain over until Sunday, and as they are living in the famine district, we promised them their food and lodging. Then we returned by donkey to Dungan, where Friday was spent in visiting the members and interested ones residing there. Friday evening our meetings began. Sabbath was a full day; and despite the heat the people seemed to enjoy the meetings, and paid close attention. There were about seventy in attendance.

"Sabbath forenoon, following a talk on the tithing system, many arose and promised to pay an honest tithe henceforth. Some who had hens, promised to tithe the eggs. One man who had four dollars, handed in his tithe of forty cents, and promised to be faithful in future. All through the meetings the Lord's blessing was with us, and the people seemed grateful because of His great mercy and loving kindness to them all."

The Malaysian Union Seminary

A mimeographed sheet bearing the title, "*The Seminary*," sent out by the headmaster of the Malaysian Union Seminary, Singapore, Straits Settlements, brings word of an attendance of nearly 300 during the second semester.

Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Barto have been recently connected with the Seminary as members of the faculty. Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Baumgartner, after more than five years with the school, are released for their furlough, which they are taking by way of the Holy Land and Europe. Just prior to their departure the students presented them with a motto reading, "*Good bye, but hurry back.*"

The new industrial hall, which is practically completed, is now being occupied. In the section devoted to the girls there is to be a parlor, a rest room, and a library. This industrial building is one of the best of its kind in British Malaya, and the avowed purpose of the school management is to fill the building with some of the best hand workers in the denomination. Prof. F. L. Bunch is in direct charge of the industries. One of the leading firms in Singapore has recently signed a contract to take the entire output of the towels manufactured by the school.

At Language Study in Szechwan

Brother and Sister C. A. Woolsey reached Chungking, Szechwan, safely, and proceeded on up the river, en route to Omei-shan, high up in the mountains, where they will engage in a study of the Mandarin language, preparatory to service in the West China Union. Brother Woolsey has been asked to carry the responsibility of the book work in that Union. Early in October he will enter the language school in Chengtu for further study.

Pastor and Mrs. Alton Hughes have come down from Chengtu to Omei-shan to continue their language study during the summer season.

Dr. J. N. Andrews writes of the completion of the fourth tract in Tibetan. The translating work on this has been done carefully, and Dr. Andrews, who is continuing his study of the Tibetan language, writes of his hope of distributing a large number of the tracts before the close of the year. With so many coming to the dispensary, however, it is difficult to get away from Tatsienlu for any length of time.

Counting Sales in China

At the close of the half year ending June 30, 1925, the Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, was able to report a total of \$28,456.44 Mex. of periodical sales, with \$34,651.83 book sales, the grand total being \$63,108.27 Mex., or \$2,601.03 in excess of the corresponding period the previous year.

The Chinese *Signs Magazine* circulation at the close of the June stood at 43,138, not counting the circulation of the special on "Education." Hunan is still at head of the list, with 3,735 annual subscribers. Peking stands next, with 3,622. It is the avowed purpose of the leaders in Hunan to keep at the head, but Peking evidently is overtaking them rapidly. What the future may hold in store will be revealed with the passing of time.

Other missions standing high in the list are: Fengtien, Canton, Kiangsi, Shantung, Honan, Anhwei, Kiangsu, Kirin, Malay States, Amoy, Shensi, Siam, Heilungkiang.

Other subscription lists are as follows: *Sabbath School Helper*. 673; The Chinese Church Paper, 1708

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With Our Believers in Wenchow

In mid-June it was my privilege to join once more with our believers in the Wenchow district of the South Chekiang province in an annual provincial meeting. Pastor J. G. Gjording, the superintendent of the East China Union, was in charge, inasmuch as Pastor Geo. L. Wilkinson, the director of the South Chekiang Mission, is on furlough. Prof. B. F. Gregory, who has spent nearly five years in Wenchow, was in attendance throughout, and his knowledge of the vernacular used in that district proved helpful. One of our Chinese evangelists, Brother Pan, served as translator from the English, and others who are in evangelistic work in that language area were able to translate from the Mandarin.

