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The Old Year and The New

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*The Old Year passes. Were his sheaves
All garnered for his God?
The night-winds stir hope's seared leaves
That strew the path he trod.
His form bent low by grief and toil
Will rest in peace at last
Where snowflakes veil the mounds of soil,—
God's Acre of the Past.*

*The new Year beckons. Joyfully
He greets the radiant morn,
And promise-buds abundantly
His verdant gifts adorn.
Where courage, faith, and love prevail,
Of joy and fruitful cheer
A royal harvest can not fail
To crown the glad New Year!*



The Fall Council Presidents' Convention

THE Fall Council of the General Conference, which convened at Milwaukee, October 10 to 18, is in the past. Five days before the opening of the council, the conference presidents of the North American Division, a number of Union departmental secretaries, publishing house representatives, a few workers from foreign mission fields, together with the officers, field, and departmental secretaries of the General Conference, met in an important council.

The object of this council was to give study to questions which have a vital relationship to the present needs and condition of our world-wide work. Much time was given to the study of the cause of the dearth of preachers and Bible workers at home and abroad. Many of our conferences in North America are greatly handicapped by the inability to secure the services of capable young men for the ministry. This dearth of young workers at the home base naturally affects the recruiting of workers for the foreign fields. The plans on foot to enlist and give practical training and experience to young men in the ministry are intended to strengthen greatly the laboring force at home and abroad.

Special consideration was given to the question, "How can we give the Bible a larger place in the ministry of our people?" It was clearly pointed out that we as ministers should now, as never before, follow the injunction of Phil. 2:12-16, "Holding forth the work of life," to a needy church and a sin-sick and dying world. It is only by proper ministry of the word of God, which is living and powerful, that souls can be led to turn from sin and be prepared to meet the soon-coming Saviour. Nothing should be allowed to take the place of the direct teaching of the Word of God in our Sabbath services and in our house-to-house work with the people.

While the preaching of the Word of God during the last generation has resulted in many in every land being led into the truth, yet it is felt everywhere, that the results have not been just what they should have been. Jesus desired that His servants might bear much fruit, and that their fruit might remain. The question of leading more souls to Christ is one that is being strongly emphasized. When an average of the number of converts per worker is determined, it is found to be surprisingly small. The shortness of the time in which we have to work and the importance of the message we bear to the world, impels the worker to more earnest effort to increase the fruit of his labors. In the convention the topic, "Soul-winning Preachers our Greatest Need," presented by Elder Daniells and Elder MacGuire, placed before every worker the grave responsibility resting upon those called to the work of God. A lost world calls loudly for a soul-saving ministry. A new power manifested in the life and teaching of every worker was pressed home to every heart. When Christ in his fullness dwells within and the worker is fully imbued with the Holy Spirit, then souls will be turned to this truth as in the days of Pentecost, and in the following days of the ministry of the apostles, when in one generation 5,000,000 adherents to the faith were gained. The fact that there is so little conviction of sin was deplored, but the reason given was that there is so little of the power of the Spirit manifested in the church and in the ministry as compared with what should be seen.

The church, as God's chosen channel, stands between the perishing world on one hand and the unlimited resources of the Holy Spirit on the other. Earnest petitions went up to God that He would make us unobstructed channels through which God, by His Holy Spirit, could pour out the grace of His salvation upon unsaved men and women, whether in the

church or in the world.

Our thoughts went often to our mission fields and to the question of applying the many important principles to our work, that it might bring the desired results in the church in foreign fields as well as at home. Our churches and companies are ordained of God to be lights to the world, dotted here and there in the midst of heathen darkness. While few in number compared to the vast population, yet if thoroughly aroused to the importance of this truth and to the times in which we live, and fully vitalized by the Spirit of God, how rapidly would this message sweep through darkened places and lighten the pathway of many now perishing in darkness. Again, if every worker could have this measureless gift of power, which is within our reach, and is ours if we only ask for it and are willing to receive it, how much more abundant would be the fruit of our labors.

The times and conditions surely make it imperative that the year 1924 shall be the year of greatest sacrifice and consecration known in the history of this work. It should also mean a year of success in soul-winning such as we have not known in the past. Troublous times are upon us. In every land the work must progress against difficulties. One speaker said, "The only way out of every difficulty in God's work is *straight ahead*." We can hardly expect better conditions under which to work as the end draws on. Several years ago we were told "Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations that will not cease till Jesus comes." The work still to be finished under increasing difficulties requires of us perseverance, and implicit faith in Him who "will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness."

O. A. HALL.

Special Effort in Tsingtao

FOUR years ago, after considerable trouble, our Shantung mission received permission to open up a chapel in the city of Tsingtao, in the eastern part of Shantung. Our brethren felt that because of the importance of the city and the help it would be to our work in this part of China, we should put forth special effort to raise up a company of believers in that city; but up to the present time little fruit has been realized from the continuous effort put forth.

