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## Personal Faith

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S "WORKERS together with God" our first business is to persuade men to believe His promises and to have faith in His Son. God's power is limited only by man's faith. Repentance, forgiveness, and acceptance depend upon faith.

Faith is what makes the Christian different from the unbeliever. The words, "According to your faith be it unto you," were spoken not only to the physically sick in Christ's day, but to His followers in all ages. Faith is the budded rod by which all miracles are wrought. To the believer it becomes vision, enabling him to see when other men are blind. It leaves science, philosophy, and human reasoning to their vain conjecturings, while it marches forward, following the voice which says, "This is the way."

Faith is the mightiest force in the world. It is the worker of miracles; the doer of the impossible; the one gift that tells us that what God says is true, what He commands can be done.

Without personal faith, the worker cannot persuade unbelievers to believe the promises of God. Men are quick to discern unbelief. No one needs to wear a signboard proclaiming his faith; the tones of the voice, the expression of the eye, every act and look, tell whether one has faith or whether he has it not. Peter leaping into stormy Galilee, Elijah smiting the waters of the Jordan, Elisha praying for the Shunammite's son, Paul carrying the gospel to the Gentiles, Luther preaching justification by faith, are examples of faith in action. Faith gave these men their power. If we would be like them, we need to exercise the same faith.

If a man believes in his calling, and feels that he has a message of solemn import, all the force, authority, and persuasiveness of true eloquence will accompany what he says. Under such a ministry sinners will be converted, and souls born into the kingdom. How we live and what we preach without faith makes little difference; but when we profess to have faith, our life and our personal testimony is the measure of our religion.

Our own faith helps the weaker faith of others. Many a trembling child of God is upborne by the faith of some Greatheart who knows his Lord. As a strong leader in battle, seeing his men fleeing in fear, leaps before his disheartened forces, and inspires them with his own courage, turning defeat into victory, so the man of God should inspire the weak with faith to continue the warfare against sin till the victory is gained.

Our church is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." Every workman builds on this foundation according to his own faith, and the church is like the workman. If the workman believes the whole truth, so do those whom he leads to Christ. If the workman is an hireling, so are his converts. The strength or weakness of the builder is woven into the building till the church and himself are alike. And as the fate of the people "in that day" so also will be the fate of the priest.

Are we building on the Word of God? Are we standing by faith on His promises? Will our work endure?

*Shanghai, April 10, 1929*

## Advance Reports — Spring Council, Shanghai, April 10-22, 1929

Note.—Space in this number will permit of the inclusion of only a few of the resolutions adopted during the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee held April 10-22, 1929. The Lord came near by His Spirit, bringing courage and hope. The brethren return to their fields with the assurance that Heaven's blessing will attend their labors.

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN in his introductory remarks expressed appreciation in behalf of the Committee for the presence of Pastor C. K. Meyers, secretary of the General Conference, and also of Pastor Meade MacGuire, of the Ministerial Association; and to these brethren was extended a hearty welcome.

The importance of the Council upon which we are now entering, was emphasized. The devotional services bring much of help to those in attendance, when we on our part unite in seeking the Lord with all the heart, and in giving study to the spiritual phases of our advance along all lines. The work is to be spiritualized in every department. Our only reason for being in the Far East is to bring spiritual comfort and benefit, and to prepare a people who shall be ready to meet their Lord.

The Chairman referred briefly to the record of the past year. Many encouragements have come notwithstanding the difficult times through which some missions have been called upon to pass. The net gain in church membership for the year was 2,583, and increases were realized in tithes and offerings, including the Ingathering returns, and in departmental and institutional development.

Gratitude was expressed for the faithful labors of many directors and others who are standing at their posts in difficult fields, and are doing what they can, with limited budgets, for the furtherance of the cause to which they have dedicated their lives. With faith and hope and courage and a determination to press on and on, looking to Heaven for help, we shall see great things wrought in the name of our Lord all through these lands.

### RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE

*(This resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote; Dr. H. W. Miller leading the Council in a prayer of thanksgiving to God, and of re-consecration for the carrying on of our work with diligence during the coming year.)*

WHEREAS, During the past year there has been a manifestation of the special blessing and care of God over His work, as evidenced in the fact that the records show it to be the best year in the history of our Far Eastern Division, in number of baptisms, in net gains in church membership, in the largest amount of tithes and offerings raised, in unusual success attending our medical missionary work, and in substantial increases in literature sales, young people enrolled in our schools, Sabbath school gains, and in new fields entered and new stations opened; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we express gratitude for the abundant mercies received of our Heavenly Father, for His marvelous leadings in this time of great need, for the protection of life and property, and for the deep interest now manifest in religious and spiritual things not only by our workers and laity but also by the masses who have not yet learned of Christ; and that we take this occasion to renew our consecration to the great task that God has laid upon us in this field.

### FAMILY AND SECRET DEVOTIONS

WHEREAS, In these last days perilous times have come; with worldliness, the love of pleasure, and unbelief making inroads upon the time and spiritual devotions of the members of the church; therefore,

We strongly urge (a) That all workers and people maintain daily family worship, with study of the Word, prayer, and the singing of hymns.

(b) That each church member be encouraged to set apart some time each day for meditation and secret prayer.

### Educational Department

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

##### *Workers, Self-Improvement*

WHEREAS, The goal that is set before our native workers in all departments calls for constant and continued progress, and the development of all our powers for the glory of God; and,—

WHEREAS, There have been provided literature and institutions for assisting in this work of growth and training; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That all our workers regularly avail themselves of the help provided, and earnestly strive to fit themselves for the greatest possible efficiency in the work of God. In this connection—



Students, China Theological Seminary, Chiao Tou Djen, China

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## Resolutions — Educational and Y. P. M. V. Departments — 1929

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WE RECOMMEND, (a) That all workers read faithfully the denominational periodicals published in the respective fields.

(b) That workers enter upon a systematic reading of the books that are available from our publishing houses for their fields.

(c) That the yearly reading courses as recommended for ministers, colporteurs, teachers, and young people, be faithfully followed by the workers in their respective lines.

(d) That so far as possible each worker be encouraged to take a course annually in the Fireside Correspondence School.

(e) That teachers, as far as is consistent, attend the summer schools annually arranged for in their fields, and qualify to receive the third grade, second grade, first grade, and professional certificates.

(f) That so far as possible all our workers be encouraged to complete the requirements of the five-year evangelistic course recommended and passed at this meeting.

### *A Chaistian Educational Campaign*

WHEREAS, In the Far Eastern Division it seems evident that scarcely more than one third of our children and young people of school age are in attendance at Seventh-day Adventist schools; and,—

WHEREAS, There is need of further instructing our people in regard to the principles of true Christian education, and the necessity of giving all our youth a training in our denominational schools; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That a special Christian Education Campaign be carried forward in all fields of the Far East, during 1929 and 1930; and that, in carrying out this recommendation, each field so plan the work that if possible every church may have opportunity to hear at least one sermon or talk on Christian education quarterly.

(b) That in addition to the inaugurating of a Christian Education Campaign, the Sabbath set apart annually as Educational Day be observed in all churches of the Far Eastern Division, and that union

and local mission leaders, as well as others in responsible positions, cooperate with the Educational Department to this end.

(c) That for the coming year the Educational Days for our several fields be as follows; For Japan, April 20, 1930; for China, August 10, 1929, and August 9, 1930; for Malaya, November 16, 1929; for Chosen, February 8, 1930; for the Philippine Islands, April 26, 1930.

### *On Teaching the Illiterate*

WHEREAS, There rests upon the church a definite responsibility to teach its illiterate members to read, so that they may study the Word of God for themselves; and,—

WHEREAS, There is also a burden resting upon each church to bring this gospel message to the attention of all within its immediate environs; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That controlling committees in Far Eastern lands lay plans that will result in leading our illiterate church members to become readers of the Word of God for themselves, and thus to become stronger and better able to carry the message to others.

In carrying out this resolution,—

WE RECOMMEND, That in the China field a modification of the Popular Movement plan be followed, classes in language and Bible being opened in connection with our chapel and regular school work, the illiterate church members themselves becoming the nucleus of these classes, while at the same time those living in the vicinity are invited to attend and not only learn to read but also to receive a knowledge of the truth.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That fields outside of China give consideration to the advisability of adopting similar plans where needed to help their illiterate laity, and thus advance the work of the threefold message through this agency.

### *The China Christian Educator*

WHEREAS, *The China Christian Educator* carries instruction and helpful material for our Chinese ministers, teachers, young people, and workers in all departments, with programs for Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Society meetings; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That throughout the China field a continuous effort be made to have all ministers and workers of every department, teachers in our schools, officers of the church and of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Society, be regular subscribers to and users of this magazine; and further,—

WE RECOMMEND, That directors of all the local fields in China see that the *Educator* be made available to all leaders of churches and companies, and that to all such they give helpful suggestions for the carrying out of the instruction and regular programs provided for in this magazine.

