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Our Mid-Summer Offering

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SINCE the first century there has not been another people who have given so largely of their worldly goods for the advancement of the gospel as Seventh-day Adventists. Other peoples give some of their abundance, and some give out of their poverty; for there have always been faithful souls who regard it as a privilege to give; but our people per worker average giving beyond any other people of this or any other generation since the days of the apostles.

One of our special seasons for a large offering is the mid-summer offering. Last year this offering brought in over \$100,000 gold. From that the Far Eastern Division field received over \$32,000 gold, with which to open up new work in unentered regions.

We have an ever-increasing budget in our field. Each succeeding year finds us asking not for less and less, but for more and more. Other world fields are having their budgets cut, in order that our field may be supplied. Many times the homeland itself is cut down below what seems imperative, in order that this field may have a little increase above its budget for the preceding year.

We all have the privilege of helping to make this offering worthy of the great cause for which it is given. Our example goes far. Others often sense their duty not alone from what we say, but as well from what they know we do.

All the promises of God in rewarding the cheerful giver belong as much to the worker as to the laity. We need the fulness of the blessing more in these days of stress and trial than ever before. The missionary can only be such by constantly giving himself and all he has in helpful service to advance the kingdom of God.

Our mid-summer offering calls for sacrifice. Few can give of an abundance, judged by worldly wealth; but from our very living we all may give.

It sounds a note of courage throughout the world when all join in a large offering. Let us all do our best, and God will help us.

Shanghai, China
May 1, 1927

Note and Comment

Goals

We quit the goal that we have gained
To seek the one still unattained:
The records we have made, we take
To point to records we shall make.
Man's hope lies not in what he's done,
But in the task he's just begun.
To-morrow's glory! That's the thrill
That spurs us on and strengthens will.

—Selected.

Multiplying Perplexities in Hunan

Despatches in the daily press corroborate that which is coming to us through personal correspondence from our mission workers in Hunan, that determined persecution of Christians is continuing, with most serious results in many places. Little mercy is shown those who choose to serve the true God and to continue the observance of Christian forms, such as singing and praying. In many places preaching is forbidden. Our evangelist at Liuyang, a beautiful city known as the "center of learning" for the province of Hunan, has suffered much persecution; yet he has felt as if he should continue preaching the Word. Those in authority put him into prison and condemned him to death because of his desire to continue preaching. Strenuous efforts are being made to secure a reprieve and pardon through the Nationalist authorities in Hankow, but at last accounts it was uncertain what the outcome might be. The name of our evangelist who is under condemnation of death is Yeh Dao Su. The continued prayers of God's children are solicited in his behalf, and in behalf of the hundreds of believers who are members of our church in the Hunan province. Unspeakable crimes are being committed in that province against the Christian religion, in the name of "liberty."

While we should have the utmost of love and tender regard for those who are thus persecuting true Christian believers, we nevertheless are under the responsibility of acquainting our brethren and sisters with the fact that our associates in Hunan are suffering persecution at the hands of men in authority determined to crush and utterly destroy the Christian religion and who are speaking blasphemously of God and of all that is precious and dear to the Christian believer. c.

Special Literature for Our Time

Much has been done through the years to prepare a literature adapted for the times upon which we have entered; and when crises arise, as at present in the China field, this literature is found to meet many needs. There are some special needs, however, that can be met best by preparing some matter anew, and by publishing new and more attractive editions of standard works. The Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House, at Shanghai, is now busily engaged in this work, and some publications are soon to be placed on the market that will surely bring blessing to all who read. Let us make the most of the printed page just now, when minds are aroused, and many are asking regarding the meaning of present-day conditions.

Did It Pay?

A. Koch

When canvassing I met a Japanese business man who is also a public councilman of our suburb. He bought a small English pamphlet. We become very well acquainted. From that time, for more than six months, the man has studied regularly the truth. He has attended Sabbath school several times, has bought a good many pamphlets, and has read some books. Did it pay to do some canvassing that morning several months ago?

Last year, during Big Week, Mrs. Koch took a subscription for the "Jicho" magazine in the home of a Japanese professor. A little later, when I called at that house, the man was very pleased, and asked for a thorough study of the Revelation. Since that time, now for almost a year, we have been studying the Revelation verse by verse, coming together once a week. As I near his house early in the morning, I can hear him reading the chapter we are going to study. This professor is especially interested in our educational work. He has visited with me our new school, and has written a favorable article about it for the public in a Japanese magazine. Was this canvassing that was done during last year's Big Week, in vain? Did it pay?

At a railway station I talked to a man, and after getting into the train with him he took the pamphlet, paid for it, and told me how pleased he was. My canvass came just in time: a great sorrow had come to the heart of that man by the loss of his eldest son. To hand him this pamphlet—did it pay?

One evening, upon coming home, I noticed that a good looking Japanese young man was walking almost in step with me. I began talking with him. Now that young man is coming almost every day to our house, and we are studying the truth together. Was it in vain to speak some friendly words to that stranger?

Even if I should not be privileged to see, within a relatively short time, definite results from the cases just cited, I believe the right moment to teach these dear friends the truth was while the Lord was providing the chance to talk to them. Furthermore, in Japan there will surely come a change in the minds of the people; and then Christ's word will become true, "One soweth, and another reapeth." Therefore we will keep on sowing the seeds of truth "in season, out of season," and will confidently trust for a harvest. It cannot be otherwise. Looking for a good harvest, we remember Paul's word, "He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly;" and we will not spare, but sow abundantly. The time will come when we shall see that our seed-sowing, in distributing the printed page, has paid abundantly.

Tokyo, March 15th, 1927.

China Theological Seminary

Present conditions in the interior make impossible an accurate forecast of the immediate future of the China Theological Seminary. If circumstances permit, an effort will be made to reopen reasonably soon. Many students who were unable to complete the last few weeks of the courses they were taking during the school year of 1926-27, are now availing themselves of the opportunity of securing a credit for what has been done, by completing courses through special work offered by the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School.

The Kiangsu Intermediate School

In harmony with actions taken by the executive committees of the Kiangsu Provincial Mission, the East China Union Mission, and the Far Eastern Division, arrangements are being made for the continuance of the Kiangsu Intermediate School, either at 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, or at Range Road, Shanghai, where the school has been conducted the past year.

Subscription List—Chinese "Signs"

The subscription list of the Chinese "Signs" was reported as 57,002 for April, 1927. Kiangsu Mission led with 7,808; next was the province of Shantung, with 5,195 subscribers; then Chihli, with 4,498. A southern section, the Cantonese Mission, occupied fourth place on the list, with 3,882 annual subscribers. Swatow, another section of the Kwangtung Province, has 1,931; Hakka, 634. The Central China field is well covered, as testify the figures: Hupeh, 2,018; Honan, 1,922; Kiangsi, 1,832; Hunan, 1,235; Shensi, 176. Malaysia stands at 7,518, the highest list for Malaysia being for Malay States—3,434.

The list of the Chinese "Signs" includes many out-of-the-way places of the earth,—Mauritius Island, with 130 subscribers; Peru, 200; British North Borneo, 317. Nine are sent regularly into Africa; thirty into Haiti; 712 into Siam; 1,513 into French Indo-China, 900 into Heilungkiang; 380 to the Philippines; 370 to Korea; 127 to Celebes; 51 to Australia; 80 to California; 35 to Massachusetts. Scattering numbers, from ten to a hundred or more each, are reaching Hawaii, Cuba, India, Wisconsin, Oregon, Mexico, Colombia, Ontario, Indiana. And thus we might add to the catalogue. It is a wonderfully interesting list. The Chinese people are not being let without warning concerning the things coming upon the earth. The "Signs" is sounding its message to tens of thousands. Let us pray that many will take heed.

Prospects of Help from Missions Extension Funds

In the Extension Fund booklet recently issued by the Publishing Department of the General Conference, Washington, D. C., mention is being made definitely of certain enterprises that are to receive aid from funds that the brethren hope to raise during the year 1927. The benefits come to publishing, educational, and dispensary work in many mission lands, including the Far East. It would be a pleasure to name all the items listed; suffice it to say for the present that the plan contemplates the supplying of \$11,000, for publishing work in our territory, \$5,000 for educational, and \$15,250 for medical. These funds are not always realized in full, and the funds cannot be sent forward until sometime in 1928; but the prospects are nevertheless reassuring, and bring rejoicing to all. The educational gifts are in behalf of Java and Korea; the publishing for Singapore, Manila, Tokyo, Shanghai; the medical for the Philippines, Japan, China (Waichow, Canton, Chiao Tou Djen).

Reports from Biennial Sessions

This number of the *Outlook* contains some reports from biennial sessions. Many more are to follow in succeeding numbers, as rapidly as space may permit. c.

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The Annual Spring Meeting

Far Eastern Division Committee—

1927

Summary of Proceedings

On the morning of April 15, 1927, according to appointment, the members of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee met at Shanghai in the Ningkuo Road Chapel formerly occupied by the Shanghai Missionary College, and united in a devotional service led by Pastor G. W. Wells as the opening meeting of the annual session of the Committee.

The Conference Hour

At 10.15 the Committee was called to order for the first business session of the annual meetings. Pastor I. H. Evans occupied the Chair. There were present, I. H. Evans, G. W. Wells of the General Conference, W. E. Nelson of Pacific Union, Frederick Griggs, Harry W. Miller, L. V. Finster, S. E. Jackson, C. C. Morris, V. T. Armstrong, B. Petersen, G. J. Appel, J. G. Gjording, Frederick Lee, M. C. Warren, H. W. Barrows, S. L. Frost, Mrs. I. H. Evans, J. J. Strahle, C. C. Crisler; and, by invitation, many who had come in from the field because of conditions at present prevailing in China. Among these were W. E. Strickland, C. H. Davis, G. L. Wilkinson, K. H. Wood, Dr. R. W. Paul, Dr. Donald Griggs, B. C. Clark, W. P. Henderson, E. R. Thiele, H. C. White, Dr. J. N. Andrews, A. N. Bierkle, C. A. Woolsey, D. R. White, I. O. Wallace, W. A. Scharffenberg, Dr. Wm. A. Woolgar, Lyman W. Shaw, A. E. Hughes, G. S. Luther, LeClare Reed, C. B. Nichols, R. H. Hartwell, G. G. Hamp, F. A. Landis, P. E. Quimby, H. M. Burwell, H. P. Evens, E. C. Wood, Miss Tillie Barr, W. I. Hilliard, Eugene Woessner.

Prayer was offered by C. C. Crisler.

The Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the brethren who had come in for another annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee, and recounted the mercies of the Lord attending members of our mission who of late have been compelled to find their way from the interior to port cities. All members of the Committee were present at the opening hour, save Pastor E. J. Urquhart, of the Chosen Union, delayed enroute. The Chairman extended a most hearty welcome also to visiting brethren from abroad,—to Pastor G. W. Wells, field secretary of the General Conference, from Washington, D. C., U. S. A.; and to President W. E. Nelson, of Pacific Union College.

Pastor Evans stated that the past year had been one of many encouragements and of some most serious perplexities. At the beginning there were prospects of substantial gains in our baptized membership and in various other features of our development. We had peace in most of our borders, excepting South China, where the brethren had been passing through many trials, with determined opposition. In various Unions, goals were set, and there was promise of advancement. Some militating factors had to be reckoned with, including the absence of several from the field on furlough and in attendance at the General Conference session. Later in the year, problems were thrust upon us in the China field through the development of conditions beyond our control, and for a time it was feared we might have a poor year in the winning of souls. When the records were all made up, it was found that the net results were not falling much if any below our general averages through the years, the net increase in our baptized membership having been 2,465, which is the best that has been reported of any year excepting 1925, then there were 2,162 besides the 490 represented by the made-up losses sustained by our field in its membership through the transfer of 490 in the East Siberian Union to the European Division.

The united efforts of our ministry, both native and foreign, have brought improvement into our Sabbath-school department, its membership now standing at 26,173. We build wisely when we encourage everybody to attend the Sabbath schools throughout the field, and to study the good lessons prepared for us by the General Conference Departmental headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The year 1926 was the best we have had in the sale of denominational literature, and some of the Houses have made records in management resulting in considerable gains in operating, notably Malaysia and the Philippines. The Shanghai House suffered a loss, as did Japan and Chosen.

The Chairman told of the splendid work of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner, at Penang, S. S.; also of the successful labors of Dr. L. H. and Mrs. Butka and their associates in Yencheng, and of other physicians and nurses elsewhere. The work of the schools, also, was outlined, and the set-back that has been suffered by our school work in the China field.

Reference was made to the strange and critical situation of the present hour in portions of the China field, where property losses are being sustained; where our very existence as a mission has been challenged by those who are determined not to allow further propagation of the Christian religion; and where our foreign workers are unable at the moment to live, having had to leave with but little of their clothing and household effects. The Chairman urged upon all the solemnity of the hour, and the supreme importance of our seeking the Lord most earnestly during this annual session of the Committee, and of yielding our own judgment to the control of the Holy Spirit, that the mind of the Lord might be learned and followed in all matters pertaining to the cause of present truth throughout our Far Eastern Division fields.

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Daily Program

A working program for the daily meetings, as formulated by available members of the Division Committee prior to the opening of these spring meetings, was presented, and accepted by vote, as follows:

	A.M.
Breakfast	7.00
Sub-committee work	7.45 to 8.45
Intermission	8.45 to 9.00
Devotional Meeting	9.00 to 10.00
Session, Full Committee	10.15 to 12.00
Dinner	12.30
	P.M.
Sub-committee work	1.30 to 3.15
Intermission	3.15 to 3.30
Session, Full Committee	3.30 to 5.30
Supper	6.00
Public Meetings— reports from unions, and de- partmental sec- retaries	7.30 to 9.00

Attendance

Voted, That a general invitation be extended all our workers and others who may be in Shanghai, to meet with the Committee at such times as their duties may permit. It was especially urged that an effort be made on the part of all to be in attendance at the morning devotional hour and during the evening hour when reports are given from union superintendents and from Division departmental secretaries.

