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The New Year

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At the time of the New Year, many Christians review the past twelve months, strike a balance, resolve on a better life, and make a new start in Christian living. In worldly affairs, inventories are taken, and the conduct of business is enlarged or retracted according to the ability and vision of those in charge. Even heathen lands follow this custom. We all need to make this review and resolve in our Christian experience as well as in our earthly affairs; especially should we stress this in our work of winning sinners to become children of God.

Our work is evangelical. Most of us as workers are evangelists. When we are not speakers from the desk, we still are to be soul-winners. Now that the New Year has come, why not resolve to enter into this soul-winning work with a definite purpose to bear more fruit for Christ than ever before?

It means much to have a fixed purpose; few great things are accomplished without firm determination. Souls are not won to Christ by half-hearted efforts; as great determination is necessary in God's work, as it takes to lead an army into an unconquered territory and bring it into subjection.

Mere perfunctory effort will not accomplish great things. Effort is good, but behind that effort there must be a strong, resolute will, determined to secure results, in the name of God. A conqueror must plan wisely, organize, and be determined.

It takes no special will power to drift and go with the current. The tide bears us on, but to win men to Christ requires every particle of resolve that can be commanded. Said Paul, "*I determined.*" John Knox was determined to win Scotland to Protestantism; John Calvin was determined to win Switzerland to his interpretation of Scripture; Moody, when he entered New York City to conduct a revival service, was determined that his message should reach the people; Finney was a determined man, and expected "vast results" from his labor. So we, if we would do a great work for our God, must be determined men. No other attitude of mind will bring success.

Few messages during the gospel age have commanded more complete self-surrender than our truth. The high standard of morality, the plainness in dress, the non-use of narcotics and stimulants, the keeping of the commandments of God, make our message the greatest reformatory message ever proclaimed since the first century. With all the weaknesses of the natural heart, those who proclaim this message cannot win men, unless back of the teaching is strong will, great determination, and a consecrated life, witnessed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Heralds of the third angel's message must be holy men of God, Spirit-filled, who go forth in the name of their Master to win against all the hosts of evil. They must know no compromise with sin, if this message is to be preached with power. We are in the field for conquest, not of cities and countries, but of the souls of men.

This last message to a lost and perishing world is to be a compelling message. In speaking of this great world movement, the strongest language is used. Such phrases as "loud cry" and "great voice" are frequent. Surely, these phrases indicate a compelling, forceful work among the peoples of the earth. That power is to be manifested through the laborers in presenting the truth, goes without a guerd. Intensity must come into all our lives as workers, and set us on fire with holy zeal in our preaching and work. This is not the day for moderation and an easy-going pace in working for the lost. Each New Year there must be a new resolve for greater things for God. We must hold all we have in church membership, and reach out for more. Ours must be the spirit of conquest, and our purpose must ever be, "*More Souls for Christ.*"

The New Year demands a quicker step, more prayer, and greater determination for Christ than ever before. The more difficult the way, the greater the hindrances from the enemy, the more need we have of a deeper personal consecration, and also the more determined we must be that the enemy shall be routed and a harvest of souls gathered for Christ. No year ever held such possibilities for soul-winning by the remnant church, as 1927. Will not each worker set himself the goal of doing greater things for Christ than ever before?

NOTE AND COMMENT

Far Eastern Division Notes

Pastor W. E. Gillis is temporarily in Shanghai with his family, as conditions in Shensi are still in an unsettled state, and Mrs. Gillis, although gathering strength, must continue for a time under the care of physicians. Meanwhile, Brother Gillis is assisting in supervising the construction of buildings at the Shanghai headquarters.

Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, in response to an invitation from the Division Committee, spent the Week of Prayer at the schools in Nanking and Chiao Tou Djen, and will be in attendance at the South Chekiang annual meeting, Wenchow, in mid-January.

Pastor H. J. Doolittle, director of the Anhwei Mission, during a mid-week prayer service at the Ningkuo Road compound, reported many blessed experiences enjoyed by the Nanking church during the Week of Prayer, including the largest annual offering ever received in the Anhwei Mission.

At the Shanghai Sanitarium Pastor A. A. Esteb, of the Manchurian Union, gave much time to spiritual interests among the workers and others during the Week of Prayer season. Brother Esteb also found some time each day during this time, to hold meetings with the Signs of the Times Publishing House workers. Blessed results are reported, including the organization of baptismal classes, the one at the Press numbering twenty-five.

The Shanghai Sanitarium list of patients has included of late several mission workers.—Mrs. F. M. Larsen and Mrs. A. A. Esteb, of the Manchurian Union; Miss Mount, of Shanghai; and Mrs. W. E. Gillis of Central China. All are reported as rapidly regaining their wonted strength. The benefits of having a medical institution in our field, are manifold.

In mid-December Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Haysmer left the Soonan Mission station and sailed for the States by a Blue Funnel Liner.

Professor S. L. Frost has recently returned from an extended visit to schools and various churches in the Philippines. He reports progress in many lines—and many needs as well.

On the ninth of January the Misses Abel of Bangkok, Siam, daughters of Brother and Sister R. P. Abel of the Siam Mission, reach Shanghai to enter Far Eastern Academy as students.

Brother E. C. Wood reports progress at the Rubicon Road property, where the main building of the Shanghai Sanitarium is now under construction. Adverse weather conditions are retarding somewhat the workmen, but the contractor is sanguine of completing the building by next fall.

Pastor J. G. Gjording, superintendent of the East China Union, in company with Pastor H. P. Evans, of the Kiangsu Mission, recently itinerated in Northern Chekiang, going as far as Badoo along the Anhwei border, and reports encouraging conditions. Thirty-four were baptized during this trip.

"Our Thoughts Are Often of China"

Brother and Sister John Oss, writing from Hangesund, Norway, to "dear friends in the Far Eastern Division," tell of visits to various points of interest, including several centers of our work in Asia and Europe, and close with the word: "Our thoughts are often of China, and after a few months in the States we plan to return to our work."

The communication from Brother and Sister Oss is worthy of publication in full; but for lack of space we can pass on to our readers only a few of the good things mentioned concerning places visited during the earlier months of furlough. To quote in part:

"Since leaving Shanghai, July 17, we have thought often of the dear friends of the Far Eastern Division and of the work in that part of the world.

"We have had a pleasant trip thus far, and have been blessed with good health all the way. Enroute we stopped at Hongkong, Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, and Calcutta. Saigon, a part of Cochin-China, is one of the regions still unentered. We hope this promising field will not have to wait long for the message for this hour.

"At Singapore we spent three days, meeting our workers. In Penang we met Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner, who are carrying on medical missionary work in that place.

"In Calcutta we were met by our brother-in-law, and had the privilege of visiting Mr. Oss's sister near Calcutta before crossing India by rail via Benares and Agra to Kalyan, near Bombay, where Mr. Oss's brother is stationed. While at Kalyan we had opportunity of visiting Poona, the headquarters of the Southern Asia Division. On the first of September we sailed from Bombay for Port Said, Egypt. On the way we had half a day at Aden, autoing inland to see the famous old 'tanks' about whose origin there has been much controversy, and which some authorities now believe to have been built by the Queen of Sheba. It is also thought that from Aden the Queen of Sheba set out on her journey to visit King Solomon.

"As we passed through the Red Sea, we saw Mount Sinai in the distance, and the traditional spot where the children of Israel crossed as they left the land of oppression for the land of promise. After we passed through the Suez Canal, a masterpiece of engineering, we reached Port Said the fourteenth day from Bombay, and went on by rail to Cairo, making this our headquarters while visiting points of historical interest in Egypt. Our next general headquarters was Jerusalem, and ten days in Palestine gave opportunity for visits to Bethlehem, Hebron, Bethany, the Dead Sea, the Jordan, River, Old and New Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Old Capernaum, etc., etc. We enjoyed our trip through Palestine. It is interesting to see how the Land and the Book agree."

Brother and Sister Oss touched at various points in Italy, Switzerland, France, England, Belgium, and Germany, enroute to the Skodsborg Sanitarium and on to Sweden and Norway, finally arriving at Hangesund, Norway, where Mrs. Oss's father has been since June of this year. To continue with the letter:

"We plan to visit relatives of both our parents near here, and then sail from Stevanger November 17 for New York. As we look back over the months that have gone by, we see that the Lord has greatly blessed us. Transcending the historical and literary appeal of many of the places we have been privileged to visit, is the

progress our work is making in nearly all these places. The cause is onward, and plans are being laid to finish the work quickly. We have found our people everywhere deeply interested in our work in China.

"Your brother and sister in Christ,
Mr. and Mrs. John Oss.

"In His Name"—Mandarin Edition

The Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, China, announces the publication of a beautiful little pamphlet of ninety-six pages, "*Feng Ta-dy Ming*"—a translation of Pastor Geo. B. Thompson's "In His Name." The price has been fixed at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents Mex., net, which merely covers the cost on the limited editions that can be run. This little volume, emphasizing the value of prayer in eight soul-stirring chapters, deserves the widest possible distribution among our Chinese believers and inquirers and others ready to receive and read such literature.

The Fireside Correspondence School China Branch

The Fireside Correspondence School under the direction of Professor W. A. Scharffenberg and his associates, offers a large number of subjects, some of them in studies of advanced grades, to those who wish to avail themselves of this method of self-improvement. Inquiries regarding this school should be addressed to Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, 31 Ningkuo Rd., Shanghai, China.

A Gift of Two Typewriters

"While attending the Fall Council," writes Pastor S. G. Haughey, president of the Nebraska Conference, "we made arrangements for Colorado and Nebraska to provide two good new standard typewriters for the new school in Shanghai (Far E. Stern Academy). Brother Larsen is a native of Nebraska, and Sister Larsen is a native of Colorado; so we have joined hands in providing these two new typewriters for your school. It is Brother and Sister Evans that when you get ready to work out your plan for a library, to let us know, as we could probably secure a number of good books. Brother Evans takes the typewriters back with him.

"Our Midsummer Offering in Nebraska amounted to more than a dollar per member, and our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, I think, will be a good one. Although in a large section of our State we have suffered from the drought and hot winds this year,—in fact, about one-third of the State was completely burned, so that there is no corn crop and the alfalfa is destroyed,—yet our offerings to missions have increased, and we are expecting to reach a higher goal this year than we have reached for several years in the past. I hope we shall reach a higher goal than the conference has ever reached before.

"Just now we are busy in the Harvest Gathering. Our Grand Island church, where we have the conference headquarters, has gone beyond its goal of ten dollars per member.

"We shall watch with interest reports coming from the Far Eastern Division, especially so now that we have some of our own workers in that field."