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## Y. P. M. V. Department

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### Y. P. M. V. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### *Self-Denial "Container"*

WHEREAS, The General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a pocket-size self-denial container, to be used for the purpose of promoting self-denial among our youth; and,—

WHEREAS, The plan and container have been endorsed by the General Conference; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That in those fields of the Far East where the currency lends itself to the use of this container, we inaugurate this plan of promoting self-denial and raising funds; and that where this container would not be suitable, study be given to the matter of preparing a suitable container and of uniting in this general plan for the promoting of self-denial offerings.

#### *Fifteen-Minute Church Missionary Service*

WE RECOMMEND, That in harmony with the general plan passed by the General Conference for a Fifteen-Minute Church Missionary Service to be held following the Sabbath school hour, our Missionary Volunteer leaders and workers throughout this field, according to the working policy voted, cooperate with the Home Missionary Department in making this plan a success.

## Resolutions --- Spring Council, 1929 --- Educa. and Y. P. M. V. Depts.

### Y. P. M. V. Societies in all Schools

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That Junior Missionary Volunteer Societies be conducted in all our elementary and junior middle schools, and in those churches where there are young people of junior age and where suitable leadership can be arranged for;

(b) That Senior Missionary Volunteer Societies be conducted in all our middle schools and in other centers and institutions where there are sufficient young people with proper leadership.

### Junior and Senior Manuals

WHEREAS, A Manual has been prepared and published in the English and in Chinese, which Manual sets forth plans and gives a definite form of organization for the juniors, and also helpful suggestions for those interested in the salvation and training of the youth; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That each worker in China be encouraged to purchase the Junior Manual in Chinese, become acquainted with the plans recommended, and be able to give instructive help not only to parents in behalf of their children, but to the children and young people themselves.

(b) That workers throughout the Far East avail themselves of the Y. P. M. V. Junior and Senior Manuals in English and familiarize themselves with the organization and conduct of the Y. P. M. V. work generally.

### Recreations, Amusements, and Social Activities

WHEREAS, We recognize that our youth should be encouraged in the pursuit of genuine happiness, but that many of the present-day amusements and social contacts are harmful and tend to draw them out of the church; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That all of our ministers and other workers be requested to join in an effort to guide our young people in legitimate social contacts and recreations.

(b) That we make greater efforts to instruct the youth in the underlying principles of these matters, thus helping them to discern between profitable recreation and harmful amusements.

(c) That we approach the question of social activities from the standpoint of their influence upon us physically, mentally, and spiritually, bearing in mind that proper recreation (1) sustains personal relations with God; (2) develops keen alertness and adds to our store of knowledge; (3) forms genuine friendships; (4) develops true courtesy; (5) distinguishes between natural, friendly participation in games, and a habitual absorption in their pursuit.

(d) That as a safeguard we further instruct the youth always to avoid the following: (1) A violation of conscience; (2) weakening of influence and example; (3) excessive use of time in recreational pursuits; (4) a spirit of excitement which is blinding to principle; (5) doing of things on impulse.

### Devotional Life

WHEREAS, We are living in a time when insidious influences tend to the neglect of the devotional life,

RESOLVED, (a) That we as workers give ourselves to a more earnest study of the Word of God and a more faithful and consistent prayer life; and,—

(b) That we keep before our young people with increasing emphasis the privilege and necessity of the devotional life, particularly directing their attention to the spiritual value of the Morning Watch, systematic Bible study, and Bible Year.

### Bible Study and Teaching

WHEREAS, The growing tendency in the world, and even among Christians, is to discard the Bible as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That our mission and Missionary Volunteer secretaries and ministers, when speaking to our young people, endeavor to lead them into a fuller appreciation of the Bible by giving Bible studies that furnish food for thought, establish confidence in the Word, and fortify them to meet the sneers and cavils of critics.

(b) That our society leaders endeavor to interest our youth in personal Bible study—

(1) Through the use of the Bible by the members in the society meetings.

(2) By asking those who are capable; to lead in giving Bible studies.

### Forming the Tithe-Paying Habit

WHEREAS, We recognize the great spiritual blessings involved in paying to the Lord a tithe of all He gives us; and desiring that all our children and youth shall be taught the joy and rewards of faithfulness in this Christian duty,—

WE RECOMMEND, That from the earliest years, parents and teachers of the young hold before them—both by precept and example—the principles of tithe-paying, instructing them on the Biblical basis of this doctrine, and teaching them the methods and possibilities of returning to the Lord the tenth, which is for a holy use in advancing His work.

### Y. P. M. V. Goals for 1930

WE RECOMMEND, That the goals of the Missionary Volunteer Department for 1930 be as follows:

Young People Converted.....	1,000
Missionary Volunteer Society Membership .....	6,500
Standard of Attainment Certificates Issued.....	200
Reading Course Certificates Issued .....	350
Bible Year Certificates Issued....	350
Number Observing Morning Watch .....	100 per cent
Reporting Members .....	100 per cent
Offerings for Local Society Work .....	(gold) \$ 1,200
Offerings and Funds for Foreign Missions.....	(gold) \$ 3,500

### Y. P. M. V. Day and Week of Prayer

WE RECOMMEND, That Missionary Volunteer Day be observed in all our churches and schools; and that according to the usual plan, this Missionary Volunteer Day be followed by the observance, in all our schools and so far as possible in our churches, of the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer, the dates being those set by the General Conference where these are found to be satisfactory; and that any necessary readjustment of dates be made in the fields concerned.

# Sabbath School Dept. --- Far East --- Annual Report for 1928

## SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

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(A section of the annual report of the Sabbath School Department of the Far Eastern Division, presented at the Spring Council of the Division Committee, Shanghai, China, April 11, 1929, by Mrs. Evans, departmental secretary)

WE are told that it took twenty-five years to raise the first million dollars for missions through Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath schools; and the *eighteenth* million was given in six months and two weeks. Studying these offerings reminds us of our own special goal, which was adopted at the Sabbath School Convention held in Shanghai in 1925, and reaffirmed in 1926; at which time it was voted that we should attempt to reach this goal by 1930:

*A Thousand Dollars A Week in the Far Eastern Division for Missions*

Notice our Far Eastern Division offering for 1928, which reached a grand total of \$35,980.96. This lacks \$19.04 of being \$36,000, which is the amount we should have reached at the close of 1926, in order to make our goal by 1930.

I suppose you have given some study to those telling arrangements of "per capita" by Divisions, which appear in the *Sabbath School Worker* every so often. And you have observed of course where the Far Eastern Division stands—right down at the bottom of the list. "He that is down need fear no fall"—is that a comfort? or—isn't it? I am sure you regret our position at the foot of the class; and it may be that we can never get above this place. Europe stands just above us, and there is no comparison in the general standard of living. Besides, all the other Divisions are working on raising their per capita, too.

The thing that concerns me most is not that we are at the foot, but that we advance so slowly. Our per capita for the first quarter of 1928 was \$.031, and that for the last quarter \$.036, the average for the year being \$.033. Unless we can and do raise our per capita, we shall straggle along indefinitely toward our goal of *a thousand dollars a week for missions*.

Perhaps this will be as good a place as any to mention our Union per capita for the year 1928, placing them in the order of achievement.

Chart 2—Per Capitas by Unions

	Gold
Japan	\$ .123
Sungari-Mongolia	.077
West China	.074
Malaysia	.065
Manchuria	.041
Chosen	.041
East China	.036
South China	.026
North China	.026
Central China	.021
The Philippines	.018

Japan, you will observe, leads all the rest, with an average offering of 12 3/10 cents gold for each member. Sungari-Mongolia comes next with 7 7/10 cents; West China with an offering of 7 4/10 cents; and so we run on down the list to the Philippines, with its 1 4/5 cents a week for each member. As already stated we have now reached \$35,980.96 for our yearly offering—which is \$19.04 less than we should have reached at the close of 1926. At the close of 1927 our church membership was 20,905—and it is on that membership that our Sabbath school per capita for 1929 will be based. Do you realize that if we could raise our Division per capita from \$.033 to \$.05 a week for each church member, we should go well OVER \$52,000 a year? (\$54,353) Take the Philippines alone. If they could during 1929 reach their goal of 5 cents gold a week for each church member, and counting the church membership at only 9,000, that would bring their yearly offering up from \$9,037 to \$23,400! And if no other Union increased its offering *at all*, that would mean a yearly offering of \$50,343 in the Far Eastern Division! That does not count on increases from the other Unions, which certainly will not be content to stand still. Some of these Unions must not only strive to reach their own goals, but must make up something for the loss of the givers in the Netherlands East Indies, whose Sabbath school offerings will, "as from January 1, 1929," be turned into another channel. You will agree with me that we MUST do our utmost to raise our goals.