Appointment of Committees

Voted, That the following serve as Committees during the annual meetings of the Far Eastern Division Committee for 1927.

Pastoral Committee: Frederick Lee (chairman), T. T. Babienco, E. J. Urquhart.

Committee on Finance: H. W. Barrows (chairman), Eugene Woesner, H. W. Miller, W. E. Nelson, L. V. Finster, C. C. Morris, W. I. Hilliard, S. E. Jackson, V. T. Armstrong, Tillie Barr, M. C. Warren.

Committee on Plans: Frederick Griggs (chairman), Frederick Lee, G. W. Wells, B. Petersen, E. J. Urquhart, W. P. Henderson, T. T.

Babienco, Dr. J. N. Andrews, Dr. L. H. Butka, S. L. Frost, Geo. J. Appel, C. C. Crisler, J. J. Strahle, Mrs. I. H. Evans, D. E. Rebok, J. G. Gjording, Dr. Wm. A. Woolgar, Lyman W. Shaw, Prof. Chas. Larsen, G. S. Luther, W. E. Strickland, A. E. Hughes, C. H. Davis, H. R. Dixon, Dr. R. W. Paul, E. R. Thiele, H. C. White, E. C. Wood, E. H. James, C. A. Woolsey, A. N. Bierkle, Mrs. B. Miller, G. L. Wilkinson, D. R. White, I. O. Wallace, Wm. E. Eberhardt, H. L. Graham, W. A. Scharffenberg, Liu Chi Cheng, Lie Deh Ging, Djang Tsung Gwang, Diang Hsi Hsun, Dong Bao Ling, Hwang Hsi Peng, Su Hsing, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. K. H. Wood, Mr. Yeh, Miss Bessie Mount, T. G. Wu, Mrs. Frederick Lee, Mrs. M. C. Warren, Dr. Donald Griggs, K. H. Wood, Le Clare Reed, C. B. Nichols, D. S. Williams, R. H. Hartwell, G. G. Hamp, S. H. Lindt, F. A. Landis, C. A. Carter, P. E. Quimby, B. C. Clark, H. M. Burwell, H. P. Evens, W. E. Gillis, Otis Erich, Mrs. J. N. Andrews, Mrs. E. H. James, Mrs. Strickland.

Committee on Music: H. C. White (chairman), B. C. Clark, Miss E. A. James, Mrs. S. L. Frost, W. E. Strickland.

Division Treasurer's Annual Report

A Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ending Dec. 31, 1926, was submitted by the treasurer, Brother H. W. Barrows, with exhibits showing amounts received in tithes and offerings. This report showed a total income of \$913,064.19 gold and total expenditures which gave an operating loss during the year of \$46.45 gold.

Voted, That the Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet of the Division Treasurer be accepted as submitted, subject to audit.

The Meetings Day by Day

All through the week devoted to the annual meetings of the Division Committee, special studies were given morning by morning by Pastor G. W. Wells and Professor W. E. Nelson, with profit to all in attendance. We were led close to

the Lord and to one another as we gathered morning by morning to pray and to listen to the preached word.

The business filled many of the hours, but was done with despatch, there being general unanimity regarding the essentials to be attained in connection with our advancing work. In this synopsis of proceedings, no attempt is made to follow in chronological order the business of the session, but rather to group the items under general sub-heads, in order to give a resume of the decisions arrived at and the general plans adopted for our guidance as we continue our labors in the various Union fields.

Evening Services

The evening hours were devoted to the receiving of a series of reports from leaders in various lines. A large number were in attendance at these meetings. The Music Committee made preparations for congregational and special singing, and this helped to make the services impressive throughout.

The evening of April 17 was devoted to reports. Professor S. L. Frost, Division Educational Secretary, outlined the work of the educational department during the year 1926, with plans under way for the strengthening of the work in the future. Pastor M. C. Warren, superintendent of the West China Union, gave a most cheering report of providences connected with the past year, notwithstanding multiplying hindrances. In the course of his report Pastor Warren called upon Brother C. A. Woolsey to tell of the book work in West China, and later Brother Warren called upon Dr. J. N. Andrews, of the Tibetan Mission, to tell of experiences in medical and publishing lines along the Tibetan frontier. The last speaker of the evening was Pastor L. V. Finster, superintendent of the Malaysian Union, who outlined the splendid advance being made in that part of Division territory, as evidenced by the baptismal record and the net gains for the year, with goals that indicate that the year upon which we have already entered will bring large returns in souls won for the kingdom.

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In the course of five or six evenings, all Unions had opportunity to report through their Superintendents, and all Division departmental secretaries gave fifteen-minute talks on the outstanding features of their departments during the year. Many of these reports are given in other columns of this issue of the *Outlook*, in abbreviated form; hence no attempt is made to report the evening services item by item.

Resolution of Gratitude and Consecration

1. Never before have workers in the cause of God had greater reason for sincere gratitude and renewed consecration than have the representatives of the Far Eastern Division, as we reassemble for another annual Committee Council. The whole Orient is in unrest and upheaval, yet the lives of our workers have been spared. Many of us are here only through the help and protection of heavenly agencies. Notwithstanding distressing conditions, our believers and workers are to a great extent proving true to their faith in this message, and our work in all its features has gone forward, resulting in a good increase in membership.

For the multitude of the mercies vouchsafed us by our Heavenly Father we are deeply thankful, and we pledge ourselves and our constituencies to more devoted endeavor to win every honest-hearted person in our field to Christ and to "cut short in righteousness" the Lord's work upon the earth.

Educational Day

Whereas, In the Far Eastern Division only about one-half of our children and young people of school age are enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools, and it is evident that there is great need of further instructing our people in regard to the principles of true Christian education, and the necessity of giving their children a training in our own denominational schools.

2. *We recommend*, That a special effort be made to have the annual Educational Day observed in every church in the Far Eastern Division; and that Union superin-

tendents, local mission directors, and others in responsible positions, co-operate with the Educational Department to this end.

3. *We further recommend*, That for the coming year the Educational Days in our various fields be as follows: For China and Japan, August 13, 1927, and August 11, 1928; for Malaysia, November 19, 1927; for Korea, March 4, 1928; and for the Philippine Islands, April 28, 1928.

Missionary Volunteer Goals

4. *We recommend*, That the Missionary Volunteer goals for 1928 be as follows:

Young people converted	700
Membership of Missionary Volunteer societies	6,000
Standard of Attainment certificates issued	400
Reading Course certificates issued	760
Bible Year certificates issued	660
Number observing Morning Watch	100%
Offerings for Foreign Missions	\$1,000 gold
Offerings for local society work	500 "

5. *We recommend*, That the annual Missionary Volunteer Day and Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer be observed in all our schools, the dates being those set by the General Conference where these are found to be satisfactory; and that any necessary readjustments of dates be made in the fields concerned.

Text-Book on Denominational History

Whereas, There is need for a text-book on Denominational History for use in our schools in the Far East, as well as for a book to be used in connection with the Standard of Attainment studies; therefore,—

6. *We recommend*, (1) That Professor D. E. Rebok, with such help as he may associate with himself, be asked to push forward to completion the text-book now in preparation on Denominational History.

(2) That in the matter of per-

fecting this text and of extending its benefits to all fields in our Division, a copy of the English manuscript be placed in the hands of a general committee for reading and approval; this committee to be S. L. Frost, Mrs. I. H. Evans, Frederick Lee, S. H. Lindt, C. C. Crisler, and the heads of the denominational training-schools in the Far East.

Sabbath School Membership; Proper Instruction for the Children

Whereas, Under the blessing of God our Sabbath schools are the best soil in which to plant a church; and,—

Whereas, Many can be persuaded to attend the Sabbath school who might not at first be interested in other services; therefore,—

7. *Resolved*, (1) That special efforts be put forth to encourage all our Sabbath schools to be a real evangelizing agency by making every legitimate effort to increase their membership; and that we take as the Membership Goal of the Far Eastern Division 165% of the church membership on January 1 of the year preceding the year for which the membership goal is set.

(2) That in harmony with the purposes of the Sabbath School Department, special care be given to the children and young people of Sabbath school age, providing for them the best teachers procurable, and the necessary equipment to make their work effective.

Sabbath School Offerings—Goals

9. *Resolved*, (1) That we set as the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Offering Goal for 1927 the sum of \$36,000 gold, making every legitimate effort to reach it; and—

(2) That we reaffirm our aim of reaching the goal of "A THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK FOR MISSIONS" in the Division by 1930.

Suggestive Plans for Effective Evangelistic Work in China

In view of the difficulties and trials through which our church in China is passing, and the inability of the leaders in many of

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our fields to deal directly with the workers and church members.

11. *We recommend*, That the superintendents and directors who are absent from their fields put forth every effort, by means of literature and correspondence, to guide, encourage, and stimulate these workers and members to hold fast their faith in this message and to work more diligently than ever in spreading the knowledge of present truth; and that our people everywhere be called upon to continue earnest prayer for God to favor His cause by opening ways and means by which our work in every line may be carried forward with renewed vigor.

Whereas, At all times personal work for individuals is most effective in winning souls and establishing the church, and especially as opposition to Christian teaching continues to increase it will become more and more necessary to conduct our work in a quiet, personal way in the homes of the people, therefore,—

12. *We particularly recommend* to our workers, (1) That in sections of our field where agitation against Christian teaching has become intensive, even to the extent of closing gospel halls and stopping public worship, they energetically carry on the work by means of cottage meetings, personal Bible study in the homes, personal visitation, and widespread, systematic distribution of message-filled literature.

(2) That in all our ministerial institutes and general meetings we give special instruction and lay practical plans for the conducting of this kind of work.

(3) That we encourage inquirers and church members, where desirable, to open their homes for places of worship.

The Selection and Training of Church Officers

In the interests of more aggressive evangelistic work.

13. *We recommend*, (1) That just as far as possible suitable lay members be chosen as elders and deacons to care for the interests of the church, in order that the evangelists may press on into new fields.

(2) That very definite effort be

put forth to instruct these church leaders in the spirit and duties of their office, that they may become efficient leaders and shepherds of the flock.

Far Eastern Academy

Whereas, Through special appropriation, provision has been made for the building and equipping of an academy for the training of the children of our foreign missionaries residing in the Far Eastern Division, and for a properly qualified faculty for this academy, therefore,—

14. *We recommend*, That parents throughout the Division be encouraged to avail themselves of these facilities for the training of their children.

Educational and Missionary

Volunteer Secretaries

Whereas, Much is being gained to our work when direct and proper attention is given the youth among us, therefore,—

15. *We recommend*, That, where possible, wide-awake, earnest, consecrated native leaders be provided in each of our local missions to promote and foster the interests of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer work, to the end that the talents and energy of our youth may be conserved and utilized to the fullest extent in our missionary advance.

Whereas, the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School offers a wide range of subjects especially helpful to our workers; and,—

Whereas, The Correspondence method is recognized as one of the most effective means of self-improvement available; therefore,—

16. *We recommend*, That our union superintendents, mission directors, and all departmental secretaries, when going about their respective fields, encourage their workers to take advantage of this means of becoming more efficient in the Master's service.

Native and Foreign Workers—Steady Development of Talents; Training for Bearing Responsibilities

In order that we may more speedily finish the work committed

to our trust and hasten the coming of our blessed Lord,—

1. *We recommend*, (1) That our native evangelists and workers join with the foreigners in seeking a thorough preparation for prosecuting this work in Far Eastern Division territory.

(2) That our workers be encouraged to follow carefully the Ministerial Reading Course in their vernacular, and, when possible, to still further seek self-improvement by attending Bible Institutes, and by taking correspondence work through the Fireside Correspondence School.

Denominational Church Papers—Policy for Distribution

We recommend, That our reading church membership be supplied with the church paper of each language area.

We further recommend, That an active campaign be carried on to secure as many paid subscriptions as possible, and that the balance of the loss sustained on the issuance of the paper, taking into consideration the subsidy received by the Press, be met by the Unions on a pro rata basis of the church membership of the Union concerned.

On the Duty and Blessing of Tithe-Paying

18. *We recommend*, That earnest efforts be made by all workers in this Division to bring the believers to a full understanding of their privileges and responsibilities in assisting to make possible the accomplishment of the work given the Church in the Great Commission, by faithfully bringing to the treasury of the Lord's house the tithe of all their increase, whether of money, the fruit of the fields, or other sources of income.

19. *Be it further recommended*, That Pastor G. W. Wells be requested to prepare manuscript for a small tract, setting forth the duty and blessing of tithe-paying, which may be translated and printed in the various vernaculars throughout the Division, and freely circulated among all believers and members.

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Vacation Schools

Inasmuch as the action taken to conduct our vacation schools for teachers for a six weeks' period, that the work done be of a standard to merit school credit, is of vital importance; therefore,—

20. *We reaffirm* our former recommendation, urging that these schools be of six weeks' duration.

Tract Societies as Special Missionary Agencies

21. *We recommend*, That the secretaries of our tract societies make their offices real missionary centers, engaging enthusiastically in the promotion and sale of all our departmental and general literature.

