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Our Assurance



NOTE these promises of our Blessed Lord: "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Christ's workers may ever rest upon these promises as their assurance of success. The conscientious worker greatly desires successful results. He seeks to bring men and women to Christ and he determines to see them come in large numbers. He is not satisfied with a few baptisms a year; he wants many. And the promises of Christ clearly seem to indicate that he shall have the longing of his heart satisfied. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." The successful harvester in God's field is so concerned and burdened that he weeps. The burden of the lost caused Christ to weep. This same burden likewise affects men today as they work with Christ. The men whom God can use are those who "never hold their peace day nor night" and who give God "no rest till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." They do not take their work lightly. They do not feel that when they have proclaimed God's word their whole duty is done, but they pray as well as preach. They sense the awful woe of those who are finally lost. God's promises to such men are certain of fulfillment. They "shall break forth on the right hand and on the left." They "shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." In this work the Holy Spirit agonizes for us before Christ "with groanings that cannot be uttered." It requires much prayer to enter into the spirit of Christ and to long so greatly for the salvation of the lost that we cannot rest day nor night. But thank God, this anxiety of soul brings results. We shall return with sheaves. The promise is certain, the reward is sure. In particular do these assuring promises seem to find their application in these great heathen lands. These desolate cities where there are few or no children of God are to be inhabited. We are to be diligent, being assured that our labor will be fruitful.

—FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Faithfulness in Tithe and Offerings Rewarded

A poor sister of the Ilog church related a story of how the Lord had so abundantly blessed her in her fishing industry. She said that because of her faithfulness in tithing, and in offerings, more and more fish came to her fish-net each day; and that sometimes she sells fifty pesos worth and at other times as much as a hundred pesos or more. It is very plain in Luke 16:10 that if we are faithful in that which is least we will also be faithful in that which is much. In other words, if we are faithful stewards of earthly goods, then we will be entrusted with the heavenly treasure which is eternal life.

In my recent interview with a certain family at the La Castellana church, I ventured to ask them about their present Christian experience. In response they told me the story of how wonderfully the Lord had blessed them. They said that before they became Adventists they were very poor people and could hardly earn their bread. The husband was a mere water-carrier and the woman was "Mrs. Do-nothing" in the home. They could neither read nor write a single line. But when the truth came to them after a year they knew how to read their Bible and their hymn book and could write their names, and also the figures of their tithes and offerings on the tithe-envelope. They went on to say that because they were faithful in paying their tithes and offerings more people had asked them to carry water for them. After two years had passed this humble family had saved several hundred pesos with which they bought a carabao and a few *cavanes* of *palay*. After another year had gone by, the Lord had abundantly blessed their crops and they bought another carabao. Now because they gave the Lord that which belongs to Him, they have several carabaos, and a hundred or more *cavanes* of *palay* in their storehouse, they said. These good people are determined to faithfully pay their tithes and offerings in order that they might help hasten the Lord's return.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

PEDRO R. DIAZ in "Mizpa."

Triumphs of the Message in Honan

If you will take a map of China and look for Honan, you will find it located just a little north of the center. It was into this province that Doctors H. W. Miller and A. C. Selmon came over twenty-eight years ago. At that time in all northern China there was not a single Chinese who believed in the third angel's message.

It was here in Honan that our first medical work was done, our first training school for workers started, and our first paper published for Mandarin-speaking China. The seeds sown then have been growing and bearing fruit ever since. All over China this work has spread. Not long ago, Dr. Miller came to Honan and here in Yencheng at the headquarters of the Honan Mission, he spoke to a congregation of over three hundred students, nurses, workers and believers. How his face beamed as he looked at this goodly company here in Honan where he had witnessed such small beginnings!

God's work in China is going forward to completion in spite of difficulties. When Dr. Miller first came to this country there was not one believer in these northern parts. Today, in Honan alone, there is a church membership of 800 and a Sabbath school attendance of over 1,200. New churches are springing up and new interest being created.

Just a few days ago we visited a new station where one of our workers had recently held a tent effort, and seventy people had signed as inquirers. When we arrived we were met by a company of over thirty

school children singing a song of welcome. We were taken to a little place of worship, given and furnished by the believers, and there we spoke to a large company of people, who were as attentive and quiet as any we have ever spoken to.

Just yesterday I received a letter telling me that there is a company of people out in the western part of the province asking for a preacher, and also a letter from the south telling of three places from which calls for a preacher are coming. In the north, just to the south of the Yellow River, the worker in charge of our Dung Ming chapel writes of the gift by one old brother of a large piece of land for church purposes.

What are we going to do about these interests? They are increasing. From east and west, north and south men and women are calling for the gospel. Shall we not give them the good news of salvation? We pray that God will bless the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow, for His name's sake, and for the sake of China.

W. E. STRICKLAND.

Progressive Pitcairn

Time was when Pitcairn Island seemed as remote as Tibet or the South Pole, and when one who had visited there had been to the loneliest spot on earth. Nevertheless, the romantic story of the peopling of Pitcairn has fascinated a world; and the teaching of the third angel's message to, and its acceptance by, all the dwellers on the island has gripped the heart of our believers everywhere.