On October 14, with the help of Pastor Lee, of Peking, we opened a ten-night series of stereopticon lectures in our chapel. Several days were spent in trying to secure a large hall or guild room, but without success. By removing a wooden partition that separated the evangelist's room from the chapel room, it was possible to seat about one hundred fifty people. Considerable doubt was felt as to the possibility of securing a crowd, but upon arriving at the chapel at the time for the opening of the meeting, the room was packed, the street outside was nearly blocked, and our helpers were nearly beside themselves to know what to do. All that could be done was to close the doors and deliver the message to those that could crowd inside. This interest continued until the weather turned cold, and even then there was not a night but some had to be turned away.

When it was announced that Bible studies would continue after the meetings closed, about fifty signed their names, thereby signifying their desire to continue the study of the message.

Our hearts have been greatly encouraged by this experience, and we are praying that a good company will take their stand for the truth.

GEORGE J. APPEL.

In British North Borneo

A PLEASANT run of two days from Manila on the s.s. "Arafura" of the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, Ltd., brought me to Sandakan, the leading port and the capital of British North Borneo.

On the way down we passed the island of Mindoro to the left, and later Palawan to the right. These have been "unentered territory" until recently, no Protestant mission board having entered, although the population totals nearly 135,000 for the two islands and adjacent islets. We are already in Mindoro, having organized churches and companies of believers on the northeastern coast. We have not yet entered Palawan, with the exception of an occasional visit by a colporteur. Palawan is the long, narrow, sparsely settled strip of land forming the westernmost boundary of the Philippine archipelago. Originally a part of the sultanate of

is in the center of a well kept garden of fruits and flowers more than an acre in extent, and containing, among other fruits, upwards of thirty coconut trees in full bearing. The property is in charge of Brother and Sister Won Sie On, stationed in Sandakan as evangelist and church-school teacher, respectively. More recently Brother Chan Yui Yin has joined them, and the Lord is blessing these faithful workers. The congregation is increasing, and the interest in the school has been strengthened throughout the community. Our work thus far has been carried on wholly in behalf of the Chinese, who are in business in the city and surrounding districts. Several have their "gardens," or small farms and rubber estates; others are in the employ of landholders engaged in the production of rubber.

"How far do you come to attend our meetings?" I inquired of a promising young Chinese brother who speaks good English. "Oh, I come for nine miles," was the reply. "And



Workers and believers in attendance at the conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in Jesselton, British North Borneo, in October, 1923

Borneo, it passed under the rule of the Spanish crown early in the eighteenth century, and later was ceded to the United States by the treaty that made the Philippines an American possession. Palawan is somewhat detached from the rest of the Philippine Islands, lying as it does along the western borders of the Sulu Sea; but we must occupy this field and other unentered islands of the Sulu Sea as soon as laborers can be sent into these parts.

At the Sandakan pier I was met by Pastor Roy B. Mershon, who has spent eight years in British North Borneo, and is director of the mission; also by Pastor L. V. Finster, superintendent of the Malaysian Union, who had come up from Singapore to unite with us in holding meetings in Sandakan and Jesselton. Soon we were in our mission home on a height overlooking land and sea. Directly beneath, in the basement above the ground line, was our Sandakan church-school, and close by was the newly erected church. Our mission home

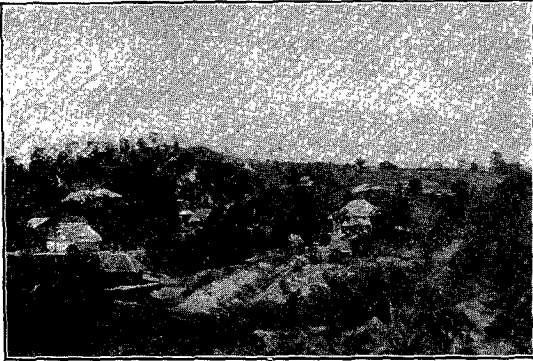
is it on the main highway?" "No—at least not all the way," he answered. "I go for about four miles along the road, and then follow a trail through the woods for five miles." "Is this a safe path?" I further inquired. "Often I pass many wild beasts," he replied.

I became interested, and questioned closely, and learned that not far back in the dense jungle that comes right up to the borders of Sandakan, there are many wild creatures, including the rhinoceros, the elephant, wild buffalo, deer, bear, and, by no means least, the Orang-utan, an immense ape attaining a considerable height and an enormous strength. The young man always carried a light with him when passing through the jungle by night.

We could spare only four days for meetings in Sandakan. Brethren Finster and Mershon had been there for a like period prior to my arrival, and had held many meetings in the new church, with an increasing interest night after night. I

was glad for the privilege of hanging up on the wall a large map of China, and of speaking to these colonists of the work developing in their old home provinces, chiefly Kwangtung and Fukien. Many were Hakkas, as are the majority of the Chinese in British North Borneo. There is a most interesting and fruitful field among them for missionary endeavor, and a good beginning has already been made.