## The Birthday Offering

This special offering reached a total of \$1232.58 gold during 1928, the largest offering yet received in the Far Eastern Division from this source. It is interesting to note that dividing this amount by the *Sabbath school* membership at the end of 1928 gives us a Birthday Offering age of four years precisely, counting one gold cent a year as our Birthday Offering! It would seem as if we really need to grow a little older, as far as this special offering is concerned. If we should reach an average age of sixteen years, for instance, at 1 cent a year, the amount realized from that source would be very close to \$5,000 a year. But why not think in terms above 1 cent a year?

## The Investment Fund Offering

When this new source of increasing the Sabbath school offerings was first proposed, it was looked at askance by the various fields that make up our Division. "It can never be worked in China," was said repeatedly. And the same thing was implied by other fields. However, a few valorous individuals began, others followed, and now every Union in the Division has signified its approval of the plan by at least *one* offering!

A glance at Chart 3 shows the order in which this plan was taken up by the various Unions, and the amount raised year by year:

CHART 3—INVESTMENT FUND REPORT 1925 to 1928

		Gold	
1. South China	1925	\$ 4.00	
	1926	3.10	
	1927	9.17	
	1928	7.00	
		\$ 23.27	
2. Sungari-Mongolia	1926	28.12	
	1927	60.65	
	1928	83.83	
			172.60
3. Japan	1926	116.75	
	1927	182.56	
	1928	281.94	
			581.25
4. Manchuria	1926	11.00	
	1927	2.58	
	1928	8.82	
			22.40
5. Philippines	1926	32.50	
	1927	...	
	1928	...	
			32.50
6. West China	1926	3.31	
	1927	...	
	1928	...	
			3.31
7. Central China	1927	3.58	
	1928	11.84	
			15.42
	8. Malaysia	1927	2.00
1927		4.47	
			6.47
9. East China		1928	303.99
			303.99
	10. Chosen	1928	2.55
11. North China		1928	.05
			\$ 1163.81

## Sabbath School Dept. — 1929 Spring Council Resolutions

Chart 4 arranges the Union Missions in the order of achievement, Japan leading, as she has a happy habit of doing, with the largest total offering up to December 31, 1928. East China, which was ninth to begin working on this plan, raised the largest amount of any Union in one year.

*Chart 4.—Investment Fund Proceeds in the Far Eastern Division to the end of 1928*

Japan	\$ 581.25
East China	303.99
Sungari-Mongolia	172.60
Philippines	32.50
South China	23.27
Manchuria	22.40
Central China	15.42
Malaysia	6.47
West China	3.31
Chosen	2.55
North China	.05
	\$ 1,163.81

Just a word about the sources from which this fund has drawn its income. One of the sisters in a large church received a gift of \$40, and turned that in. Others have sold their time, given income for certain days, sold magazines, waste paper, cakes, candies, eggs, shampoo preparations, holly, flowers, etc. One of the Sabbath school members in Harbin had seven small apple trees in a garden near his house. All the trees had been planted at the same time, and were of the same age. Last fall they had fruit for the first time. In the spring this brother and his family talked the matter over, and decided to set apart two trees for the Investment Fund. They were not the best trees, but were chosen in two different parts of the garden. When the time came to gather the fruit, these two trees bore eleven pounds of apples, while the fruit from the other five trees equaled ed only ten pounds. Moreover, the secretary tells us that "their fruits were more big and fresh in comparison with the fruits of the other trees, although they had grown under the same conditions." Forty-eight members of the Sabbath schools in Korea have promised to work on the Investment Fund this year, giving everything from the harvest of a small rice field to a hive of bees, a batch of silkworms, and the rent from a sewing machine.

And so—the impossible is being done. Already the plan has taken root downward, and is bearing fruit upward. Though we in the Sabbath school office had been studying the

Investment offering for several days, and had written all these encouraging things to the secretaries concerning it, I confess that we were surprised when we saw the total before you on Chart 4—that over \$1,100 gold has already been raised through the Investment Fund in the Far Eastern Division. I believe that we have only begun; that almost unlimited resources may be drawn upon to swell our Sabbath school offerings in this great field, if we will only work untingrily to that end.

### SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS

#### *Uniformity*

WHEREAS, In spite of improvement in this matter, there is still a tendency in the Unions to get separate sets of blanks, offering envelopes, etc.; and,—

WHEREAS, Even a word may make a great deal of difference when it comes to the close of the quarter, and make it impossible to gain correct information on certain points; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That the union missions do all in their power to observe uniformity in such matters as records and reporting, offering envelopes, lessons, promotion, and other matters pertaining to Sabbath school routine, using the blanks and supplies recommended by the Division Sabbath School Department.

#### *The Sabbath School Hour*

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school has been established for the definite purpose of encouraging Bible study and promoting the spiritual life and growth of all the flock; and,—

WHEREAS, This work calls for a period of regular and uninterrupted time each week; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That the Sabbath school occupy one hour and a quarter; and,—

(b) The adoption of the suggestive program prepared by the General Conference Sabbath School Department as follows:

#### SUGGESTIVE SENIOR PROGRAM OUTLINE

Opening Exercises (10 minutes)  
*Song; prayer; song*  
 Secretary's Report (3 minutes)  
 Superintendent's Remarks (3 minutes)  
 Missions Exercise (10 minutes)  
*Seed thought; talk; song; short prayer*  
 Lesson Review (10 minutes)  
 Class Records and Offerings (2 minutes)  
 Lesson Recitation (20 minutes)  
 Closing Exercises (5 minutes)  
*Song; dismissal (" Mizpah" verse or psalm, Lord's prayer, memory verse, or formal benediction)*

(c) That we discourage the using of the time allotted to the Sabbath school for the promotion of any plan not distinctly related to the Sabbath school work.

#### *Sabbath School Finance*

WHEREAS, Good results have followed the adoption of the resolution concerning the checking of reports, which was adopted at the Sabbath school convention held in Shanghai in 1925; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That this resolution be re-affirmed, as follows:

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

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

#### *The Investment Fund*

WHEREAS, During the last five years this plan for increasing mission offerings has been tried out to a greater or less extent by every union mission in the Far Eastern Division; and,—

WHEREAS, We believe that this plan provides a source of greatly increasing the offerings to missions through the Sabbath schools of the Far Eastern Division; therefore,—

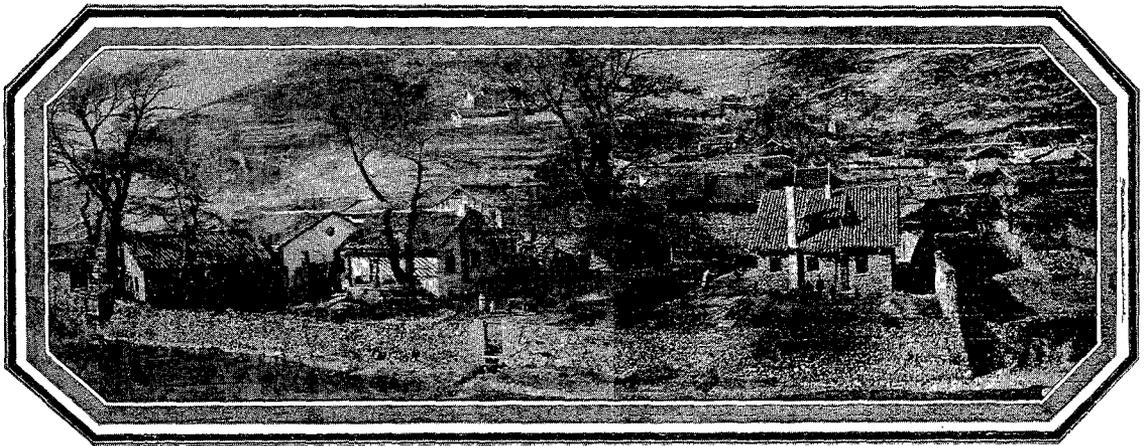
RESOLVED, (a) That we hereby heartily approve of this plan of increasing our Sabbath school donations, and that we urge its adoption by every union mission in the Far Eastern Division; and, further,—

(b) That this offering be taken up on the twelfth Sabbath of each quarter, a special program to be given in connection with the offering taken up in the fourth quarter of each year,

## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR WORKERS IN THE FAR EAST

*Dear Fellow Laborers :*

At this time preparations have been fully made by most of our brethren and sisters in the Far East, for Big Week, May 25 to June 1, 1929. A final message, however, regarding the week may not be amiss. This year approximately \$161,000 gold is to be raised in various lands, to cover 109 different projects. To the Far East the Home Board proposes to allocate \$30,790 gold for named projects; and of this large sum, we are asked to raise only \$5,790. We are hoping to bring our returns up to \$10,000. We have every confidence in your ability to make this campaign a great success.