Pastor K. H. Wood, who pioneered our mission work in South Chekiang, accompanied me to the meeting, and was in attendance to the close. He spoke in the Shanghai colloquial, and this was understood by more than half of those present. Several were able to translate for him.

The Lord met with us day by day. Every meeting was a spiritual meeting. During the early morning devotional hour all the delegates united in seeking the Lord. Pastor T. S. Wu, of the Anhwei Mission, who has been loaned to South Chekiang for two years, has done splendid service in the various churches and companies; and his ministry during the annual meeting was deeply spiritual, and brought comfort and hope to all. We believe the Lord has worked in a special manner to unite all the brethren and sisters in the unity of the faith and in sweet fellowship one with another.

The membership of the South Chekiang Mission has grown to 242. There were 12 baptized the last day of our meeting, and since the close of the meeting 17 more have been baptized, bringing the membership to upwards of 250. When Brother Wilkinson returns next September he will find that many have been added during his absence.

There was harmony throughout, and the business sessions were characterized by brotherly unity and consideration one for another. The brethren have set goals for the coming year which should swell the membership to 350 or more by the time they meet again. Little groups of believers are springing up in the remoter sections of the field. Some of the delegates brought maps showing how interests were developing in far-away places. God is at work in South Chekiang, and the light of present truth is shining brightly.

Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division

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 CANVASSERS			
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native
1	Division						5	1	4		38					1			
2	Philippine Union	5	81	99	5654	358	7	8	2	28	17	29		14		1	71		
3	Chosen Union	3	17	22	1513	13	5	5	4	18	14	46				2	29		
4	Japan Union	1	14	9	427	2	4	4		7	5	5		1	9		11		
5	Manchurian Union	2	9	9	202		2		2	3	4	12				1	7		
6	Central China Union	5	63	20	1484	45	5	5	10	12	15	53		1		3	37		
7	North China Union	2	10	3	191		4	1	2	2	8	9		2		1	10		
8	South China Union	7	87	35	2272	5	10	6	4	65	18	28		18		2	6		
9	West China Union	3	4	2	90		4	1	1	4	5	7		2			1		
10	East China Union	3	59	26	1115	14	6	3	2	10	9	46	1	23		1	13		
11	Malaysian Union	12	23	20	1537	35	18	3	7	25	29	29		3		1	16		
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission		5	1	312	35	2		1	4		3	1	1			6		
13	TOTALS, 1st Qr. 1925	44	372	246	14979	507	72	37	39	178	162	267	2	77	9	12	207		
14	<i>*Estimated. The totals given below for preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i>																		
15	Totals, 1st Qr. 1924	41	347	237	13065	414	70	39	38	158	149	220	3	83	6	9	197		
16	Totals, 1st Qr. 1923	46	342	231	10980	278	60	37	55	157	155	219	6	66	9	9	224		
17	Totals, 1st Qr. 1922	43	315	194	9802	295	59	35	49	154	138	186	3	67	7	7	155		
18	Totals, 1st Qr. 1921	41	275	173	8106	279	65	29	50	156	176	167	4	54	11	3	157		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37							
	Average Attendance S. S.	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools Conducted	Enrollment Church Schools							
1	4555	\$1178.65	\$156.04	\$1334.69	\$2477.27	\$10573.52	\$13463.06	77	\$17532.00	7135	10	429							
3	3243	652.10	73.96	726.06	1034.80	2859.71	4006.57	44	11634.00	5580	29	1003							
4	377	390.89	183.55	574.44			3639.71	7	16000.00	900	6	130							
5	224	95.17	25.52	120.69	603.22	351.09	954.31	2	6000.00	275	6	130							
6	2000	363.47	124.13	487.60	551.50	958.66	1510.16	16	10127.00	1800	24	339							
7	337	94.15	11.97	106.12	667.50	137.55	805.05	1	1500.00	400	5	177							
8	3209	337.26	81.63	418.89	617.71	397.98	1253.30	17	13725.00	4000	47	2037							
9	165	74.00	58.00	132.00	65.00	100.00	165.00	1	3000.00	250	4	16							
10	2343	509.08	82.70	591.78	568.82	280.98	849.80	7	24325.00	1800	22	626							
11	1627	970.43	362.30	1332.73	1429.31	4370.35	5818.41	9	30620.00	1670	14	353							
12	374	307.56	40.95	348.51	27.36	286.62	313.98				2	57							
13	18455	4972.76	1200.75	6173.51	8042.49	20316.46	32779.35	181	134463.00	23810	163	5342							
14	<i>Totals Year 1925, 1923, 1922, 1921, given below</i>																		
15	16731	4260.20	742.79	5002.99	6458.90	22732.36	30637.77	155	100378.00	21885	137	4067							
16	13647	3654.83	720.18	4375.01	4202.79	16592.62	23316.24	75	46250.00	10610	135	3911							
17	10292	3614.93	708.48	4323.41	8370.77	15748.28	28908.31	70	36945.00	10005	132	3517							
18	9319	3807.72	754.12	4561.84	7433.70	20094.05	27545.40	68	29638.00	9090	119	319							