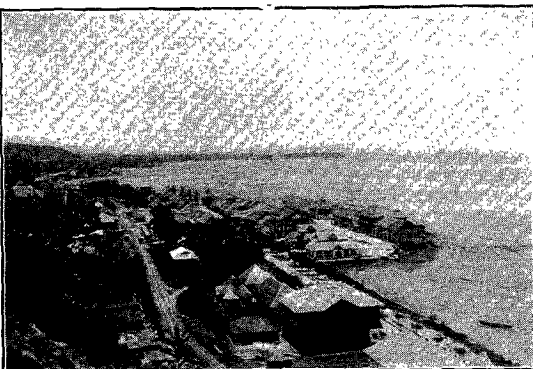
Sailing from Sandakan per s.s. "Selangor," of the Straits S. S. Co., we arrived the next day at Kudat, a small city on the north coast, where we have a few families of believers and a



A general view of the hilltop property purchased last year as our permanent headquarters for the mission at Sandakan. At the lower left hand corner can be seen a portion of the chapel. The mission-home and school at right stand in the midst of many fruit-bearing trees and flowering shrubs.

chapel and church-school. It is planned to purchase and build a permanent home for chapel and school late this fall, if Harvest Ingathering returns prove adequate. We visited the properties already offered, and made decisions which we hope can be carried out to the advantage of all concerned. Given a chapel and school favorably located, there is no reason why our church in Kudat cannot grow rapidly in strength.

Another day by fast steamer brought us to Jesselton, a beautiful little city on a lovely harbor known as Gaya Bay, with excellent anchorage and a good wharf. Many of the government departments are located at Jesselton, and here His Excellency the Governor resides for six months of each year. Our mission headquarters for British North Borneo were formerly at Sandakan, but early this year a transfer was made to Jesselton as the result of a sale of mission property in Sandakan on terms that made possible this transfer to a center from which most of our mission work radiates. In



Jesselton, as seen from a corner of our mission compound on a commanding elevation overlooking land and sea

exchange for the old mission property in Sandakan, suitable for residential purposes only, we received a good mission home and a school site, with funds for our chapel, at Sandakan; and at the same time we were given in addition a three-acre tract of land on an elevation above the city of Jesselton, where we have erected our new mission home and are now building a chapel and church-school and a home for the school teacher. The transfer of property included sufficient in cash to cover the cost of all these improvements; and it is hoped that a surplusage amounting to several thousands of Borneo dollars can be passed on for the benefit of the Singapore school, supplementing the appropriation to be made this school by the General Conference. And with these advantages has come full recognition as a mission in British North Borneo—a great boon to our workers, who at the beginning had to secure a permit to go farther than a mile from the center of the city in which they were residing, and who labored under many, many restrictions when in the interior. God has given us favor with the government officials and with the people, and there is every reason for hope as regards the future.

Soon after arrival we were in the midst of the first conference with delegate representation that had ever been held in Borneo. In former years general meetings and institutes have been conducted, but nothing like a conference had been attempted. The brethren seemed to enjoy having a direct part in the discussion and management of affairs; and although the doing of business in a preliminary way by session committees was somewhat new to them, they soon learned



Johannes Passarebo and wife, first missionaries stationed by Seventh-day Adventists among the Dusuns of British North Borneo. Brother and Sister Passarebo are from Battakland, Sumatra

of the advantages accruing thereby, and held closely to the simple yet satisfactory and effective methods of procedure ordinarily followed by regularly organized conferences and missions. Delegates were present from seven churches and companies of believers; namely, Sandakan, Kudat, Jesselton, Papar, Beaufort, Tenom, Mengatal.

Our meetings filled the day closely, and in the evening the services were directed especially toward the townspeople, who crowded into our chapel by scores to hear Pastor Finster speak on the fundamental doctrines of our faith. The chapel was filled each night to overflowing, and we placed benches on the sidewalk outside, where people sat and stood throughout the service. These evening meetings were continued until the very night of our departure, nine having been held in all. Our method was to give first a short talk on some phase of our mission work, illustrating this with lantern slides; then a rousing song was sung by the congregation, and nearly all remained to listen attentively to Pastor Finster's

Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division Mission for

1 Number of Mission	2 NAME OF MISSION	3 Number of Mission Stations	4 Number of Mission Outstations	5 Number of Organized Churches	6 Baptized Membership of Organized Churches	7 Baptized During Quarter	8 ORDAINED MINISTERS		9 LICENSED MINISTERS		10 LICENSED MISSIONARIES		11 BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10)		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS		Number of Mission	
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native		
1	Division						6	1	6		41		1		1	1			
2	Philippine Union	4	71	78	3914	410	5	9	3	21	12	22		19			67	2	
3	Chosen Union	3	17	20	1197	53	4	5	4	22	12	41		3			25	3	
4	Japan Union	3	12	10	323		5	3	1	10	3	2		1	9		15	4	
5	Manchurian Union	2	8	8	154	9	1		4	3	6	9				1	15	5	
6	Central China Union	4	61	36	1301	107	5	6	11	10	17	41		13			56	6	
7	North China Union	2	9	3	177	17	3	1	2	2	5	9		2			11	7	
8	South China Union	6	84	32	2088	19	9	7	3	40	18	25		21		1	14	8	
9	West China Union	3	5	2	66		3	1	3	2	5	3		2			5	9	
10	East China Union	4	54	21	914	119	5	3	5	7	10	39	1	18			18	10	
11	Malaysian Union	12	9	17	910	60	18	2	5	20	26	15		1	1		14	11	
12	East Siberian Union	3	8	7	618	44	1	2	1	2	2	10					4	12	
13	TOTALS, 2nd Qr. 1923	46	338	234	11662	838	65	40	48	139	157	216	2	80	11	3	244	13	
14	<i>The totals given below for preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i>																		
15	Totals, 2nd. Qr. 1922	43	315	212	10346	593	54	36	50	148	128	193	4	54	23	8	194	15	
16	Totals, 2nd. Qr. 1921	41	275	177	8648	644	64	28	52	148	175	168	2	51	10	4	164	16	
17	Totals, 2nd. Qr. 1920	38	233	165	7129	428	54	23	42	138	140	146	2	61	8	2	165	17	
18	Totals, 2nd. Qr. 1919	35	172	141	5948	353	41	25	29	121	86	155	1	58	10	1	168	18	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38						
Number of Mission	Average Attendance S. S.	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools Conducted	Enrolment Church Schools	Number of Missions						
1											1	9	1						
2	3193	719.80	65.83	785.63	872.09	15449.05	16369.62	17	3510.00	940	8	331	2						
3	2743	490.79	54.99	545.78	1377.36	587.71	1972.93	29	6408.00	2670	21	854	3						
4	299	309.38	169.27	478.65	1489.70	1257.55	2747.25	4	4300.00	525	1	9	4						
5	190	91.36	29.24	120.60	707.68	840.24	1547.92	1	2500.00	200	6	113	5						
6	1767	322.27	80.15	402.42	1419.50	1115.65	3686.85	11	8162.00	1225	22	486	6						
7	254	87.71	11.70	99.41			737.10				5	105	7						
8	2457	277.06	65.49	342.55	505.61	805.47	1311.08	9	7500.00	2300	47	1547	8						
9	137	76.13	10.59	86.72	258.25	144.05	411.48	1	3130.14	250	2	102	9						
10	1559	397.22	49.29	446.51	959.37	756.35	1736.77	3	1175.00	450	13	411	10						
11	784	769.90	282.10	1052.00	2394.39	4911.07	7330.79	3	4400.00	280	6	131	11						
12	668	131.12	17.14	148.26	1.20	5.01	6.21				1	16	12						
13	14049	3672.74	835.79	4508.53	8495.45	24614.60	41155.05	78	41085.14	8840	133	4114	13						
14	<i>Totals Second Quarter 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, given below</i>																		
15	12224	3239.38	704.41	4261.37	9661.11	13032.64	24421.73	78	43825.00	10665	141	3934	15						
16	10051	3694.45	748.00	4442.45	8664.88	12221.97	22254.91	61	26468.00	7995	122	3618	16						
17	8783	2988.51	608.13	3596.64	7276.69	25664.43	33811.86	63	30492.00	9365	83	2211	17						
18	7608	2340.33	541.16	2881.49	7239.13	14475.90	22563.97	45	26058.00	4730	83	2236	18						

the Quarter Ending June 30, 1923 All Values in U. S. Gold

14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not else- where listed)		16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD)			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)	Tithe Per Capita	Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest Ingathering and Sustentation Funds	Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work not Included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	Number of Sabbath-Schools	Membership		
7	14	81	55	95	669.13		669.13									
		10	20	149	1328.97	4499.84	5828.81		26.10	26.74		9.38	120	3836		
	3	37	20	134	454.80	841.35	1296.15		76.98		39.80	154.07	88	3395		
			18	30									14	410		
		8	11	35	173.84	150.53	324.37		6.26	3.21			10	263		
2	13	14	33	190	639.00	533.64	1172.64		14.00	7.72	994.05		64	2447		
		3	10	21	194.42	110.82	305.24				5.00		12	304		
	8	50	30	174		994.95	994.95			3.41	5.00	50.00	71	2906		
1		5	11	18	284.68	61.72	346.40						6	243		
		24	21	115	623.89	364.62	988.51		85.37	1.11			61	1904		
3	4	6	50	66	907.02	1837.91	2744.93		34.19	33.14	42.38	47.91	22	978		
			4	10	210.15	233.50	443.65		3.50	40.00	4.00		15	668		
13	42	238	283	1037	5872.97	10508.90	16381.87		246.40	115.33	1090.23	261.36	483	17354		
14	49	275	245	996	4655.04	8595.11	13250.15		207.03	155.75	391.46	834.13	421	15174		
17	49	236	307	887	6778.43	7738.26	14516.69		251.77	293.10	510.06	1587.78	395	12435		
22	45	189	248	795	3681.56	9874.86	13556.42		57.59	211.01	802.83	356.55	375	10763		
4	10	50	165	661	3473.23	5746.04	9219.27		181.98	408.09	1117.25	167.87	342	9217		
39	40	41	42	43	44		45		46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
Number of Intermediate Schools	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment	NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		Total No. of Teachers	Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work
		1	265	274	5	5	6	3	19	17000.00	2131.70					
2	38	1	270	639	2	6	10	15	33	17600.00	2385.72	27	857		.15	6.44
		1	152	1002	2	2	37	3	44	7653.55	3253.50	27	1074		5.24	
		1	50	59	2	2	1	1	6	3500.00	562.00					
			113				2	4	6	625.00	151.02					
2	170		655	1	4	35	3	43	43	1050.00	545.00	1	20			
1	30		135			5	3	8			254.00	6	150			
3	315	1	78	1940	2	7	71	28	108	18235.00	1015.00	4	201			74.23
i	15		117	1	1	11		13		550.00	295.00			3.22		
2	127		538	1	1	19	5	26		500.00	206.11	7	163	3.36		
1	140	1	232	503	3	2	15	5	25	25350.00	2044.25	3	123			1012
			1	2					3		86.46	6	150	12.00	6.00	
12	835	6	1047	5976	20	32	212	70	334	92063.55	12929.76	81	2738	18.58	11.39	90.79
11	823	5	744	5425	22	22	204	55	303	99213.08	10637.70	41	1396			39.36
9	685	5	603	4996	23	17	180	47	268	86446.60	12240.37	21	576		14.44	43.28
8	515	5	494	3170	16	13	136	38	195	18764.09	1446.14	28	575	13.24		32.02
6	516	4	183	2935	3	5	122	30	160	24400.65	4174.28	23	468			12.79