GENERAL ARTICLES

"If"—For Missionaries

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

"If you can hear God's call when those about you
Are urging other calls and claims on you;
If you can trust your Lord when others doubt you;
Certain that He will guide in all you do;
If you can keep your purpose with clear vision,
Bear lack of sympathy, yet sympathize
With those who fail to understand your mission—
Glimpsing His world task through your Master's eyes.
"If you can work in harmony with others
Yet never lose your own distinctive aim,
Mindful that ever among Christian brothers
Methods and plans are often not the same;
If you can see your cherished plans defeated
And tactfully and bravely hold your peace,
Nor be embittered when unfairly treated
Praying that love and good-will may increase.
"If you can trust to native Christian brethren
The church you've built in lands across the sea,
Seeing in them, as in our growing children
Promises of the men that are to be;
If you can lead these eager weak beginners
By methods indirect, your life, your prayer,
For failures and mistakes not judge as sinners,
But make their growth in grace your earnest care.
"If you can share with the humblest folk your virtues,
If noble souls are richer for your touch;
If neither slights nor adoration hurt you,
'If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill your most discouraged minute
'With sixty seconds worth' of patience true,
Yours is the task, with all the challenge in it,
You'll be a missionary through and through."

—Evelyn H. Walmsley.

Nanking, China.

The Christian Home

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THE advance of the gospel of Christ depends in great measure upon the lives of the professed followers of Christ, and their lives are measured in great part by the ideals of the homes in which they live. The Christian religion is designed by its Founder to bring happiness to those who have it. "Be of good cheer" were among His last words to His disciples prior to His crucifixion. Christ showed His appreciation of a home in which an atmosphere of love was to be found in often visiting the home of Lazarus and his sisters at Bethany, and in the restoration to these sisters of their brother from the grave. And He wants every home to be one in which loving sympathy, and the spirit of service which results from such sympathy, are always found.

The test of Christianity is found in the home. Christ's home life is an example for every home in which the name of Christ is honored. The Jewish home in which Christ lived is thus spoken of:

"From the earliest times the faithful in Israel had given much care to the education of the youth. The Lord had directed that even from babyhood the children should be taught of His goodness and His greatness, especially as revealed in His law, and shown in the history of Israel. Song and prayer and lessons from the Scriptures were to be adapted to the opening mind. Fathers and mothers were to instruct their children that the law of God is an expression of His character, and that as they received the principles of the law into the heart, the image of God was traced on mind and soul. Much of the teaching was oral; but the youth also learned

to read the Hebrew writings; and the parchment rolls of the Old Testament Scriptures were open to their study."—*Destiny of Ages*, page 69, paragraph 2.

Abraham was signally blessed of God because of his good home life. When the angels who came to visit Sodom at the time of its destruction visited Abraham, "the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Abraham showed his faith in the way in which he trained his household, and because of his home life the nations of the earth were blessed in him.

Every church member is to be a missionary for Christ. He is to be a blessing to all those whose lives he touches, and as Abraham was favored by God and was a blessing to all the nations of the earth because of the good way in which he conducted his home, so may each believer in Christ be a blessing. We can be real missionaries only when we are real followers of Christ. And when we are real followers our homes will have the atmosphere of heaven.

"Let not parents forget the great mission field that lies before them in the home. In the children committed to her every mother has a sacred charge from God. 'Take this son, this daughter,' God says, 'and train it for Me. Give it a character polished after the similitude of a palace, that it may shine in the courts of the Lord forever.' The light and glory that shine from the throne of God rest upon the faithful mother as she tries to educate her children to resist the influence of evil." Vol. IX, p. 37.

How important then that the home life of the members of this remnant church of God should be made a subject of special study. Great good will result from an earnest effort by church officers to lead every church member to adopt and maintain high ideals of home life.

The Home Commission

DURING the 1926 Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee, plans were perfected for the creation of a Far Eastern section of the Home Commission of the General Conference, and Pastor Frederick Griggs was asked to serve as secretary of a special committee appointed to foster the interests of this line of endeavor. The personnel of the Home Commission for the Far Eastern Division is as follows: Frederick Griggs (secretary); S. L. Frost, Mrs. A. B. Evans, J. J. Strahle, Dr. H. W. Miller, Mrs. B. Miller, Mrs. Frederick Griggs, Mrs. K. H. Wood, Mrs. R. W. Paul, Mrs. E. A. Moon, Mrs. V. E. Hendershot, Mrs. Melchor Elauria, Mrs. Ai Fukazawa, Mrs. A. N. Anderson, Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, Mrs. Frederick Lee.

One of the items being featured by this Commission at present, is the enlisting of as many parents as may understand English, in taking up the new 1927 "Parents' Lessons" prepared by those who have had experience in such matters. "Parents' Lessons" are sent out monthly, at \$1.50 gold a year. We understand these sets of lessons include practical helps parents so often desire in the training of their children—in character-building, Bible story-telling, nature teaching, health culture, social life, and many of the problems of childhood and youth. If desired, orders for these lessons may be sent direct to any of our publishing houses or tract societies, who will forward the orders to The Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.



News from Sungari-Mongolia Mission

T. T. BABIENCO

WE have started meetings in thirteen different places this winter for the Russians in our field. The attendance is good, and we hope to have many souls obey the truth.

The news from the brethren laboring in Mongolia, is very encouraging. They have stirred up all the northern part of the district of Barga, having visited the people in their huts, and having sold and given away literature, and having spent much time in telling the people about Jesus, their Redeemer from sin. Many Mongolians are reading for the first time in the New Testament in their own tongue, and they are raising many questions when our brethren pay visits to them.

Harbin, Manchuria, December 17.

One Year of Evangelization in Japan

A. KOCH

OLD year's eve is at hand. A well-known song is filling my mind and heart:

"Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord hath done."

After my language study and some months of canvassing, I started this year to do evangelistic work in Tokyo, Japan, with much fear and with small expectations. From every side I had been assured, even long before I entered the country, how difficult this work over here is. But the Lord has done great things, for which my good wife and myself have only words of praise and thankfulness.

In the two literature campaigns the Lord has given us encouraging results. During Big Week an Ambassador gave fifty Yen for the cause of the Lord, and during Harvest Ingathering the same Embassy made a donation of one hundred Yen. Through our literature we came into touch with a good many people of the higher classes.

My efforts in soul-winning were by the grace of God not in vain. Under the leadership of the Holy Ghost I was privileged to guide three precious souls into the truth: a German lady, a man from Lettonia, and a young Japanese physician, the latter having been baptized just the day before yesterday. This is really a small result as compared with that which our men in other countries are having; but there is much to learn in the beginning, until one has found the right way to the hearts of an entirely strange people.

In many homes where the seeds of truth have been sown and looked after, the harvest will, by the grace of God, come next year. Therefore we look with good hope for greater things in the future. May we ask for the prayers of all those who would like to see progress in a country where the work has gone slowly during many years.

Tokyo, Dec. 22, 1926.

The Fruitage of Colporteur Work

On September 12 two were baptized by Pastor Jackson at Bilar, Bohol—the fruitage of colporteur work.

Latest Word from Honan

PASTOR W. E. STRICKLAND, director of the Honan Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, in Central China, reports that Pastor Dju Dzi Ih, who had been held for several weeks by bandits for ransom, has finally been released, as have been all other workers that were similarly placed in captivity.

The Shangtsai chapel and school have been in imminent peril, inasmuch as Shangtsai city has been surrounded by bandits and the country round about for many miles has been devastated.

A letter from our school-teacher at Nanchao-djwang reports his fleeing from his station and the capture of several of our people in that district by bandits. His station was only six miles from Shangtsai.

Our chapel at Hunghwagee, Honan, was looted, and our people have been scattered as leaves before the wind. Brother Li Ping An, the evangelist, reports that he has no way of gathering the people together, and that even if he could do so, the chapel is in no condition to use any more for holding meetings.

Our workers in Chowkiakow lost all they had during the looting of that place. Money-orders cannot be sent into that city, and the workers there are thus left without funds, the mission finding great difficulty in transferring remittances to them as well as to many others in like circumstances.

The latest word from the station at Shuidzai is only by way of rumor that the place has been surrounded by bandits. The city has a great wall around it, and is able to put up a strong resistance, and there is some question as to whether bandits can get in. The bandits in the country districts are destroying much property, and are going to great lengths, even to the extent of taking the threshing-stones and burning them so the owners will have no way to thresh their grain if perchance they escape with their lives and have opportunity to plant another crop.

Brother Strickland writes that conditions are harrowing beyond description. Bandits are within half a mile Yencheng Station; but those who are working in that center write us that they believe that if their hearts are right and if they are doing all that God requires of them, He will continue to have a tender care for them and for the work in that place.

The Week of Prayer in Yencheng

W. E. STRICKLAND

DURING the Week of Prayer at Yencheng, the Lord came in and blessed us all. Sins were confessed. There was decided evidence of a drawing together among the brethren and sisters and students. All seemed refreshed and revived. All rededicated their lives to the service of the Lord. At the last Sabbath's meeting over five hundred dollars (Mex.) was given as an annual offering. We feel much encouraged, and believe that God has been in our midst, showing us our sins, and drawing us closer to Him, that we may be the better able to work for Him in these days of trial and danger.

Conditions remain about the same here in Yencheng, and we see no prospect of their clearing up at all soon.

Brethren Hilliard and Shaw reached us safely, getting through the military lines, and we were more than glad to see them.

Yencheng, Honan, December 20.



A Glimpse of the Seventh-day Adventist Chapel at Kalgan, Chihli, China

Some First Fruits from Kalgan

In the city of Kalgan, a gateway into Mongolia from the north of Chihli Province in China, a chapel was opened by the Chihli Mission of Seventh-day Adventists more than a year ago. Some first fruits have already been gathered in, a baptismal service having been held in November. The believers in Kalgan have supplied most of their chapel furnishings, at a cost several tens of dollars in excess of amounts ordinarily given by new congregations for such purposes. Pastor W. J. Harris reports that during the early part of last year wars in the northland shut off Kalgan from our Peking center again and again, sometimes for extended periods; nevertheless the brethren stationed there remained faithful and the baptisms that have followed testify to the workings of the Holy Spirit in times of stress and war.

Hard Problems a Pleasure

FROM PASTOR C. W. LEE, director of the South Chosen Mission, with headquarters nominally in Keizan, but in fact in the field, where Brother Lee spends the greater portion of his time, among the people, we learn through a communication written during October of his effort to "bind off the harvest of the year (in soul-winning) while the farmers are garnering in their grain, the fruit of the summer's work." There is an expression in Brother Lee's letter that must be passed on for the encouragement of all: "Even the many hard problems are a pleasure," he declares; "for I know that by the way I deal with them I can reveal Christ more fully than in almost any other way. It is how we conduct ourselves in the midst of perplexities and criticisms, that will bear witness as to the depth of our consecration to God, and help men to understand the value and power of a life that is hidden with Christ."