The Pitcairn Islanders have always been noted for their missionary activities, even in times when it was rare for a vessel to pass that way. The opening of the Panama Canal, however, has brought one of the broad sea-highways right past the front door of Pitcairn. Our members there have not been unmindful to "buy up the opportunity;" for printed matter in large quantity has been distributed to the crews of scores of passing steamers, and good amounts for missions have been collected.

H. STOCKTON in "Australasian Record."

South Central Luzon General Meeting

The general meeting for the South Central Luzon Mission was held December 22 to 26. This is the first meeting that has been held in this newly organized mission. The site chosen was an open section just on the edge of the city of San Pablo. From our meeting we could look out and see the beautiful mountain of San Cristobal rising up high into the air. The use of the lot was kindly given us by a Chinese friend, free of charge. He also loaned us some benches. At the close of the meeting the brethren gave him a vote of thanks for his kindness. In addition to the large tent for the general meeting there was pitched a dining tent well arranged and also a young people's and children's tent where meetings for the young were held. We were all surprised at the large attendance. The brethren of that mission felt that because of hard times probably only a few would attend. But the first night of the meeting the tent was practically filled and as far as I know these all stayed throughout the meeting.

In addition to the workers of the Central Luzon Mission, there were in attendance from the Division Professor and Sister Griggs, Professor and Sister Bradley, and Pastor McEachern. The strong help of these brethren was much appreciated. From the Union there were in attendance Pastor Bergherm, Professor Cummins and the writer. Because of the many calls for medical help and counsel Dr. Hall, though very busy at the Sanitarium, managed to spend part of one day with us. He examined over eighty people while there. We were glad to have with us from the Philippine Union College Pastor Senson and also Professor Thurston. They found a number of young people who are planning to come to our school next year.

All of the departmental secretaries were re-elected. Brother Balan was elected Tract

Society secretary although at present the division of the Tract Society has not yet been made. Pastor Dalisay, the director of the South Central Luzon Mission, has excellent hold of the work and the workers and brethren are standing loyally by him giving him the best of support. For this we are indeed glad. Our brethren there are consecrating themselves and their all to the Lord for the finishing of His work, in a most inspiring way.

The Sabbath school offering which was a Christmas and Thirteenth Sabbath offering combined, totalled over P200.00. In the consecration service following, all reconsecrated themselves to the Lord and as Professor Griggs placed the needs of the world work before our brethren P1,030.00 was pledged, payable by November 30, 1932. This sum is to be used in the work of God throughout the world.

May the Lord continue to bless the South Central Luzon field to the saving of many souls in His kingdom.

R. R. FIGUHR, in "Mizpa."

After Fifty-Seven Years

Fifty-seven years have passed since Elder J. N. Andrews, an apostle and pioneer of the advent movement, came to Europe and made Switzerland the headquarters of our work in the old world. Of all European cities which have had their names written on the pages of our denominational history, Basel will always hold the dearest memories to Adventists around the world. Aside from the meeting place, in connection with the former publishing house and sanitarium in Basel of pioneer days—two institutions which long ago have been removed from Basel—the denomination has never had its own chapel at that old center. Sabbath, October third of this year, was a day long to be remembered not only by the members of the Basel church, but by workers and believers throughout all of Switzerland. It was the day when we could dedicate our own little temple of worship, a little sanctuary, the erection of which our brethren and sisters longingly and patiently for many years have looked forward to. The dedicatory services were held in connection with the annual meeting of the German-Swiss Conference, and formed a very fitting climax to that excellent gathering, which had called together the largest number of believers ever gathered in annual meeting of the conference. Some of the pioneers, who were connected with the work in Basel in the early days, were in attendance. The dedicatory address was given by the Swiss Union president, P. P. Paulini. The General Conference was represented by J. W. Westphal, one of its general field secretaries. The building which is of modern appearance both in exterior and interior, contains two halls and a comfortable dwelling for the local worker. The main auditorium can seat 500 people; it was estimated that 700 people were crowded into it on the day of the dedication. The building is a very fitting memorial to the advent message in old Basel, and it will serve to lend further strength and solidity to our work in the city by the Rhine.

—From the

"Southern European Quarterly Review."

How a Colporteur Escaped Prison

A colporteur was arrested and brought before the Judge. He was sentenced to go to prison so many days or pay a fine. The colporteur said, "I will go to prison." But the priests and the government men did not want to put him in prison for fear he would influence those who were there. They said, "If we put him in prison, he will carry on his propaganda there, and the first thing we know all the prisoners will begin to believe as he does." Then they turned to the colporteur and said, "If you have no money to pay you are a free man, because we will not put you in prison." So our colporteur was free to go about his work again.

Field Secretary Saknit, Poland.



FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK



High Points of the Winter Council

We are pleased to present a brief report of the recent Winter Council of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee, for the information of all *Outlook* readers. This meeting is held annually following the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee, for the purpose of distributing the funds available for the prosecution of our work throughout this Division and to lay very definite plans for the carrying forward of our activities during the ensuing year.

This first Winter Council of the newly organized Far Eastern Division was held at Baguio, Philippine Islands, December 30 to January 6. With the exception of Dr. E. E. Getzlaff of Japan, all members of the Committee were present. Elder W. A. Spicer, who is well known to the most of our readers, was present from the General Conference. Professor W. A. Scharffenberg of Shanghai, Principal of the Oriental Branch of the Home Study Institute, was also in attendance by special invitation. This institution serves both the Far Eastern and China Divisions, offering many courses of study in various languages of the Orient. Professor Scharffenberg was unanimously elected by the Council as a member of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee.

Weighty problems confronted the Committee as it undertook its work. The much-spoken-of financial depression which has been abroad in the world for upwards of two years has not only had a marked effect upon General Conference income from which mission field appropriations are voted, but has also made inroads on our local income to a greater or less degree in countries

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of the Far East. As is well known, the General Conference at its Autumn Council was compelled to reduce appropriations ten per cent, with the understanding that a further cut would be declared later if actual returns for 1931 fell below budget estimates. How to maintain a rapidly expanding work with a reduced income of ten per cent, and this on top of a six per cent cut the previous year, was one large question for solution. Exchange problems in view of certain countries of the Far East abandoning the gold standard, educational matters, unentered regions yet to be found in this Division, etc., came in for their share of attention.

Business, however, did not occupy all the time and attention of the delegates. Much time was devoted to the study of the Word, and to prayer. Elder Spicer led out in the devotional meetings, and his excellent studies were appreciated beyond measure by all. Interesting reports from field and office were given by Union superintendents and Division departmental secretaries, indicating progress during the year just closed. Statistics presented were necessarily based on an incomplete year, however, full returns not being available at the time of this Council. A brief synopsis of reports heard at the Council will be given at the close of this sketch.

The working policy of this Division provides for two full meetings of the Executive Committee, one of which ordinarily comes in the late Spring at which time the budget for the following year is formulated, and other necessary business transacted. It was agreed to cancel this Spring meeting for 1932 because of the shortage of funds



Delegates and Visitors in Attendance

and in view of the plan for calling our next Biennial Council to be held somewhere in Japan November 15-29 of this year, in conjunction with departmental conventions, provided the necessary financial arrangements can be made. The preparation of the 1933 budget was therefore referred to the Division officers and minority committee.

FURLOUGHS DEFERRED

In harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Autumn Council, action was taken postponing all furloughs for one year, except in cases of manifest ill health or other equally good reason making delay impracticable. This news will come as quite a disappointment to a number of our foreign families who had planned to return to their homelands this year, and visit their loved ones again; but we know that these workers will gladly forego this pleasure in order to help out in such a time as this.

REDUCTION IN WAGES

Another thing that helped us in balancing our budget was the reduction in wages. Following the lead of the General Conference in reducing the wage scale ten per cent and lowering the wages of their employees accordingly, the Division Auditing Committee likewise worked on the basis of a ten per cent reduction; at the same time recommending similar action on the part of Union auditing committees. It is evident that the reduction of wages, however, does not take care of the full shortage in appropriations, because of other expenses such as travel, office supplies, postage, etc. While some reduction is necessary in our working forces, the strictest economy is urged in order that our present staff may be maintained insofar as possible and the dropping of workers kept down to a minimum.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

The Committee on Distribution of Labor recommended several transfers and readjustments as follows: L. I. Bowers of the Soonan School, Korea, to connect with the Malayan Union Seminary as superintendent of industries; H. F. Benson of Japan to connect with the Soonan School, Korea (following a short furlough); H. I. Smith of the Malayan Union to connect temporarily with the Philippine Publishing House as factory superintendent. Pastor F. A. Pratt (now on furlough) formerly of Siam to connect with the Philippine Union.

Missionary credentials were issued to Brother and Sister Glenn Kimble, who have recently connected with the Division.

Arrangements were made for Brother Kimble to proceed to Bangkok on the completion of building work at the Japan Junior College, to supervise building construction in connection with the proposed Siam Mission headquarters, church, etc., in Bangkok.

Detailed itineraries were outlined for Elder Wells of the General Conference, who is coming to spend about four months in this Division; and for Elder Spicer, who has been invited to return to this Division following his China Division appointments soon after the middle of the present year.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the regular Class 1 appropriations as voted to organizations within the Division aggregated \$301,661.12 (gold). Other special appropriations include: 1931 Mission Extension Funds, \$12,910.00; Rental Funds, \$3,000.00; "Spring in Tithe and Offerings," Etc., \$6,072.84.