discourse. There seemed to be a deep interest. The townspeople were very kind to us, and we believe that there are many honest hearts in Jesselton who may be won.

At times, during our conference sessions, we feared that Satan would gain control. Elements of division were at work. Near the close of the meeting, however, a spirit of confession came in, wrongs were righted, public confessions were made, and a victory was won which we trust will prove lasting. All now seem to be of one heart and of one mind.

Pastor Mershon did most of the translating into the Hakka, in which language he has made much advancement. Brother C. En Fook translated for Pastor Finster during the evening services.

In attendance at our meetings was a Battak worker, Brother Johannes, who has come over from Sumatra as our first missionary to the Dusuns. Of this mission we shall have something to say in a later report.

The British North Borneo Mission is rapidly being supplied with many material advantages. In addition to the mission homes and chapels at Sandakan and Jesselton, with ample space for church-school,—and all our own property,—our mission has a property of its own, for chapel and worker's home, at Papar, and a good chapel also at Beaufort. Soon we hope for a chapel, schoolroom, and worker's home at Kudat. With five chapels of our own, four homes for workers, and five suitable places for church-schools, all rent-free, we should surely be able to build up several strong groups of believers. Already there are 144 baptized members, and a goodly number of others are awaiting baptism.

It was a personal pleasure to meet Sister Mershon, formerly Sister Elizabeth Evans, at the Jesselton station, and to enjoy for ten days the hospitality of her home. There is much of sacrifice and isolation at such stations as these; but with a growing knowledge of the language of the people among whom they are laboring, our workers from abroad find an increasing interest in their work and a strong desire to remain in the field. Brother and Sister Mershon have labored hard and long, and the language has been difficult to master, but God has blessed abundantly, and they are now beginning to reap the fruits that always attend faithful toil.

Brother and Sister G. S. Youngberg, formerly connected with the British North Borneo Mission, have been transferred to Sarawak, with headquarters at Kuching. We had hoped to meet them at this time, but found that they are away on their vacation. We shall hope to meet them later. They also have labored and suffered much for the upbuilding of our British North Borneo Mission.

Friday night, October 26, we took ship for Singapore, which port we hope to reach next Thursday morning, November 1, in time for the general meeting for the Singapore Mission, appointed to begin the evening of November 2.

C. C. CRISLER.

At sea, near Miri, Sarawak, October 29.

General Meeting at Laiyang

LOCATED in the center of the Shantung Peninsula at the foot of the Shantung Mountains is the old city of Laiyang, built in the Mongol Dynasty. From here roads of travel extend north, south, east, and west. Through the efforts of Pastor Lillie and his collaborators at Chefoo, several students from this section were converted to the truth. This was the beginning of our work in this field. However, most of the believers live in outlying sections, and up to the present time little interest has been found in the city.

Pastor Lee, Brother Graham, and the writer arrived November 17 for a general meeting, with the plan of holding eight evening lectures for the public. A good interest was manifested from the beginning, over three hundred being present the nights that we were able to secure a large hall. When the day meetings were announced to the public some attended. We have every reason to believe that some will take their stand with us, after they have thoroughly studied the message. Our believers returned much encouraged, each one having rededicated his life to the Master.

We are only a few among thirty-eight million, but we are of good courage, and with the help of the Lord we are pressing forward to finish the work and be ready when He comes to claim His own.

GEORGE J. APPEL.



Dusuns at a country market-place in the Borneo forest a few miles back of Jesselton. It is within two miles of this market that our first mission station for the Dusun people has been opened

From Our Sabbath Schools

TWO foreign families have left the Peking headquarters during the third quarter, one coming to Shanghai, and the other going to Manchuria. This accounts for the decrease in donations reported from the North China Union for the third quarter. Very faithful work is being done by Mrs. Lee, the secretary of the North China Union, and this will surely bring results.