With the Changchun Church

R. M. COSSENTINE

I SPENT Sabbath, October 30, with the Changchun church (Kirin Province, Manchuria), holding two services with them. The work in Changchun looks very favorable. Brother Kovshar is taking hold earnestly. He is ably assisted by our first Chinese member in Manchuria and veteran evangelist, Brother Feng. They are in their winter effort, and are much encouraged over prospects. Brother Kovshar has organized a choir of about twelve voices, and an orchestra of fifteen pieces.

In Changchun there is a women's class for illiterates every day, from ten to twelve o'clock. Regular instruction in Bible, arithmetic, and the Thousand Characters is conducted by the Bible woman, Sister Chen. A similar evening class for men is now being projected. Baptisms in Changchun for 1926 were about as many as there have been in the whole province in any previous year.

From Dipolog, Mindanao, P. I.

BROTHER ALBERTO CABARDO sends a photograph of a company of believers raised up in Dipolog, Zamboanga Province, Mindanao (P. I.) during the summer of 1926. In September a group of fourteen received baptism; in November another group united with the church after being baptized; and thus the work grows in a section of Zamboanga until recently spoken of as "unentered territory." And in telling of this work of the Lord, the evangelist, Brother Cabardo, closes his report with a special request:

"Will you not remember us in your prayers, that we may continue to have the blessing of the Lord with us? We wish to co-operate with our Redeemer in the onward progress of His cause, until life shall end; and we desire to meet with these redeemed ones in heaven above."

As our fellow workers press on into the unentered sections of the field, let those in more favored sections continue to uphold their associates by earnest and prevailing prayer. We must learn to pray often for one another, that the labors of all may be accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus sound conversions will be seen wherever new fields are opened, and the work will advance with increasing strength.

Sacrificing for the Master

WE learn with regret of the death of the mother of Sister W. B. Riffel. The daughter reached her Kansas home from the Soonan (Chosen) mission station about a fortnight prior to the death of her mother. We extend sympathy to those who have thus been called to sorrow. The sacrifices being made by our fathers and mothers may not be fully known to us in this life; but in the day of final awards those who have given freely of their sons and daughters for service, will have their full share of the joys awaiting every soul that withholds naught, however precious, from the Master of the harvest.

In the South China Union

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THE later part of October, and November, I spent with Pastor C. C. Morris, the superintendent of the South China Union Mission, in holding annual meetings in all the local missions of his Union. We visited the North Fukien, South Fukien, Swatow, Cantonese, and Hakka Missions. Each of these meetings, save one, lasted four or five days. A very earnest effort was made to have the meetings a real spiritual feast. The call to a deeper consecration was well responded to. This was manifested in a spirit of confession. The purpose to accomplish far more in soul-winning the coming year was expressed by nearly every worker.

I had visited all these missions in 1917, and have very vivid remembrance of conditions as they were then. I was naturally interested in the changes incident to the growth of nine years. These have been years of earnest endeavor, for surely the greatly enlarged membership, the substantial mission buildings, and the good equipment, speak of much hard work and sincere devotion. Moreover, I think I have never met with companies of evangelists and other workers in America or elsewhere who were more devoted, or who, so far as I could observe, had a better grasp of the doctrines and spirit of our message, than native workers at these meetings. Our missionaries have certainly given these workers faithful instruction.

Foochow

The call of Pastor Morris to the superintendency of the South China Union Mission led to Pastor V. J. Maloney's being asked to take the directorship of the North Fukien Mission. Pastor Maloney had been at Amoy for some two years since coming from America. He comes to a well established mission work. The buildings, chapel, school, and residences are a credit to our mission. Pastor Morris and his fellow workers, during the past ten years of ministry in Foochow, have laid a most substantial foundation for future work. The membership of the North Fukien Mission is now about three hundred fifty. Their records have been carefully examined and cleared, so that this membership is a substantial one. At the close of the meeting seventeen were baptized.

Amoy

The long, faithful services of Pastor and Mrs. B. L. Anderson, at Amoy, have resulted in a splendid monument to our cause. I was particularly impressed with the fact that nearly all the native workers of the mission had been students in our Amoy school. We cannot estimate the value of our schools to our mission work. The children of our believers have in them a refuge from heathen thoughts, and in them they are educated for efficient service. Pastor Anderson has for some time had to carry the double burden of the school and the field. It is to be hoped that the help which he so greatly needs will soon be at hand. Pastor Ang, who was in attendance at the meeting from Swatow, buried eleven candidates in the beautiful Sea on the shore of which is our mission compound. This makes the membership of the South Fukien Mission about three hundred twenty-five.

Swatow

Brethren E. E. Carman and I. B. Newcomb, with their families, have been located at Swatow. Pastor Carman was called to the directorship of this mission soon after he arrived in China. He has thus had the double task of language study and mission administration. But God has blessed

him in this. Our meeting was held at Peh Tah, fifty miles up the River. We have here a beautifully located school. It is situated in a thriving farming country. The buildings are commodious, and a credit to our work. Its location should make this school a great asset to the growth of this mission. At the close of the meeting Pastor Ang baptized four of the students. Three of these were from heathen homes. In this meeting, as in others, the laborers each made reports of their work. They were encouraged to speak of their methods of work, and this exchange of views and methods was of help to one another.

Canton

Pastor Ham, director of the Cantonese Mission, had had his workers together some days before our meetings began. They had been studying such problems and questions as had naturally arisen in the work of the year. These studies and devotions lent aid to the good spirit of our meetings. The membership of this mission is four hundred thirty-two. There has been encouraging progress in this mission in spite of serious war conditions.

The workers returned to their fields with greatly increased courage. The Nationalist Government has issued an order to our school in common with all mission and private schools to conform to the curriculum for the schools of the State and come under direct government supervision by April first of next year. This has thrown our workers into great perplexity; but their faith leads them to believe that God will open a way by which the work of the school may be carried on.

Waichow

The Hakka Mission has a membership of around six hundred. Its work is divided into two sections; our meeting was with the Southern section, and was held at the beautiful headquarters just outside the walled city of Waichow. This city has been a center of warfare between the Republic and Nationalist armies for some five years. The evidences of battle are abundant in the bullet holes in the walls of the mission residences. Chiang Kai-shek led his victorious army within the walls of the city in October of last year. Since that time comparative peace has existed.

Pastor Nagel, who has spent seventeen years in South China, nearly all of which have been at this mission, has felt on account of the health of his family, that he should have a change of location. The mission compound has been in the direct line of battle, and this has seriously affected the health of Sister Nagel in particular, and the other members of the family in general. They have accepted a call to the Swatow Mission. He will take the directorship of that mission, as Pastor Carman has been asked to take the principalship of our Amoy school. The faithful labors of these workers have borne much fruit and have greatly endeared them to the hearts of the believers.

Pastor J. P. Anderson, the director of the Hakka Mission, has with his family also seen many trying experiences in this robber-infested, war-torn field, yet is full of courage and faith in carrying the message to every city and village in the mission. At the close of our Waichow meeting he left for a long trip and the annual general meeting in the northern section of the field. There was a marked note of faith and zeal throughout the meetings at Waichow. Already nearly eighty have been baptized this year in this mission, and there are yet a number awaiting baptism.

During the past few months an important advance step has been taken by the Hakka Provincial Mission, in the opening of a Hospital-Dispensary at our Waichow compound,

with the Drs. H. C. and Ethel James in charge. This neatly-arranged hospital and dispensary partially fitted up, has been running successfully for several weeks, and from twenty to thirty patients a day are cared for. A few marked cures have given the physicians much favorable notice, and the prospects for a good, strong work in medical missionary lines are encouraging. I feel confident this institution will develop into a great blessing to our cause in the Hakka Mission.

Wars and rumors of wars do not hinder the work of God. Broad plans for a much greater ingathering of souls are being laid throughout the South China Union Mission. Pastor Morris is being given the hearty support of all the missionaries and native workers. All this augurs well for the rapid dissemination of the third angel's message and the finishing of the gospel in this great section of China.

I am now enroute to the Malaysian Union to visit portions of that field before their Union Conference.

District Meetings in Shantung

L. H. DAVIES

OUR first series of district meetings held during the fall months in the province of Shantung, North China, was at Shui-ko-tou, a small village where we have our chapel for the Laiyang district. The members live outside, some far away. About fifteen were in attendance, some coming eighty li; and during the day and at the evening services a goodly number of the townspeople came in. At the close of the meetings at this village, three were baptized.

At Weihsien Pastor Shen has met with opposition, but some seed has been sown that should bear fruit. We had good meetings in Weihsien, and three were baptized there.

Hwang-chuang, a small village of mud houses northwest of Tsinan, was our next point. About thirty-five were in attendance, on the average, during the day; at night the chapel was well filled. Three received baptism. We have a church school at Hwang-chuang. Later we may move our chapel from this place to Ping-yuan on the railway, leaving the school where it now is, and encouraging the teacher to serve also as evangelist. Thus we shall be covering more ground than otherwise could be covered.

The journey from Tsinan to Dung-a, formerly made by cart, is now quickly made by auto-bus, the provincial governor having leveled one of the river dykes and made a road of it for bus service. At Dung-a we had good meetings and a large attendance. A "peng" (bamboo frame with temporary roof made of mats and oiled paper) in the courtyard of the chapel compound, gave ample space for our meetings. Four were baptized. Plans are under way for the purchase of a property in Dung-a to serve as a permanent place of worship for our believers there. The church members are very poor, the district having suffered repeated crop-failures with consequent famine conditions.

During the past year sixteen have been baptized in Tsinanfu, thus giving our provincial mission a total of thirty-six baptisms for the entire year. We thank God for His prospering hand and protecting care. The acceptance of the true gospel message involves sacrifice, and many are turning from the Christian religion because of their desire to follow pleasures of this world. If there were no cross attached to an acceptance of the gospel message, we might have thousands of accessions to our membership where now we have one. But, thank God, there are those here and there who are longing for deliverance from superstition and bondage. It is for these that we must search, as for hidden gold. May God help us find them.

Itinerating in Kirin Province

R. M. COSENTINE

DURING October it was my privilege to itinerate with Pastor F. M. Larsen in the Kirin Province (Manchuria). I left home Sunday evening, October 3, and returned Sunday morning, October 31.

We visited Shwangcheng first. While there we had meetings each evening for twelve nights, giving stereopticon views in connection with the talks, and had good, orderly audiences. We also sold many Bible portions at these meetings.