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A few of the leading items passed by the Council, on recommendation from the Committee on Plans, are here given:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

As we review the past year we are deeply impressed that our Heavenly Father has mercifully protected His servants and wonderfully prospered His work. Not one of our workers in this Division has been overtaken by serious calamity although some have traveled long distances by land and water. Disease has taken its toll, but how miraculously God has preserved His people heaven's records alone can fully reveal. With a reduced working force 1,486 souls were brought into the fold, and despite financial depression \$96,358.36 worth of truth-filled literature was sold. When the enemy with one cunning move planned to bring great perplexity and real oppression upon God's people the world over in regard to the observance of God's Holy Sabbath Day, God's hand again was seen in the glorious triumph last October over the proposed calendar revision.

These things, with individual experiences too numerous to list here, lead us to exclaim with Joshua, "There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass;" and with the Apostle Paul, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

BE IT RESOLVED, Therefore, that we the committee in session do hereby express our heart-felt gratitude to our Heavenly Father and to our Lord Jesus Christ for the blessings of redemption, physical preservation, and temporal prosperity, that through heavenly agencies have been so bountifully bestowed upon us during the year 1931.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

As a company of Christian workers, we deeply sympathize with one another in times of sorrow, and we would at this time express our heart-

felt sympathy with Brother and Sister Kraft, Brother and Sister Dietrich of Japan; and Brother and Sister Bradley of the Far Eastern Division, in the loss of their little ones during this year, and we sincerely trust that the love of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit may strengthen and sustain them as they continue their work without the companionship of these children. We know that if they all continue faithful God will restore again to them in His Kingdom these dear little ones which He has taken from them.

THE APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF LOCAL COLPORTEUR LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, We are admonished by the Spirit of Prophecy that "the world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing agency of the word contained in our books and periodicals;" furthermore, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public;" and further, "The canvassing work is to be revived, and is to be carried forward with increasing success;" and again, "The presidents of our conferences and others in responsible positions have a duty to do in this matter that the different branches of our work may receive equal attention;" and

WHEREAS, The experience of the years has demonstrated that leadership in the local fields to recruit, train, and supervise a group of colporteurs is absolutely necessary to give spiritual success and stability to this work, it is, therefore—

RESOLVED, (a) That we give material support and encouragement to the administrations in the several union territories in the adjustment of their laboring forces to the end that the local missions may provide themselves with field missionary secretaries to revive the colporteur work and to carry it forward with "increasing success."

(b) That, in harmony with the recent action of the General Conference Autumn Council looking to the combining of departments for reasons of economy, the Field Missionary Secretary also foster the Home Missionary work in the smaller fields, leading forth the churches in soul-winning campaigns with our smaller literature; and further, that where the constituency is small and the number of colporteurs necessarily limited the Field Missionary Secretary shall spend a portion of his time canvassing by himself and return the proceeds from his sales into the mission treasury.

(c) That joint conventions of the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments be held in the several unions early in the year to enlarge the vision and increase the efficiency of these local leaders; also that tract society secretaries and publishing house managers be invited to join in these con-

ventions, time being given them to study their problems and exchange methods of successful advertising and promotion.

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE

WHEREAS, The education and training of the officers and teachers of our Sabbath schools is of vital importance to the successful conduct of these schools, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we at once take the necessary steps in publishing lessons for the Officers' and Teachers' Training Course and that an earnest effort be made to establish such training course classes in every Sabbath school throughout the Division, beginning at once with our higher schools and mission headquarters, and that we urge all of our missionaries to enter enthusiastically into the plan.

SABBATH SCHOOL GOALS

RESOLVED, That we set as our Sabbath School Membership Goal for the year 1932 at least 150% of our church membership, and further,

RESOLVED, That the Financial Goal for this present year shall be a 10% increase over the offerings gathered in 1931.

FIVE YEAR EVANGELISTIC COURSE

WHEREAS, The Five Year Course for Evangelists will be the means of greatly increasing the efficiency of our evangelistic force; and whereas, due to the many reorganization problems during the year 1931, this phase of the work has not been emphasized,

RESOLVED, That during the year 1932 special efforts be made to present the advantages of this course to our workers; and further, that our Union Ministerial Association secretaries, and local Mission Directors, assist the Home Study Institute in the work of checking up the standing of each worker; and further, that the credit cards, as issued by the Division Ministerial Association Secretary to the Union Secretary, be promptly entered on the blanks supplied to each secretary and sent on to the local Mission Director, who in turn, after having made the proper entries, send the card on to the worker with a word of appreciation and encouragement.

PROMOTION OF HOME STUDY INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, There are still a large number of workers who are not taking advantage of the opportunities afforded them for self-improvement by the Home Study Institute, and

WHEREAS, There are a large number of students who have enrolled but who have not completed their course,

RESOLVED, That we encourage our union superintendents, local mission directors, and departmental secretaries to keep the advantages of the Home

Study Institute constantly before our workers and laymembers with the object of definitely enrolling them in some course of study; and further, that special efforts be made to encourage those who have enrolled to complete their course of study; and further,

RESOLVED, That we request the Registrar of the Home Study Institute to report quarterly to union and local mission leaders of the progress being made by their workers; and further, that our superintendents and local mission directors be notified when workers have completed a course of study, and that we encourage these leaders to drop a word of appreciation and encouragement to those completing courses of study.

