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THE JOY OF SERVICE

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ALL nature is active. The heavenly bodies are ever in motion; the waters of the sea constantly ebb and flow. The air we breathe is purified by change. The animal and vegetable kingdoms thrive by doing, by growth. When action ceases, death results.

God made man to be active, not idle. In the morning of creation, when He placed Adam and Eve over all things, He gave the command: "Replenish the earth, and subdue it." Further, we are told that He put man in the garden of Eden "to dress it and to keep it." In this is the thought of work, of service.

Labor is of God. It is one of the greatest boons bestowed upon humanity. It stimulates the physical being, ennobles the soul, and makes man akin to his Creator. "No man is base who does a true work; for true action is the highest being. No man is miserable who does a true work; for right action is the highest happiness. No man is isolated who does a true work; for useful action is the highest harmony with nature and with souls; it is living association with men, and it is practical fellowship with God."

Idleness is ever a hindrance to the highest type of character. It begets sin. The wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah is attributed to idleness and superabundance.

Some seem to think that labor is undignified, and cheapens the reputation, but many of the greatest men of the ages have been arduous workers. "Labor is life," says Carlyle; "blessed is he who has found his work."

There is a great difference in the way men work—as wide a distance as between joy in service and wearing drudgery. To the man who loves his task, it is not hard, but a delight. Joyfully he gives to it all his strength—and work so done is not drudgery but recreation; for drudgery is performing any task under protest. "Man must work—that is as certain as the sun. But he may work grudgingly or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man or he may work as a machine. He can not always choose his work, but he can do it in a generous temper, and with an uplooking heart. There is no work so rude that he may not exalt it; there is no work so impassive that he may not breathe a soul into it; there is no work so dull that he may not enliven it."

And if this is true—and who doubts it?—of the ordinary labors in which men engage, surely we who live in the time of the finishing of God's work on earth, should have joy in our service, and perform each duty that comes to us with glad hearts. No matter what our task may be, we should work joyfully, "as unto the Lord, and not unto men." Since God has given to each his work, and it is His will that that work should be done to His glory, how can we glorify our Maker more than to do with all our might and with all our heart the work which He has assigned to us?

"Labor is sweet, for Thou hast toiled,
And care is light, for Thou has cared;
Let not our works with self be soiled,
Nor in unsimple ways ensnared,
Through life's long day and death's dark night
O gentle Jesus! be our light."

FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK

Synopsis of Proceedings

Annual Meetings of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee

Shanghai, China, February 19—29, 1928

Following a Bible study by Pastor W. A. Spicer, given in the school chapel, and emphasizing the need of keeping the Lord Jesus ever before us, the brethren who had come in from various unions met according to appointment in the committee-room of the Division administration building at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, for the opening meeting of the 1928 annual session of the Far Eastern Division Committee. Pastor I. H. Evans was in the Chair, and there were present with us Pastors W. A. Spicer and J. L. Shaw, who as officers of the Home Board had come at this time from Washington, D.C., to meet with Far Eastern brethren. In attendance were the superintendents or acting heads of all the union fields excepting West China; namely, Brethren S. E. Jackson, L. V. Finster, C. C. Morris, V. T. Armstrong, E. J. Urquhart, J. G. Gjording, N. F. Brewer, C. L. Blandford, R. M. Cossentine, M. Popow; also several heads of provincial missions, including Brethren K. H. Wood, G. L. Wilkinson, C. H. Davis, H. L. Graham. The Division brethren present included Prof. Frederick Griggs, Dr. H. W. Müller, J. J. Strahle, S. L. Frost, H. W. Barrows, E. Woensner, Mrs. I. H. Evans, W. A. Scharffenberg, C. C. Crisler. From near-by institutions were Brethren Frederick Lee, W. P. Henderson, G. S. Luther, H. H. Morse, Chas. Larson, Prof. D. E. Rebok, P. E. Quimby, Dr. Donald Griggs, F. A. Landis, Yeh S. S., Su S. S., Glang Tsung Gwang. Several came in from time to time who were in attendance at the Language School.