Chinese Language—Five-Year Course

Whereas, There has been prepared an outline of requirements for the study of the Chinese language by our foreign workers who are engaged in work in behalf of the Chinese, this course being equivalent to that required by language students in their five-year course; and,—

Whereas, It seems highly desirable that those working among Chinese-speaking people continually improve in the use of the language; therefore,—

22. *We recommend*, That those under the necessity of using the Chinese vernacular but who have not received credits from the language schools of this field, make themselves acquainted with these requirements, and that we encourage them to endeavor to qualify as rapidly as is consistent with their responsibilities in the work, so as to receive credit for the completion of this five-year Chinese course.

Standard of Attainment for Workers

Whereas, The Standard of Attainment courses of study, promoted by the Missionary Volunteer Department and covering studies in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History, are of value to our native workers in fitting them for more efficient work, therefore,—

23. *We recommend*, That each union work toward the definite

goal of having every worker a Member of Attainment, and that union superintendents and local mission directors co-operate with the Missionary Volunteer Department in reaching this goal.

Harvest Ingathering

24. *We recommend*, That the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1927 in the Far Eastern Division be carried forward in harmony with the plan passed in the 1926 Spring Council; that each field endeavor, insofar as is consistent with local conditions, to bring their campaign within four consecutive weeks between the dates of September 3 and November 5; and that the goal be \$50,000 gold.

Literature Sales Goal

25. *We recommend*, That the literature sales goal for 1927 in the Far Eastern Division field be \$250,000 gold.

Supplying Literature to Church Missionary Secretaries

In order to assist the church missionary secretaries in promoting home missionary literature,—

26. *We recommend*, That the tract societies supply free of charge to church missionary secretaries a sample of all new tracts and copies of all home missionary leaflets.

A Tract in Every Home

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering Campaign affords one of the greatest opportunities in the year to come into contact with interested people; therefore,—

27. *We recommend*, That a tract be left in every home in connection with the giving out of the Harvest Ingathering paper, and that the local mission provide these tracts for the churches.

Bible Reading Leaflets

Whereas, Our church members are very anxious to become better prepared in the art of giving Bible readings in the homes of their neighbors and friends; and,—

Whereas, Many advantages will accrue through providing our church members with some simple outlines of the principal doctrines of the message; therefore,—

28. *We recommend*, (1) That the publishing house of each language area be requested to bring out sets of Bible Readings leaflets of a convenient size, one to be devoted to general instruction along the line of giving Bible readings; each of the remaining to cover one subject, and as far as possible, have the subject outlined on one side of the leaflet with an illustration or diagram pertaining to the subject on the other side; also that these outlines be simple, consisting of statements covering the subjects, each statement to have one to three references to pointed Scriptures proving the statement.

(2) That we encourage the organization of Bible workers' bands in our churches, under the leadership of the church elders or others, using the best of studies described above as the lesson outline to be used in such Bible bands.

(3) That a committee of three be appointed to prepare these leaflets in English for adaptation and translated into various Oriental vernaculars.

Resident Colporteurs

29. (1) That the colporteur work be carried on as far as practicable on the resident plan.

(2) That each Field Missionary Secretary locate his colporteurs with a view to their reworking the same territory with our books.

(3) That in the selection and instruction of these resident colporteurs, emphasis be given to the spiritual, soul-winning results.

(4) That each mission be restricted in such a way that each district can be worked within a year by one colporteur; the population and needs of these districts to be kept before the churches.

Scholarship Plan

30. *We recommend*, That the Far Eastern Division Publishing Department be requested to submit copy in English, setting forth the scholarship plan, and that the publishing houses of the Far East be respectfully requested to print this information, and put it into extensive circulation among those who may undertake to sell literature on the scholarship plan, or who may

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be able to encourage others to enter upon this line of endeavor.

Missions Extension Fund—Big Week

Whereas, The Missions Extension Fund, raised through the Big Week Plan, is now shared equally by the publishing, educational, and medical departments, at the same time exerting a tremendous soul-winning influence through the literature circulated; therefore,—

31. *We recommend*, (1) That church members be asked to sell at least one dollar gold (\$1.00) worth of our literature, either books or periodicals, during Big Week; all the profits to be turned over to the church treasurer, to be applied on the Missions Extension Fund.

(2) That colporteurs be invited to continue to share in the Missions Extension Fund plan by giving the profits of their biggest day's sales during the Big Week.

(3) That all mission and institutional workers be requested to join in the Missions Extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, devoting the entire profits to the fund, in addition to giving their personal income for one day, or its equivalent in the sale of additional literature.

(4) That one or more field days be held by all our churches, sanitariums, publishing houses, schools, and mission offices during the Big Week.

(5) That the goal for the Missions Extension Fund be \$10,000 gold for the Far Eastern Division.

Chinese Language Study—Requirements, Five-Year Course

32. *We recommend*, (1) That the detailed reported of the sub-committee who have been working out the standard requirements of a five-year Language Course in Chinese, be received and approved as that which workers in the vernacular among Chinese-speaking people shall be encouraged to pursue until they shall have completed the Course; and further, that the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School, through its Board of Managers, shall have general supervision of this work.

(2) That the Board of Managers of the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School be requested to take charge of the Temporary School of Chinese Studies as organized recently for the benefit of mission workers temporarily in Shanghai because of conditions in the interior.

(Note.—The Language Course requirements for students of Chinese, as adopted, may be ascertained upon application to Far Eastern Branch, Fireside Correspondence School, 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.)

Mid-Summer and Week of Sacrifice Offerings—Dates

33. *We recommend*, That for the Far East the date of the Mid-Summer Offering be July 16, 1927; and the Week of Sacrifice, October 1-8, 1927; and that the Week of Sacrifice Offering be taken October 8, 1927.

Special Literature for Chinese Church

34. *We recommend*, That Chapters 36 to 40 of "Great Controversy," as recently translated into Mandarin, be published in an inexpensive form for distribution among church-members throughout China; an effort being made in this connection to plan for the reading of a chapter each Sabbath, beginning with July 23, until the pamphlet has been entirely read in the open congregation. August 13, set apart as "Educational Day," is to be reserved for the Educational Day program. The schedule to be followed is—

July 23—Ch. 36—The Impending Conflict.

July 30—Ch. 37—The Scriptures a Safeguard.

Aug. 6—Ch. 38—The Final Warning (as the main portion of the Home Missionary Program for that Sabbath).

Aug. 13—Educational Day Program (as supplied in the *Educator* to all our churches).

Aug. 20—Ch. 39—The Time of Trouble.

Aug. 27—Ch. 40—God's People Delivered.

For the Advancement of Our Work

35. *We recommend*, That in planning the year's work, our field leaders arrange not only for aggressive soul-winning effort on the part of evangelists, but that every superintendent, director, and departmental man plan definitely, insofar as may be possible, to unite with at least one evangelistic effort in 1927.

On Developing Many to Share in Bearing Responsibilities

In order that the work of God may be speedily finished and the coming of our blessed Lord hastened,—

36. *We recommend*, (1) That our native evangelists and workers in the Far Eastern Division field join with the foreigners in seeking a thorough preparation for the prosecution of all branches of the gospel work being carried on by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

(2) That all our workers be encouraged to follow faithfully the Ministerial Reading Course in their respective vernaculars, and, when possible, still further to seek self-improvement by attending school when consistent, or by attending Bible institutes, or by studying in the Fireside Correspondence School.

(3) That our workers be encouraged to read carefully our denominational periodicals and books published in their vernaculars, and when possible that they endeavor also to become familiar with our denominational literature available in the English language, including our English church paper, *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

(4) Rejoicing that already not a few of our native brethren and sisters have demonstrated their ability as leaders in many sections of this field, we would urge that in a more general way our union and local field officers and departmental heads, in carrying forward the work, associate with themselves consecrated, talented, able native leaders, in order that experience and training may be

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gained by these associates in all lines of church organization and work.

(5) That wherever the qualities of leadership are manifested on the part of our experienced and spiritual-minded native workers, we seek to place such men in positions of responsibility in the administration of our denominational work in local and Union missions.

Resolution of Sympathy

Whereas, Since our 1926 annual Committee meetings held a year ago, great sorrow has come to our Far Eastern Division family in the death of three of our valued workers; namely, (1) Professor O. F. Sevrens, who was Educational and Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Philippine Union Mission and principal of the Philippine Junior College; (2) Sister G. H. Murrin, who was the treasurer of the East Visayan field of which her husband was director; and (3) Sister Lulu Osborn, who was assisting in the Shanghai office in the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments of the Far Eastern Division; therefore—

37. *Resolved*, That we, the Executive Committee of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in annual council assembled, do hereby record our deep sorrow over the loss of our beloved associates, Professor Sevrens, Sister Murrin, and Sister Osborn, who in the prime of life and in the very midst of their labors have ceased their life-work; and we hereby extend to the sorrowing families our deepest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement, and pray that the Lord of all grace, the sympathetic Jesus, may supply comfort and assurance and hope at this time; and we would take up the burdens laid down and with renewed vigor press forward in the work until the Master shall summon us also to cease from our labors.

On Reporting "Big Week" and Harvest Ingathering Funds to the General Conference

Whereas, The General Conference urges the Far Eastern Division to report to them monthly as a part of Mission Offerings the Big Week and Harvest Ingathering funds gathered in all parts of this field in order that they may have complete information regarding all funds of this nature received in all the world field,—

Voted, That we adopt as a uniform policy to take effect as from January 1, 1927 the plan of all sections of the Far Eastern Division including in their monthly reports of tithe and Mission Offerings to the Division office all Big Week and Harvest Ingathering funds received, it being understood that the Division office will automatically credit back to the Unions concerned the Harvest Ingathering funds so reported; and that the Big Week Funds are to be held by the Division to be distributed as a part of Extension Funds.

On Distribution of Recruits; and on Entering New Territory

Malaysian Union: That call No. 25—evangelist for Ambon—be financed during 1927 from Midsummer Offering Funds; that in 1928 this item in the Malaysian Budget be regarded as Class I regular.

That the Malaysian Union be assigned an amount sufficient to place an additional family for work in new territory, beyond the provisions of the regular Class I Budget, at such place as may be determined upon by the Union; outfitting, travel, and salary for 1927 to be borne from Midsummer Offering Funds.

That the Malaysian Union have the privilege of placing yet another worker in some hitherto unentered territory, if they on their part find it possible to finance this third family with funds from within their Union.

North China Union: That Brother Cleon B. Green and wife, who have been in attendance at the

Peking Language School, be assigned the North China Union; that their 1927 Budget be met from Midsummer Offering Funds; that \$500 gold additional be held in reserve until such time as the North China Union, with the aid of these grants, can undertake work in the Province of Shansi.

South China Union: That from Midsummer Offering Funds, two families be secured for opening work in Annam (it being suggested that at least one of these two be from France); that the expense of mission homes for Annam workers be met by later Budget provision after it is known what may be essential.

That Brother Lyman W. Shaw and wife be assigned the South China Union, with the understanding that this makes possible the release of Brother Clyde E. Thurston and wife for service in the Philippine Union.

That for work already undertaken or soon to be entered upon in the new territory of Macao and of Formosa, the South China Union be granted \$1,000 gold.

Japan Union: That for opening up work in territory hitherto unworked in the Japan Union, there be granted \$1,000 gold.

Philippine Union: That Brother Claude E. Thurston and wife be transferred from the South China Union to the Philippine Union, his Budget remaining with South China Union in favor of Lyman W. Shaw.

That inasmuch as the Philippine Union can finance from Class I Budget funds a physician, a call be placed with the Home Board for a physician of experience for service in the Philippines.

That a call be placed with the Home Board for a family of evangelistic nurses, for service in the Mountain Province of Northern Luzon.

That an additional \$2,000 gold of the Midsummer Offering Funds be assigned the Philippine Union, for the extension of work in new territory.

West China Union: That provision be made for the opening of the two Provinces of Kweichow

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and Yunnan, and for placing an evangelist in Tatsienlu, on the Tibetan border, by assigning to the West China Union five families, including those listed in the Class I regular Budget for 1927 (three in number); that provision be made for housing; and further, that assignment be made to the West China Union of two families now in Shanghai; namely, Brother Cecil D. Nichols and wife and Brother Dallas R. White and wife.

**Summary of Estimated Expenses
(including land and buildings,
in some instances)**

	Gold
Malaysian Union	\$ 3,900
North China Union	2,400
South China Union	4,600
Japan Union	1,000
Philippine Union	3,700
West China Union	14,200

Total Expense involved G.\$29,800

It is understood that Class I regular budget for 1928 will include the families herein listed.