In spite of the earthquake in Japan, the effects of which were felt far and wide throughout the empire, we are glad to see that in the report for the Japan Union Mission for the third quarter, every school is represented. This Union belongs on the Honor Roll. North China, West China, Malaysia, and Manchuria are also on the list this quarter with complete reports.

The secretary of the East China Union, Mrs. K. H. Wood, has been confined to her bed for more than two months, but this did not prevent the report from East China being sent in on time. Out of 58 schools, 57 are represented in the report, and 280 members received the blue seal for being present and on time every Sabbath of the quarter. Eleven persons completed the perfect yearly record in attendance and daily study. In answer to one of the questions under the "Items of Interest," we find that all the schools in this Union use the Missions Quarterly.

The report from the South China Union for the third quarter is short seventeen schools. These represent the Sabbath-schools in the Hakka field. The secretary, Mrs. R. M. Milne, says: "War has raged over this field for nearly eight months now, making it impossible to get reports. Work has been disorganized, and in some places no meetings have been held for months." Surely we need to pray for our native brethren and sisters in South China, that their faith may not fail during this trying time, and that better conditions may soon prevail.

The Sabbath-schools in the Malaysian Union Mission send in a report for the third quarter that is exceptionally encouraging. The membership has increased from 995 to 1137. The six Home Department members gave for missions \$112.32—by far the largest amount of money received from Home Department members in any Union Mission. With a membership only one third that of Korea, less than half that of Central China and South China, and less than one third that of the Sabbath-schools in the Philippines, Malaysia's donations are \$1496.85—the largest amount received from any Union mission, and more than \$300 in excess of the next largest amount. The Philippines, with a membership of only three under 4,000, report a total offering of \$1104.51.

In spite of war in some of the provinces, banditry, and other troubles, Central China sends in a report in which 66 out of the 67 schools are represented. This shows faithful work on the part of the secretary, as well as zeal in the schools. The donations show an increase; 455 of the total membership received the blue seal for perfect attendance; and 172 were entitled to the perfect record card of honor with the blue seal for perfect attendance and the red seal for daily study. It is interesting to note that while 172 received the perfect record card of honor with both seals attached, and 283 received the blue seal for perfect attendance only, not one received the red seal only. This shows that in this Union those who study the lesson every day are anxious to be present and on time at the Sabbath-school.

The report from the Philippine Union Mission for the third quarter came in promptly. One new school has been organized, the membership shows an increase of 66, and 1277

received the blue seal for perfect attendance during the quarter. There are 84 Home Department members. One feature that is not seen on any other report is the splendid number of members who are taking the teachers' training course, 191 members being enrolled. This means more efficient teaching and a forward step all through the field. Fourteen schools in the Philippine Union use the English *Sabbath School Worker*. The red seal for daily lesson study was received by 421 persons, and 340 received the perfect record card of honor, with the red seal for daily study and the blue seal for perfect attendance.

The offerings show a good increase over those for the preceding quarter. We are pleased to note that of the money given to missions, \$33.68 goes to Burma, as it was raised in birthday offerings.

Two members of the Sabbath-schools in the Philippine Union completed a year's record for perfect attendance and daily study this quarter.

Manchuria reports two new schools added during the third quarter. Mrs. Oss, who is now the Sabbath-school secretary of the Manchurian Union, says:

"At the beginning of this quarter we started the Home Department and also the birthday offering charts. We have fourteen on the Home Department list, and hope to see it grow. I am in hopes that the birthday offering will be favorably received. We are using a globe with a slit in it across Burma for taking up the birthday offering. . . . We are working with the *Helper*, and have sent several orders for it to the publishing house. We still have some of the chapels that have not seen it, but I sent a few copies by Brother Petersen to the north province yesterday, and he will take it up with the people there."

In the report for the second quarter, a mistake was made in the total membership of the Sabbath-schools in the Chosen Union, the membership being given as 3586 instead of 3395. Mrs. Wangerin, the Union secretary, says: "We haven't got up there as yet, but hope to before the end of the year." We are sorry for the error, but are glad it can be turned into a membership goal for Korea. Mrs. Wangerin reports that during the third quarter, five new schools have been organized and 123 persons baptized. She adds a paragraph that should be of interest to all our workers in the Far Eastern Division:

"I sometimes think that we would do well to take some lessons from the other missionaries. Some of them have spent years here, and their hearts seem to be in the work. Some of them have had large families, and they have managed in some way to educate their children with it all. Not only that, but quite a number of the 'second generation of missionaries,' as they call them, are returning to the work here. I believe there are ten such couples in this field at the present time. They have begun to return the last few years, and just recently four of them, all sons and daughters of former missionaries in Korea, have returned to connect with the work."

It is indeed encouraging to note that some of the young people who have grown up in the Far Eastern Division, are planning to return as soon as their education is completed. In a recent letter from Mr. Evans he speaks of seeing the Detamore children for a few minutes in Berrien Springs. He says: "Both the girls assured me that they would be with us in the Malaysian field, in three years." We shall welcome these young people back when they come, and hope there will be others to return to the fields where their earliest years were spent.