Pastor S. E. Jackson, of the Philippine Union, and Brother Yeh Kwen Gan, of the Division educational department, led in prayer.

DEDICATION OF DIVISION OFFICE BUILDING

The Chairman expressed the desire of the brethren to unite in dedicating to God, for use in His service, the office building at 25 Ningkuo Road in which we now find ourselves favorably located, and the erection of which had been made possible through the sacrificial offerings of our brethren and sisters in Europe and in North America. Brother Evans outlined some of the early experiences of those who had been in responsibility in the Far East when the work was taking shape, and when offices were carried about in satchels or confined to some room or corner in a rented dwelling where the worker's family lived. During the quarter of a century that has elapsed since those first days of our Far Eastern Division Mission, the work has assumed proportions that seem to make imperative our getting together in a general administration building, such as we now have.

The Chairman spoke appreciatively of those who have labored untiringly to plan and erect the office building in which we now find ourselves; and he referred particularly to Brother E. C. Wood (the architect), to Brother F. A. Landis (the supervising builder), and to Brother H. W. Barrows, who has had the responsibility from the beginning of dealing with contractors and of seeing the building through to completion.

Pastor J. L. Shaw expressed pleasure over the fact that we now have office buildings in all Division fields. He outlined the methods of procedure followed at the General conference offices in Washington, D. C., and at other Division headquarters, including the keeping

of regular hours for beginning and closing the labors of the day, the observance of worship hour at the commencement of the day's work or just before noon; and the encouragement that is given workers to have some hours for change and relaxation after office hours, in order that all may come back to their desks the next morning fresh for the new day's labors.

Pastor W. A. Spicer offered the dedicatory prayer, invoking Heaven's blessing upon the building, upon the work done within its walls, and upon all assembled at this solemn hour of dedication,—thus voicing the earnest desire of office workers and all to reconsecration of life and effort to the finishing of God's work in the Far East and all the world.

VOTE OF THANKS FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A vote of thanks to the brethren in Europe and in America who have so kindly provided for the Far Eastern Division administration building, was was adopted, as follows:

Whereas, the General Conference and the European Division have made possible the erection of an office building for the Far Eastern Division, which, under the blessing of our heavenly Father, should bring added strength to the work of the Lord in this field; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our keen appreciation and thankfulness to the General Conference Committee and to the European Division for their liberal appropriations of funds granted for the purpose of providing us with a building.

VOTE OF THANKS TO BUILDERS

VOTED, That an expression of appreciation from the Far Eastern Division Committee be conveyed to Brethren E. C. Wood, F. A. Landis, and H. W. Barrows, who have labored untiringly in planning and constructing the Far Eastern Division administrative building, now completed.

ORGANIZATION OF ANNUAL SESSION

The usual sessions committees were appointed.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman addressed the brethren of the Committee concerning the work of the previous year, and particularly emphasized the importance of the Council upon which we are now entering. He expressed appreciation in behalf of the Committee for the presence of Pastor W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference, and Pastor J. L. Shaw, treasurer of the General Conference, who have come to help in any way possible.

The Chairman stated that two outstanding problems should be considered in all seriousness, and that if progress be made in solving these the Council would bring untold benefit to this field. These problems are, first, how to win more souls to Christ; and, second, how to hold those who have been won, and how best to train them for the kingdom of God. No small matters should lead us to lose sight of these larger problems demanding full consideration. We must get results in some way in order to meet Heaven's mind concerning the peoples in the midst of whom we find ourselves. There are some matters that always come before a Council, such as the adjustment of the budget for the current year, and other financial items, the distribution of labor, and so on; these can all be handled in due course; but throughout the session we are to keep ever before us our aim of winning souls and preparing them for the kingdom.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—STATISTICAL AND GENERAL

The Division Secretary rendered a report covering the year 1927, and called attention to various items appearing in the March issue of the *Far Eastern Division Outlook*, copies of which were passed out to the brethren in attendance.