On Distribution of Missions
Extension Funds—1926

7. *Whereas*, The following funds have been received from the General Conference and gathered within this field for extension work:

Allowance granted by the General Conference on 1926 Missions Extension Requests G.\$20,000.00

Publishing Extension Funds brought forward from previous years 1,692.92
Big Week Funds raised in the Far East during 1926 3,745.17

Total Missions Extension Funds available for distribution \$25,438.09

We recommend, That these funds be pooled and drawn upon to cover Publishing, Educational, and Medical Extension items as

listed for 1926 and already approved by the Far Eastern Division and the General Conference, as follows:—

Japan Union Mission

Publishing:
Provision for Sundry Equipment G.\$500.00

Chosen Union Mission

Publishing:
Alterations to Press Buildings, \$ 500.00
Editorial Library, 150.00

Medical:
Electric Plant for X-ray and Lights \$2500
Less \$1250 advanced on this during 1926 1250.00
*Chapel Room for Dispensary 2,000.00
*\$3,900.00

China Field

Publishing:
Shanghai Signs Publishing House in Sundry equipment \$1,538.09

Medical:
Heating and Power Plant for Yencheng Hospital, \$3,000.00
Shanghai Training School for Nurses 10,000.00

Philippine Union Mission

Publishing:
One Miehle Press \$4,000.00

Malaysian Union Mission

Medical:
Medical work at Penang, equipment 2,500.00
G.\$25,438.09

Summary of Distribution

Publishing G.\$6,688.09
Medical 18,750.00
Total \$25,438.09

On Distribution of Church
Extension Funds—1926

8. *Whereas*, The General Conference has awarded to this Division from 1927 Church Extension Funds, the sum of \$10,000 gold,—

We recommend, That these funds be distributed as follows:

Malaysian Union

Toward providing a church building in Menado, Celebes \$2,000.00

Toward providing a church building in Bangkok, Siam 1,250.00

Toward providing a church building in Medan, Sumatra 1,250.00

\$4,500.00

Philippine Union

To assist in providing small chapels in various parts of the field \$1,000.00

East China Union

Toward cost of providing church building at Wenchow \$1,750.00

Toward cost of providing chapel at Taiping-Fu, Anhwei \$200.00

\$1,950.00

Japan Union

For rebuilding church at Tokyo Compound \$1,000.00

South China Union

Toward the cost of chapels at Tsing Yuen \$125.00
Seu Tou, North Fukien 125.00
Haiteng, South Fukien 150.00
Assisting chapel enterprises in Hakka 150.00

\$550.00

Chosen Union

For church building in Seoul \$1,000.00

G.\$10,000.00

**Appointments and Help—Union
Sessions 1927**

Voted, That Union Sessions, following the annual meeting of the Committee be held as follows: North China Union, Peking, May 6-15; Manchurian Union, Changchun, May 20-29; Sungari-Mongolian Mission, Harbin, May 20-29; Chosen Union, Seoul, June 3-12; Japan Union, Kanno-Mura, Chiba, June 17-26.

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Voted, That Brethren I. H. Evans, Frederick Griggs, and J. J. Strahle, be in attendance; and that an invitation be extended to Dr. H. W. Miller to attend such of these meetings as his other responsibilities may make possible without causing too much of loss to sanitarium interests.

Date for Spring Council—1928

Voted, That the Annual Meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee for 1928 be held in Shanghai, February 19-24, 1928, with the understanding that superintendents from the China Unions shall assemble February 15 in order to have a few days for the handling of any business particularly pertaining to the China field.

Sungari-Mongolian Mission—

T. T. Babienco

In view of the soon-coming furlough of Pastor T. T. Babienco, director of the Sungari-Mongolian Mission, consideration was given the future work of this Mission. It was the unanimous conviction that Brother Babienco should plan very definitely on returning to the Far East at the close of his furlough period, and it was accordingly—

Voted, That an urgent invitation be extended Pastor and Mrs. Babienco to return to the Far East, following the close of their furlough period, in order that they may continue their work in behalf of the Russian people in Far Eastern Division territory. In this connection it is understood that a request is to be filed with the Home Board for the return of Brother and Sister Babienco to the Far Eastern Division field.

Credentials and Licenses

Voted, That credentials and licenses be granted by the Far Eastern Division to the following named workers:

Ministerial Credentials

J. G. Gjording
G. J. Appel
C. C. Morris
E. J. Urquhart
M. C. Warren
Frederick Lee

V. T. Armstrong
S. E. Jackson
B. Petersen
L. V. Finster
T. T. Babienco

Ministerial License

Max Popow
L. I. Bowers
W. I. Hilliard
F. L. Chaney
Nils Dahlsten
E. J. Johanson
Dr. Roger W. Paul

Missionary License

Mrs. Laura E. Appel
Mrs. M. C. Warren
Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Shaw
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Nichols
Mr. and Mrs. Dallas B. White
Dr. Wm. A. Woolgar
Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Luther
Miss Edith McLachlin
Miss Lola Lindsay
H. M. Burwell
Miss E. Redelstein
Mr. A. B. Cole
Mrs. B. Petersen
Mrs. T. T. Babienco
Mr. P. L. Williams

Appointment of Editors

Voted, That editors be appointed for denominational papers in Far Eastern fields as follows:

SHANGHAI

Shi Djao Yueh Bao (Chinese "Signs" monthly): Editor, Frederick Lee; associates, E. R. Thiele, C. C. Crisler, Dzo Tien Ming.

The Last Day Shepherd's Call (Chinese church paper): Editor E. R. Thiele; associates, Frederick Lee, C. C. Crisler, Dzo Tien Ming; contributing editors, C. C. Morris, B. Petersen, M. C. Warren, J. G. Gjording, Geo. J. Appel, N. F. Brewer.

Chinese Christian Educator: Editor, S. L. Frost; associates, J. J. Strahle, W. A. Scharffenberg, the secretary of the Ministerial Association; assistant, Yeh Kwen Gen.

Sabbath School Helper (Chinese): Editor, Mrs. I. H. Evans; assistant, the acting editor of the *Shepherd*.

Far Eastern Division Outlook: The Division Secretary.

TOKYO

Jicho Zashi (Japanese "Signs" monthly): Editor, S. Miyake; associates, A. N. Anderson, V. T. Armstrong.

Shimeino Otdzure (Japanese church paper, "Tidings of the Message"): Editor, S. Miyake; associates, V. T. Armstrong, A. N. Anderson.

SINGAPORE

Pertandaan Zaman (Malay "Signs" monthly): Editor, Roger E. Altman; associates, L. V. Finster, M. E. Direcja.

Warta Garadja (Malay church paper): Editor, Roger E. Altman, associates, L. V. Finster, M. E. Direcja.

SEOUL

Seijo Walbo (Korean "Signs" monthly): Editor, E. J. Urquhart; associates, Mrs. Wangerin, H. A. Oberg.

Kyo Hao Nam (Korean church paper): Editor, E. J. Urquhart, associates, H. A. Oberg, Mrs. Wangerin.

MANILA

Ang Tanglaw (Tagalog monthly magazine): Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson, R. R. Figuhr.

Mizpa (Tagalog church paper): Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson, R. R. Figuhr.

Ang Talandaan Sang Panagon (Cebuan monthly magazine): Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson, G. H. Murrin.

Ang Manugbalita (Panayan church paper): Editor, E. M. Adams, associates, S. E. Jackson, Wm. H. Bergherm.

Echoes from the Ilocano Field: Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson, J. O. Afenir.

(Note—It was generally understood by those in attendance that in every language area where publishing houses are in operation, the appointment of assistant editors is being left by the Division Committee to the respective Union Committees as a responsibility to be borne by them.)

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**Reading Courses for 1928—
Various Languages**

Voted. That Reading Course books for various of the vernaculars during the year 1928, be as follows:

Chosen Union:

- "Patriarchs and Prophets"
- "Quiet Talks on World-Winners"

Malaysian Union (Malay):

- "Daniel" (Malay edition)
- "Tafair Indjil Lockas"
- "Gospel Workers" (in Malay)
- "Pertandaan Zaman"
- "Warta Garadja"

Malaysian Union (Dutch):

- "Rise of the Dutch Republic" (in Dutch)
- "Teekenen des Tijds" (the Holland "Signs")
- (A third item to be named later)
- (One of Sister White's books)

Chinese:

- "The Apostolic Age," published in Mandarin by the Association Press
- "The Life of Victory," by Meade MacGuire (in Mandarin)

"The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," translation by Mrs. Mary Kwoh
 "The Educator" (Mandarin)
Russian, Japanese, Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuano, Panayan Visayan, and other languages, as may be determined finally and announced by the various Union Committees that must take responsibility in this matter.

Far Eastern Academy—Local Board

We recommend. That the following named persons serve as the local board for the Far Eastern Academy for the ensuing year: Doctor H. W. Miller, Chairman; the Principal of the school; and Brethren H. W. Barrows, Frederick Griggs, Frederick Lee, S. L. Frost, and Charles Larsen.

**Far Eastern Academy—
Accrediting Examiners**

Voted. That Brethren S. L. Frost, Frederick Griggs, and W. A. Scharffenberg be appointed as Accrediting Examiners for the Far Eastern Academy.

**Fireside Correspondence School—
Board of Managers**

Voted. That the Board of Managers of the Fireside Correspondence School be S. L. Frost (chairman), Frederick Griggs, D. E. Rebok, W. A. Scharffenberg, C. C. Crisler, Yeh Kwen Gan, Giang Tsung Gwang, Frederick Lee, J. G. Gjording.

**Appointment of Special and
Departmental Committees**

Voted. That the Departmental and other special committees appointed last year, continue unchanged, for—

- (1) Division Building Committee
- (2) Transportation Agents
- (3) Home Commission
- (4) Members of F. E. D. Publishing Department
- (5) Members of F. E. D. Sabbath School Department
- (6) Members of F. E. D. Home Missionary Department
- (7) Members of F. E. D. Medical Department
- (8) Members of F. E. D. Educational and Y. P. M. V. Departments

**Missionaries from the
Philippines to Malaysia**

About five years ago Miss Monica Bayocot responded to an invitation from the Malaysian Union to connect with the Malaysian Union Seminary, as a member of their faculty. Nearly four years were spent by her as a foreign missionary in that center. Later, upon her return to the Philippines, she was married to Brother Gil de Guzman, evangelist and teacher of the Central Luzon Conference. Together they have spent a year and a half in evangelistic work in Central Luzon, and now they respond to an earnest call from the Malaysian Union, having been released by the Central Luzon Conference and the Philippine Union as missionaries from the Philippines to Malaysia.

Accompanying the teachers from the Philippines, is Miss Isidora Blancaflor, who goes to Singapore for stenographic work in the office of the Malaysian Union Mission.

**The Yencheng Hospital-
Dispensary**

Little news comes through from the Yencheng Station. It has been learned, however, that at times the hospital-dispensary there has been able to do some work, our Chinese nurses and helpers having done everything within their power during the absence of the physician in charge. At times the buildings have been commandeered by soldiers, thus making impossible the continuance of regular hospital work while the plant was being used as a barracks.

**A Shipment of Medical Books
from Manila to America**

The Philippine Publishing House has received from Pacific Press Publishing Association of Mountain View, California, an order for six hundred copies of the medical book in Cebuano, Ilocano, Tagalog, and Panayan languages. These have gone forward per s. s. "*President McKinley*," April 22, from Manila.

**For Building Work at Division
Headquarters Compound**

Arrangements have been made for the temporary release of Brother F. A. Landis, of the China Missionary Junior College, for service as superintendent of building construction at the Ningkuo Road headquarters of the Far Eastern Division. It is not possible at present for Brother Landis to continue his work at Chiao Tou Djen, because of conditions in the interior.

During the past few months Brother W. E. Gillis has been supervising the construction of the Far Eastern Academy building and other work at Division Headquarters. His release for service in Chosen makes necessary the bringing in of some one else of experience to see this and other structural work through to completion.

The address of Brother Landis and his family, until further notice, is 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

The Midsummer Offering, July 16, 1927, Calls for United Action

A Complex Problem

IN the April, 1927, number of "China's Millions" the editor writes of the situation in China under the general heading, "A Complex Problem," as follows:

"We are not infrequently asked to explain the present complex situation in China. To attempt this in detail would inevitably lead to the treatment of debatable topics. It is only necessary to read the debates in Parliament, or the various articles appearing in the monthly and quarterly magazines, whether written by Chinese or foreigners, to recognize how varied and contradictory opinions are. It may, however, be said, without touching on political matters at all, that there are proceeding in China to-day four simultaneous revolutions: an economic revolution, occasioned by the introduction of modern industrialism; an intellectual revolution awakened by Western and modern thought; a political revolution, brought about by the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty and China's desire for full and unfettered sovereign rights; and lastly, a religious revolution, occasioned by the conflicting claims of Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, and now the anti-religious movement associated with Bolshevism. The whole situation is full of bewilderment, and as one who in Shanghai is in close contact with the situation says:

"We are seeing a new thing in China, and are confronting a spiritual conflict rather than an economic or political one. Of course, both these elements are in it, but for us it is the power of darkness that we have to war against Probably we are too close to the changing fortunes of war and intrigue to realize the fateful issues being wrought out. What it all portends for the present and future welfare of the Church in China, and

the reaction on the whole missionary enterprise, is hidden from us. So many things are being shaken we begin to wonder what will stand the test. Pray that we may all be kept steady in this day of strain."

"Probably never in the history of missions in China has the Christian Church and the missionary body been called to face a more delicate situation. A thoughtless word or an unsympathetic gesture could easily to-day alienate those who should be helpers of one another's faith. . . .

"The prophet Jeremiah, speaking to the people of his own day in their captivity, said: 'Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.' The truth underlying these words we may well take to heart to-day. . . .

"Though from many points of view the outlook is dark, the Christian cannot afford to be pessimistic; for in God Himself we have everlasting consolation and good hope. Moreover, there is some danger of emphasizing the perplexities and of forgetting the causes for thanksgiving that still remain. The daily press not unnaturally lays stress upon the spectacular events, and little is heard of the quiet, good work which still proceeds."

In support of this declaration, the editor cites the considerable number of souls won the past year in the China field; also the very large distribution of printed portions of Holy Scripture during 1926.

"Holy Week" in the Philippines

W. M. H. BERGHERM

THIS week is "Holy Week" in the Philippines. Everything is quiet. Large commercial houses as well as small, carpenters, peddlers,—in fact, everybody but the patient Chinese,—seem to have ceased their operations

to honor this yearly festival. To-night the holy processions will begin their solemn marches through the streets, and to-morrow only the supposedly irreligious will be working. Sacred booths of worship have been erected on each street corner, and there the pious bow in adoration to the images of the blessed virgin.

And yet, in all this spiritual darkness, the blessed gospel, like a spotless virgin, has entered, and has triumphed notwithstanding the darkness. Quietly and yet steadily, with an irresistible power, the leaven of the gospel is working in the Philippines. As we see our churches going up by the side of the ancient temples of strong Catholicism, we are reminded of the prophecy in Micah 5:8: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flock of sheep; who, if he go through, both treading down, and tarest in pieces, and none can deliver."