The East Siberian Union has a comparatively small reporting membership. It has sixteen schools, but from seven of

these the secretary is unable at the present time, and has been for some years, to obtain any report. The nine schools reporting have 462 members, and over eighteen per cent of these received both seals during the third quarter of the present year, showing that they have been present and on time every Sabbath, and have studied the Sabbath-school lesson every day. This Union has 28 Home Department members. Though all the families are poor, the donations for the third quarter in East Siberia amounted to \$246.99. A recent letter from Mrs. Babienco tells us that on the first Sabbath in December, services were held in the new church for the first time. "We are all indeed grateful to the Lord for giving us this church," she says, and adds: "November was very cold. The coldest day showed 26 degrees below zero." If any one feels a little too warm in the tropics, it might be a good plan to think what our brothers and sisters in Harbin and other "points north" are enduring.

West China is always prompt in reporting. The report for the third quarter was forwarded on October 31—fifteen days early. All the schools are represented, and out of a membership of 199, 68 were present and on time every Sabbath during the quarter. Four of the five schools are using the memory verse cards, and \$13.91 was given by the Home Department members.

In a note accompanying her report, Mrs. Wilma L. Warren, the secretary, says:

"I think that we have had our share of fighting by this time, but no one seems to look for peace yet. The city here was taken by Hsiung Keh Wu's men on the afternoon of the sixteenth. There seemed to be thousands of bullets fired all about us, and all we could do was to hide between the thickest walls and pray. Dorothy was sick at the time, and I was watching by her bedside, when all of a sudden a group of men appeared over the back wall with a red flag and began yelling and shouting. The noise was fairly deafening. It was a great relief to our tense nerves when we heard them say that there was no road through there, and they turned and went back by the tennis court. They searched the servants' quarters for the enemy, and compelled the horse coolie to go with them to show the road to the river. All the native houses were searched. We are surely thankful that none of us were hurt and not even a bullet struck either of the houses. It was a relief to the poor folks in the city when Hsiung's men came, as the boats began to come down the river bringing coal and rice thus relieving the prospects of a famine in the city. Yang Sen and his men have not retreated very far; almost every night we are able to hear the noise of cannon."

ADELAIDE B. EVANS.

The China Christian Educator

IN order that the readers of the OUTLOOK may become better acquainted with *The China Christian Educator*, we are giving below an outline of the contents of some of the special numbers to be published during the coming year. It is hoped that a strong campaign will be launched in every province, so that all workers may become regular subscribers. The special numbers should be in the hands of every worker.

Reading Course Number: This number, the December, 1923, issue, is already off the press. The aim, value, and importance of the Reading Courses have been emphasized. It also includes methods of study. The 1922-23 and 1923-24 Reading Courses, Junior Missionary Volunteer, Senior Missionary Volunteer, Teacher's and Ministerial, the name of texts and publisher, and the price of each book are clearly listed. The questions selected from each text have been printed in full, one hundred questions having been selected from each book. This is an important number, and should be kept on file by all who are endeavoring to promote the Reading Courses, and should be in the hands of every one taking any of the above mentioned courses.

Junior Missionary Volunteer Number: A course in Missionary Volunteer methods is being given at the Shanghai Missionary College. The best essays prepared by the students in this class will be selected for the material of the Junior Missionary Volunteer number. They will include topics on the history, importance, aim, work, and organization of the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society.

Textbook Number: A thorough investigation has been made by the Christian Education class of the Shanghai Missionary College of all textbooks now being used in our schools throughout the China field. The result of the investigation is astonishing. This class has been asked to prepare the material for this number. Each one of the twenty-four students in the class took the responsibility of going over one set of textbooks. He was required to select all that he could find which was in any way contrary to the principles of Christian education, and to record the title of each book, names of publisher and author, and chapter and pages on which the matter appeared, giving the quotation in full. The student also presented the arguments before the class, in order to show clearly in what respect the material was contrary to the principles of Christian education. After discussion by the entire class, the student, having added or thrown out some of the material, as the case demanded, was required to prepare an essay on the subject. The essays will contain this material in full, and will point out the errors and give evidence to show where and in what manner the matter is contrary to the principles of Christian education. The textbook number will contain these essays.

Teacher Number Sets forth the qualifications and character of a true teacher. It also includes a teacher's directory. This directory will include a list of each worker connected with the educational work in the China field, the grade of certificate, experience, and the work he is now doing; also his address in full. Many interesting facts and statistics will be brought out. These will be based on the returns of over one hundred questionnaires of one hundred questions each, which were mailed out to all our teachers during the year 1923. If you want to know the actual condition of our present teaching force read this number and be sure to keep it on file, for the information given will be of use to you in your work.

Primary School Number Covers the work and organization of our church schools, bringing out and emphasizing such points as the aim of our schools, daily program, curriculum, textbooks, equipment, local school boards, financial policies, and the relation of the church-schools to the church. It is a number that ought to be very widely circulated.

Junior Middle School Number: A brief sketch of each of our Junior or Intermediate schools will be given in this number. The work and organization of our intermediate schools, and such topics as the teacher, the student, the textbook, the curriculum, etc., will be dealt with. A splendid number for all connected with our educational work in any administrative capacity.