Tibetan Mission of Seventh-day Adventists (in the foreground) at Tatsienlu, Szechwan, West China,  
At the left (as one faces the picture) is the Hospital-Dispensary. Just back of the tree at  
the left of center, is Dr. J. N. Andrews' home; in the rear is the print  
shop; a portion of the city lies in the background.  
At the right is the second mission  
home nearing completion.

We should not make the getting of money the big thing; we should rather put "souls ahead of goals." The contacts that our members form with the people during Big Week, if followed up, should be the means of largely increasing our evangelistic efficiency. In one field the director, in his Big Week work, met three Europeans that seemed to be somewhat interested. He kept in touch with them, and later it was revealed that they were the only Europeans that accepted the truth during the year in that mission. This director, of course, believes in the Big Week. In another union, as the result of Big Week, a man who had been troubled with his eyes was directed to our hospital for treatment. To-day he is a member of our church. Similar experiences could be related from different fields. Not only does the Big Week bring in souls, but it is a great stimulus spiritually. We can do nothing better for the members of our churches than to urge them to work for some one else.

We hope all our workers will give a day's salary this year, as well as spending a week in the field selling our literature. Praying that the Lord may grant you favor with the people, we are,

Yours for a successful Big Week,  
Shanghai, May 10, 1929. L. V. Finster.

## THE BIG WEEK

I. H. EVANS

THE funds derived from the Big Week are all devoted to our institutional development throughout the world. More than \$1,250,000 gold has already been raised and disbursed in lands from the farthest north to the extreme south. Publishing houses in many lands have been built, equipped, and now are printing gospel literature in large quantities; schools that could not have been provided had the Big Week not supplied the funds with which to build them, are now in full operation, educating thousands of children in mission lands; hospitals and dispensaries have been built in many needy places, providing ministry to the sick and afflicted.

The Big Week Fund has come to the Far East as a great blessing. It has helped in many places and in many ways. We need more and more each passing year to build up what we have already attained as well as to open up new institutions in other needy places.

Can we not count on the largest and fullest co-operation of all workers for this year's campaign? If we all unite as one man to promote this Big Week effort, a large sum can be raised in our Far Eastern Division. Let us all do our best.

## PRIVILEGES AND BLESSINGS OF BIG WEEK

L. V. FINSTER

ALTHOUGH the plan of raising money for mission enterprises through the sale of literature is but eight years old, more than a million five hundred thousand dollars gold has been gathered for erecting publishing houses, schools, and hospitals throughout the world. Heaven only can tell the good that has been accomplished. The sick have been healed, children have been educated and are growing into workers who are bringing souls to the Lord. The publishing houses that have been erected send forth the printed page that tell of Jesus' soon coming.

## THE BIG WEEK AND OUR MEDICAL WORK

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

AS THE result of generous contributions received throughout the Far East and the world-wide field, the Shanghai Sanitarium was started on its mission in behalf of suffering humanity, and it seems only proper that we should make a report of the work of the institution for the first year.

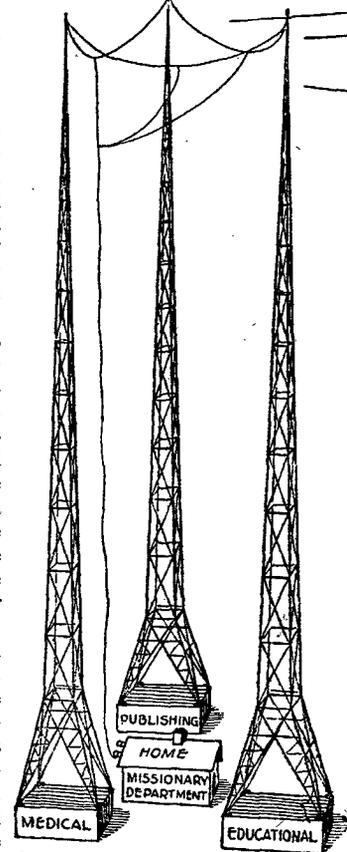
Inasmuch as the sanitarium is located about ten miles from the center of Shanghai, there was considerable question as to our ability to secure patronage because of the unsettled conditions that have existed more or less for the past three years. However, the sanitarium had not started its work more than six months until all the beds were filled. This was quite contrary to our experience in other parts of the world.

Our institutional work has been appreciated, not only by patients, but also by the public who have given liberally for its support. During the past year, sufficient funds have been raised for the development of a dispensary-hospital clinic, which is being built in the central part of the city to accommodate the poor. It is the object of our sanitarium to afford, if possible, equal privileges to the sick of all classes—both rich and poor. We are glad to be definitely at work on the portion of the building that is to give its particular time and attention to the care of the sick poor of Shanghai and vicinity.

In connection with our Shanghai Sanitarium, a training school for nurses is conducted. About fifty are now in training, and it is planned that the graduated who go out may help in medical work in other sections of the Far East. Those in training include Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Malays, and Filipinos.

The program of our institution embraces health lectures, community health educational work, and the development of health literature. The profits from the circulation of our literature during Big Week, go far toward making possible the carrying out of our institutional program from year to year.

# MISSION



May

1929 Goal  
\$ 5,790 Gold

Help Finish the  
Threefold Message by  
Doing Your Part in the  
Threefold Plan that Em-  
braces Our Publishing,  
Medical, and Educational  
Advance in Every Land of  
Earth. The 1929 list of  
Worthy Objects to Receive  
Aid Include: 27 Medical  
Institutions and 22 Schools.

Make the Big Week a Big Literature Week

# EXTENSION FUND



June 1

## THE EXTENSION FUND PROGRAM

C. C. CRISLER

MANY items in the Budgets of former years, can not now be included, because of the pressure of an expanding work that requires more men and means than appropriations can cover. Thus such necessities as school buildings, hospitals, medical equipment, printing presses, type, and other equipment must be supplied, year by year, from some source other than the regular Budget. Out of these needs has grown the plan of having an "Extension Fund" made up of monies secured through sacrificial sale of literature, together with a day's wage of regularly employed workers. The benefits accruing from this plan, are felt in almost every land. During the 1929 Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee, some resolu-

tions on "Big Week"— the time devoted to the raising of the "Extension Fund"— were drafted and adopted. A study of these will enable all to understand individual responsibility. To quote:

### BIG WEEK PLANS

WHEREAS, The Extension Fund plan now includes medical and educational as well as publishing projects, thus inviting the entire denomination to more earnest endeavor in its behalf; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

(b) That colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sales.

(c) That mission and institutional workers join in the Extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their entire profits to the Fund, in addition to their personal income for one day.

(d) That sanitariums and schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week.

(e) That publishing houses and tract societies close one day of the Big Week to enable employees to contribute an active part to the success of the Extension Fund plan.

(f) That we set an average of one dollar (\$1) profits, local currency, for each church member.

(g) That the date set for Big Week be May 25 to June 1, 1929.

(h) That the Big Week goals for the various unions of the Far Eastern Division for 1929, be as follows:

Central China	Gold \$	500
Chosen		600
East China		1,100
Japan		500
Malaya		500
Manchuria		200
North China		240
Philippines		2,000
South China		1,100
Sungari-Mongolia		200
West China		200

Total, Gold \$ 7,140

(i) That definite space in our church paper in the different language areas be assigned to the Home Missionary Department, in order that help and instruction may be given to our church members along missionary lines.