The Shwangcheng church was practically destroyed through a division among its members early in 1923 and the later activities of a native independent organization styling itself the "True Christian Church". This organization originated in Tientsin, and its leaders now have work in many parts of Manchuria. They stress the reception and guidance of the Holy Spirit, baptize by immersion in a kneeling posture, claim to keep the seventh-day Sabbath (though in actual practice they are very lax), believe in the second advent, and have no set means of supporting evangelists. The nucleus of a new company at Shwangcheng is now being built up by our native laborer, and we look for a new group of believers to be raised up there, who will so fully understand the teachings of the Bible that they will remain true.

During the daytime Brother Larsen and I canvassed for the Special "Anti-Narcotics" number of the *Signs*, and had encouraging results. I was able while there to present some phases of the Missionary Volunteer program. This was my first visit to Shwangcheng in three and one-half years.

After returning from Shwangcheng we went to Kirin City, where we remained five days, holding meetings, each evening, and canvassing and visiting the believers in the daytime. There were several baptisms in Kirin City during the summer, and the church is moving forward.

Leaving Kirin City October 25, we came back toward Changchun as far as Hwapichang, a market town about thirty miles west of Kirin. The chapel was opened there in 1925, and now we have four baptized believers and a number of inquirers. The work here is the most nearly rural of any we have in Manchuria, and we look for a development among the farmers in the surrounding area. There is a market day every other day, which gives our worker an opportunity to make the acquaintance of many farmers and to distribute literature. The evangelist also visits the villages round about. The day before we arrived he had visited an interested family in a village thirty-five li from the chapel.

I received great pleasure and blessing from the privilege of this trip in the field that was the scene of my personal labors for several years, and greatly rejoice in the progress being made.

Baptisms in Laoac and Artacho

PASTOR S. E. JACKSON visited the churches of Laoac and Artacho, Northern Luzon Mission, Philippine Islands, on the thirteenth of November, baptizing twelve in Laoac and eight in Artacho. These are the results of the combined effort of Sister Martina Valera, home missionary activity, and the influence of our church schools.—*Echoes from the Ilocano Field, November, 1926.*

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTISTS
AN ANNUAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY --- INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS --- FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1926

Union Missions and Provincial Missions in the Far Eastern Division	Baptized Membership Sept. 30, 1926	Baptisms Jan. to Sept., 1926	Net GAIN during three months Minus sign - - LOSS	No. of Ordained Ministers	No. of Licensed Ministers	No. of Licensed Missionaries	No. of Colporteurs	Total Number of Foreign Laborers	Total Number of Native Laborers	Total Number of Laborers Both Native and Foreign	WATTS THREE Receipts January to Sept., 1926 (gold)	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings, January to Sept., 1926	No. of Church Schools	Enrollment Church Schools	Total Literature Sales - Books and Periodicals, January to Sept., 1926	No. of Y. P. M. Y. Societies	Membership of Y. P. M. Y. Societies	Harvest Ingathering Receipts, January to Sept., 1926
PHILIPPINE UNION	7419	448	361	17	33	77	125	28	283	311	\$ 6746.62	206	7764	\$ 1970.69	24	1174	\$12513.40	65	1704	\$2757.00
Northern Luzon Mission	1273	8	5	2	4	9	21	41	41	82	591.90	32	1396	172.72	8	390	748.18	12	408	
East Visayan Mission	976	88	85	2	3	20	11	2	41	43	1319.16	38	1059	308.83	1	43	132.85	11	291	
West Visayan Mission	2225	107	75	2	7	19	24	2	55	57	1279.24	56	2195	301.45	5	230	1358.72	12	275	
Central Luzon Conference	2837	244	195	6	13	11	59	1	100	101	3410.35	76	2998	1113.83	9	249	6239.65	30	730	
Southern Luzon Mission	108	1	1	1	3	1	9	2	13	15	145.97	4	116	73.85			1738.02			
Union Mission				4	3	17	1	21	33	54					1	312	695.98			2757.00
CHOSEN UNION	1661	134	105	14	24	96	32	26	155	181	1045.23	97	4378	710.40	32	1161	2085.16	26	966	45.50
West Chosen Mission	735	71	71	2	7	25	6		41	41	417.08	40	2116	336.54	15	526	534.52	15	576	11.00
Central Chosen Mission	439	46	25	3	4	22	10		34	34	316.28	27	1120	213.15	6	210	608.78	6	287	
South Chosen Mission	402	9	9	4	6	19	14	4	39	43	212.89	24	861	139.15	7	150	870.97	5	153	
Union Mission	85	8		5	7	30	2	22	41	63	98.98	6	281	21.56	4	275	70.79			25.00
JAPAN UNION	497	15	15	9	11	10	10	22	30	52	2188.88	18	599	583.17	1	40	4640.18	4	76	210.00
Kyushu Mission	50			1	1	1	2		4	4	137.90	2	42	42.47						
Chugoku Mission	69	2	2	1	2	2	1		6	6	218.01	3	81	122.00						
Kansai Mission	123	7	7	1	3	1	3		8	8	200.00	5	154	93.63						
Kanto Mission	207			1	1	1	1		6	6	492.08	5	275	270.36						
Tohoku Mission	26	2	2	1	1	1	1		2	2	25.01	1	27	18.19						
Hokkaido Mission	22	4	4	1	1	1	1		3	3	82.88	2	20	36.52						
Union Mission				6	2	4	1	22	1	23	33.00				1	40	4640.18	4	76	210.00
MANCHURIAN UNION	307	73	62	4	4	16	14	12	35	47	174.91	12	283	134.93	5	110	2263.95	4	82	1346.53
Fengtien Mission	227	54	40	1	2	8	9	2	25	27	128.99	8	186	82.77	4	84	1758.15	3	56	1346.53
Kirin Mission	80	25	22	1	2	5	3	4	10	14	45.92	4	97	52.16	1	26	365.30	1	26	
Heilungkiang Mission							1										140.50			
Union Mission				2	3	1	6			6										
CENTRAL CHINA UNION*	1776	51	40	14	30	71	43	36	194	230		76	2532	368.40	34	641	7578.02	10	296	
Honan Mission	670	24	16	4	9	26	18	10	73	83		25	1242	107.34	8	233		8	210	
Hunan Mission	506			2	8	19	10	4	51	55		24	516	64.19	8	111		1	22	
Hupeh Mission	420	27	24	3	2	9	4	2	37	39		16	499	103.52	10	177		1	64	
Kiangsi Mission	106			2	4	7	5	4	20	24		8	225	66.64	8	120				
Shensi Mission	74			1	2	4	5	4	13	17		3	50	26.71						
Union Mission				2	5	6	1	12		12							7578.02			
NORTH CHINA UNION	303	6	6	6	8	18	29	11	50	61	257.78	11	432	123.79	6	219	2089.37	4	135	171.71
Shantung Mission	151			1	6	8	14	4	25	29	132.43	7	218	51.21	3	140	115.51	1	50	64.08
Chihli Mission	152	6	6	3	2	7	14	2	25	27	125.35	4	214	72.58	3	79	1973.86	3	85	107.63
Union Mission				2	3	3	1	5		5										
SOUTH CHINA UNION	2370	3	5	16	75	69	23	34	250	284	1381.14	86	2642	610.24	39	1705	3147.76	7	262	2.75
Cantonese Mission	432	3	3	5	20	24	6	8	63	71	536.55	16	412	177.71	7	244	1182.11	6	220	
Hak'a Mission	818			3	31	3	3	6	50	56	157.79	23	538	139.83	3	100	200.00			2.75
Kwe'ei Mission	170			1	2	12	5	4	33	37	63.09	9	200	51.78	3	190	377.54			
Wor'ien Mission	402			1	11	2	2	2	39	41		9	468	39.58	8	295	300.00			
Southern Mission	271			4	4	2	2	4	37	41		9	400	119.58	7	420	493.73	1	42	
Swa'ow Mission	337			2	2	2	4	4	28	32	141.50	19	624	81.73	12	456	594.38			
Union Mission				1	4	1	6		6	6										
WEST CHINA UNION*	136			5	4	13	6	10	19	29		14	305	132.80	2	53	1141.61			

Cantonese Mission	432	3	3	5	20	24	6	6	63	71	1,301.14	86	2,042	610.24	39	1,107	1,441.10	6	220	6.12
Kai's Mission	818			3	31	3	3	6	50	56	536.55	16	412	177.71	7	204	1182.11			2.75
Kwa's Mission	170			1	2	12	5	4	33	37	63.09	9	200	54.78	3	190	377.54			
Nor's Mission	342			2	2	2	2	2	29	41		40	468	39.58	8	295	300.00			
Southern Mission	271			4	2	2	2	4	37	41		40	400	119.58	9	420	493.73	1	42	
Szechwan Mission	337		2	2	6	22	4	4	28	32	141.50	19	624	81.73	12	456	594.38			
Union Mission				1	1	4	1	6		6										
WEST CHINA UNION*	136			5	4	13	6	10	19	29			14	305		132.80	2	53	1141.61	
East Szechwan Mission	76			3	1	5	3	2	11	13			7	168		93.17	1	13		
West Szechwan Mission	44			1	1	5	2	2	7	9			5	103		21.39	1	40		
Tibetan Mission				1	1	1		2	1	3			1	13		16.94				
Kweichow Mission													1	21		1.90				
Union Mission	16			1	2	1	4	4											1141.61	
EAST CHINA UNION	1724	66	71	14	14	60	26	17	125	142	705.94	83	3108	560.99	26	782	3018.94	14	352	366.46
Anhui Mission	467	10	9	7	1	17	12	4	44	48	211.52	18	634	123.23	11	258	432.00	11	270	
Kiangsu Mission	914	51	51	3	10	19	9	3	51	54	387.95	32	1478	376.53	12	433	2492.70	2	52	218.96
South Chekiang Mission	343	5	11	1	3	21	3	4	30	34	106.47	34	990	61.23	3	91	124.24	1	30	147.50
Union Mission				3	3	3	2	6	6											
Division Headquarters				10	4	56	1	61	116	177					2	145			1	13
MALAYSIAN UNION	1980	143	114	22	33	62	54	54	189	243	3906.22	65	2421	1460.84	24	1349	15317.07	5	186	4632.64
Batakland Mission				1	1	1	2	5	7	7	73.28	5	206	38.15	1	90	170.26	1	30	
British North Borneo	167	5	3	1	2	6	2	10	12	12	101.12	8	127	76.87	5	80	334.87			
East Java Mission	269	37	37	2	8	7	12	4	38	42	970.87	8	262	252.45			409.70			
Malay States Mission	164	27	14	2	5	4	13	4	23	27	209.00	5	177	102.16	4	376				
North Sumatra Mission	56	9	9	1	2	3	7	2	12	14	171.75	5	74	91.68	2	95	5510.85	1	12	470.59
Siam Mission	88	2	2	1	4	3	1	4	9	13	92.50	3	104	60.97			3018.53			
Singapore Mission	279	5	7	1	4	2	8	2	21	23	672.71	7	434	334.33	2	75	152.27	2	94	
South Sumatra Mission	93	3	3	2	1	3	1	2	5	7	230.59	2	103	52.82	4	121	5529.98			79.82
West Java Mission	455	34	34	1	3	10	10	6	28	34	787.40	14	409	331.83	1	30	1660.97	1	50	198.36
Colebe Mission	352	21	18	2	8	1	2	7	9	9	597.00	8	545	119.58	3	195	1285.36			3883.87
Union Mission	57		-7	8	4	15	1	24	31	55				2	287					
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION	355	22	13	1	7	24	1	4	28	32	544.15	9	426	439.71	1	70	849.03	1	47	50.00
DIVISION TOTALS Sept. 30, 1926	18528	967	792	122	242	517	365	315	1474	1789	\$ 16950.87	677	24890	\$ 7095.96	194	7449	\$ 54644.49	141	4119	\$ 9582.59
" " " " 1925	16315	793	808	132	216	492	316	309	1320	1629	15108.16	610	23518	5895.07	197	7928	53003.04	149	4140	2959.40
" " " " 1924	14124	677	703	110	195	404	233	283	1033	1316	12282.69	530	19938	5475.46	162	6306	32157.44	103	3884	6193.15
" " " " 1923	12077	318	415	110	194	389	209	286	999	1285	9821.65	487	17120	5295.70	133	572	32612.87	71	2647	346.56
" " " " 1922	10729	405	383	91	204	328	214	283	1042	1325	8578.64	444	15513	4537.54	145	5386	31850.91	44	1713	3263.58