Mission for the Year Ending March 31, 1925

All Values in U. S. Gold

Number of Mission	14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not elsewhere listed)	16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS U. S. GOLD			18 Tithe Per Capita	19 Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work Expenditure of Harvest Ingathering, and Sustentation Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sub-bath-Schools	24 Membership			
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)										
1	5	4	53	47	75	\$1746.00		\$1746.00										
2			41	26	191	544.66	5453.29	5997.95		337.47	26.42	444.50	255.00	170	5317			
3			17	23	126	512.76	954.96	1467.72		335.56	80.04		431.77	84	4011			
4				18	30	433.30	1217.67	1650.97			94.89	76.93	78.50	15	536			
5			4	8	27	232.19	167.35	399.54		129.52	3.03	.75	17.42	11	324			
6	3	12	17	30	187	680.10	636.45	1316.55		266.09		72.07	34.02	73	2 63			
7			8	14	43	219.61	145.72	365.33		3.88	.83		2.89	10	416			
8	4	12	84	32	212	909.40	738.49	1647.89		440.84	45.51		14.91	86	3902			
9	1	1		10	16	210.00	84.00	294.00						7	183			
10			26	18	122	620.87	547.94	1158.81		238.45	2.50	66.00		66	2872			
11	2		28	54	115	907.54	3036.43	3943.97		38.66	246.81	1068.56	46.89	50	1696			
12				3	15	90.57	822.68	913.25		96.12		20.13	116.59	5	374			
13	15	29	283	283	1159	7107.00	13804.98	20911.98		1866.59	500.03	1748.94	997.99	577	22094			
14																		
15	13	30	315	266	1006	7523.74	10905.82	18429.56		461.30	312.51	2149.20	523.65	553	19784			
16	6	44	246	283	1018	5003.08	8662.78	13665.86		724.97	134.07	4831.45	202.70	483	16916			
17	16	48	271	263	976	6411.16	8257.92	14669.08		832.50	174.64	3361.95	909.82	425	15036			
18	13	50	234	307	886	6670.51	9311.20	15981.71		389.85	264.91	805.58	636.33	382	11820			
38																		
Number of Mission	39 Number of Intermediate Schools		40 Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	41 Number of Training Schools	42 Training Schools Enrollment of	43 Total Enrollment	44 NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		45 NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		46 Total No. of Teachers	47 Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	48 Expense of Maintenance of Schools	49 Number of Young People's Societies	50 Membership	51 Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	52 Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	53 Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work
		Men	Women	Men	Women		Men	Women										
1				1	287	287	5	4	8	4	21	\$17000.00	\$6500.00					
2				1	230	659	4	5	11	7	27	7180.03	2461.78	45	1150		5.55	19.51
3				1	148	1156	2	2	44	3	51	539.32	2041.69	31	1513		18.60	9.43
4				1	50	50	2	3	2		7	3000.00	716.00	4	65			
5	1	12				142	1		5	2	8	630.00	179.15	8	153			
6	3	182				571	2	4	34	5	45	16410.00	1516.00	2	142			
7	1	89				266	1	3	9	3	16	5000.00		2	102			
8	3	281				2318	4	6	80	23	113	30982.00	4808.05	2	85		25.91	
9						136		1	11	2	14	650.00	365.00	2	41			
10	2	117				743	1	1	26	8	36	2825.00	1030.06	3	237			
11	1	80	1	301	734	734	3	4	27	9	43	41631.25	3249.13	4	260		18.54	
12						57			1	3	4		213.48	2	148		22.79	
13	11	761	5	1016	7110	7110	25	33	258	69	385	125847.60	23080.34	105	3896		91.39	28.94
14																		
15	12	930	5	873	5870	5870	25	29	223	70	347	94156.73	12597.79	82	3614		3.57	6.75
16	10	803	6	956	5670	5670	22	26	209	67	324	101043.46	14896.41	79	2828	36.47	5.50	39.14
17	11	716	5	784	4812	4812	24	23	195	57	294	101250.50	8364.21	38	1384		1.30	8.96
18	8	538	5	567	4213	4213	24	20	169	42	255	81120.14	12166.67	30	765		8.80	