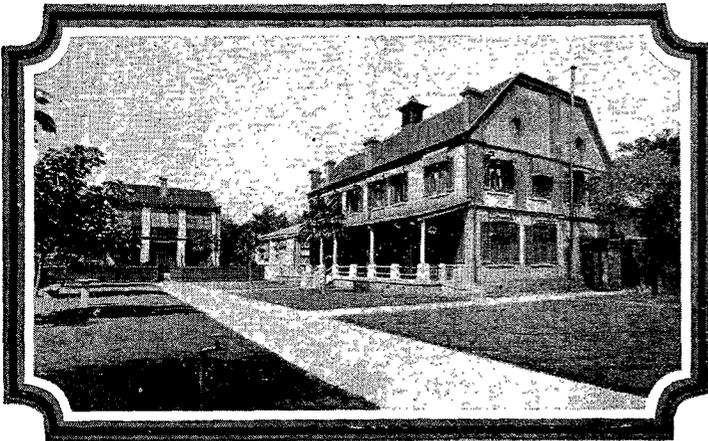


The Canton Middle School — Big Week Beneficiary as a Result of the 1929 Campaign

Make the Big Week a Big Literature Week



The Missions Extension Fund Provides Facilities for Nurses



Shanghai (China) Publishing House

1929 MISSIONS EXTENSION

FUND — FAR EAST

(Proposed Beneficiaries)

Shanghai Publishing House Addition	(Gold) \$4,000
Japan Publishing House	1,500
Philippine Publishing House	4,500
Text Books for Primary Schools	1,000
Far Eastern Academy	500
Canton Intermediate School	1,710
Japan Training School	5,000
Japan Hospital	1,250
Dispensary, Waichow, South China	1,830
Hospital, Penang, Malay Peninsula	7,000
Shanghai Sanitarium and Training School for Nurses	2,500
<i>Total, Gold \$30,790</i>	

None of these funds are assured at present; all is dependent on amounts that may be raised during Big Week of the year 1929 and resultant decisions and appropriations of controlling committees. C.



Nurses of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital. One of the Beneficiaries of Big Week for 1929 is the Shanghai Sanitarium Training School for Nurses

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## General Articles

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### LIKE AS A FATHER

Adlai A. Esteb

*Like as a Father comforts,  
Like as a Father reproves;  
Like as a Father imparts,  
Like as a Father He loves.*

*Like as a Father teaches,  
Like as a Father forgives;  
Like as a Father watches,  
Like as a Father He saves.*

*Like as a Father protects,  
Like as a Father He feeds;  
Like as a Father expects,  
Like as a Father He leads.*

*Since God like a Father so loves me,  
Let me play the part of a son,  
And honor the Father who wants me  
To serve till I hear His "Well done."*

Peiping

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### A CALL TO SELF-SACRIFICE

(As given by the C. I. M. in "China's Millions")

HISTORY shows that an organization like ours is exposed, as time goes on, to various dangers, such as the letting slip of sound doctrine and a gradual sinking down from the life of devotion and willingness for self-sacrifice and contempt of hardship and danger, which an intense belief in the teaching of the Bible regarding the spiritual need and claims of those without Christ wrought in Mr. Hudson Taylor and his companions. We count upon your prayers, dear friends, that we may ever be preserved from these insidious influences, and that, at this time of renewed opportunity in Inland China, we may, as a mission, be granted grace to respond to the call of God to further advance and also willingness to pay in full the price required for its fulfilment.

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### EAST SZECHWAN

Pastor J. H. Effenberg, under date of March 19, reports of a long itinerating tour in the East Szechwan Mission lasting five months, following which he has spent considerable time in Chungking. "The Lord is very good to us," he adds. "He has blessed our labors. We had troubles come to our native workers last year in the north, but they stood at their post in times of danger and persecution. Our believers likewise remained firm. It seems these troubles came upon our church for the Lord's glory. We are very thankful for every experience that comes to us."

## ITINERATING IN SOUTH CHEKIANG MISSION

W. E. GILLIS<sup>1</sup>

THE opening days of February found the director, Pastor G. L. Wilkinson, and the writer on a canal boat visiting the stations of this busy Mission. This line of evangelizing centers lies farthest south of all the East China Union territory,—in fact, bringing us within easy sight of the Fukien border mountains, about one day's walk distant.

The country is mountainous in the extreme, but nevertheless is well inhabited, and the mountains as well as the valleys are carefully cultivated. Many beauty spots abound on every hand, and the prevailing friendliness of the people makes the trials of itinerating of small moment.

From the older stations opened some ten years ago to those but just coming to notice, and to be seen for the first time by the director on this itinerary, we pass along rather quickly, for the time for this journey is limited because of the union biennial session soon to convene at Hangchow. At the larger places we plan to spend the Sabbath and celebrate the Lord's Supper, and in the smaller places only a day and a night. En route we find that two places have nice churches very suitable for the place and the company. Two other places have the land, but no church building as yet. In all of these places the membership has been very earnest and sacrificing in supplying the funds for the furtherance of the church work.

At Tai Yuan, more than a thousand feet above sea level, and some 40 miles or nearly three days' journey upstream from the last station with evangelist, is a new interest of great promise that has been opened the past year by funds provided by Miss Barr. A large and interesting territory is tributary to the place selected, at the confluence of three rivers, as the center from which to work. We got a picture of twenty persons who are now convinced of the Gospel Truth and are studying for membership with us. The bright young people were more prominent here than at other places visited, and they are even now very earnest in spreading the message and the home missionary literature to their fellow countrymen in the surrounding villages.

During the twenty-eight days of this trip we had many evidences of a lively interest in the Gospel with special revelations of providential direction in the salvation of the people. In one place where we went

far into the hills and were the first foreigners ever to have visited them, the people gladly heard the Gospel Message and had us go with them to the shrine of the land gods and remove the incense urn. In this place the devils had been very manifestly and openly persecuting the people, causing the death of some five of the men. The old father of one of the mourning families had heard of our evangelist and besought him to pray for their deliverance. After earnest prayer, the uncanny visitor did not again return.

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### A CHURCH INSTITUTE

F. A. MOTE

A very profitable church institute was held in the Makalong church, for the district of Tarlac, P. I., February 22 to 24. The church officers and workers of the district, with many believers, met with conference officers and those laboring locally near by. The opening meeting, held Friday evening, was a discourse by one of our Filipino ministers, Pastor Bungay, on the theme, "Acquaint Thyself with God." Early Sabbath morning Pastor Flaviano Dalisay conducted a consecration service; later on we had an inspiring Sabbath school, and then the forenoon discourse by Pastor E. M. Adams, on "The Church," Romans 1:5, 6 being used as the text. In the afternoon Pastor Dalisay spoke on the work of the church elder of a local church organization; and we had time left to go to the river, some distance away, for a baptism.

Saturday night and all day Sunday we continued, giving careful study to the work of deacon, deaconess, clerk, treasurer, missionary leader, and missionary secretary. At the eleven o'clock hour Sunday forenoon the writer spoke on "The Responsibility of the Church"—the duty of the church as a whole, and the importance of each member's doing the work God expects of him in the finishing of the message.

Officers for the Makalong church were elected for the coming year, and the elder and the deacon were ordained, thus preparing the church to launch out in earnest service for the Master.

The director of the district, Brother Garcia, with his Bible worker, Aguida Gomez, were present to aid in the services; and Brother Ambrosio Alcaraz, from Philippine Junior College, was very faithful in his work as interpreter. The hospitality of our people was much appreciated.

It is evident the brethren in this district are reaching higher planes in their Christian experience, and that they will press on in loving service for their Redeemer and their fellow men.

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### CHINA AND MALAYA

China and Malaya are inseparably interlinked, as evidenced by the fact that during the year 1928 295,700 immigrants from China arrived in Singapore, and 149,354 deck passengers returned to China. Not a few come under gospel influences in Malaya, and when returning to China, carry in their luggage a copy of the Holy Scriptures obtained from some Bible colporteur in Malaya. Let us sow beside all waters, praying God to bless the seed sown and cause it to spring up and bear its fruitage unto the saving of the soul.

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## Biennial Session, Canton, South China, March 1 — 9, 1929

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### SOUTH CHINA UNION

C. C. MORRIS

*(Synopsis of report of Pastor C. C. Morris, superintendent of the South China Union Mission, at the opening of the biennial session, Canton, March 1, 1929)*

IN the good providence of our Lord we are again privileged to meet. All present have a vivid recollection of the situation confronting us as we separated from our last meeting, and making impossible the return of some for a number of months afterward. The storm has now passed over, and we are again enjoying a time of comparative peace. We believe the present time of quiet is but a signal to us to press forward as never before in the finishing of our work.

Our working force remains about the same. Some have gone on furlough and are now returned; others have left, and a few have come in to unite with us. In this connection, it has been a source of great encouragement to us to see a goodly number of our Chinese brethren come in and unite with us in bearing some of the heavier responsibilities. During the past two years, nine of our leading evangelists have been ordained to gospel ministry. Our book work was carried ably by Brother Tan Kia Ou during the furlough of Brother Milne. Brother Hong carried for a year, with acceptance, the responsibilities of the Cantonese Mission until the return of Pastor Ham, director. Pastor and Mrs. Ng of Hakka Mission, labored for a time in the Swatow district among Hakka-speaking people; and Brother Siu has gone from the Cantonese Mission to Kwangsi. The completion of the great work of heralding the advent message to the more than eighty million of this union, depends largely upon the development of a strong Chinese ministry.