*Because of the war in China, fields starred have been unable to send in full reports, and the figures of the previous quarter are given for membership, etc.

**NET RESULTS AND PRESENT STATUS
THIRD QUARTER, 1926**

Full reports have been received from all but two of the Unions, war conditions having delayed the receipt of complete statistical data from Central and West China. Any gains that may have been made during the third quarter in the Central China Union and in the West China Union, will be shown in a later quarterly summary.

The outstanding features of Far Eastern Division Mission activities, as revealed in the Tables published in this number of the OUTLOOK, include---

1. Mission stations, 46; out-stations, 494,--- a total of 540 places in which permanent chapel services are conducted in 48 languages and dialects.
2. Organized churches, 287.
3. Baptized church membership, 18,528, which is 792 in excess of the number reported three months before. During the first three quarters of the year 1926, the net gains made in baptized church membership in the Far East, total 1,521.
4. Ordained ministers, 78 foreign and 54 native, a total of 132 for the Division field. Steadily the number of native ordained ministers is increasing. Ten years ago there were only nine. Soon, at the average ratio of increase, there will be many more native than foreign minis-

ters; and thus the message will spread abroad in many a district hitherto unentered.

5. Licensed ministers, 42 foreign and 205 native, a total of 247. These figures give promise of many returns during the year 1927, in souls won.

6. Licensed missionaries, a total of 572. In addition, there are 365 self-supporting colporteurs, and others in various lines of soul-winning service, including workers in our institutions. On Sept. 30, 1926, there were a grand total of 315 foreign and 1,474 native laborers,---1,789 in all. Many of these, it must be remembered, are wholly self-supporting.

7. Tithe receipts: An encouraging item is that of tithe receipts from the native church, totaling \$16950.87 (gold) for the quarter, and \$48,703.82 for the first nine months of the year. The preceding year saw more of tithes coming in, due in part to more peaceful political conditions in some sections than now prevail in several of the larger Unions.

8. Ingathering receipts, third quarter \$9,542.59.

9. Sabbath school membership, 24,590; offerings by the Sabbath-school members, \$7,095.96

10. Book and periodical sales, \$54,644.49.

11. Total enrollment of schools, 7,449.

12. Y. P. M. V. societies, 141; membership, 4,119.

13. Church buildings owned by the Far Eastern Division Mission, 257. Herein there is reason for rejoicing; the figure in the year 1919---seven years ago---stood at 33.

The figures for the close of the year 1926 will be published in the issue of the OUTLOOK bearing date of April, 1927. The reports already coming in of baptisms, give promise of considerable increases above those reported for any previous quarter during the year.

That which has been done, leads to hearty acknowledgment that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and emphasizes anew the preciousness of every day given us for service.

In a time of grave crisis in China, fifteen years ago, the late Bishop Cassels wrote from an interior station: "Our strength is in quietness and confidence." The editor of "China's Millions," in the issue dated November, 1926, states that in troublous times "the only position worthy of a Christian is to be still and know that God is God, and that He will be exalted among the nations." In the October issue of the same journal, the editor has written of an experience of Dr. Hudson Taylor, who proposed to make a decided advance into the interior of a troubled area at a time when government officials and other friends told him it would be folly to attempt this advance. "But prayer has not failed," Dr. Taylor responded in the face of all remonstrances; and as he set forth in faith he found that as he advanced farther and farther every difficulty gave way. Let us continue to advance in faith.

C. C. Crisler

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	
							1	Philippine Union	5	155	118	7419	448	7		10	3	30
2	Chosen Union	3	39	19	1661	134	4	10	5	19	17	79		4		1	31	
3	Japan Union	1	15	10	497	15	5	4	2	9	4	6		1	11	1	10	
4	Manchurian Union	2	10	9	307	79	4		2	2	6	10		3	2	1	13	
5	Central China Union*	5	65	25	1776	51	7	7	10	20	19	52		13		2	41	
6	North China Union	2	10	5	303	6	3	3	2	6	6	12		1	2	1	28	
7	South China Union	7	89	35	2370	3	10	6	4	71	20	49		21		1	22	
8	West China Union*	3	7	3	136		3	2	2	2	5	8		1		1	5	
9	East China Union	4	66	37	1724	66	6	8	1	13	10	50		1	22	2	24	
10	Division Hdqrs.	1					9	1	4		48	8				1		
11	Malaysian Union	12	29	24	1980	143	19	3	6	27	27	35		2	6	1	53	
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission	1	9	2	355	22	1		1	6	2	22		1	1		1	
13	TOTALS, 3rd Quarter 1926	46	494	287	18528	967	78	54	42	205	182	390		8	92	12	352	
14	<i>*Estimated. The totals given below for preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i>																	
15	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1925	49	351	261	16315	793	60	52	42	174	174	318		3	73	10	303	
16	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1924	43	385	210	14124	677	73	37	39	156	160	244		7	72	10	217	
17	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1923	46	342	235	12077	318	71	39	43	151	162	227		1	66	9	206	
18	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1922	43	317	217	10729	405	55	36	48	156	126	202		5	69	10	199	

25 Number of Mission	26 Average Attendance S. S.	27 S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	29 Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	30 Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	31 Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	32 Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	33 No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	34 Estimated Value	35 Approximate Seating Capacity	36 Number of Church Schools Conducted	37 Enrollment Church Schools	39 Number of Intermediate Schools
1	6720	\$ 1537.71	\$432.98	\$ 1970.69	\$ 982.00	\$11531.40	\$12513.40	107	\$ 35792.00	13755	23	862	
2	3443	630.03	80.36	710.41	913.55	1107.73	2085.16	64	22822.50	6810	31	1026	
3	402	414.72	168.45	583.17			4640.18	7	16000.00	900			
4	240	107.44	27.49	134.93	1995.94	268.01	2263.95	2	6000.00	275	5	110	
5	1846	286.39	82.01	368.40	5717.22**	1860.80**	7578.02**	20	13677.00	2.00	31	435	3
6	338	108.81	14.98	123.79	1407.08	663.80	2089.37	2	11511.00	800	5	179	1
7	1929	500.92	109.32	610.24	2200.33	947.43	3147.76	18	13775.00	4100	37	1446	3
8	366	105.54	27.26	132.80	692.30	449.31	1141.61	1	3000.00	250	2	53	
9	2232	466.82	94.17	560.99	2823.01	195.93	3018.94	9	25100.00	2300	23	715	3
10											1	15	
11	2454	1065.82	395.02	1460.84	6306.84	6706.27	15317.07	7	37231.58	1650	23	1287	
12	385	388.08	51.63	439.71	270.00	579.03	849.03				1	70	
13	20355	\$ 5612.28	\$1483.67	\$ 7095.96	\$23308.27	\$24309.71	\$51644.49	237	\$184909.08	33040	182	6198	10
14													
15	19317	4672.13	1222.94	5895.07	17302.66	30741.68	53003.04	210	175283.50	27780	180	6282	12
16	16320	4288.40	1187.06	5475.46	9032.72	17910.84	32157.44	163	107443.04	21920	148	4691	9
17	13732	4217.81	1077.89	5295.70	8522.94	16559.64	32612.87	91	47840.00	12590	127	3783	1
18	11803	3800.71	736.82	4537.54	9355.59	21825.42	31850.91	78	44300.50	10740	139	3888	1