THE LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT

WHEREAS, The good work being done by our thousands of laymembers in spreading the message and winning souls is but a beginning of what may be done under more thorough training, and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Prophecy has pointed out, "Because the church members have not been properly instructed by those whom God has placed as over-seers, many are slothful servants." "It is training, education that is needed. . . There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members."

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That as far as possible laymen's soul-winning institutes be held in each church or group of churches in all sections of this division.

(b) That these institutes be made revival occasions, and the instruction be such as to train and organize the church to take a definite part in the call of the denomination to a greater evangelism.

CONDUCTING OF CHURCH INSTITUTES

WHEREAS, The leaders in the local churches are the connecting link upon which depends the success or failure of every denominational promotion plan and the spiritual vision and power of the church,

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That in the conducting of church institutes special attention be given to the problems of church officers,

(b) That immediate steps be taken to provide our churches with the new denominational Church Officers' Manual.

(c) That in each union the superintendent, treasurer, Home Missionary Secretary, Sabbath School Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and Publishing House Editor, constitute a committee to adapt for translation the material in the dialects of the field.

HOLDING OF SUMMER SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, It is true in educational

endeavor that "as the teacher is, so is the school" and the better preparation of our teachers is a means toward a more efficient expenditure of educational funds, and

WHEREAS, The holding of summer schools for the improvement of teachers according to a regular plan makes it possible for us to build our educational work on a more careful and efficient basis.

WE RECOMMEND, That each union committee lay out and follow a regular plan for the holding of vacation schools, arranging for such schools annually, if possible, otherwise at least every other year.

A Brief Synopsis of Reports

PHILIPPINE UNION

Pastor R. R. Figuhr, superintendent, in reporting for the Philippines spoke of providences and progress in the various lines of work carried forward in institutions and field. The six local missions into which the Union is at present organized has a membership of 14,294 (Sept. 30)—one Seventh-day Adventist for each 866 of the population. During the first three quarters of 1931, eleven hundred six baptisms were reported, with prospects of a goodly number for the fourth quarter of the year.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Pastor J. H. McEachern, Division Publishing and Home Missionary Secretary reported for the Home Missionary department, and through the use of charts and figures graphically set forth the advance of the Laymen's Movement in the Far East. The Far Eastern Division holds the distinction of ranking second in the matter of reporting, having at the present time a 65% reporting membership. The large number of 952 were reported as won to Christ during the nine months of 1931 through the efforts of the Laymen's Movement.

JAPAN

Pastor V. T. Armstrong, superintendent of the Japan Union, brought encouraging word to the Council concerning the work of the past year. In spite of untoward conditions that have faced our brethren in Japan during recent months, good progress has been made under the blessing of God.

A larger number of evangelistic efforts were carried forward the past year than ever before with encouraging results. The baptisms for the year, Pastor Armstrong reports, will approximate between 90 and 100, which is the largest number in the history of our work in Japan, the previous high mark being about 75.

While sales from the publishing house show some reduction, there are prospects for advance in the literature work. Plans are under way for a doubled colporteur force by the middle of 1932.

Pastor Armstrong rehearsed a number of most interesting stories which illustrates the fact that God is at work in Japan and that souls are reaching out for the truth as never before.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Prof. W. P. Bradley, Educational Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, gave a most interesting report covering the educational work in Chosen, Japan, Malaya and the Philippine Islands. He reports a total of 86 schools having an enrollment of 4,009 with a teaching force of 175. The attendance in our schools is approximately 14% of the church membership.

Prof. Bradley reported an active interest on the part of the students and teachers in such campaigns as Big Week, and Harvest Ingathering, as well as in evangelistic endeavor. The students of the Japan Training School, for instance, under the leadership of Prof. Nelson have engaged in evangelistic work in nearby villages with encouraging results. Seventy-two baptisms have been reported from among students in our schools during the past year.

Our schools are real training centers as indicated by the fact that in the Philippine Union eighty-seven per cent of the workers have received training in our own schools. The percentage in Chosen is seventy, and in Japan about fifty-five per cent. Our higher schools at present have an enrollment of 1,202, and employ 83 teachers. Fifty-six buildings are used and the combined acreage is 246.

CHOSEN UNION

Pastor H. A. Oberg briefly outlined the history of our work in Korea which began in 1904 when two Koreans passing down the streets of a Japanese city read a sign in Chinese characters announcing Seventh-day Adventist meetings within the hall. Through the years the work has grown steadily and the Chosen Union now has a membership of 2,343, with a Sabbath school membership nearly three times that figure. Nine hundred thirty-five new members were added to the Sabbath schools of Korea the past year. Through the transfer of the Kando Mission 496 Sabbath school members were lost to the Chosen Union, and 128 regular church members. This work had been fostered for sixteen years. In spite of the depression Sabbath school offerings have kept abreast of the previous year. Tithe receipts show some decrease. The literature sales will perhaps reach Yen 40,000 for the year, a figure within one thousand yen of the prev-

ious year. An active interest has been taken in evangelism the past year with gratifying results.