EVENING REPORTS

Arrangements were entered into for assigning time for evening reports beginning with Sunday and extending through until Thursday night, inclusive. The following schedule was adopted:

Sunday night —Philippines
—S. E. Jackson—30 min.
Sabbath School Dept.
—Mrs. I. H. Evans—20 „
Educational work
—S. L. Frost—30 „
Manchuria
—R. M. Cossentine—20 „
Monday night —Japan
—V. T. Armstrong—30 „
Sungari-Mongolia
—Max Popow—20 „
Home Missionary work
—J. J. Strahle—20
Medical Dept.
—H. W. Miller—30
Tuesday night—Chosen
—E. J. Urquhart—30
Division Book work
—J. J. Strahle—30 „
Central China
—N. F. Brewer—30
Wednesday night—South China
—C. C. Morris—30
Young People's Work
—S. L. Frost—20 „
North China
—C. L. Blandford—30 „
Ministerial Association
—Frederick Griggs—20 „
Thursday night—Malaysia
—L. V. Finster—30
Fireside Correspondence School
—W. A. Scharffenberg—10 „
East China
—J. G. Gjording—30 „
West China
—M. C. Warren—30 „

UNION SESSIONS

VOTED, That the following dates in a general way be followed in the holding of union sessions during 1928 and 1929: Philippines, December; Malaysia late January and early February; South China, February 28 to March 9; East China, March 14-23; Division Publishing and Home Missionary Departmental Convention, March 25-30; China institutional meetings, March 31 to April 3; Annual Division Committee meetings; April 4-14; Central China, April 25 to May 4; North China; May 9-18; Manchuria, May 23 to June 1; Harbin, June 4-8; Chosen, June 13-22; Japan, June 27 to July 6; West China, late September or early October.

MALAYSIAN UNION—DIVISION OF TERRITORY

Study was given the desirability of a proposed division of the present Malaysian Union into two union fields, made up of (1) The Netherlands East Indies, with Portuguese Timor; (2) British Malaya, including all British-ruled Borneo, with Siam and French Indo-China. The plan contemplates the continued use of the Malaysian Press to serve both unions. It is understood that a training school must be established to serve the Netherlands East Indies territory. It was—

VOTED, That in view of problems connected with administering a territory made up of so extended an area as the present Malaysian Union Mission, authorization be given for a plan to be worked

out for the formation of two unions from territory now within the borders of the present Malaysian Union, and in harmony with the proposal to assign to the respective unions the sections of territory heretofore designated; and further that the Far Eastern Division Committee seek to plan for the administering of the two unions separately from about the time of the close of the Malaysian Union biennial session appointed for late January and early February of 1929; that the Far Eastern Division work out a plan for separating Budgets of the two unions as from January 1, 1929; that the officering of the newly formed unions, as may be arranged by the Far Eastern Division, be on the basis of appointments taking effect at the time separate administrations are to begin, meanwhile continuing uninterruptedly the present officering of the Malaysian Union as one administration and one field.

MALAYSIAN UNION—NAMES OF UNIONS SOON TO BE FORMED

VOTED, That in harmony with the report of a sub-committee on suggesting names for unions to be formed from territory lying within the boundaries of the present Malaysian Union or adjacent thereto, that portion of the field to include all Dutch possessions, with Portuguese Timor be known as *Netherlands East Indies Union*; and that the remaining portion, comprising British Malaya, French Indo-China, Siam, etc., be known as *Southeast Asia Union*.

MALAYSIAN UNION—PROVISION FOR LATER APPOINTMENTS

VOTED, That all appointments of officers and of departmental secretaries in connection with the formation of two union missions out of territory formerly known as the Malaysian Union, (including Indo-China), be referred to the available members of the Division Committee for final decision at some later date.

BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

VOTED, That Pastor I. H. Evans be asked to plan to attend the next biennial council of the General Conference Committee, and further that he plan definitely on going by the way of India and Europe in time, if possible, to be in attendance at meetings appointed by the brethren of the European Division for several weeks preceding the Friedensau European Council of the General Conference officers. This will meet the special request of the European Division, that Brother Evans be with them from the early part of June for general meetings already appointed by them and would also meet the request that has come from the South Asia brethren that Brother Evans touch at a few of the centers in India while enroute.

PROVISION FOR VICE-CHAIRMANCY OF THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION FIELD DURING THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN

VOTED, That during the absence of the Division Chairman on his trip via Europe to the 1928 Fall Council of the General Conference, Professor Frederick Griggs be appointed to serve as vice chairman for the Far Eastern Division.

V. T. ARMSTRONG AND B. L. ANDERSON—FALL COUNCIL

VOTED, That Brethren V. T. Armstrong and B. L. Anderson, to be on furlough in the States this coming autumn, be authorized to be in attendance at the Autumn Council appointed for Springfield, Mass. September 25 to October 4, 1928.

JAPAN UNION—TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

VOTED, That Brother H. J. Perkins be hereby appointed to serve as temporary chairman of the Japan Union Committee during the time Pastor V. T. Armstrong plans on being on furlough.

DIVISION TREASURER'S REPORT

A Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ending Dec. 31 1927, was submitted by the treasurer, Brother H. W. Barrows, with exhibits showing the amounts received in tithes and offerings. This report showed a total income of \$1,011,262.86 gold and total expenditures of \$961,087.98, some funds from last year's income still being held in reserve against the completion of projects authorized but not yet finished.

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

CALENDAR OF DATES—SPECIAL DAYS AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

VOTED, That in the Far Eastern Division the dates observed for the Midsummer Offering, the Week of Sacrifice, the Week of Prayer Offering, be the same as those named by the General Conference and officially announced. It is understood this does not apply to any dates specially arranged for otherwise by Committee action, as, for example, Educational Day in various fields.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION—SELECTIONS FROM "THE MINISTRY" FOR TRANSLATION

VOTED, That hereafter selections from the Ministerial Association organ, "The Ministry," be made the basis of our Monthly Readings for translation into the vernaculars.

APPOINTMENT OF EDITORS

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

SHANGHAI

SHI DIAO YUEH BAO (Chinese "Signs" monthly): Editor, Frederick Lee; associates Dzo Tien Ming, Hsu Hwa.

THE LAST DAY SHEPHERD'S CALL (Chinese church paper): Editor, Frederick Lee; associates, Peter Chen, C. C. Crisler, Dzo Tien Ming, contributing editors, C. C. Morris, M. C. Peterson, M. C. Warren, G. G. Gjording, Geo, J. Appel, N. F. Brewer.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR: Editor, S. L. Frost, associates, J. J. Strahle, W. A. Scharffenberg, the secretary of the Ministerial Association; Yeh Kwen Gen.

SABRATH SCHOOL HELPER (Chinese): Editor, Mrs. I. H. Evans; assistant, the acting editor of the *Shepherd*.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK: TOKYO

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

SHIMEI NO OTODZURE (Japanese church paper, "Tidings of the Message"): Editor, S. Miyake; associates, V. T. Armstrong, A. N. Anderson.

SINGAPORE

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

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

SEOUL

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

KYO HAO NAM (Korean church paper): Editor, E. J. Urquhart, associates, H. A. Oberg, Mrs. Wangerin.

MANILA

ANG TANGLAU (Tagalog monthly magazine): Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, Laura Corda, S. E. Jackson.

TAGALOG-MIZPA (church paper): Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson, R. R. Figuhr.

ANG TALANDAAN SANG PANAG-ON monthly Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson.

CEBUAN-MIZPA (church paper): Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson.

PANAYAN-MIZPA (church paper): Editor, E. M. Adams, associates, S. E. Jackson, Wm. H. Berghern.

ILOCANO-MIZPA: Editor, E. M. Adams; associates, S. E. Jackson, J. O. Afenir.