**For second and third quarters.

Mission for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1926

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. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest Gathering and Sustentation Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest Gathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Column No. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sabbath-Schools	24 Membership Sabbath-Schools	
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)								
1			41	28	283	\$ 706.47	\$ 6746.62	\$ 7453.09		\$ 1245.13		\$ 2757.00	\$103.64	206	7764	
2	2	5	13	26	155	588.71	1045.23	1633.94		159.35		45.50	214.44	97	4378	
3				22	30	454.65	2188.88	2643.53		297.97	\$ 117.05	210.00		18	599	
4			9	12	35	271.99	174.91	446.90		299.59	7.91	1346.53	22.85	12	283	
5	3	20		36	194									76	2532	
6			11	11	50	804.64	257.78	1062.42		108.92	55.01	171.71		11	432	
7	4	14	60	34	250	710.10	1381.14	2091.24		464.57	23.76	2.75	4.20	86	2642	
8	1	1	1	10	19									14	305	
9			8	17	125	640.26	705.94	1346.20		234.76		366.46		83	3108	
10	12	28	71	61	116	2793.87		2793.87								
11	2	2	68	54	189	1129.02	3906.22	5035.24		952.37		4632.64	383.73	65	2421	
12		2		4	28	264.22	544.15	808.37		239.96	102.37	50.00		9	426	
13	24	72	290	315	1474	\$ 8363.93	\$ 16950.87	\$ 25314.80		\$ 4002.62	\$ 306.10	\$ 9582.59	\$ 728.86	677	24890	
14																
15	25	44	312	309	1320	8614.93	15108.16	23727.09		3941.59	153.44	2959.40	809.74	610	23518	
16	16	25	207	283	1033	6595.05	12282.69	18877.74		1064.29	414.17	6193.15	980.28	530	19938	
17	15	37	222	286	999	5152.19	9821.65	14973.84		463.03	52.27	346.56	411.86	487	17120	
18	14	53	275	283	1042	4586.67	8578.64	13165.31		248.14	162.87	3263.58	338.75	444	15513	
38	40	41	42	43	44 NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		45 NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment	Men	Women	Men	Women	Total No. of Teachers	Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society
1		1	312	1174	5	6	13	18	42	\$ 19095.00	\$ 4889.74	65	1704	\$ 5.06		\$ 95.21
2		1	135	1161	2	1	43	5	51	27331.98	4693.21	26	966			.65
3		1	40	40	2	3	2	1	8	3000.00	716.00	4	76			
4				110			2	3	5	645.00	143.14	4	82			
5	206			641	3	5	41	5	54	19300.00	1485.00	10	296			
6	40			219	2	1	12	5	20	421.25	156.44	4	135		\$ 2.00	
7	259			1705	4	6	47	23	80	30982.00	2042.21	7	262		17.82	
8				53			1	4	5	75.00	36.00					
9	67			782	1	2	28	21	52	3150.00	312.50	14	352			
10		1	130	145	8	8	8	3	27	83000.00	7125.00	1	13		24	
11		1	62	1349	4	5	32	17	58	67975.12	4300.96	5	186			30.00
12				70			2	3	5	341.67	299.50	1	47	9.32		6.91
13	572	5	679	7449	31	37	231	108	407	\$ 255317.02	\$ 26199.70	141	4119	\$ 14.38	\$ 20.06	\$ 132.75
14																
15	763	5	883	7928	30	35	276	79	420	129905.54	26708.26	149	4140	43.20	35.28	115.43
16	645	5	970	6306	25	34	231	61	351	121940.12	16244.20	108	3884	21.35	2.27	45.96
17	867	5	1071	5721	24	31	213	65	333	104461.70	12168.58	71	2647		123.67	6.00
18	713	5	785	5386	21	25	215	55	316	91112.47	10402.39	44	1713	75.25		25.64

Report of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department For the Quarter Ending September 30, 1926

All Values in U. S. Cents

Conference or Mission	No. Schools	Member-ship	Average Attendance	Senior	Youth	Primary and Kindergarten	S. S. Offerings			
							Cradle Roll	Twelve Sabbaths	13th Sabbath	Total Contributions
Central China	76	2532	1846	1819	429	248	24	\$ 286.39	\$ 82.01	\$ 368.40
Chosen	97	4378	3443	1985	491	1649	253	644.73	90.11	734.84
East China	84	3108	2232	2193	639	270	6	466.82	94.17	560.99
Japan	18	599	402	467	16	107	9	414.72	168.45	583.17
Malaysia	65	2421	2454	970	316	270		1065.82	395.02	1460.84
Manchuria	12	283	240	183	85	14	1	107.44	27.49	134.93
North China	11	432	338	289	110	27	6	108.81	14.98	123.79
Philippines	206	7764	6720	4828	1715	1215	6	1537.71	432.98	1970.69
South China	88	2642	1929	691	436	365		502.23	127.44	629.67
Sungari-Mongolia	9	426	385	230	62	102	13	350.10	63.15	413.25
West China	14	305	366	212	46	47		105.54	27.26	132.80
Totals	680	24890	20355	13867	4345	4314	318	\$ 5590.31	\$ 1523.06	\$ 7113.37

Mrs. I. E. Evans, Secretary.

The Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Report for the Third Quarter of 1926

MRS. I. H. EVANS

It is painful to note a loss in membership in our Sabbath schools in the Far Eastern Division during the third quarter of the present year. That you may all see just how this loss comes, consult the membership table given below:

Union Mission	Loss	Union Mission	Gain
Central China	241		
East China	17	Chosen	26
Manchuria	82	Japan	15
North China	133	Malaysia	186
South China	433	Philippines	501
Sungari-Mongolia	12	West China	43
	918		774
	Loss, 918		
	Gain, 774		
	Net Loss, 144		

However, it is not all loss. There is a good gain in the total number of schools, 31 having been added during the third quarter; and the total offerings show an increase of \$406.06. Only twelve schools out of the total of 680 failed to report. In this connection it might be encouraging to mention that the Union having the largest total number of schools—the Philippine Union, with 260 schools—established a record in the third quarter. With a report from every school, and the donations checked up with the Union treasurer's office, the report was MAILED on October 31. This shows that difficult things CAN BE DONE.

A few items that do not appear in the main body of the report will be of interest:

Number enrolled in the Home Department,	888
Number receiving the Perfect Record Card of Honor, with both the blue seal for perfect attendance and the red seal for daily study,	2,419
Number receiving the blue seal only,	4,073
Number receiving the red seal only,	815
Number using the <i>Sabbath School Worker</i> ,	113
Number of schools using the <i>Sabbath School Helper</i>	268
Number taking the Training Course,	401
Number using the <i>Mission Quarterly</i> ,	368
Number receiving Five-Star Memory Certificates	293
Offering by Home Department members	\$ 221.07
Birthday Offerings,	\$ 166.62
Amount received through the Investment Plan	\$ 8.22

A study of these items shows some reason for encouragement as well as certain items in which we as a Division ought to improve. The last item in the list represents a new plan, which has not been greatly urged this year in the Far Eastern Division—the Sabbath School Investment Plan. However, Sungari-Mongolia has reported for the second and third quarters a total of \$19.02 received from this special; and we have word that Central China, Japan, and Manchuria have also swelled the total offerings to missions by this means. We hope for definite information on this point in the fourth quarter's report.

Many more things of interest might be mentioned in connection with our Sabbath school advance; but we will speak of only one: During the third quarter our first Sabbath school was organized in Kweichow, and we are told to look for additional schools in this hitherto unentered province at an early date.

The Pinch of Hard Times

W. H. BERGHERM

OUR progress in answering and following up calls and opportunities that have come to us during the past year, has been measurably retarded by an acute shortage of money, felt particularly in the districts known as the "sugar belt." With many openings before us, we nevertheless had to lay off five of our good workers, and still we do not seem to be keeping within our available funds. This situation does not seem to be due to any letting down or unfaithfulness on the part of our church members in tithes and offerings. They seem to be standing by the work to the best of their ability. It is rather because of a partial failure in the rice crop and the sugar crop the past season, and, even more, because the price of sugar fell during the year to the lowest mark in the history of modern sugar production. During resultant hard times, some of our brethren have had to glean wild roots from the mountains, it is reported to us, in order that they might eke out a bare existence until the new crop of rice could come in. Naturally, under such conditions, our tithes fell, running from an average of pesos 4.72 per member for the first nine months of the previous year (1925) to pesos 3.54 per capita for the first nine months of the year 1926. Our Mission Committee have inaugurated a campaign to educate our brethren as fully as possible in giving. One Stewardship Rally Day has already been appointed for December 18. We hope thus to avoid further curtailment of our working forces, and to close the year without a deficit.

The prospects for the new year seem brighter than during the past twelve months. The sugar crop was never before so abundant, and prices are somewhat higher than last year.

Book Sales in the Philippines

M. F. WIEDEMANN

GOD has been blessing us in the literature work here this year. Cebu and Iloilo have been having a severe famine, and our sales have suffered there accordingly, but our men in those parts are taking hold anew, and the work is advancing. The new volume, "Great Controversy," is taking well in Iloilo, and the November report shows sales of nearly pesos 4,500. The sales report for the entire Philippine Union field for the first eleven months of 1926, have just reached me from the Press, and it shows we have gained pesos 12,000 over the same period last year. We give all the praise to the Lord for this showing, and trust that by His help we shall reach our 1926 goal of pesos 150,000 for the year.

I have just had a good trip through the Northern Luzon field with our calendar. The people seem eager to buy it. We found very little prejudice, and in most places where objections were raised over the calendar's being "Sabbatista," the people purchased anyway. Our men are enthusiastic over its use, and we trust that some souls may be won as the result of this class of literature.

In a number of places in the Northern Luzon Mission we felt impressed to give invitations to those who have not yet given their hearts to the Lord; and we were rejoiced to see thirty-five, in all, respond. These are mostly people who have been coming to our meetings, but who had not hitherto made their decision. Two of the number who came forward, were brethren who had backslidden. We rejoice greatly, and trust that these dear ones may become instructed and prepared for early baptism.

Manila, P. I., December 14.

The Ministerial Association

Five Reasons for Our Ministerial Association

FREDERICK GRIGGS

1. **Preparation.** The good workman takes time to sharpen his tools. The farmer gets more grass with a sharp scythe, because it cuts clean rather than crushes down the blades, and he does it with less physical effort and sweat drops. The carpenter makes a closer fitting joint with sharp saws, chisels, and planes than with dull ones, and he is less weary at night from using well edged than blunt implements. The time spent in grinding his instruments pays big. Likewise does the gospel harvester get more sheaves who has taken time to sharpen his intellect and make strong his golden cord of faith.

2. **Efficiency.** The well stored mind is more able than the one of meager resources. It can the more easily adapt itself to unusual conditions; it has ways and means of doing God's work that are more and better; balanced by deep consecration, the well read mind makes its possessor one of the "able ministers of the New Testament."

3. **Unity.** The Far Eastern Division of our General Conference has a greater diversity of language, peoples, and customs than any other division, and it is highly desirable that we shall have that strength of unity by which while one chases one thousand, two put ten thousand to flight. For all workers to read the same books and articles will naturally give a common ground of thought and inspiration and tend to union of effort. Moreover, our Association may well be a medium of exchange of method and experience in soul-winning.

4. **Enjoyment.** The real student, he who not only reads but digests good literature, has within him the eternal spring of pure enjoyment. He is not dependent on externalities for his happiness. His environment is never so dull or repulsive as to forbid his getting enjoyment from it for his eyes. Knowledge gives him a faith and hope that often pass description.

5. **Results.** After all, results are what we all seek. We are not to sow the seed indifferently. Under God it is to bear fruit, an hundred fold if at all possible, even though it require the watering of many tears. The harvest is ripe and we must bring in the sheaves. Hence, we are to make ourselves the most capable of workmen. The only purpose of the Association is to assist us in becoming such workmen.

For these good reasons and many more, join the Ministerial Association and urge upon every worker in our Division to do likewise. We have the greatest work of all men in the earth, and we must be the best workmen.