Meetings in the North

PASTORS, I. H. Evans, Frederick Griggs, and J. J. Strahle are in attendance at biennial sessions of Unions in the North,—at Peking, Changchun, Harbin, Seoul, and near Tokyo.

Post-Graduate Work in Peking

THROUGH the courtesy of the Peking Union Medical College of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. J. N. Andrews of the Tibetan Mission has been given opportunity for post-graduate work in Peking during the next few months, and has already connected with the staff of the college for this special work. He may be addressed in care of the Peking Union Medical College, Peking China. Mrs. Andrews and the children are living at the Division Headquarters Compound, in Shanghai, and may be addressed at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

Experiences in Northern Fukien

V. J. MALONEY

(Editorial Note:—The story that follows should have appeared some weeks ago, but has had to be held until other matter already in hand could be published. The spirit of progress and of advance that is an integral part of the story, will bring courage and inspiration to others similarly situated)

When the Southern advance in North Fukien started, the writer, in company with a native evangelist, was down in the southern part of the field, in the Hinghwa district. We were staying all night in a little village down in the mountains beyond Sieng-lu on the night the Northern army retreated and the Southerners came in. The following morning on our return to Sieng-lu we came into the city just behind a company of the advancing Southern troops.

We had meetings scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Sabbath. Invitations had been given to the brethren in villages away from Sieng-lu, to come, especially for the Sabbath meetings. On the Sabbath we were to have Sabbath school and church as usual, and in the afternoon a baptismal service, and then celebrate the ordinances.

Thousands of soldiers were passing into the city, and were occupying churches and schools. Excitement was high and anti-Christian posters were appearing in increasing numbers on the streets. Despite all this and the possibility of having soldiers take possession of our chapel any hour, we decided to go ahead with our meetings. We prayed very earnestly about the situation, and in the meeting that followed God's Spirit was present, and we were not molested. On Sabbath morning a soldier came to look over our place, and mark it up for "soldiers quarters;" but we told him we were having meetings on that day, and he went away and did not mark the place or bother us.

We began to wonder if the brethren from the surrounding villages would come. One village was about twelve miles away, and we feared that the brethren would not dare come all that distance through the dangers existing, just to be baptized. However, about the time Sabbath school was closing, we were happy to see them come in.

There were fourteen to be baptized. I met with them and questioned them closely, emphasizing the different points of present truth, bringing out the responsibilities and dangers of accepting it. Each one answered that they were willing to accept these conditions. As the place of baptism was out in plain view of, and being just above where thousands of soldiers had been passing, and some were still passing, I was not sure in my own mind but that a baptismal service in the face of the known anti-Christian feeling might make a stir. I asked the candidates and the brethren if they dared go out and be baptized under the circumstances. Everyone was willing, so we went out, and these fourteen brave souls were baptized in the clear, flowing waters of that mountain stream, while an equally brave company of brethren and sisters stood on the bank and sang the songs of Zion. After the baptismal service we returned to the chapel to take part in the sacred ordinances, many of them seeing and partaking for the first time in their lives.

When the meetings were over, my companion and I set out for the return trip to Foochow. Space will not permit telling you of the many providences of God on that trip. Suffice to say, we marched along with the advancing Southern army for many miles, along the trail of destruction left by the retreating Northerners. Finally, by rapid walking, we passed

the advance guard of the Southerners, entered the territory occupied by the Northerners, and arrived in Foochow about two days before the city surrendered.

Things were fairly quiet in Foochow until about January 14th, when a raid was made on a Catholic orphanage, followed the next day or so by raids and lootings in rapid succession on the Y. M. C. A., four Methodist Mission chapels and schools, an American Board hospital, and two foreigners' residences in their compound, an Anglican hospital, a "Barnabas" church, and different Catholic institutions. Excitement was high in the city, and all women and children were ordered out by the Consul. Fifty-six left on an American destroyer, and others went by merchant boats. Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. Quade, with the children, went to Hong-kong. Brother Quade and I remained with the staff. We spent several anxious nights, being up for the greater part of the time, and sleeping with part of our day clothes on. As the Southern army moved on into Chekiang the situation gradually quieted down, and the pivotal point has been moving north with the advancing troops.

Although these several lootings and outrages happened, some of them only a short distance away from our compound, yet the Lord spared His people and His property. Soldiers have come to our chapel and school to occupy, but on our remonstrance have gone away. One morning a hand grenade was found on my front gate. The cap was removed, leaving the contents exposed. It was filled with guncotton. Another day a stray bullet whizzed through the yard over Brother Quade's head, and broke a shutter slat and a window glass in his house. We truly thank the Lord for His protecting care over His people and His property. This special care has been noticed and remarked on by the Chinese. Our people have been often in prayer and in meetings, and God has been mindful of their petitions.

We had a very good Week of Prayer, and a good sized Annual Offering was taken. Starting tonight we are having a series of special sermons on the Second Coming of Christ, Daniel 11 the Judgment, and other timely topics. We are using a stereopticon machine with appropriate pictures in connection with the effort. Bible women and others are going out distributing literature, the colporteurs are selling the "Signs," and, as I told the workers, we must be just as busy giving our doctrines as the devil is busy giving his.

We are of good courage, and plan to stay by the work and give the message just as long as work can be done. We invite you to join with us in praying that we may be faithful and soon finish the task before us.

Foochow, February 20.

V. J. MALONEY.

Into Territory Hitherto Unentered

UNTIL recently, the "unentered territory" list of the Far Eastern Division has included several of the large islands of the Philippines. Among these are Leyte, Samar, Bohol, Mindanao, in all of which work has been in progress during 1926. The baptismal record for the last three months of 1926 shows that in Leyte 70 (in eight different towns and cities) were baptized; in Samar 24 (one town); in Bohol 15 (two towns); in Mindanao 44 (five towns and villages). Thus in many places hitherto unentered, groups of believers are being raised up to unite with us in spreading abroad everywhere a knowledge of saving Bible truth.

MISSIONARY V. CONVENTION—EAST CHINA UNION

East China Union Has Its First Union

Missionary Volunteer Institute

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

AS the year 1926 came to its close, the missionary volunteer leaders in the East China Union gathered together to plan for the work of the New Year. This, the first missionary volunteer institute ever called in East China, was to mean much to the young people within the Union. The first meeting was called for New Year's Eve. Thirty-five delegates from the various societies gathered together in the East Shanghai Church. The roll was called and all were given an opportunity in which to give a brief report of the work of their local society, and of what their hopes were for the New Year. This was a blessed meeting, one that will not soon be forgotten.

Expense of Institute Borne by Local Societies

The chief expense involved in the holding of institutes is that of transportation and of entertaining delegates. Believing that the local societies and the individual members would be greatly blessed if they themselves got under this load of supplying the means with which to carry on such an institute, the departmental leaders decided to endeavor to get all societies to cooperate in this plan of making the institute entirely self-supporting. The result was well worth the effort. Each society raised sufficient funds to cover the transportation expense of its delegates; while the local society of the East Shanghai Church stood the expense of entertaining the delegates. Special rooms were prepared; beds, bedding, and all other necessities were provided.

Goals for 1927

One of the chief aims of the institute was to get the various society leaders together and talk over Missionary Volunteer plans for the New Year. With these plans came the questions of goals. A goal for 1927 was set. The goal set for the Union was as follows:

1. Societies		40
A. Senior	10	
B. Junior	30	
2. Membership		1500
A. Senior	500	
B. Junior	1000	
3. M. W. Observers		1500
A. Senior	500	
B. Junior	1000	
4. Bible Year Certificates		75
A. Senior	50	
B. Junior	25	
5. Reading Course Certificates		300
A. Senior	100	
B. Junior	200	
6. Standard of Attainment Certificates		175
A. Senior	75	
B. Junior	100	
7. Conversions		100
8. Society Offerings		\$ 700 Mex.
A. Senior	\$ 500.	
B. Junior	\$ 200.	
9. Offerings Through Church		\$ 3200 Mex.
A. Senior	\$ 3000.	
B. Junior	\$ 200.	

This goal was again divided into three parts,—one for each of the three Missions; and each Mission goal was again divided amongst the various societies, so that each society has its goal for the year 1927.

The Goal Chart

In order to assist our local society officers in keeping an accurate and up-to-date record of the progress their society is making in reaching their various goals, a large chart was prepared. The chart is 22 x 30 inches in size, and will be hung up in each meeting-place. Within this large goal chart there are ten charts on which may be entered weekly the progress that the society is making in the observance of the Morning Watch, the Bible Year, the Reading Courses, the Standard of Attainment, the Financial Goals, Missionary Volunteer Work, and four other charts listing the requirements of Friends, Companions, Comrades and Masters, also blanks to record the names of those who have passed the various requirements and have secured their buttons. This chart, and the use of it, was carefully explained, and is now being used in the local societies in keeping an up-to-date record of the work and progress of each society. We believe that this will be a means of inspiring our youth on to greater efforts in all lines of missionary volunteer endeavor.

The Score Card

Believing that competition of the right kind is healthful and is a means of stimulating the youth to greater efforts, the departmental secretaries decided on the plan of scoring up the various societies. A score card was prepared. This will serve as the basis for determining the scores of the various societies. The point system will be used, each item of missionary volunteer work will give the individual and the society a certain number of credits. The total score for the society will be determined by adding up the number of points at the close of each month. That society averaging the highest number of points per capita for the quarter will be awarded an honor penant. This scoring up of societies has had the effect of bringing to our office the reports of the various secretaries on time; for an additional number of points are allowed if the reports are in on time; and for the first month of the new year the plan has proved successful. We trust that this will be a means of stimulating our society leaders and all our young people to greater efforts in carrying on the work of the missionary volunteer society.

Foreign Mission Enterprise for 1928

The East China Union missionary volunteers, in addition to their local efforts, hope to do some pioneer missionary work by opening up one new permanent mission station during the year 1928. An additional \$ 500, not listed in our Goals, will be raised during 1927. This will be held as a Foreign Mission Fund and will not be drawn upon until 1928 at which time a new station will be opened, a permanent meeting-place will be purchased, equipped, and a volunteer will be sent to the front to launch out in active soul-saving work. The expense involved will be borne by the young people within the Union.

As the young people get under this load in earnest, the Lord will use them to do a mighty work in a short time in China, and soon the work will be finished; and in the Kingdom there will be found many young people from the East China Union singing praises around the great white throne of Him who has called them into this work.

Biennial Session—Singapore, Straits Settlements, Jan. 20-30, 1927

The Malaysian Union Seminary

J. W. ROWLAND

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor J. W. Rowland, acting principal of the Malaysian Union Seminary, at the biennial session of the Malaysian Union Mission, Singapore, S. S., January, 1927)

"O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good."

At the opening of the Malaysian Union Seminary late in 1925, Pastor W. P. Barto was in charge; Pastor V. E. Hendershot, the principal, assisting in the matriculation of students before he left on furlough. Later, at the time of our Union Mission Committee-council in 1926, I was asked to serve as principal, Brother Barto continuing in charge of the business office. During 1926 the enrollment reached 234 (31 Malay department, 16 Chinese department, 187 in the English department). We had a good year, the teachers uniting wholeheartedly. During the Week of Prayer a baptismal class of fourteen was formed, and of these four have already been baptized. The school industries included carpentry, weaving, embroidery. Tables and benches were made for our classrooms. The embroidery department has not been wholly a success, owing to the difficulty of marketing, and also the confining nature of the work.

During the year 1926 there was a graduating class of ten. Of these, six have continued in the Seminary in order to study English; three have returned to their homes; one is a church school teacher in Siam.

Soon after the opening of the Seminary last year, the Government informed us we must arrange so as to discontinue co-educational work. However, we were allowed to complete the year as we had begun. When reopening a few weeks ago, we were under the necessity of separating the boys and girls, placing the girls in a school of their own known as the Woodleigh Girls' School. Our enrollment for the year upon which we have now entered, is 161 (English department 150, and of these 38 are in Standards 6 and above; in the Chinese department there are 3 in the advanced grades; in the Malay, 8). There is a decided drift toward the English department, induced largely, we believe, because of the lack of proper text-books in Malay and Chinese. During the past year all our students have studied English, and some have made splendid advancement. Because of the difficulties connected with our attempt to run a polyglot school, some have had decided convictions that in time we may need to provide for the major portion of our teaching work, in one language, which in Singapore would preferably be English. In this event, Chinese students should be encouraged to give attention to Mandarin as a part of their school work. These and other problems should receive the careful study of the directors and all who have to do with the training of our youth in Malaysia for service.

We long for more of the blessing of the Lord day by day, that our students may feel the influence of the Holy Spirit on heart and life, and be prepared for earnest service in the Master's vineyard. To this end we as teachers in the Malaysian Union Seminary rededicate our lives, that in all things the name of the Lord may be glorified.

The British North Borneo Mission

L. B. MERSHON

(Synopsis of Director's report for the British North Borneo Mission rendered during the biennial session of the Malaysian Union, Singapore, S. S., January, 1927.)

Greetings!

ANOTHER two years have passed and we are once more assembled in conference session. We who have labored in British North Borneo, wish to bring to you a report of what the Lord has been able to do with us in advancing His cause.

Our report is not so large as we might wish. During these two years we have baptized forty persons. Seven of these are from the Dusuns. We rejoice because we can report some fruit from this great tribe. Thus another tongue is added to the list of peoples who Sabbath by Sabbath send forth praises to the Lord of the Harvest. We have also come in contact with another tribe, the Muruts, or Dyaks, who are anxious for us to open schools for their children. We have planned definitely to send a man up there after our return from this biennial session. Before another year closes we hope to have a worker who will have learned the language spoken by the Muruts and thus launch work in yet another tongue.