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On the morning of July 10, Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans, Miss E. A. James, and Pastor J. J. Strable reached Shanghai from their round of Union sessions in Central and North China, Chosen, Manchuria, and Japan.

Pastor W. E. Strickland writes from Vancouver of a safe journey across the Pacific, and gives as his furlough address during the summer and early fall: 23 Adelaide St., St., Johns, New Brunswick, Canada.

Pastor H. O. Swartout and family left Shanghai the night of July 4 for Gikungshan, at which hill station a group of five or six families who have not long been in China will unite in a study of the Mandarin language while Brother and Sister Swartout are with them to teach and direct. This special course is to continue for about six weeks, and thus a few families who have not had the privileges of the regular language schools will be helped along materially in an effort to learn how to study to advantage under private teachers.

The Home Board report the following bookings for the Orient on the "*Empress of Russia*" sailing from Vancouver August 20 and reaching Shanghai September 4: Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Griggs, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Griggs, Dr. H. W. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Evens, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Erich, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Knowles, Mr. Ernest Hurd, wife and daughter, Pastor Frederick Lee and family, and Pastor Geo. L. Wilkinson and family.

Pastor I. C. Schmidt has fully recovered from a heavy operation for appendicitis in Medan, South Sumatra.

In this issue, reports from the Central and North China Union sessions are given. Copy is in hand from Chosen, Manchuria and Japan, telling of progress during the past two years. With the holding of the East China Union session opening September 4 in Shanghai, the cycle of union meetings for the biennial period just closed will have been completed.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1925

Four pages of Harvest Ingathering articles and suggestions have been included in this number, in order that all may understand the plan of the campaign opening early in September.

A Book on the Prophecies of Daniel, for Japan

Pastors A. N. Anderson and S. Miyake, of the Japan Union, are associated in bringing out an adapted edition of Pastor Uriah Smith's Exposition of the Prophecies of Daniel. It is planned that this be followed later with a volume on the Revelation. The work of adapting and translating is to be completed by the close of the present summer if possible, and there is to be no delay in the issuance of this work from the Press.

Sending out Twenty-Six to Work

It is with great joy that I am writing these lines for the OUTLOOK and for the glory of our God.

Great blessings have come to our church in Harbin. On the twenty-second of June we sent out from this place twenty-six workers. Four have gone to Mongolia; four have left to sell our denominational literature; and the remaining eighteen have gone out to preach the gospel to the Russian people in our Sungari-Mongolian Mission. We have another four who are beginning the study of the Chinese (Mandarin) language, and who will be ready later to take up work in any Union in our Division where they may be called upon to labor. All these men have been in attendance at our Bible school in Harbin.

On the twenty-eighth of June we had a baptismal service in our Harbin church, and twenty-nine dear souls were baptized. This makes sixty-five who have been baptized thus far this year in this city. Our 1925 goal for Harbin is one hundred souls, and we hope to reach this.

We are all of good courage. Praise the Lord with us.