MEDICAL

Dr. H. A. Hall, Division Medical Secretary and Superintendent of the Manila Sanitarium, outlined briefly the development of the medical work in Manila, and in other unions of the Far East. We now have a medical center in each one of the four unions, three of which carry on hospital-dispensary or clinic work in addition.

During the past year 304 surgical operations were performed in the Manila Sanitarium; and to date over 1,400 with surgical deaths of only one. Sixteen nurses are in training in the Manila institution and the work is reported to be in a flourishing condition in spite of the financial depression which is having a marked effect on other hospitals in the city.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

From four well equipped publishing houses representing an investment of nearly \$200,000 a stream of literature has come forth aggregating sales of approximately one and three-quarters million dollars (gold) to date.

At the present time there are 218 colporteurs in the field, an increase of 116 during the past year, or more than 100%. While publishing house sales show some decrease, due largely to reduction in overseas exports, the colporteur sales during the last eleven months of 1931 actually show a gain of about \$5,000.00. The deliveries also have been exceptionally good it is reported.

The need for local field secretaries in Japan and Malaya was pointed out, and an appeal made to responsible committees to meet this lack.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

With approximately 8,800 youths and children within our ranks in the Far Eastern Division, there are 203 societies with a membership of 4,909; 2,323 of whom are observing the Morning Watch. During the past year 252 Bible Year Certificates were issued. Reading Courses completed total 348, while Standard of Attainment Certificates issued were 49 in number.

The purpose of this department as expressed in its motto, "To Save From Sin and Guide in Service" has been to an extent realized. Three hundred thirty-one young people have been baptized the past year. A large amount of missionary work was done, missionary visits for instance numbering 33,757; Bible readings and gospel meetings held 16,756; books, tracts and periodicals distributed 72,499. The young people have also engaged in Harvest Ingathering work and other campaigns.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Sister Griggs presented an encouraging report showing progress in the Sabbath school work of the Far Eastern Division. There were on September 30, 1931, a total of 584 Sabbath schools in the Division with a membership of 22,603; an increase of 1,025 in membership and of 1,161 in the attendance. There are 3,419 Home Department members.

Chosen stands at the head when we consider the Sabbath school membership as compared with church membership, and this Union has been working on a goal of 7,000 Sabbath school members to be reached by the close of 1931. Japan gained two Sabbath schools and 80 additional members.

Malaya has made gains in nearly every feature of Sabbath school work, and have added six new schools during the three quarters resulting in an increased membership of 163. The Philippine Union with a membership of 13,176 records an average attendance of 11,750. Forty-five new schools were added during the three quarters with 500 members. Nine hundred twenty-two Sabbath school members were baptised and united with the church.

The importance of the Teachers' Training Course was stressed.

Our Sabbath schools are the greatest single factor in the raising of funds for our world-wide mission work, approximately one-half of all mission offerings coming from the Sabbath schools of the denomination. Offerings in the Far Eastern Division during the first nine months of 1931 aggregate \$14,902.03, a shortage of \$1,403.02 as compared with receipts for the corresponding period of the previous year.

"The royal law of the Sabbath school is to receive that we may give, to learn that we may do."

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE

Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, principal of the Oriental Branch of the Home Study Institute, reported for that institution. The past year has been the best in the history of the Institute with 256 matriculations making a grand total of 1,630 to date. This record exceeds the total matriculations for the first five years of the operation of the school, and is more than any previous year. During this same time there were 766 enrollments bringing total enrollments to 3,964. Enrollments in language predominate, with Evangelism standing second. Certificates issued to date by the School number 1,696, which means that 43% of all students taking work have completed their courses to date.

Counting four subjects per student, that usually taken in resident schools, the Home Study Institute has an average of 350 in constant attendance.

Departmental Page

Notes from the Sabbath School Department

What is the most important work of the Sabbath school?

"Personal work for every pupil," says J. G. Moffitt, "is really the most important goal in our Sabbath school—the winning of its members to Christ. Only when each officer and teacher realizes the import of this subject, will our Sabbath schools accomplish more in the conversion of our youth."

"Who will be earnest workers for souls in our Sabbath schools? Who will take the youth separately, and talk and pray with them, and make personal appeals to them, beseeching them to yield their hearts to Jesus?" *Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 15.

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Elder J. L. McElhany said at the last General Conference: "As a conference president, I used to say frequently that if I had to choose between the preaching service and the Sabbath school, I would always choose the Sabbath school, and I think it would not need much of an argument to establish the fact that this would be more practicable. It would be more effectual, more efficient in building up the faith of our people."

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Brother Detamore, our Sabbath school secretary in Malaya, writes: "We have just had the largest Investment offering (the fourth quarter of 1931) ever given in Malaya, even when we were with the Indies, so the slump hasn't been successful in defeating the Investment plan."