During the past two years we have built three chapels and schools combined for the native peoples,—one at Mengattal, one at Tenom, and the last at Tengkulan.

During the biennial period we have been brought into touch with some of our Adventist brethren from China who are settling in Borneo. The first group came down early in 1925. These have prospered and about thirty more are on the way. The Government is glad to have the mission societies shepherd these strangers until they get started for themselves. Places where a few years ago there were no Chinese at all, have many now. This increases our task.

Our tithes for the past biennial period have shown a little increase from the native believers. Our literature sales for the period under review are about forty per cent greater than for the preceding term.

Our school work has broken down prejudice and we are seeing results. The school at Kudat taxes our capacity for seating. Five students from the Kudat school were baptized this year. At Mengattal the school for the Dusuns is making its influence felt. The one at Tengkulan should prove an influence for good in that district. Our school at Beaufort has passed through some trying experiences, but we are hopeful for this place in the future. The school at Jesselton presents problems we hope to see fully solved in days to come. We should be pleased to have more teachers for the Dusun and Murut work. We may have to reach these people largely by means of schools and consecrated teachers.

We are all of good courage and each one of us has determined that the next biennial period shall be better in soul-winning than any previous term. We are resolved that the Lord shall have all there is of us, in any way, for His service. We face 1927 with a prayer for guidance, and trust that the "Strength of Israel" may be our help and power for the finishing of the work of God in the great island of Borneo.

REPORTS OF PROGRESS IN THE MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION

The Malay States Mission

GEORGE C. LEEDY

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor George C. Leedy, director of the Malay States Mission, during the biennial session of the Malaysian Union at Singapore, S. S., January, 1927.)

THE biennial period under review has been one of progress in the Malay States Mission. God has blessed us in every way. All departments of the work show advancement. Every effort put forth has resulted in gain.

Evangelistic

The year 1926 has been the most fruitful since the Malay States Mission was organized twelve years ago, and the biennial period just closed has shown the largest gains of all like periods. It is right that we should expect this, since the work is becoming stronger and the truth more firmly rooted in the hearts of the believers. This healthy growth shown from year to year is a happy indication that the spiritual blessings of heaven rest upon both preacher and lay member. One hundred and two precious souls were born into the kingdom in our little corner of the Lord's vineyard during the past two years. Forty-six were baptized during 1925, and fifty-six during 1926. Of these one hundred and two, one was a Battak boy, under Brother Siregar's labors. Nearly all the rest of the converts are Chinese, most of them from heathenism. Many more are studying and preparing for the sacred rite of baptism.

Educational

Two well equipped church schools are now in operation, and another is to be added next month. The third school will bring our enrollment up to nearly one hundred. We are trying to make these schools deeply spiritual.

Financial

Our total income from tithe, Sabbath school offerings, and annual offerings for the preceding biennial period, amounted to \$5,571.14, and for the period under review to \$7,775.38. There were gains in all three of these funds, but the most notable is in Asiatic tithe, a gain of \$1,225.59. We are glad that the largest gain is in Asiatic tithe, where it should be. We are striving to reach our goal, "Every believer faithful in tithes and in offerings."

Sabbath School

The Sabbath school department is a great blessing to the work in our field. While we have not reached all the goals set by the Division, we are earnestly striving to attain unto all. There has been a healthy growth in Sabbath school membership and the good lessons have strengthened the faith of all.

Medical

The medical work in this mission has been a most wonderful help and encouragement to us. The presence of Dr. J. E. Gardner in Penang has greatly strengthened the work there. The Mission Clinic employs one Chinese evangelist who spends his entire time in soul-winning work. He spends his mornings in the Clinic, and his afternoons in the homes studying with the people he meets in the mornings. This

plan has been a good one, having resulted in the baptism of quite a few. It has more than met our expectations. We are happy that plans are on foot for the erection of a permanent building where the gospel of health may be preached to the people in the northern part of the field. We pray that the medical work will ever prove a fruitful means of reaching lost souls.

Publishing

The first year we were here, Malay States was seventh on the list in literature sales. Since that time we have never been lower than fourth place on the list. The biennial period under review shows a good gain over the preceding one, about twice as much literature and periodicals having been sold. The past two years \$39,433.15 worth of printed matter has been sold in our mission. \$25,497.00 worth of this was sold the past year. Nearly half of this was for periodicals. The last circulation report from the press in Shanghai shows that 4,712 Chinese "Signs of the Times" are coming to our field every month.

Church Building Program

We have at last begun the erection of our church and school in Kuala Lumpur. It has been a long struggle in getting started. The government took back the original grant and proposed many other places which seemed entirely unsuitable to us. Finally a site was agreed on, but it had to be levelled and prepared for the building. Raising the building fund has been a long process also.

Five years ago the union treasurer had credited on his books in favor of the Kuala Lumpur Church Building Funds the sum of \$2,590.80 gold. We have added considerable to this amount in the three Harvest Ingathering campaigns which we have conducted. The building fund has been further augmented by nearly \$680. gold of tract society gains, and by several hundred dollars of interest on these sums held in trust. The total amount raised and promised to date amounts to about \$8,000. gold. This amount is still nearly \$2,000. gold short of the required sum necessary to complete the building. The General Conference has not been asked to help us either for land or building fund in connection with this church.

A Chapel in Korat, Siam

WHILE in Siam during the month of December, Pastor L. V. Finster, superintendent of the Malaysian Union, visited the city of Korat, to the eastward of Siam, and during his stay there he united with others in establishing the work on a permanent basis, renting a shop for home and chapel. This out-station is manned at present by a Chinese brother. The railway is now completed for two hundred twenty-five kilometers beyond Korat.

Brother Finster reports that Brother Abel has been having success in placing copies of "Our Day" (in the Siamese vernacular) in the hands of most of the leading men of Siam. A Siamese brother has been associated with Brother Abel in this work.

REPORTS OF PROGRESS IN THE PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION

The Philippine Union Mission

S. E. JACKSON

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor S. E. Jackson, superintendent of the Philippine Union Mission, during the Union session held in Manila, Philippine Islands, in February, 1927)

"BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and amen." "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

Surely, these words express the feeling of each delegate and believer assembled in this our sixth biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. The period has been one of peace and prosperity. While many countries have been torn by war and strife, we here in the Philippines have been permitted by our God to carry forward His work with no one to molest or make us afraid. While famine and pestilence have raged, we have had many mercies. For the peace of mind and health of body of those present here this morning, we feel indeed grateful. Before continuing, however, we must pause for a moment to pay our tribute of respect to the seven of our colaborers who have finished their work and have been laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver, since last we met in conference assembled.

We are living in a time when God's Spirit is being withdrawn from the earth, when doubt and unbelief are filling the heart of man; when many new doctrines and isms are arising; and yet we meet to-day a united body,—united in belief, in heart, in purpose, with only a very few of our former number having been carried away in the confusion and turmoil of these troublous times.

Who is there present here this morning who dares stand and say, after looking back over the record of the past year, that he absolutely did his best? that no stone was left unturned, no act of kindness or mercy left unperformed? And yet God has blessed. Our growth in numbers has been gratifying, indeed, and our hearts do go out this morning in praise to our Heavenly Father for His blessings, and for the wonderful way in which He uses poor, faulty human beings in bringing a knowledge of unpopular truth to their fellow-men.

There is a God in heaven who knows just how each one of the thousand nine hundred eighty-four (1,984) souls baptized the past year, has been won. It would be interesting reading indeed could we but see the complete record that has been kept in heaven. This record would tell of a tract here, a book there, a missionary visit, or some sick person cared for; the lending of a helping hand to one in need, or perhaps only a pleasant smile or friendly look followed up as the Spirit directed. It would tell of earnest prayers offered, of night vigils, of persecutions coming in the form of rocks thrown, of sarcastic words, of scandals hurled at the innocent gospel worker.

Heaven's record would tell of many kilometers of muddy trails traversed, of streams forded, of the hunter winding his way over hill and vale, of soakings by the rain and

blisterings by the sun, of meals missed and much sleep lost. And yet I am sure I am voicing the sentiment of this loyal band, when I say the pangs and sorrows are all forgotten in the joy of seeing sinners turn to God.

We have been told through the servant of the Lord that the work we have failed to do in times of peace and prosperity, we shall have to do under most forbidding circumstances. It appears that this prophecy is already being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Our Needs

It would be impossible for a human being to state all our needs, as our eyes are blinded, and we cannot discern them all. There are a few, however, that are so outstanding that I mention them.

There is a feeling on the part of many of our workers, that we must decide on a definite policy to be followed in our educational system. We find a real willingness and desire on the part of our people to operate and maintain church schools. In many instances the schools have been held for one year, and the next year have been discontinued. This has brought hardship to the children and perplexity to the parents, as the transfer cards of our church schools are not recognized by the public school.

There are large numbers of our young people who have finished the primary school, but who are unable to attend our Junior College. Something must be done to save these young people to the truth and to our work. An intermediate school in each of our missions would aid greatly in solving this problem. We believe that definite steps should be taken at this meeting, looking toward the establishment of such intermediate schools in the West Visayan and the Northern Luzon Missions, and that as soon as possible such schools should also be established in Cebu and in the Bicol field.

The future of our Junior College should receive careful attention at this meeting, and a definite program be outlined for it. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the work that is being done by these schools; and every effort should be put forth by us in their behalf.

If we should ask this body of men to state what our greatest need is, the reply would perhaps be, "A small medical unit where our people could receive treatment along rational lines, and where a class in home nursing could be conducted." We feel grateful for the steps that have been taken on the part of our Division brethren, looking toward the establishment of such an institution; and we are awaiting with interest the day when it shall have become a reality.

I think I would be stating the truth if I should say that there is a desire on the part of every worker in the Philippine Union Mission to improve and develop mentally and spiritually. We realize that the Ministerial Reading Course is a potent factor in bringing about this end. We are so differently situated here in the Philippines, however, than are our brethren in some other parts of the world, that a separate Reading Course should perhaps be maintained for the benefit of a part of our workers. We feel that the *Review and Herald* (church paper) should constitute a part of this Course, and should be read by every English-speaking worker.

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Some parts of the field feel a crying need for church officers' conventions, short health institutes, religious liberty studies, and the like. The need of these will be patent to every individual who will stop but a moment and consider that during the year 1926 more people have been baptized and brought to a knowledge of present truth, than the entire membership of our Union in the year 1918.

Our church papers should be read by every worker and layman. A greater interest than hitherto, in mission problems, should be created in the heart of each member. The work of God on earth is to be carried forward by the intelligent co-operation of each member; and we feel that such co-operation cannot be obtained unless there be a knowledge on the part of the individual of methods and of mission problems. We would suggest that quarterly statistical statements, and other like information, be published regularly in our church papers, if at all practicable.

There are those in this conference assembled who have been looking forward to the time when we could take up active work in the Mountain Province and other outlying fields. Let us not cease our efforts until these results shall have been obtained.

The Northern Luzon Mission—1925-6

J. O. AFENIR

(Synopsis of report rendered at the biennial session of the Philippine Union, Manila, P. I., February, 1927, by Pastor J. O. Afenir, director of the Northern Luzon Mission, for the two-year period ending Dec. 31, 1926)

"THE Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:3-6.

The paramount objective of the church militant is the winning of souls to God. Our existence as a people is not primarily to build institutions and organized companies that gather for worship Sabbath after Sabbath. While these are the result of preaching the gospel, yet our work is to help to restore the image of God in individual souls. This work requires more than human strength. It is true that God uses us to be His instrumentalities in the furtherance of His cause; but we ought to remember that the success of our achievement depends on the power of the Holy Spirit that is working in the hearts of men.

We are glad to be permitted to recount the providences of God's leadership in Northern Luzon Mission. During the biennial period covered in this report, excepting the first quarter of 1925, the mission has been left without the direct counsel and guidance of a mission worker from abroad; but the comfort of our hearts is that God never forsakes His people who recognize Christ as their head. And so, in reporting the wonderful fruitage of the efforts put forth during the period, we would say with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us;" and we would render the glory and honor to Him who made this success possible.

Church Membership to the Close of 1926

Two years ago, at the close of 1924, our listed church membership was 745. During the years 1925 and 1926 our baptisms, quarter by quarter, have been as follows:

	1925	1926	
	Baptisms	Baptisms	
1st Qr.,	106	129	
2nd Qr.,	109	116	<i>A total</i>
3rd Qr.,	24	8	<i>of 616</i>
4th Qr.,	52	72	<i>baptisms</i>
	291	325	<i>in 2 yrs.</i>

Dropped by deaths and apostasies, 31
 Net membership of churches,
 at close of year 1926, 1,330

Evangelistic Work

Thus far, evangelistic work has proven the most successful method of increasing our membership. About thirty tent-efforts have been launched. Sometimes, because of the intense interest of the people, we were forced to send out inexperienced workers without the help or counsel of more experienced men; but notwithstanding this, the result in all cases has been the organization of either a church or a company. Seven new churches and eight companies have been organized. In our mission we now have twenty organized churches and fifteen companies.

We are glad also to report that five new church buildings have been erected. Altogether we have thirteen church buildings. Besides these, there are now two others under construction, while in yet another place the brethren have already contributed about a hundred pesos toward the building of their own chapel.

Financial

The tithe received in 1925 amounted to \$1,878.91 gold; in 1926 to \$2,592.56 gold, a total of \$4,471.47 gold for the biennial period.

The offerings received in 1925 amounted to \$1,424.82 gold; and in 1926 to \$1,517.08, a total of \$2,941.91 gold.

The entire amount of tithes and offerings for the biennial period, totals \$7,413.38 gold.