T. T. Babienco.

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Conditions in China

Those who have had the privilege of living and laboring long among the Chinese people, have learned to have a profound respect for these people and an unwavering confidence in those who are giving their hearts to the Lord Jesus and are engaging in service for Him. Ofttimes, as we meet to pray together, we hear some praying that God may continue to work by His Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the heathen, and bring them to a knowledge of Himself and of saving grace. It is a blessed privilege to be among these people day by day, and to labor in their behalf. Our love for them and for God's work among them can not blind our eyes to the growing difficulties that surround this work; but notwithstanding all these things, our eyes are upon the Lord Jesus, the Great Commissioner, and upon the many, many districts of this land lying unwarned. We must go forward in response to our Master's bidding, remembering His blessed assurance, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

During the past three or four weeks we have had word from many of our interior stations, telling of loyalty and fidelity on the part of our Chinese brethren and sisters who are engaged in the Lord's service. Some distressing circumstances have arisen, and the workers have met with perils on every hand; but throughout the field the Lord's protecting care has been round about His own, and the cause of present truth has been uppermost in all the plans and the future. We confidently expect a goodly harvest of souls in this, the most perplexing of all the years during which our Mission has been operating in the China field. Our prayers are ascending daily in behalf of the little bands of men and women who are in far away stations, doing what they can to hold the work of God steady in this time of stress and severe trial. Even at the stations from which our foreign workers have been compelled to withdraw for a time by order of consular authorities, we hope and pray for substantial returns in souls won for the Kingdom.

Statistics—First Qr., 1925

Complete figures for the Far Eastern Division during the first three months of 1925, are given by Unions on pages 14 and 15 of this number. A more detailed report of some of the more important items, is given by provinces in the table appearing on the two center-pages of this issue. The footnote on this provincial report calls especial attention to gains and losses. The figures speak for themselves.

With the appearance of these figures in print, we have come to the close of the second quarter, and half the year has passed by. Of this, and of our opportunity to do large things, during the closing half of the current year Pastor I. H. Evans makes some practical observations in his article appearing on the front page of this number. We know the suggestion made will meet with a hearty response on the part of all.

Departures

Early in June, from Tokyo, Pastor A. N. Nelson, on furlough.

July 2, from Shanghai, Drs. H. C. and Ethel James and son Milton, of the Yencheng Hospital-Dispensary, on furlough.

July 8, from Yokohama, Pastors C. H. Watson and O. A. Hall, en route to the States.

In June, from Singapore, Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Baumgartner and children, to the States via Europe, on furlough.

In May, from Batavia, Java, Pastor J. S. Yates and family, on furlough.

July 9, from Hongkong, Pastor J. P. Anderson and family, of the Hakkia Provincial Mission, Waichow, Kwangtung, China, for Washington, D. C., on furlough.

July 5, from Manila, Mrs. O. F. Sevrens, on an emergency trip to the States. The address of Mrs. Sevrens for a time will be in care of Pacific Press Mountain View, Calif., U. S. A.

A Parting Word

Dear Fellow Workers,—

After nearly sixteen years' connection with the work in China, it becomes necessary to sever this connection for at least a time, and return to the homeland. It is with deep regret that we take this step, and leave the work that has all these years been so near to our hearts. It has given us great pleasure to be connected with the work in China during years of development, and to enjoy the blessings of service in this needy field. We have waited, prayed and hoped that the way might open for us to continue our work; but the Lord seems to lead otherwise, and we can but leave all in His hand.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our hearty appreciation of the unity and close co-operation that has existed among our workers in the fields in which we have labored, and to assure all that our interest in the growth and speedy culmination of the work in China may never slacken. Our prayers will ever be that the Lord may bless and prosper His workers and His work.

Until the newly appointed superintendent arrives, all business matters pertaining to the Central China Union Mission should be addressed to Brother A. Mountain, S. D. A. Mission, Wang Gia Dun, Hankow, China, as he has been appointed acting superintendent.

My address for the time being will be Sanitarium, Napa Co., Calif., U. S. A. May we ask an interest in the prayers of all, that our Heavenly Father may lead and guide, and that if it be His will, in His appointed time we may be permitted to rejoin you for the finishing of the work in China.

Sincerely your brother, O. A. Hall.