Our tithes from native believers have increased somewhat, although the average is still less than three dollars gold per member each year. Sabbath-school offerings show a slight gain. There has been an increase in Big Week and Harvest Ingathering returns. Literature sales are slightly on the increase, although our territory could support more colporteurs than have been at work the past two years.

Encouraging development has taken place in the medical work. A well arranged hospital-dispensary has been erected at our Waichow compound. Our Nanning hospital-dispensary has been enlarged; and since our last biennial meeting the Fatshan hospital-dispensary has been completed and partially equipped.

In our schools, controlling boards have been holding off late to the plan of conducting strong courses in doctrinal training, instead of the usual courses ordinarily offered. This is because of the uncertainties of educational work in China, owing to changing governmental regulations. There is a crying need in our South China field for more and better qualified workers: and this need may be met in large part through a wise use of our educational institutions.

The work of the Ministerial Association has been gaining strength year by year in our union. We have been encouraged over the response made by our ministry and over the self-improvement attained.

Insofar as material resources are concerned, we have been prospered in many ways. The great problem before us, brethren, is how best to proceed in the all-important task of building up our constituencies. Losses are to be restored; decided advancement is to be made. We need to plan in such a way as to unify and strengthen every line of effort. We may well determine to take a few of the long-tried plans that have brought good returns in past years, and carry these out more determinedly than ever before. We need a faith that will lead us to undertake great things for God. We all assent to a doctrine or belief that the end of all things is at hand. The proof of such a doctrine, is most abundant. What we need is that our own souls may become so possessed with a living realization of this fact of the immanence of the end, that we shall have upon us a tremendous urge to labor with untiring activity for the lost all about us, before probation's hours are forever closed.

We thank God for many indications of His willingness to work in our behalf. We thank Him for the number He has enabled us to bring from darkness into the light of truth. We thank Him for present mercies. God is indeed going before us. Great

opportunities present themselves; facilities are being provided us; we should enter most earnestly into this task of finishing the work. I desire to unite with you in discerning providential leadings, and in serving with fidelity until the work shall have been closed in triumph.

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PUBLISHING DEPT.—  
SOUTH CHINA UNION—  
1927-1928

R. M. MILNE

*(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother R. M. Milne, field missionary secretary of the South China Union, during the biennial session, Canton, March, 1929)*

THE greatest joy that a colporteur can experience, and that which repays him for all his toiling day after day over long roads through heat and rain and dust and mud, continually meeting rebuffs and difficulties, is to find some interest aroused in Bible study.

Some of the openings thus made by our colporteurs the past two years in South China, are being followed up, and we may expect results. But we shall never know until the work is done and the harvest reaped, of all those who have been saved by the books sold.

The *Signs* subscriptions are about 2,400 more than at the close of 1926.

Splendid co-operation was shown during the Big Week. The 1928 effort brought the best returns we have ever had. The Swatow field, though small in numbers and territory, broke all former records.

God's blessing has been upon the literature work. The anti-Christian and anti-foreign spirit so evident everywhere two years ago, is fast dying out, and we have every reason to be for the promised peace and advance thankful to our work that this new day brings us. Of course our colporteurs meet many objections; for the evil one is working hard, knowing that his time is short; but I believe on the whole our literature has never so popular before. With more colporteurs at work, and with the enthusiastic cooperation of every worker, the year 1929 should set new records.

## Reports of Progress in the South China Union

### MEDICAL MISSIONS IN SOUTH CHINA

THE South China Union leads in the number of hospital-dispensaries within its borders; namely, three, at Fatshan, Nanning, and Waichow.

*Fatshan Hospital-Dispensary:* Fatshan is a great city less than twenty miles from Canton. The people of Fatshan differ considerably from the Cantonese in habits and customs, although the borders of their city are within ten miles of the borders of Canton. The Fatshan people observe simple habits of living and according to one of their own number, are zealous in the worship of idols. About thirty years ago they solicited upwards of \$10,000,000 *Mex.* to construct a great temple wherein many idols have been enshrined. The people of the city are not wealthy, but in their religious zeal they have given heavily in behalf of superstitious practices.

In 1906 Dr. Law Keen entered Fatshan, and in 1919 he opened "The Little Eden Hospital." The present property was bought in 1922, and was rebuilt in 1927 at an expense of \$10,000 *Mex.* During the past two years an average of about five hundred people a month have

been coming to our Clinic. The in-patients have averaged about fifteen monthly. On Clinic days the patients are required to sit quietly while awaiting their turn, and during this time our evangelists teach them the gospel truth. During the past ten years more than twenty of our patients have joyously accepted the truths that have been proclaimed.

During the recent revolutionary troubles all Fatshan chapels were destroyed or mercilessly annoyed, excepting our hospital-dispensary, which wholly escaped.

*The Nanning Hospital-Dispensary:* Dr. D. D. Coffin, medical superintendent of the Nanning Hospital-Dispensary, reports a large increase of patronage, and also the strengthening of their staff through the addition of Nurses Loren and Alice Schutt, and Miss Annie Loo, together with an evangelist. A nurses' class was opened last August, and in this are five boys and four girls.

A new addition to the hospital has been completed with four private rooms and two wards, besides basement and other facilities:

During the year 1928 there were 3,351 new dispensary patients, and these made 5,209 returned visits.

The total patient visits of the institution for the past year were 8,626. There were 25 major operations, 74 minor operations, 312 vaccinations, and 296 treatments to lepers. Several other cases of varying nature are reported by the Doctor. The institution was founded by Dr. Law Keen.

*The Waichow Hospital-Dispensary:* Little has been known of modern medicine in Waichow, and during the initial stages of our medical work in that city much painstaking endeavor was put forth to allay prejudice, and to lead the people to be willing to follow rational methods of therapy. Soon after opening, there were from thirty to sixty patients daily.

A good building has been recently erected, with a capacity of about fifty beds, and the furnishings are now being supplied through the generosity of Dr. E. H. Thompson of Burbank, California. The new building is equipped with electric lights and a water system. Several of the patients are in attendance at church services, and some have decided to accept of Bible truth.

### TWO YEARS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CHINA

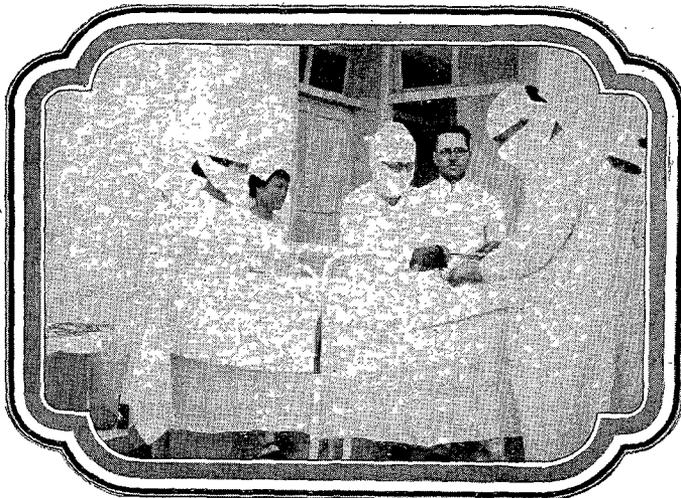
MRS. C. C. MORRIS

*(Brief extracts from report rendered by the Union Sabbath School Secretary, South China, covering the biennial period of 1927-28)*

I am happy to report one hundred forty-seven Sabbath school members baptized since we last met and two hundred eighteen enrolled in the S. S. Teachers' Training Course.

During the biennial period, many of our schools were closed because of war conditions; and while this has brought decreased membership, the offerings have been increased by nearly a thousand dollars gold over the previous period. South China, it seems, stands *first* in the adoption of the Investment Fund plan.

Let us pray more and have a closer walk with God, that He may work in and through us to accomplish greater things for Him during the few remaining years we have in which to work before Jesus comes.



The Drs. H. C. and Ethel James in Operating Room, Waichow Hospital-Dispensary

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## Note and Comment

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### THE EXTENSION FUND AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

S. L. FROST

WHAT is the Missions Extension Fund?—It is a sum of money obtained through the profits realized on the sale of our denominational literature during a special week set apart by our general and division conferences annually.

What is the Missions Extension Plan?—The plan is, that the whole denomination shall co-operate in selling this literature, all conference, institutional workers, and lay members going out, meeting the people in home, shop, or elsewhere, and persuading them to buy, or subscribe for, our truth-filled books and papers.

Is the only object that of obtaining money from the profits of the sale of literature for this cause?—No, the object is threefold. While the applying of the profits on the literature sold to this Missions Extension Fund is of material help in the advancement of the work, a second most important object is the getting of our literature into the hands of the people, securing their favor and interest in the work which we are doing. The third and ultimate object in it all is to lead as many as possible to a more complete knowledge and espousal of the great truths of God's word.