Normal Number: The material for this number will be prepared by the students of the Shanghai Missionary College Normal Department. Sixty-six students are either taking preparatory or regular work in the normal department. The importance of the training essential to efficient work in this department will be emphasized.

Fireside Correspondence School Number: The history, aim, and importance of the Fireside Correspondence School will be especially dealt with. The courses of study, including the names of all workers already enrolled in each course, will be given in full. Many statistics will be published in this number, in order that the work of the Correspondence School may be correctly understood. Interesting testimonies from teachers, evangelists, colporteurs, and by members will also be given.

Shanghai Missionary College Number: The object of this number will be to set forth the aim of our college in Shanghai and its relation to our educational work. A careful investigation is being made of past records, and a list of all former students has been secured. Many interesting statistics will be drawn up, all with the purpose of bringing out the dominant aim of the institution. The organization of the college, its various departments, course of study curriculum, and methods will be explained. This number should be very widely circulated in order that all may better understand the aims and the hopes of the Shanghai Missionary College.

May we have your assistance in bringing this magazine to the homes of every one of our workers, especially our teachers, and to as many of our lay members as possible?

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG.

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BROTHER T. T. Babienko of the East Siberian Mission reports under date of December 12 that twenty-five students are in attendance at the Bible School in Harbin. The students are eager to learn. Public meetings are being held four times each week in the city, and a good interest is being sustained.

PASTOR Strickland, says of the Ingathering work in Honan, "On December 4 Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. Longway went out soliciting in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and brought in \$345. They used eight papers in getting this amount, the largest donation being \$50. Their work was among foreigners, and we feel that it was good work. Our total goal for Honan is \$6000, and to date we have received in cash and pledges something over \$3600. The Lord is blessing, and we hope to reach the goal before we stop."

MRS. L. I. Bowers, who is under medical care at the sanitarium, Washington, D. C., is making splendid gains healthward. It is hoped that Brother and Sister Bowers may be able to return to Korea in February of 1924.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scharffenberg of the Shanghai Missionary College, on December 15, a son, John Alfred.

Some Fruits of Literature Sales in the Philippines

THE sales from the Philippine Publishing House for January to November, inclusive, total P112,448.39. This is nearly P3,000.00 more than any previous highest entire year's record, which was in 1920, when our total was P109,498.50. And December is still before us. Is it too much to hope that our total for 1923 will pass P120,000.00?

And this literature is producing results in bringing souls to Christ and to a knowledge of this message. Many are the calls that have come to the directors of the different local fields in the Philippines for workers to follow up interests that have been aroused through reading our literature. We have heard this year of several places where people have been found keeping the Sabbath who have had no instruction other than that obtained through reading our books and other literature.

In "Echoes From the Ilocano Field" for October, Brother Amundsen tells of receiving a letter from Brother Vicente Berto who is canvassing away back in the province of Nueva Vizcaya. Brother Berto tells of finding four families who are keeping the Sabbath faithfully from sundown Friday to sundown Sabbath. These people bought books and subscribed to our Ilocano magazine at the time of the visit of another colporteur some time ago, and they are some of the fruits of his work.

E. A. MOON.

The Week of Prayer at the Shanghai Missionary College

ANOTHER week of prayer has come and gone. What this week has meant to many will perhaps never be known, but at the Shanghai Missionary College it has been a stepping-stone in the Christian experience of all who had a part in it. The Spirit of God worked with the hearts of old and young. Many victories were won, and it is the prayer of all that the ground gained during this week will be held, and that no retreat be made.

The workers from the Signs of the Times Publishing House, the students and faculty of the Shanghai Missionary College and the members of the East Shanghai church, came together daily in the College Chapel at 7 A. M. There in the quiet morning hours, when the mind was at its best, we tarried together by the living waters and awaited the inflow of the Holy Spirit.

As we daily met for study and prayer and humbled our hearts before the throne of grace, we recognized our need and made confession and asked for forgiveness. Deeper and deeper went this heart-searching work until it brought us all to our knees in confession of our weakness. Wrongs were righted. There was earnest pleading for righteousness. The confessions made showed that the evil one had crept into our hearts and homes, into our institutions and our churches, and that he had gained the victory over us. When the final call was made there was not a soul who failed to respond to the prompting of God's Spirit. Those who had been followers of Him determined to follow more closely; those who had backslidden and grown cold plead for forgiveness and renewed their vow to follow Christ and to become victors in His name. Others who had never taken their stand for the Saviour signified their desire for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the work of overcoming sin. A call was made for all to come forward who for the first time decided to follow their Saviour, and as the song "I will Follow Thee, My Saviour" was sung, one by one they came forward. Then the song "All to Jesus I Surrender" was sung, and the entire body came forward to surrender anew themselves and their all for the finishing of the work.

Let us pray that the work begun during the Week of Prayer may result in the saving of many souls for God's Kingdom; and let us remember in a special way the young people in the Shanghai Missionary College. Pray, too, that God may make a quick work in preparing and sending forth workers into the fields that are now all ready for the harvest.

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG.

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TWO special Christmas offers have come to our desk from the publishers of *The Life Boat Magazine*, Hinsdale, Ill., which we pass on to our readers. The offers are:

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