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A very interesting article has come to us entitled, "Why Every Believer Should Be an Enrolled Member of the Sabbath School." This is written by Elder J. I. Robison of South Africa. The article is too long to quote in full, but we will give a few excerpts from it as follows:

"Why is the Sabbath School such a treasure among us as a people? I believe the secret lies in the spiritual help that the Sabbath school so abundantly provides for all its members. It is a builder of the faith, and more than that, it is a builder of faith. It builds us up in the most precious truth, and increases our faith in this movement.

"Every believer in our ranks should be enrolled as a member of the Sabbath school. First, our workers need the Sabbath school, and the Sabbath school needs the inspiration and help that our pastors and workers can give. Upon visiting a church, if I see the pastor present and on time at Sabbath school and teaching a class in the

corner, then I feel sure that he is a real spiritual leader of a live church, and that he is interested in all the activities of his pastorate. And so may our workers be real examples to the flock in regular Sabbath school attendance and leadership!

"Our lay brethren and sisters need the Sabbath school far more than most of them realize. As an educational value the Sabbath school is second to no other agency in the church in teaching the precious truths of this Message and in keeping alive an interest in our great mission program. And then as a spiritual value, a well conducted Sabbath school is one of the greatest factors in the church in building up the faith and confidence of all our members in the glorious triumph of the third angel's message."

Every word in the above paragraphs is true. Our Sabbath schools are treasures and builders of faith. Every pastor and every church officer as well as every member of the church should be an enrolled and an active member in the Sabbath school, first for his own sake, and secondly for the good he can do in the Sabbath school for others. Let us all renew our interest, zeal and earnestness in the Sabbath school, and build up the work of God by being faithful, loyal members of the Sabbath school, the *Heart of the Church*.

BLANCHE E. GRIGGS.

A New Undertaking

At the recent Division Council action was taken to establish a Home Commission to work in collaboration with the General Conference Home Commission, for the betterment of the home life of our believers in the Far Eastern Division. Christianity finds its first and chief expression in the home. There are many practical problems in connection with securing and maintaining desirable Christian culture in the homes of our people. It is the purpose of this Commission to help in the solution of these problems.

The Commission is composed of nine members of which Sister J. H. McEachern has been asked to serve as chairman. The Commission is as follows:

Mrs. J. H. McEachern, (Chairman)
 Prof. W. P. Bradley
 Dr. H. A. Hall
 Mrs. Eugene Woerner
 Mrs. R. R. Figuhr
 Mrs. Theodora Wangerin
 Mrs. A. J. Werner
 Mrs. V. T. Armstrong
 Mrs. Blanche E. Griggs

It will be noticed that each union in the Division is represented in the Commission. We want to see this

good work carried forward in every part of our Division.

The Home Commission of the Far Eastern Division will begin its work in a very simple way. It has neither funds nor ways and means of doing otherwise. It is earnestly hoped, however, that with the blessing of God much good may eventually come to the homes of our people throughout the Division. Indeed, we trust that the Home Commission may do a work that will be a great blessing to many homes where our blessed truth is not yet known. We look for it to become a real missionary agency.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

The date for the BIG WEEK throughout the Far Eastern Division has been set for May 7-14. The goal is \$3,400.00 gold, apportioned to Unions on the same basis as last year.

JUNIOR CORNER

Clouds Without Water June 12

It is no compliment to be called a cloud without water. Sometimes the clouds come floating across the sky and we look for rain, but none comes. They do not live up to our expectations. They promise rain but the promise is unfulfilled.

Some boys and girls are like these clouds. They go to church or Sabbath school without studying the lesson, pay no attention to the teacher while there, and come away with little idea of the good things that were said. They go through the form of attending, but their lives do not show that they benefited by the exercises.

Then, there are those who are quick to make promises but slow to fulfill them. Father says to John, "Bring me the saw from the tool-box." John readily says, "Yes," and away he goes. But on the way his attention is attracted to something else and he forgets all about his errand. After waiting and being delayed for several minutes, father has to go for the saw himself.

Some people like to appear to be more important than they really are. They like to be regarded as wealthy, or influential, or learned, beyond their real ability. In every-day speech we refer to them as "bluffers."

We have all seen boys and girls who drift around, play and laugh, but never work. They try to play their way through school and they cultivate lazy habits which are a hindrance to them all through life.

All these people are "clouds without water, carried along by winds." They are disappointing to all sensible folk. Much wind but no water! It is better to be able to produce results with little commotion, to be a cloud full of life-giving, refreshing, showers.

W. P. BRADLEY.

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News Notes

Brother H. H. Cobban of the General Conference treasury department, Washington, D. C., arrived in Manila February 10 from Shanghai aboard the *Empress of Russia*. Brother Cobban is giving special attention to financial matters and is auditing the books of the Far Eastern and China Divisions during his ten weeks sojourn in the Orient.