Have good results actually been seen in a spiritual way from this work?—Yes. More and more as the plan is faithfully followed year by year, definite results are seen. Scores, yes, hundreds and thousands of people have had their attention arrested and deepened in the missionary movement by these contacts with our people, and by the literature read, and many have fully accepted the light of this message, becoming one with us in the proclamation of God's truth.

What can the schools do?—It is recommended that the schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week, teachers and students laying aside school work, and going out to sell the special literature provided for this campaign. Let all teachers, and insofar as possible the students in our junior middle, senior middle, and training schools, take an

active part, each individual, if possible, selling at least several dollars worth of literature, giving the profits to this fund. The date set for the general observance of Big Week in this field for 1929 is May 25 to June 1. Those in charge of institutions may arrange a suitable date for their participation in this campaign.

Let school principals and teachers bring before the student bodies the greatness of the needs and the urgency of the work. Let us all think of the practical benefits to ourselves and to others by teachers and students going out in this way to increase mission funds, and earnestly do our part in this Big Week campaign, thus hastening the giving of the message and the coming of Christ.

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### THE NORTH SUMATRA MISSION

P. DRINHAUS

(Synopsis of report given by Director  
P. Drinhaus, biennial period, 1927-28)

IN loving kindness the Lord has taken care of His work, and by His guidance the message has marched onward. Thirty-one precious souls have been baptized and added to the church during the past period. The total membership of our mission in North Sumatra, however, shows only a small increase; for the population of Medan and Deli is continually moving between the different islands of the archipelago.

Public efforts have been held in both the Malay and the Dutch languages. Hundreds have listened to the truth, and there is a growing interest in several parts of the field. Thousands of books and truth-filled papers have been placed in the homes of many.

The Lord has also blessed our efforts to get needed funds for our proposed church and school building at Medan. A total of \$2,262.85 gold has been collected for this purpose during the two-year period. We are planning to start with our church building enterprise very soon after this conference session.

In 1927 work was opened in the most northern part of Sumatra, at Koeta Radja, in Atjeh. Just recently a church has been organized at Koeta Radja, with a membership of 18. Others are awaiting baptism.

We also have started work at Siantar and in Karoland. The prospects there are most promising. One of our student canvassers, Brother Ginting Djawak, whose home is in Karoland, has sold a number of books during the recent vacation. As a result, many people are reading the book of Daniel, and are now asking for more instruction. When I went up to help and encourage, the Lord blessed, and as a practical result one young man became interested and, later, was baptized. He decided to join our union seminary, in order to be trained for evangelistic work among his own people. We have three baptized members from the Karo-Bataks, and all of these are now promising students at our seminary.

A few days ago the chief of a *kampung* (village) near Siantar told me that in the vicinity of his place there was a whole village of 80 people who want to be instructed. We are planning to send a permanent worker to Siantar immediately following this meeting.

### UNOCCUPIED FIELDS IN THE FAR EAST

DURING the past year four provinces of China hitherto "unoccupied" were entered; namely, Yunnan, Kweichow, Shansi, Heilungkiang. Provisions are being made for the occupancy, during the early future, of nearly all territory formerly listed as "unentered." For the first time in our history, we may think of the Far East as having some representatives of the Advent Movement in practically all lands within our borders. While we have yet to enter Kansu, Formosa, Hainan, Chinese Turkestan, Tibet, and also some lands for which appointees are soon to set sail, yet even in these far-away places there are a few bearing witness in one way and another. A Sabbath-school is regularly conducted in Kansu; our literature is circulating everywhere; and those who have accepted of the faith, are traveling back and forth along highways of lands yet to be warned, and are bearing witness as they go.

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### WOMEN'S WORK IN SOUTH CHINA

DURING the biennial session of the South China Union Mission, Mrs. Paul L. Williams reported that the women's work of the two-year period resulted either directly or indirectly, in the conversion of one hundred souls, and that over a thousand interested ones were still giving special study to truths not yet fully accepted.

In Kwangsi province, through the influence of an evangelist's wife and another woman associated with her, seventeen women were won for Christ, and were ready for baptism when Pastor Thomas visited that part of the field. Yet others were studying in preparation for baptism.

In Foochow city Miss Ding has done much for her Chinese sisters, and several have been added to the church.

In Swatow, and in South Fukien, the women, including Sister Nagel and daughter and Sister Hwang, have labored with diligence.

We thank God for our Bible women, our teachers and the many other sisters who are so patiently and devotedly working for souls. We pray that all who have been thus engaged may continue to have the prospering hand of the Lord with them, and that many others of our sisters in the church may learn to reach out with love and sympathy for the women so much in need of a Saviour who transforms the human heart and makes ready a people for the Kingdom of Glory.

## "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH"

Herbert Kenneth Smith, director of the East Kweichow Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, was killed by bandits on April 7, 1929, while itinerating in the southwestern section of Kweichow Province, China.

Brother Smith was making a trip from Kweiyang, the mission headquarters, to Hwangtsaopa, near the borders of Yunnan and Kwangsi, where he was to meet Evangelist Feng from Yunnanfu. With Brother Smith were a Chinese evangelist, a Bible woman, Nosu and Miao believers, and several coolies. They had spent Sabbath at the village of Sincheng, and left there Sunday morning about six o'clock. By ten o'clock, some thirteen miles had been covered, and the company were ascending a mountain in single file. The Nosu believer happened to be in the lead, followed by a carrier; and Brother Smith was the third; these three being out of sight of the rest of the party.

Bandits had taken up positions on the road; and as Brother Smith came up where they were, one called out, "Yang Twan Djang, ah!" (*Foreign officer, ah!*) Brother Smith possibly had no way of knowing whether those accosting him were soldiers or robbers. In an attempt to identify himself, he reached for his name-card, when the bandit opened fire. The first shot is reported to have missed; but with the second shot Brother Smith fell to the ground—mortally wounded.

The robbers evidently made quick work of looting, and then left the road; for first incomplete reports written in from Evangelist Li Wan Chuen indicate that he helped carry Brother Smith down the mountain while our brother was still alive. The evangelist tried to talk with him, but Brother Smith was unable to make reply. The members of the party who had been accompanying him, tried to do what they could for him, but in only a few minutes he was asleep in death.

The first word regarding this sad event was received in Shanghai April 15, in the form of a telegram quoting from another telegram sent to Kweiyang from Hwangtsaoba stating that Brother Smith had been killed. An attempt was made by wire and wireless, through Kweiyang

and Chungking, to learn the details; but no further word was received until May 7, when a letter reached Shanghai from Brother A. B. Buzzell, of our Seventh-day Adventist mission headquarters in Kweiyang, conveying the information given above. How we did hope to learn that a mistake had in some way been made in the first message! But now we face the facts of an awful loss. We have lost a friend who was always so ready to help. We have lost a brother with whom it was a pleasure to be associated in service. The field has lost a fearless and faithful worker of great promise.

He who takes notice of the sparrow's fall, we know, has marked this great loss. And it would seem that He marked it long before it took place, even to overruling in the choice of Revelation 2:10 as the versé in the Morning Watch Calendar for April 7, 1929,—the day when His messenger was to fall on that mountain road: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

M. C. WARREN

## RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

WHEREAS, Word has been received by wire from our mission station in Kweiyang, Kweichow Province, China, that Brother Herbert Kenneth Smith, director of the East Kweichow Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, was killed while on a missionary journey near the southwestern border of Kweichow province; this word, without particulars, having been sent to Kweiyang by wire from Hwang-tsao-pa, Kweichow; and,—

WHEREAS, At this time Brother Smith's wife and infant are with Brother and Sister A. B. Buzzell in Kweiyang, several days' journey distant from Hwang-tsao-pa, and far from friends and loved ones,—

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in annual Committee Council, do hereby express to Sister H. K. Smith and to relatives and loved ones in the homeland, as well as to his associates in Kweichow and the West China Union, our sorrow over this heavy loss; and our deep sympathy with those who have been left to mourn and to labor on.

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM KWEIYANG

(Written by Brother Smith three weeks prior to death)

Kweiyang, Kweichow  
March 18, 1929

Dear Brother Crisler,—  
Two weeks before and during Chinese New Year's we carried on an evangelistic work with our tracts here in Kweiyang, visiting every shop and home in the city and leaving a tract. After Chinese New Year's, February 17, we opened a Bible school and gathered in those that were interested to study the truth. Some of these had already been keeping the Sabbath for some time.

We are very thankful to God that at the end of this Institute, March 15, we were able to baptize ten souls into our truth. There are several others studying the truth, and we hope, before two or three months go by, we shall be able to baptize ten more into this message.