Faithful Associates: An Appreciation

PASTOR W. H. BERGHERM, director of the West Visayan Mission with its membership of 2,150 baptized believers, writes appreciatively of the faithful associates God is giving him in his field. "God has blessed us as workers here together," he writes. "An excellent spirit prevails. I do not think I have ever been associated with a more sincere and earnest group of workers than God has given us in our mission."

Educational and Y. P. M. V. Departments

Educational and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Meetings in the East Visayan Mission

S. L. FROST

THE writer has recently spent eight days in the East Visayan Mission field, in the interests of the educational and young people's missionary volunteer work. Brother Divorcía Calzada is the educational and missionary volunteer secretary of this field. This brother accompanied me as we went to a few of the churches of this mission.

Plans were made for the church members from two or more churches to come together in one place for a day or two at a time, for consideration of our educational and young people's missionary volunteer work. In this way institutes were held at four churches, and the members from eight or nine churches were in attendance. Counting children, about one hundred fifteen to one hundred twenty were in attendance at Pinamungahow, about sixty at Toledo, seventy to eighty at San Remigio, and one hundred sixty in Cebu. Meetings were held from morning till night in most of these churches. A good interest was shown in our educational work, and we believe that it will not be long before our churches will take on the responsibility of conducting church schools for our children.

It was a real pleasure to visit the only church school we have in this mission,—the one at Cebu. This school carries grades one to four. Miss Ana Llaguno is the teacher. Miss Llaguno has had a normal training, has done critic teaching work in the normal department, and is a faithful Seventh-day Adventist teacher. Her order, discipline, and management are excellent, and happy are those children who attend this school,—and happy should be the parents who entrust their children to such a faithful and self-sacrificing teacher. This mission needs a goodly number of church schools carrying grades one to six inclusive, to look after the education of the lambs of the flock; and one higher school, probably going to nine grades, when the need arises,—from which the students can go on to our training school in Manila for their advanced work. The school carrying to nine grades would need to study carefully the matter of providing industries, for many of these youth will need to work to assist in their school expenses.

Considerable instruction was given, which, with a general discussion of missionary volunteer matters took up the larger part of the time spent in these meetings in the East Visayan Mission. Much interest was shown in the nature of young people and their characteristics, and in the call of God to our youth to organize for training and service. Home conditions were discussed and an ideal Christian home was held up as God's plan for His people. God's instruction against our young people marrying unbelievers was emphasized, and this was found to be a real problem. Parents arose and with tears asked counsel on this matter. After discussion parents felt that they were better fortified on this question, and expressions of appreciation were heard. Some parents felt that from this time on they would take up more fully their responsibility and burden for their children and endeavor to shield them from the snares and evils of this day.

Surely our young people in the Far East must have all the safeguards possible thrown about them, by home, school, and church. The moving picture shows, the indecent and evil literature as available in magazines, story-books and text-books, the evil companions of the street, all have a tremendous influence in the downward direction. Only the grace of God, and the careful safeguarding of the youth by parents and teachers from these contaminating influences, will save the young people of to-day.

It cannot be right to spend large sums of money to get people to accept this truth, and then allow the young people, the cream of our flock, to slip away from the church and into the world, because of neglect or indifference on the part of parents or church or mission. Activity corresponding to that put forth by evangelistic workers for new converts must be shown by the parents and church members in holding these promising young people in the church and in training them for God's work. May schools and missionary volunteer societies do their specified task in supplementing the efforts of parents and church members in this important work.

In the Kiangsu Mission

MRS. B. MILLER

FOR more than two months our faithful Bible women and I have been visiting our people throughout the Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces. We find our work in many places making good progress. Although we will not have so many baptisms this year, the work is going forward. There are many inquiring for the truth, but most of these are not sufficiently instructed to go forward in baptism.

While at Ba Doo we spent one week with our own people, held four Bible studies every day, and taught one class in characters and memory work. The Lord blessed us in a wonderful way with these mountain people. They are very susceptible to the workings of the Holy Spirit. The last Sabbath there were about two hundred believers present.

The Sabbath school work at Ba Doo is encouraging. Every Sabbath the offerings range from one dollar and thirty to one dollar and sixty cents. The chapel has been open for about one year, and several of the members are paying tithe.

At Ningpo our work is making good progress. Two of our workers—a man and his wife—told me that they promised the Lord last summer to give one week's salary for the week of sacrifice; but when the time came they had no money to buy rice for themselves and their three children. However, they asked the Lord to give them food, and the following morning a brother came with forty pounds of rice and a large fish. He told them that his father, from the country, had brought him so much he did not know what to do with it, and asked our brother if he cared if he left it with them. Thus their prayer was answered. I wonder how many of us have given until we had not a cent to buy food for the next day?

We have some very earnest people, and I feel God will surely carry them through to the kingdom. Our great need is laborers to gather in the precious souls for the harvest. Let us pray for a baptism of God's Holy Spirit, and that the text in Isaiah 52:8 shall be our happy lot, is my earnest prayer.

Soochow, China, Dec. 8, 1926.

Field and Institutional Advance

The Preachers Talk into the Ears but God Talks into the Hearts

W. L. Rodriguez

(Editorial Note: By request, Pastor Wenceslao L. Rodriguez, in charge of the Mindanao district of the Cebuana Mission (P. I.), has supplied an account of the labors of himself and associates in northwestern Mindanao. We take pleasure in publishing this story, using as a title the words sent us by him. The spirit of evangelizing in unentered areas, revealed in these lines from Pastor Rodriguez, must possess our hearts more and more as we press into new territory.—c.)

A new company of God-fearing people was raised in Dipolog, Zamboanga, Mindanao Island, last September (1926), when fourteen souls took their stand for Jesus, thus becoming the first Seventh-day Adventists in this part of the island. Five months ago there was not a single Sabbath-keeper in this vicinity; but for two years the town of Dipolog has always been before me in my mental vision, and I have repeatedly said, "God must surely have some honest-hearted people here that He will call out to serve Him."

In March, 1926, a tent effort was held in Sindangan, a little municipal district of Zamboanga. To get to Sindangan, our workers must call at Dipolog enroute. It had been thought best to have an evangelistic effort first in Sindangan, in order to strengthen a small group of Seventh-day Adventists that had migrated to that place in search of better farms than they had had in the islands farther north. As a result of the tent meetings, ten were baptized and added to the Sindangan church. During the effort I had been with the evangelists much of the time, and had taken my wife there also, in order that those who had recently come into Mindanao to labor might receive further instruction in methods of soul-winning.

Having added a few to the church in Sindangan, we moved the tent to Dipolog, leaving two of our workers at Sindangan to follow up interests. The latter part of May the effort at Dipolog was begun by two of our laborers, Brethren Apolonio Sumoso and Alberto Cabardo, both of whom had received further training by having taken an active part in the Sindangan services. I left these young men at work, going on myself with my family and Brother Mersido to Misamis Province, where I located my family; and then I placed Brother Cabardo in Tangob to search for souls in that town. By mid-June I was able to return to Dipolog to unite with the others in the tent effort. Soon one of the workers that had been left in Sindangan—Brother Luis Noval—came up to Dipolog to join us for a time, and then he was sent on to Cagayan, the capital of Misamis, to labor for souls there.

Two weeks after my arrival in Dipolog, we organized a Sabbath school of more than ten members, bringing in some who had been in attendance at the meetings. These included some who had been gamblers, drunkards, and great tobacco smokers. They were saved from these pernicious habits as by a miracle. As they heard words of Bible truth spoken night after night in the tent, they felt as if these were indeed the voice of God talking into their hearts; and about the time the tent effort was to be closed, they found themselves being miraculously changed. Now they are new men and women in Christ Jesus.

And the work did not stop here. These newly won Sabbath keepers became active missionaries among their neighbors. Just before the tent effort was to close, I left Dipolog to baptize some people in Misamis, Tangob, Tubod, and Daromawang along the Pangil Bay, between Misamis and Lanao. And at the close of the tent effort, I wrote to evangelist Apolonio Sumoso to go to Manbajao, the principal port of the little island of Camiguin belonging to Misamis Province. This little island gives promise of souls for the kingdom, and we thought best to have one of our evangelists press into that field as soon as he could be released from the Dipolog effort. About thirty people are now studying Bible truth on Camiguin Island. Meanwhile, the work in Dipolog was left in the care of earnest, faithful Brother Alberto Cabardo and his good wife.

The new Sabbath keepers in Dipolog have been stirring up the people of that community. They have been giving Brother and Sister Cabardo plenty of work. The Spirit of God is with these believers. The Sabbath school has been increased to nearly forty members. The believers and workers speak into the ears of the people, while God speaks into the hearts.

Here is an instance of how God talks into the hearts of people: In the town of Dipolog there lives a woman about thirty-five years of age, who had given her husband much concern because of her unwillingness to give up some habits that were a great financial drain upon him. One day she received from one of our Sabbath keepers a Christian book. She read it; she realized some of the errors of the religion she had formerly professed. The Sabbath keeper told her of the coming of Jesus, and showed her the way to a new life in Christ Jesus. She realized her sinfulness. One Sabbath morning, as she was meditating on the matter of religion, she saw in imagination the lovely Jesus. This made a deep impression; and at the same time a voice kept ringing in her heart, saying, "If you want to know the way, you must go now in search of the 'sabadista.'" (The Seventh-day Adventist church members are called "sabadista" in the Philippines.) Immediately she changed her clothes, and went out in search of the Sabbatarians. She was led by some one into the house of evangelist Alberto Cabardo, where all the Sabbath keepers were gathering into Sabbath school for the study of God's word. Here the current of her life was changed, and a desire was created in her heart to be a true Christian woman. From that day she was born anew in Christ Jesus.

Her husband had been away from home on a long trip, and had failed of sending money home to his wife; and he fully expected that upon his return he would meet with great trouble. But when finally he did return, everything was different from what he had expected. He found his wife a new woman, with the praises of God on her lips. And not only this; he found her making some money by her own efforts. The little parcel of land that they owned by the side of their house, was being cultivated by her own hands, and there were growing on this land plenty of greens and vegetables for the market.

Notwithstanding the husband's great surprise, he did not realize that the change in his wife had come because of her conversion, and so he, being prejudiced against our faith, prohibited his wife from coming to our Sabbath school, and demanded of her that she forsake her new religion. "I do not want you to join the religion of the 'sabadista,'" the husband urged. "If you insist on uniting with them in

worship, I will punish you." "But," replied the wife, "it is this religion I have found, that brings me into the presence of Jesus and saves me from all my bad habits. Shall I revert to my drunken ways, and to blasphemy, while you have to supply me with money to pay for wasteful habits?" "Oh, no!" answered the husband; "do not forsake this religion, if this newly found faith is what has changed your habits." "I want you to be a 'sabadista,'" he added.