While we are as yet very far from self-supporting, we are encouraged by the fact that our financial receipts are increasing every year. There is a bright hope of doubling the financial returns during the next biennial period.

Literature Sales

The sale of literature seems to be growing more and more difficult in our territory. Sometimes the field has been left with not a single colporteur for from two to three months. Notwithstanding the difficulties, and the "hard times," we have been able to reach our sales' goal. In 1925 our colporteurs, magazine workers, and church members sold \$5,312.98 gold worth of denominational literature; in the year 1926 the sales were \$10,452.06 gold—a grand total of \$15,765.04 gold of literature sales for the two-year period.

At present we have sixteen colporteurs in the field. While those in the Cagayan valley are having success, those who are working in the Ilocos provinces are hard hit. One who has been ill in the hospital, has been able to deliver.

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only three books in three months. In spite of the difficulties, our colporteur-evangelists are of good courage; and with the good books they go from house to house with the great object of finding the honest in heart who may be interested in the message.

Sabbath School Department

The membership of our 35 Sabbath schools is 1,312 (Dec. 31, 1926).

Educational and Young People's Departments

Our mission is operating eight church schools with an enrollment of 350, in charge of ten teachers. We are carrying up to eight grades, inclusive. There are in our mission eleven young people's societies, with 358 members. Our young people are leading the different enterprises in the churches.

Home Missionary Department

The home missionary department includes all believers. It is the aim of this department to see that every believer, old and young, has something to do for the Lord. During the past two years this department has been a strong agency in gaining new converts and in reclaiming some of the backsliders. I believe it is safe to estimate that eighty per cent. of our church members are active working members of the home missionary department.

The Laboring Forces

In our mission we have two ordained ministers, four ministerial licentiates, five men with missionary license, five Bible women, three workers who are making a beginning, ten teachers, two office workers,—a total of thirty-one workers on the payroll. These, with our sixteen colporteurs, give a total of forty-seven who are numbered among our laboring forces.

Obituaries

Among our faithful comrades who have been laid to rest during the past two years, may be mentioned Pastor L. Z. Roda, whose labors were given not only in Northern Luzon, but in Central Luzon as well. He was laid to rest on November 23, 1925. In his death we lost one of our most ready public speakers and writers, as well as a man of great faith. But although we mourn, we are not without hope; for we expect to meet our fellow laborer in that bright resurrection morn when the King of glory will come to place on our heads crowns of righteousness.

Another laborer whose decease may be mentioned, is Sister Manuela Pimentel, a faithful lady colporteur and Bible worker, who died in June, 1926.

The Outlook

A great promise of a rich soul-harvest is still before us. In all parts of our territory we find people who are deeply interested in the saving power of our message. "Why not send us workers?" is a familiar expression to which my ears have become accustomed. Letters are received at our office, imploring us to send workers. Our problem now is not to find places in which to preach, but how to answer these multiplied Macedonian calls.

Our Needs

Aside from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart of every member and especially every worker, we need (1) workers of deep consecration; (2) Bibles in the vernaculars in use in our mission territory—in some sections Bibles are so very scarce that it is exceedingly difficult for our faithful evangelists to give sufficient training to earnest believers to prepare them for going forward intelligently in baptismal services; (3) a third need is a series of revivals in our churches, in which we may have help from the Union workers.

Through Reading an Ilocano Paper

RAFAEL PILAR

FOR a little over a year, I was allowed to canvass. My territory was some of the towns of Pangasinan, including Villasis; and one of the *barrios* of this town was known as Pias.

While canvassing Pias, I boarded in the house of a family for several days; and after my delivery, before leaving, I asked the man and his wife what I should pay them for keeping me in their home. They kindly told me they would not charge me anything, so I told them I would send them a year's subscription to our paper, *Ti Damag ti Pagarian*.

Nearly two years passed. I was then sent as an evangelist to a place where an interest to hear the message was to be followed up, and on the way I was passing through Pias, when I remembered the man to whom I had promised a year's subscription to our monthly magazine in the Ilocano dialect. I decided to stop to visit this man once more; and when I reached the ladder-steps running up to his threshold, the man himself came out and greeted me, with beaming face. While shaking hands, he said: "We are now brethren in the faith. Since January last, I have been keeping the Sabbath, and my neighbors are wondering where I learned the idea of keeping the seventh-day Sabbath."

How was this man convinced? It was through reading the paper that had been sent him for a year. His wife told me of their experience,—that whenever an issue of the magazine would reach their home, her husband would read it earnestly, with His Bible opened before him in order that he might diligently compare the texts he found in the paper, with the texts as they read in his copy of the Scriptures. This man and his wife had been the first ones that accepted the message in their barrio. Now we have a church in that district and in the adjoining district of Carusocan, and this man is the ordained local elder of the Pias-Carusocan church.

1927 Literature Sales Goals for the Philippines

During the Philippine Union session held early in the year at Manila, the delegates voted to adopt as their 1927 Literature Sales Goal \$82,500 gold, which is \$12,500 more than the goal for the previous year. The local fields agree to attempt to help meet this goal by selling within their own borders literature as follows: Central Luzon Conference, \$35,000; East Visayan Mission, \$17,500; West Visayan Mission, \$15,000; Northern Luzon Mission, \$12,500; Southern Luzon Mission, \$7,500.

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Progress in West Visaya

W. H. BERGHERM

(Synopsis of a report by Pastor W. H. Bergherm, director of the West Visayan Mission, rendered during the biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission in February, 1927, covering the two-year period ending December 31, 1926.)

It is with gratitude that we present to the delegates assembled at this Union session the report of the work of the West Visayan Mission for the past two years. God has been with us, the lives of all our workers save one have been spared, and the work is onward.

Baptisms and Church Memberships

During this 24-month period there have been baptized into our churches exactly one thousand souls.

Our membership has increased from 1575 to 2330, divided into thirty-three organized churches and thirty-two companies. In order to administer the work these churches and companies are organized into eight districts, with a supervisor in charge of each district who is expected to keep a record of each member in his district. A careful record is kept in the office showing at a glance the tithes paid and missionary work accomplished by our brethren and sisters throughout the Mission.

Tithes and Offerings

Our tithe for the biennial period ending December 31, 1926, was \$10,702.20 gold, representing a gain of \$3,364.62 over the previous biennial period. During this same period our Sabbath school offerings amounted to a gain of about \$550. A lively Big Week Campaign was entered into by our brethren this year to raise \$400. Up to the present about \$270 has come in besides about \$100 yet to be raised by the colporteurs who have been delayed in accomplishing their portion.

Church Extension

Through the assistance given us by the Division we have been enabled to erect a beautiful Central Memorial Church at a total cost of about \$6,500 gold. This building is prominently located on the lot owned by the Union adjoining our mission office. In order to have this building completed in time for our general meeting our workers inaugurated a campaign to raise \$1,500 gold in three months' time. A campaign committee was organized, with our field secretary, Brother Habana, as chairman. These brethren promoted a most inspiring campaign among our people, with a result that \$1,940.87 was realized locally. The building was completed in time for our meeting and dedicated free from debt.

Besides our Central Church a new church building, constructed of hard material and iron roof, has been built at Magallon, Isabela, on land owned by the Mission. Good wooden buildings have also been constructed on leased lands at Daga, Iloilo, Kaduhaan, and Saravia. Also ten other churches of nipa enclosure and strong wooden framework have been built, making a total of fifteen new buildings for the period, representing an investment of about \$1,875. The Union has assisted us to the extent of \$745 in erecting these various churches.

Educational

The principles of Christian education are very precious to our people. During the biennial period five new church schools have been opened, and our school at Jaro was made a first-year school. We are happy to say that the Jaro school was the first church school in the Philippine Islands. This year it had an enrollment of over one hundred young people.

Publishing and Home Missionary Departments

Prominent as an agency in the winning of souls in our mission has been the faithful, self-sacrificing work of the gospel colporteurs. Our colporteur force is well trained and organized under the experienced leadership of the field secretary, Brother Pedro Habana. Two institutes have been held within the last six months, and about fifteen colporteurs are now in the field. Every part of our territory is worked once or twice a year, yet our book work is still onward. The people have learned to respect the character of the books we sell.

As an illustration of the power of the printed page, I might mention work in San Carlos, Occidental Negros. Some time ago our union secretary, Brother Wiedemann, sold a few of the small books called "Satan" in this large municipality while his boat was unloading cargo at that place. Until about a year ago, there was not a single Adventist there. One of the pamphlets fell into the hands of the local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., and he began at once to keep the Sabbath. This brother immediately started in to win his friends, and soon had eight others keeping the Sabbath who have since been baptized. He so stirred the city by his home missionary labors that a call was made for a worker. The mission arranged for the holding of a tent effort there last November. We now have a growing company of more than forty in San Carlos, and these are calling for us to come and organize them into a church. The young man who was so active in winning others is now a colporteur himself.

A word of appreciation should be spoken for the good work accomplished by the home missionary department under the leadership of Pastor Jornada. Our churches are faithful in reporting, and much of their indebtedness to the tract society has been reduced.

Our Needs

Perhaps never before have we so sorely needed trained and consecrated men and women to act as workers and shepherds of our rapidly growing flock. In the last seven years, although the membership has increased from 269 to 2330, the number of ordained ministers has decreased from three to two, while only two licensed ministers have been added to the number then employed. The islands of Panay and Romblon are now opening up as never before. We need to add three new workers to our present force of twenty-three in order to answer the many new calls coming to us from unentered portions of these islands.

The message must be proclaimed with no uncertain sound. All things testify to the fact that God has set His hand to finish the work at an early date. Our greatest need is to be so filled with His Spirit that we can go forth with power and love to complete our unfinished task.

The Canton School Missionary Volunteer Society

HWANG SAO WEN

WE praise God for His blessings and help during the past year. In spite of many hardships and obstacles, our missionary volunteer work has made good progress. Our society has only about sixty members, but though few in number, all are enthusiastic in doing missionary work. On Friday afternoons we devote our time to correspondence work, writing to our own parents, brothers, relatives, and non-Christian friends, urging them to forsake the world and follow Christ. We are also sending tracts and "broadsides" to every store in the city. The girls also spend some time in sewing for the poor around us. This gives every one a chance to do some missionary work.

We have our general society meeting on Saturday evening from 5 o'clock to 7:30. The students are responsible for the program, and all are willing to take part. This is a good opportunity to gain experience for future work.

Conditions have made it seem best to carry on our work in four bands, as follows: Ministerial Band, Beneficial Study Band, Spiritual Culture Band, and Christian Help Band.

There are about fifteen students in the Ministerial Band. They are divided into several groups, and definite plans are laid for work each Sabbath, certain groups holding meetings, and other groups conducting Bible studies in certain sections of the city. After a short meeting on Sabbath afternoon, they go to their appointed territory for work. Good results are being seen from these efforts.

In the Beneficial Study Band we study the organization of the missionary volunteer society, and important Bible doctrines. We also take time for general discussion, the head of the Bible department usually leading in this. Every one enjoys this very much.

The Spiritual Culture Band numbers only about eight or nine members. They assemble every Sabbath to study the method of prayer, the importance of Bible study, the reading courses, etc. They are also responsible for arranging for the prayer-bands in the whole school. We have four prayer-bands in the boys' school and two in the girls' school.

The members of the Christian Help Band take care of the sick, giving them treatments, sending flowers, etc. In this band we also provide medicine for skin and eye diseases. Clothing is prepared for those in need.

Aside from these endeavors, we have raised money to establish a free school in one of the nearby streets. Our society is responsible for providing for all of the expenses incurred in conducting this school. Class work is carried on in grades one to five. Forty-five pupils are enrolled. Five students from this school were baptized last year.

Although we are accomplishing something by our efforts, we feel that there is still a great work before us. Pray for us, that we may do a greater work for our Master.

An Early Start in West Visaya

REPORTS appearing in the provincial church papers of various missions in the Philippines, refer to many baptismal services being held throughout the provinces. It is evident the laborers are determinedly pressing forward. From the West Visayan Mission paper, *Ang Manugbalita*, for January 15, 1927, we select a few notes that reveal somewhat the spirit of advance possessed by many a faithful messenger in those parts:

"Monday, January 3, was a big day for our people at Buraguac, La Castellana. This barrio being in the foothills of Mount Canlaon, it requires about fifteen kilometers hiking to reach there, and had never been visited before by any of our directors. On this date, Brother Bergherm and Brother Same, with a stereopticon, held meetings under a sawali roof prepared at the side of Brother Jardiniano's home. Hundreds of people gathered in the evening from the surrounding barrios to see the pictures. In the evening after the meeting it was a beautiful sight to see the people with their torches going down the mountainside in different directions to their respective homes. Nine souls were baptized in a nearby mountain stream, making a total of 45 regular members of this company. It is hoped that Buraguac can be organized into a church soon.

"The first baptism ever held in Granada, Bacolod, took place last week, when six souls were buried in the running water of a beautiful mountain stream. Fully a hundred people from the barrio witnessed this solemn ceremony. Two truck loads of the Bacolod brethren came over to join in the baptismal service, and to assist in the singing. Let us all remember Brother Juanillo in our prayers, that he may be able to establish a strong church in this new place."

"Brother Juan Golex has just closed his tent effort in Belison, Antique. He writes that Satan has bitterly opposed the progress of the truth, even to threatening his own life. A special appeal had to be made to the provincial constabulary chief for his protection against the unruly elements of the town. In spite of it all, however, he writes that there will be a baptism the 25th of this month."

"San Enrique church, although one of our oldest churches, still possesses its first love for the message. Six persons were recently baptized there as the result of the home missionary efforts of its members. A letter from Brother Jandumon, the elder, says that seven more are now converted and will be ready for baptism in February."