It is always a pleasure to be able to make a good report or to pass on an encouraging item of news. It is therefore with regret that we must inform our readers of the following word which reached the Division headquarters by cable from the General Conference the other day: "Heavy shrinkage income. Additional cut appropriations harmony Autumn Council probably five per cent." The foregoing is self-explanatory. In making a cut of only ten per cent in appropriations at the last Autumn Council, it was the desire of the General Conference to maintain our mission work on as strong a basis as possible. They reserved the right, however, to make a further cut provided the year's mission fund receipts when all in and cast up failed to reach their expectations. Times are very difficult in America. The financial depression has greatly reduced the earning power of our faithful people who have supported so loyally this work through the years. While we have not as yet been advised of any official action, it is none too early to plan on this increased cut in appropriations. We confidently expect to see great advancement in all phases of the work throughout the Far East this new year in spite of decreased appropriations from our Home Board, for the time is here when God will do a quick work.

Pastor F. L. Pickett of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-China, speaks encouragingly of the work in that newly entered section. He says, "We have recently started a Sabbath school, and our house is full each week. When we started the school we just thought of having some neighbor children in and try teaching them for practice. But in a week or two so many came that we did not have chairs enough to seat them, and still they come."

"Our medical work is still a great help, and now that the Union has placed a call for a doctor for Indo-China we are happy."

The call for a doctor for French Indo-China will doubtless be delayed because of the present financial condition in which we find ourselves, but is hoped that ere long the desires of Brother and Sister Pickett may be realized, as the need is great.

R. W. Pearson, Field Secretary of the Chosen Union, writes of the possibilities before the literature work in that field for 1932. He states that his strong recruiting program has been successful, and that whereas there are about forty colporteurs now in the field reporting, he has sixty-three men lined up to attend the institutes soon to be held in Korea.

Following attendance of the colporteur institute at Balintawak recently, Pastor J. H. McEachern sailed for Korea on February 3. He will also visit Japan while in the north, returning to the office in May.

Professor W. P. Bradley left Manila February 8 on a tour of the East Visayan Mission in company with Professor Cummins of the Philippine Union. Special attention will be given during this trip to educational interests and the visiting of church schools. A visit to the West Visayan Academy on the island of Guimaras is planned in connection with the return trip.

Mrs. J. G. Gjording of Singapore is a welcome visitor at Baguio. We are pleased to report that Sister Gjording's health is greatly improved following her month's stay in the Manila Sanitarium.

Brother E. J. Johanson and family returning from furlough spent in Australia reached Singapore February 8th. We welcome these workers back to their post of service and trust that they will be greatly blessed as they again enter upon their work.

Dr. H. A. Hall, Division medical secretary and superintendent of the Manila Sanitarium & Hospital, returned home from Singapore aboard the *S. S. Trier* on February 8 following a trip through French Indo-China, Siam and Malaya.

H. I. Smith and wife also came to connect with the Philippine Publishing House for a period of three months in harmony with arrangements made by the Winter Council.

By special action of the General Conference the erection of Division headquarters buildings has been deferred for a period of at least one year. We are pleased to announce, however, that a large and commodious building adjoining the Philippine vacation quarters where the Division personnel are housed, has been leased to advantage, and this building provides adequate space for offices. The Division is thus comfortably situated for the present in quarters at a minimum of expense.

Please continue to send all mail intended for the Far Eastern Division officers or departments to P. O. Box 7, Baguio, Philippine Islands. The cable address as heretofore is merely "Adventist," Manila.

Readers of the *Outlook* will be interested in our final report of Mission Offerings for 1931 appearing below. The Division goal of 115% has been exceeded by 2,638.93 (local currency), an increase of ₱13,543.11 as compared with the receipts of 1930. Throughout most of 1931 considerable apprehension was felt regarding our offerings, as the shortage column mounted month by month. But we are glad to report that the closing months yielded excellent returns. The combined remittances from the unions for November aggregated ₱12,724.83 and for December ₱20,166.80 bringing the grand total for the year to ₱86,237.58.

Report of Mission Offerings, January to December 31, 1931

Values in Pesos—for U. S. Gold divide by two

Union	Members	1930 Actual Receipts	1931 Goal 115 per cent	Quota to Date	Actual Receipts	Amt. over	Per Week 1930	Per Member 1931
Chosen	2,128	₱12,159.38	₱13,983.29	₱13,983.29	₱15,153.77	₱ 1,170.48	₱0.12	.137
Japan	673	13,997.20	16,096.78	16,096.78	14,606.28	1,490.50*	.45	.416
Malayan	866	11,800.37	13,570.43	13,570.43	13,334.44	235.99*	.283	.295
Philippine	12,633	34,737.52	39,948.15	39,948.15	43,143.09	3,194.04	.061	.065
Total or Aver.	16,300	₱72,694.47	₱83,598.65	₱83,598.65	₱86,237.58	₱ 2,638.03	₱0.099	.101

* Amt. short

EUGENE WOENSNER, Division Treasurer.