Another thing that makes us happy is that this week we are starting out four colporteurs. Yesterday was their first day. The Lord certainly helped them, because they sold to the value of \$ 35.00 Mex. I think this is good for the first day without any help. During the Institute Lee Wan Chuen, our evangelist, who has been a good successful colporteur in the past, took out a man each day for an hour or two. By this work, during two weeks of the Institute they sold to the value of \$ 59.00. The profits enabled these four men to pay their expenses while here studying the truth. This Institute has been a very profitable piece of work.

When we started the Bible school we feared we might not be able to make it go; but we stepped out in faith, and during the whole time we had a good attendance.

We are very happy in our work here, and God has blessed us with health. In fact, Kweiyang is a good place in which to live. The climate is good, and there are many good things to eat; so we are blessed in many ways.

We are praying that this year West China will be able to open a school to train workers. We need more native workers. With a school here in West China, we could send our workers in for a short course very easily. As it is now, each mission has to train its own workers, which can be accomplished, but takes longer time. Then there is quite a great deal of difference in language and in the nature of the people, from those down river; and furthermore, the distance is so far that it is difficult to send workers down to Chiao Tou Djen to school. It seems to me that our greatest need is a school of short courses and strong evangelistic classes, so that many can be fitted to be better workers. I really marvel, though, how the Lord helps these we already have when they are really converted and have learned the message and how to teach it to others.

Our great need is a chapel building. We are getting our work started among the better class of people. The room we are using was not built for a chapel, and is too small. Now summer is coming, and it will be too hot. We are praying that the brethren in attendance at the meeting will be able to grant us a good sum to make possible the building of a chapel.

Please pray for us and our work here, that the message will soon go to all parts of this province. We have several openings for workers in other parts of the province, but have no native workers to send.

Your brother in Christ,  
(Signed) H. K. Smith.

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### AT BIENNIAL SESSIONS OF UNION MISSIONS

Several are now in attendance at biennial sessions of union missions. Brethren I. H. Evans, Meade MacGuire, L. V. Finster, and W. A. Scharffenberg are at the Central China Union meeting appointed for Hankow May 2 to 11. The North China Union biennial session will be held at Peiping (not Tsinanfu, as formerly announced), May 17 to 25. Meetings to follow include those appointed for Mukden, Harbin, and Seoul.

### BIG WEEK FOR 1929

The Big Week insert, pages seven to ten, inclusive, conveys an appealing message to us all. Let us respond heartily, entering upon this plan in the spirit of service that has characterized from the beginning our publishing, educational, and medical institutions, now named as beneficiaries from the net results of Big Week. The greatest beneficiaries, let us ever remember, are those who received the literature now about to be distributed on a sacrificial basis in many tongues and in well nigh every land of earth. Our prayers should accompany the printed page being circulated; for thus we may do our part in faith in this essentially soul-winning campaign.

### RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE SPRING COUNCIL

This issue carries a report of certain of the general and departmental recommendations adopted at the recent Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee held in Shanghai April 10 to 22, 1929. These actions will bear close study; for in proportion as we keep step in our forward advance, may we hope to make progress.

Some recommendations were technical in nature, as, for example, the relationship existing between tract society and colporteur, and are being passed on in mimeographed form to those especially concerned. In the main, these outlines of policy regarding the details of departmental work, are simply a reiteration of that which has been in vogue of late in the home lands and has been found of practical value and of universal application.

From time to time reference will be made to these outlines of policy, and extracts therefrom will be given.

Some important recommendations must be held over until the June issue; some will be published yet later, in connection with other material on the special aims and objects for the promotion of which the resolutions were framed.

### BIRTHS

Born, March 5, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Perkins, of the Japan Union, Tokyo, a son, Curtis Lee.

### AT ANNUAL MEETINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Soon after the close of the Spring Council, two members of the Division Committee left for the annual meetings appointed for May in the Philippines.—Professor Frederick Griggs, one of the field secretaries of the Division; and Pastor C. C. Morris, superintendent of the South China Union. Brother Morris returns to his South China headquarters in Hongkong by mid-June. Professor Griggs will be in the Philippines for some months, as announced, and may be addressed at P. O. Box 813, Manila, P. I.

### WITH THE SICK AT THE SANITARIUM

Our Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital has brought comfort and help to several members of our Far Eastern Division Mission during the past few months. From time to time it has been our privilege to meet with some who have come in for medical care; and while at times the maladies have been of a most serious nature, the Lord has heard prayer, and has greatly blessed the ministrations of physicians and nurses.

The last patient to arrive, is Sister R. H. Hartwell, of the Tibetan Mission. The journey from Tatsienlu has been made in three stages,—first to Chengtu, where medical aid was sought from the hospital in that city; thence to Chungking, where Sister Hartwell tarried by counsel of physicians until such time as she might come on down the Yangtze River to Shanghai. The third stage of the journey was completed on a very rapid through steamer, the s. s. "*Chi-chuen*," in nine days, Pastor and Mrs. Hartwell arriving at the Sanitarium on Monday, May 6. The prayers of our mission workers are solicited in behalf of Sister Hartwell, that she may be speedily restored to health as a result of her stay at the Sanitarium.

Sister D. S. Kime, of the Central Sumatra Mission (Batakland), has been at the Shanghai Sanitarium for several months. She has enjoyed the presence and blessing of the Lord, and wishes her friends to know that she appreciates their prayers and their sympathy during her illness. Her hope has been that she might be privileged to return to her beloved people in Batakland, where she has ministered faithfully as nurse and teacher. Her knowledge of the Malay and of the Batak languages has brought her into close touch with women and children of the Tapanoeli district, where a mission school and dispensary have been located for some years. Brother Kime is with Sister Kime at the Sanitarium. The children, Spencer and Miss Barbara, are in the Far Eastern Academy.

Another patient who has been at the Sanitarium for many weeks, is Sister I. B. Newcomb, of the Swatow Mission. Brother and Sister Newcomb and their daughter hope soon to return to their field of labor.

Yet another patient has been Sister E. E. Carmen, of the South Fukien Mission. Sister Carmen's stay with us was not of long duration, and she has already returned to Amoy.

Sister D. S. Williams, of China Theological Seminary, has come in recently as a patient; also Sister H. R. Dixon, of Honan, Central China.

Let us continue to pray in faith, while physicians and nurses use of the best that modern medical science can offer, in connection with Nature's remedial agencies, for the recovery of the sick.

### TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

While nearing Manila, Professor Frederick Griggs wrote back requesting that all correspondence for him be addressed during the next few months to P. O. Box 813, Manila, Philippine Islands. Brother Griggs is remaining in the Philippines for a time to superintend the work in that union mission during the absence of Pastor Jackson, on special furlough. Sister Griggs also has gone to Manila, where she may be addressed. Correspondents should remember that any letters sent to Manila from outside the Philippines should have foreign postage—ten cents Mex. for each twenty grams or fraction thereof from China; and regular foreign postage from Malaya, Japan, and Chosen.

### DEPARTURES

From Shanghai, May 4, per s. s. "*Empress of Russia*," for special furlough in the States, Pastor and Mrs. S. E. Jackson, of the Philippine Union (Manila).

From Shanghai, April 13, per s. s. "*Empress of France*," for the States. Miss Lola M. Lindsay, of the Central China Union (Hankow).

From Manila, April 25, per s. s. "*Empress of Russia*," Mrs. Hazel B. Sevrens and child, of the Philippine Union (Manila), for furlough in the States.

### NOTICE—NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION ADDRESS

From the Northern European Division we receive the following word: "At the end of April we shall be moving our headquarters from Switzerland to England, and we are asking you to take note of our new address, which from May 1, 1929, will be 41 Manor Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, England."

### SALES IN THE PHILIPPINES

The sales-sheet issued by the Philippine Publishing House for April 15, 1929, carries a summer of literature sales in the Islands during the first three months of 1929, totaling Pesos 58,571.59, which is an increase of Pesos 21,254.72 over the corresponding period of last year. The heavy gains have been realized chiefly in book sales in the Visayas, Northern Luzon, and in the U. S. and other foreign shipments.

### TO FRIEDENSAU STUDENTS

The President of the Friedensau Missionary Seminary (*Missionseminar Friedensau*) requests all who have formerly been students at Friedensau, to write him at once of their whereabouts, their present work, and many other items of note, including the following: Date and place of birth; date of entering the school at Friedensau; date of leaving the school; date of entering the denominational work or of taking up a profession; where employed as a mission worker, and for what length of time; ordination date; transfers; lines of labor; marriage.

All information should be sent in to the President, Missionseminar, Friedensau, Germany, as early as possible; for it is to be used in connection with the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Seminary. The commemorative exercises are to be held in Friedensau November 20, 1929.