"Still La Carlota is growing. Six more have been baptized there."

"As we close the year (1926) we are reminded the Lord has blessed us in our baptisms, and to Him we humbly give all the glory. 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' saith the Lord. We are glad to report 511 for the year, making an even total of 1000 for the biennial period."

Obituary

Professor Oliver F. Sevrens

Oliver Fisk Sevrens was born at North Woburn, Massachusetts, and died at his post of duty at Manila, Philippine Islands, on March 31, 1927, being a few days over forty years of age. His childhood and youth were spent in the town of his birth, and there he received his grammar school and high school education in the public schools. After graduation from high school he attended the University of Maine, from which he was graduated in 1910, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He taught in a private school in Suffield, Connecticut, for one year, and then accepted a position as teacher in Bishop Brent's school for boys, at Baguio, Philippine Islands. After finishing the year's work at that school he was employed by the government in scientific research work in the Bureau of Science in Manila. He continued in this work for only a few months, as it was while engaged in the Bureau that he became convinced of the truth of the doctrines taught by Seventh-day Adventists, through reading the General Conference *Bulletin* sent him by relatives.

Of his twin aunts, one was the wife of George A. King, the first Seventh-day Adventist colporteur, and the other was the wife of John I. Tay, the first missionary to Pitcairn Island. These aunts and other relatives had been sending him literature; for a time he took little interest in our message, but after accepting the truth he gave his whole life to God for service in carrying the third angel's message. While in Manila he made the acquaintance of Pastor E. M. Adams, who was at that time stationed in the city, and spent several days in the home of Brother Adams in studying the Bible. He then returned

to the United States and went to Pacific Union College, where he spent a few months in study, and also did some teaching in scientific subjects. While at Pacific Union College he was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church.

On July 27, 1916, he was united in marriage with Hazel Blackenberg, and three days later Prof. and Mrs. Sevrens sailed for Manila in company with Prof. and Mrs. I. A. Steinel; these two families being under appointment by the mission board to establish a training school in the Islands. In those early days the work in the school was real pioneer work. The facilities were meagre, and the workers were few. From the beginning of the school Brother Sevrens carried heavy responsibilities. For the first few years he carried the work of preceptor, in addition to teaching and other duties. In 1922 he was elected principal of the training school, then known as the Philippine Seventh-day Adventist Academy, now the Philippine Junior College. He was the principal from that time until his death, with the exception of one year spent in the United States on furlough.

As the school grew his work became heavier. During these years he was always active in Sabbath School and Young People's work; and in addition to his work in the school he carried the responsibility of either of both the Young People's and Educational work in the Union Mission. During the years he has served as principal of the school he has also been the treasurer and business manager. He worked long hours, not sparing himself, but giving his strength unreservedly to the task to which he had been called.

About January 11 of this year Brother Sevrens was seized with a severe attack of acute illness, and was taken to the Philippine General Hospital, where he underwent an operation for peritonitis, which was performed by Dr. Stafford of Manila.

Although tubercular tissue was found, he seemed to make a remarkable recovery, and at one time was able to walk a few steps in his room in the hospital. He was brought to his home at the mission compound; later came a backset, and he gradually failed, and passed away on March 31.

He was patient through these long weeks of suffering. His burden was for the work which he had been obliged to lay down. His trust was in God, and he was resigned to Heaven's will, whatever that might be. He was loved and respected by students, friends, and associate workers. Although he rests from his labors, the influence and example of his life and work will continue. He took much satisfaction from the fact that a large number of the evangelistic workers now in service in the Philippines have at one time or another received some training in the school at Pasay.

Since he accepted the truth a large number of his immediate relatives have also accepted the doctrines as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife and infant son, here in Manila; and in the United States his father, mother, two sisters, and one brother,—Prof. Linton G. Sevrens, principal of the Union Springs Academy, in the State of New York,—besides many other relatives; also a host of friends—former students, and associates in service.

A large company of friends gathered at the College chapel at Pasay to pay their last respects, on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd. The service at the chapel was conducted by Pastor R. R. Figuhr, and a short service was held at the grave by Prof. F. L. Chaney. Four young men from the college acted as pallbearers. Our brother sleeps in the beautiful Cementerio del Norte in Manila.

E. A. Moon.

Manila, P. I.

In Batakland

(Synopsis of a report rendered by Pastor Dallas S. Kime, of Batakland, Sumatra, Netherlands East Indies, during the biennial session of the Malaysian Union held during January, 1927, at Singapore, S. S.)

We thank the Lord for His watchful care over His work the past two years. During a portion of this time Brother and Sister G. S. Youngberg were in charge of the interests in Batakland, while we were on furlough. We have been made happy over advancements realized during our absence. Brother and Sister Youngberg gave of their best to the Batak people.

At the close of last year, ninety-five were in attendance at our school. Fourteen were graduated from the seventh standard. Our teachers are faithful; they let their light shine. On Sundays tracts are distributed by our students. On the whole, an excellent spirit has prevailed among the students.

The chiefs of some of the villages have had unusual experiences, because of opposition to the truth. The people are learning that nothing can prevail against truth.

Four of the Batak girls in attendance at our training-school in Singapore, have returned to their village homes, and three of the girls are now leading Sabbath schools in their respective communities. All are teaching the Bible in their

homes, and all are conducting sewing classes for the village girls. They are training the little children of their villages to sing songs and to repeat verses of Scripture.

Altogether, there are now nine places in Batakland where Sabbath schools are held, with a membership of nearly three hundred. The light of present truth is now breaking forth in several new places. Tract distribution is continuing. The volume "Health and Longevity" is translated, and nearly ready for the press, and soon this book will be in circulation among the Batak people. This should help them in health lines, and should also give to them a knowledge of the true God.

The past few months we have been especially busy caring for the sick. We have had many cases daily at our Dispensary. We are also called out to the homes of the people in the surrounding districts, and God is giving us some most encouraging experiences. The sick are being healed, and the people are beginning to recognize the power of God as greater than the power of their "medicine men." The people exercise wonderful faith in God's power to heal them of their diseases.

When we recount the many blessings God has given us, they cause us to rejoice more than words can express.

The Promise of More Workers

The brethren of the Home Board have placed under appointment, for service in the Far East, most of those asked for thus far and for whom provision has been made in current budgets. It is planned that those who can respond to invitations, shall come forward as soon as proper arrangements can be perfected for them to close up the work they may have in hand. Sometimes it takes many months for a man to be finally released from responsibilities that must be transferred before the appointee can sail. It is a matter of rejoicing that the prospects are so good for further workers to come, some to enter fields already occupied, and some to undertake labor in territory that has hitherto been unentered.

For Filipinos in the United States

The first freight shipment of Filipino literature to be sent to the United States, consisted of two cases of books shipped to San Francisco per S. S. "President Cleveland" on Jan. 12, 1927. These two boxes contained about 250 copies of our large subscription books in several languages, besides a number of pamphlets. We understand that these books will be sold to Filipinos in the northern part of California.—*Philippine Bookmen's Exchange, Feb. 15, 1927.*

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On pages 3-13, inclusive, of this issue of the *Outlook*, is given a summary of proceedings of the annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee, held in Shanghai during the month of April. Especial attention is directed to the various recommendations adopted, outlining plans and policies. Interest also attaches to decisions arrived at regarding the disbursement of funds and the setting of goals.

Many reports have been coming in from Union sessions held in Malaysia, the Philippines, and South China; and a goodly number of these have been included in an abbreviated form in this issue of the *Outlook*. Some of the reports rendered during the Union sessions, appeared in the March and April numbers, and others must be held over for publication later. The story of the advancing message in the various provincial missions is one of intense interest, representing as it does much self-sacrificing labor on the part of large groups of workers. In these reports various suggestions will be found as to the methods followed in lands where progress is being made.

Throughout the world, those who are leading out in the proclamation of the message are insisting on a strong evangelistic advance. It is held that evangelism must have first place in all our undertakings, in conferences, missions, institutions, and homes. The call to more earnest effort in evangelism is being sounded in a special way by officers of the General Conference, including Pastor W. A. Spicer, inviting us into richer and fuller experiences than ever have been known before in the winning of souls.

Departures on Furlough

Mrs. L. E. Appel and children, and Miss Lucy N. Andrus, from the North China Union, sailing late in April; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wiedemann and children of the Philippine Union, sailing from Manila April 14; Pastor and Mrs. Wm. J. Harris and children, of the Chihli Mission, Peking, sailing from Shanghai May 5. Pastor G. W. Wells, field missionary secretary of the Home Board, returned to the States from Shanghai April 21. We are informed by the brethren of the Chosen Union that Brother and Sister Earl L. Woods and children left Seoul the last of March for the States, on the basis of a permanent return to the homeland.

Births

Born, March 22, 1927, in Singapore, to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Beecham, of the Malaysian Union, a daughter, Evelyn Fern.

Born, April 19, 1927, in Shanghai, to Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Strahle, a daughter, Marguerite Hope.

Born, May 13, 1927, in Soonan, Chosen, to Pastor and Mrs. N. F. Brewer, of Peking, a daughter.

The Editorship of the Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House

During the recent annual meetings the Far Eastern Division Committee requested Pastor Frederick Lee, formerly superintendent of the Central China Union, to take over the editorship of the *Chinese Signs of the Times* monthly magazine, and to serve also as associate editor on the other periodicals issued by the House. Brother Lee has already begun his work as editor, and may be addressed in future at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

The Superintendency of the Central China Union

The call of Pastor Frederick Lee to Shanghai, to serve as editor of the *Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House*, necessitated the appointment of a superintendent for the Central China Union; and Pastor Nathan F. Brewer, of the North China Union, has been asked to serve in this capacity. Brother Brewer will soon be taking up his duties as superintendent, and will proceed to the Hankow headquarters, if conditions permit anyone's getting up to that port in the near future.

Assignment of Recruits

As announced in the report of the proceedings of the Far Eastern Division Committee during its recent annual meetings, assignments of territory were made to various families of recruits who are in the China field. These, summarized, are, as follows:

Claude E. Thurston and wife, Philippine Union; Cleon B. Green and wife, North China Union; Dallas R. White and wife and Cecil D. Nichols and wife, West China; Lyman W. Shaw and wife, South China.

China Missionary Junior College—Change of Name

During the annual meetings of the constituency of the China Missionary Junior College, steps were taken toward changing the name of the school because of changed conditions and needs. By official action as approved by the Far Eastern Division Committee, the institution formerly known as China Missionary Junior College is to be known henceforth as China Theological Seminary; its Chinese name to be Djung Hwa Shen Hsioh. 中華神學

Five-Year Language Course—Mandarin

Those interested in the Five-Year Language Course as perfected by the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School, should make application for prospectus and other particulars from the Principal, Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. A strong course is offered, and the work of the school is being recognized as standard by accrediting boards.

Reprinting "Daniel" in Japanese

Stock has been ordered for the second edition of "Daniel" in Japanese by the Tokyo Seventh-day Adventist Publishing House. The volume is a large octavo of 324 pages, cloth-bound, gold stamp on back and side, and sells for Yen 4.50.

The Midsummer Offering

JULY 16, 1927

As announced in the Summary of Proceedings of the Far Eastern Division Committee, page 8 of this issue, column 2, Recommendation No. 33, the date for the Midsummer Offering has been named as July 16, 1927. The substantial benefits that have already accrued to the Far East through funds realized from the Midsummer Offering are outlined in detail on page 9, columns 2 and 3, and page 10. Let us do our very best to make this offering what it should be.

An Ordination Service in Shanghai

On Sabbath afternoon, April 23, following the close of a discourse by Pastor I. H. Evans, an ordination service was held, during which Professor W. A. Scharffenberg was set apart to the ministry of the gospel; Pastor Evans offering the prayer, Pastor Frederick Griggs delivering the charge, and Pastor S. E. Jackson welcoming Brother Scharffenberg to the ministry.

Ordinations in the Philippines

During recent meetings in the Philippine Union, various ones have been ordained to the gospel ministry, including W. B. Riffel and Fortunato Parlan, of the Southern Luzon Mission (Bicol language area); Aquilino Same, of the West Visayan Mission; P. Bungay, of the Central Luzon Conference, and Alvaro Roda, of the Northern Luzon Mission. Strength comes into the cause as men develop into the ministry and begin to bear the heavier burdens of evangelistic advance.

Ingathering Specials

The Tokyo and Shanghai publishing houses are preparing editions of Harvest Ingathering Specials for use during 1927, and orders for these (in Japanese and in Chinese) may be placed to advantage at an early date. Address orders to Mr. H. W. Barrows, 25 Ningkuo Rd., Shanghai.

Orders for English (and other languages) Ingathering Specials should be sent in as soon as practicable.

The Ingathering Campaign for 1927 has been outlined carefully by those in charge of this work in various Divisions and Unions, and promises to yield more than during any previous year in returns. c.

Steady Gains in Manchurian Union

(A Correction)

In the statistical summary of the Manchurian Union, appearing on the lower half of the fifth page of the May issue of the *Outlook*, a mistake occurs in the 1920 membership total in the third column—instead of 135, the membership should have been listed as 110. The extra 25 were Russian members in Harbin, at that time a part of the Manchurian Union, but since transferred to the Sungari-Mongolian Mission, and hence not properly a part of the statistical summary showing development year by year in Manchuria. Likewise, the baptisms for 1920 should have appeared as 24 instead of 28, the extra four having been baptisms of Russians in Harbin that year. Thus the net gain in church membership for the year 1920 should have been printed as 23; for 1921, as 17. These corrections will be made in the plate, and the figures will be given correct next time.

The development in the Manchurian Union has been a steady one, year by year, with constant gains. c.