God has kept the little company at Dipolog in the living faith of Jesus. The devil has tried hard to retain these people in his dominion; but all his efforts have been frustrated, through the grace and mercy of the living God. To Him be all the praise and glory.

Harvest Ingathering at Mukden

Writing from Mukden, Manchuria, November 17, Pastor R. M. Cossentine reports:

"Up to date the Mukden West Suburb Church has raised Mex. \$1101.51 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Of this the native brethren secured Mex. \$300. The total is only about \$200 less than half the goal for the Union as apportioned to us by the Division.

"We momentarily praise the Lord for our peaceful surroundings and continued good health. We are made sad as we hear of the enormous difficulties and hardships in so many parts of the China field. May peace soon come to those troubled sections."

Old Methods and New in the Treatment of Disease

R. M. Cossentine

Our first believer in Hwa-pi-chang (Manchuria) is a Dr. Yu, who combines old methods, and new in the treatment of disease. He is very earnest in the duties of a church member. He found that if he refused to treat any case of illness on the Sabbath, no matter how serious, people began to say: "Do not you profess to believe in a gospel of salvation? Then why do you refuse to aid in saving life?" So on the Sabbath day he treats serious cases that cannot be put off, and donates to the Lord's work any fees he may receive therefrom. I think this corresponds to the practice of some of our medical brethren in the States.

Dr. Yu recognizes the Lord as the Great Physician, and seeks divine wisdom in treating the sick. He told us of several cases of serious illness that he believes he had special wisdom from above in treating successfully after other doctors had given these cases up.

Dr. Yu plans on having a son in our training institute next fall, if all goes well.

"Triangle Toweling"

The North China Junior Middle School, Wei Lou, Tsinanfu, Shantung, China, announces through its industrial department a revised price-list of its "Triangle-Toweling" products—Turkish Hand Towels, Turkish Bath Towels, Turkish Bath Sheets, Face Cloths, Bath Mats, Huckaback Toweling, Plain Face Towels, Dish Toweling. Needlecraft products also, including cutwork, applique, and girls' dresses, are made. Information will be gladly forwarded upon application to the manager, Mr. J. H. White, Wei Lou, Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.

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Owing to the death of Miss Osborn, office assistant in the Division Publishing Department, as announced in another column, the January issue of the *Promoter* cannot be sent out, as Pastor J. J. Strahle, in charge, is at present in Siam. Meanwhile, during these weeks of readjustment, let us all unite in a determined effort to promote in every way the publishing interests of our cause. Standard-bearers may fall, but the work of God is to move forward uninterruptedly through united and untiring effort on the part of every believer.

To Visit Missions and Schools

Definite word has been received of the sailing from San Francisco January 18 of Professor and Mrs. W. E. Nelson, of the Pacific Union College, for the Far East. Brother and Sister Nelson will be reaching Yokohama early in February, where they will be joined by Professor S. L. Frost, Division educational secretary, for special work during the winter and spring at mission centers in Japan, Chosen, and Mandarin China, until the time of the Spring Council in April, following which these friends will visit our missions in South China and the Philippines.

The Biennial Union Sessions

The time has come for opening the first of a series of biennial sessions, the Malaysian Union meeting having been appointed for January 21 to 31, at Singapore; to be followed by the Philippine Union, Manila, February 17 to 26; South China, March 10 to 20; East China, April 1 to 10; other Unions following the close of the Spring Council which is to be held the last half of the month of April.

Pastor I. H. Evans has left for the Malaysian Union meeting, and on his way down may have sometime in the West and East Visayan Missions, besides touching at the usual ports en route. Pastor and Mrs. Frederick Griggs will come in to the Singapore meeting from a visit to mission stations in Java. Pastor J. J. Strahle has been spending some time in Siam and in Federated Malay States, holding conventions, on his way to the biennial sessions. It is possible that arrangements may be perfected for the release of Dr. H. W. Miller from responsibilities at Division headquarters, for a sufficient length of time to permit of his uniting with others in an effort to make the Union sessions a blessing to all in attendance.

Some general workers from abroad have been promised by the General Conference. Pastor G. W. Wells, field secretary of the General Conference, reaches Singapore just in time for the opening meetings there, and will continue in attendance at the various appointments until next July. One or two others have been promised for some of the meetings, but no final word has come aside from the assurance that Professor W. E. Nelson, of the Pacific Union, will be with us at the East China Union session in April.

Let us make these Union sessions a subject of special prayer, that the Lord's purpose for the peoples of Eastern Asia may be wrought out, notwithstanding the troublous times upon which we have entered.

Address of Pastor F. H. DeVinney

Through the Home Board we have been informed of the appointment of Pastor F. H. DeVinney to the Southern Union Conference, to serve as president of the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference, with headquarters at 705 South Gallatin Street, Jackson, Mississippi, to which place communications for Brother and Sister DeVinney may be mailed.

Through a personal letter from them, we learn of their abiding interest in the work and workers in the Far East.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings

Mrs. I. H. Evans

Word has reached us from Africa, India, and Australia, as well as from individuals in other places, of the special interest being taken in the possibility of an "overflow" for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering which was taken up on December 25. This overflow offering is to go toward establishing a central hospital base near Shanghai—a mother institution, where nurses will be trained to take up this work in different provinces as quickly as hospital-dispensaries can be established. Also, it is hoped that such of our foreign workers as suffer a collapse in health may find relief and have their strength built up so that they can stay in the field. Already a number of cases have come under the care of the little temporary institution, in which this hope has been more than realized. Of one case of whom inquiry as to his health was recently made, the word comes back from the superintendent of his field, that he is as strong as he ever was, and that he "has been doing the work of two men" ever since he returned from Shanghai.

With the need so great for such an institution in the Far Eastern Division, and with the results of the work already started so encouragingly, we were not surprised at the response of the Shanghai Sabbath schools to this special call. In some cases the "largest Thirteenth Sabbath offering ever received" was taken up. The offerings for the three churches, as accurately as we can give them, stand as follows:

Central Shanghai Sabbath School (Mex.)	\$100.00
Sanitarium Sabbath School	\$160.60
East Shanghai Sabbath School	\$117.42
	\$378.02

We are encouraged to believe there will be a large overflow for this noble work; for, as has been often written, "The eyes of the world are on the Far East" in these days of extremity.

A Welcome to Four Families

On Tuesday, December 28, it was the happy privilege of those stationed in Shanghai to welcome to the Far East four families who have come to enter four Unions, as follows:

(1) Brother and Sister Harley A. Anderson, and daughter, who go to Singapore, S. S., where Brother Anderson enters the Malaysian Press as superintendent of the works during the furlough of Brother and Sister H. I. Smith. Brother Anderson's former term of service was spent in the Philippine Publishing House, at Manila.

(2) Brother and Sister F. L. Chaney, who go to the Philippines, where Brother Chaney is to serve as secretary-treasurer of that Union; Mrs. Chaney serving as may be arranged by the Union at its approaching biennial session. At the time the Far Eastern Division included the Australasian Union, Brother and Sister Chaney were connected with the Australasian Missionary College, he being the president of that institution. Later they were in New Zealand, and still later in British New Guinea as missionaries, before returning to the States.

(3) Brother and Sister H. M. Burwell, from the Western Oregon Conference, where Brother Burwell has been in charge of their Book and Bible House. He comes to fill an appointment as secretary-treasurer of the East China Union, and will spend his first few months in language study at Nanking.

(4) Brother and Sister C. E. Thurston, appointees for evangelistic service in the South China Union. Brother Thurston is a son of Pastor W. H. Thurston, who was one of the pioneers of the Brazilian field.

A hearty welcome is extended to all these workers of experience who have come to unite with the forces on this side.

Ready!

Just off the press! Ready to send to the field! A brand new calendar for 1927, announcing the addition of an English section to the China Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School. Have you received your copy? If so, study it, think about it, and decide today to improve those spare minutes while itinerating and while at home. Select a subject that you are deeply interested in and that will help you to become more efficient in your present line of work, and enroll without delay. If you have not received this new calendar, write at once to the Fireside Correspondence School, 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

W. A. Schaffenberg,
Principal China Branch

Pastor S. A. Nagel's Address

By action of the South China Union Executive Committee, Pastor S. A. Nagel has been appointed director of the Swatow Provincial Mission. Brother Carman goes on to Amoy to be connected with the school at that place.

Any mail for Pastor Nagel and Mrs. Nagel and family should be addressed in care of the Swatow Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Swatow, Kwangtung Province, China.

The Death of Sister Osborn

The closing hours of the year that has passed were filled with sadness for those connected with the Division Offices at our Shanghai headquarters, as we learned of the death of one of our associates, Miss Lulu Mae Osborn, office assistant in the publishing and home missionary departments, at twelve thirty o'clock Friday noon, Dec. 31. A brief biographical sketch has been prepared, that the friends may learn a little of her life and of details connected with her death. Interment was at the Hungjiao Cemetery, the funeral services being held on Sunday afternoon, January 2, at 71 Kiaochow Road. A synopsis of the service is being prepared for inclusion in our next issue.

Biographical Sketch

Lulu Mae Osborn was born in Madison, Wisconsin, Oct. 15, 1897, and died in Shanghai, China, Dec. 31, 1926, at the age of twenty-nine years three months sixteen days. In early life she attended public school, later taking studies in the University of Wisconsin to qualify for secretarial work. Her first service in this capacity was at the State University in Wisconsin. Later she connected with the Lake Union Conference as private secretary for Pastor Wm. Guthrie, the president, at Berrien Springs, Michigan; and from that place she responded to an invitation from the Foreign Mission Board of Seventh-day Adventists to labor in the Far Eastern Division as stenographer and office assistant in the Division Publishing Department offices at Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, where she labored with earnest devotion for about two years, having reached the mission field in December, 1924.

In the year 1922, through contacts with our evangelistic work in Madison, Wisconsin, the deceased was led to give her life to the service of the Lord Jesus and to be baptized. Since that time she has earnestly sought to live true to the teachings of Holy Scripture, and to follow her divine Master in paths of self-denying service. Hers was a life of earnest devotion to the cause she had espoused.

During the Week of Prayer recently observed in mid-December, Miss Osborn took part with others in seeking the Lord anew. The last time her voice was heard in public testimony she bore triumphant witness to the power of God's grace to lift her soul above discouragement and doubt into the clear light of faith and confidence in God and in her associate workers. The following day Miss Osborn was unable to attend to her usual duties and was later taken to the Sanitarium for medical care, where, after a little more than a week of severe suffering, she passed to her long rest.