ILOCANO "SIGNS"—TI DAMAG TI PAGARAN: Editor, E. M. Adams, Associates, R. Villanueva, S. E. Jackson.

BICOL-MIZPA: Mrs. W. B. Riffel.

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

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY—LOCAL BOARD

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

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY—ACCREDITING EXAMINERS

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

FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL—BOARD OF MANAGERS

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

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

VOTED, That the Departmental and other special committees appointed last year, continue unchanged, with the exception of dropping such members as have left the field permanently, and of adding those who from time to time are nominated by the respective departments and added to the list by available members of the Division Committee.

(1) Division Building Committee. To this Committee should be added the name of Prof. F. A. Landis.

(2) Home Commission. To this should be added the name of Mrs. W. I. Hilliard.

(3) Members of F. E. D. Educational and Y. P. M. V. Departments. The name of Frederick Lee should be added, in place of H. O. Swartout.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, That credentials and licenses be granted as follows:

(1) Missionary License:

Hsu Yung Chi,
Hsu Pao Djen,
Hsu Hwa,
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Miller,
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Smith,
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Buzzell

(2) Ministerial License:

Yeh Kwen Gan.

(3) Ordination and Ministerial Credentials

Dr. J. N. Andrews,
R. H. Hartwell,

That any further appointments, vacancies, and questions concerning credentials and licenses, be referred to available members of the Far Eastern Division Committee for later consideration.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK

DISTRIBUTION OF 1928 CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

WE RECOMMEND, That the sum of \$10,000 (gold) awarded by the General Conference to the Far Eastern Division from 1928 church extension funds be distributed as follows:

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| NORTH CHINA UNION: | | |
| Toward cost of a church for the city of Tientsin, China | \$2,500.00 | gold |
| MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION | | |
| Toward church enterprise in Bangkok, Siam (as an addition to funds previously granted) | 2,500.00 | |
| PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION | | |
| To assist in providing small chapels in various parts of the field | 1,325.00 | |
| CHOSEN UNION MISSION | | |
| To assist in providing small chapels as may be arranged by the Union Committee | 1,000.00 | |
| JAPAN UNION MISSION | | |
| To complete reconstruction costs of the Tokyo Compound church | 1,350.00 | |
| SOUTH CHINA UNION MISSION | | |
| Toward church enterprise for Amoy, China | 1,325.00 | |
| Total | \$ 10,000.00 | gold |

DISTRIBUTION OF 1927 PUBLISHING, EDUCATIONAL, AND MEDICAL EXTENSION FUNDS

1. Whereas, requests for Extension Funds in favor of Publishing, Educational, and Medical work in the Far East were approved and listed in the 1927 Extension Fund Booklet amounting to \$31,250.00 gold, and the General Conference outlined that the various items making up this sum should be covered if possible from the following sources of income, namely,—

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| From Big Week and Publishing House Earnings in | | |
| North America, | \$ 21,250.00 | |
| From Sanitarium Earnings in No. America, | 1,500.00 | |
| From " " in Europe, | 1,500.00 | |
| From Big Week Receipts in the Far East, | 7,000.00 | |
| Totaling, | \$31,250.00 | gold |
| and Whereas, there has been received to date, | 24,577.84 | |
| made up as follows: | | |
| Credit from the General Conference covering Big Week Funds and Publishing House Earnings in North America, | 21,250.00 | |
| Big Week Funds Raised in the Far East during 1927 (47.5% of Quota) | 3,327.84 | |
| Or a total available for distribution of | \$24,577.84 | gold |

WE RECOMMEND, That these funds be paid in harmony with the plan outlined in the Extension Fund Booklet as far as it is possible to do this with funds already received, which will provide for the following distribution:

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| CHOSEN UNION MISSION: | | |
| Girls' Dormitory & Industrial Equipment for Soonan School | \$2,500.00 | |
| MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION: | | |
| Java Middle School, toward Land, Building & Equipment, | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Initial Expense issuing new books | \$1200.00 | |
| Linotype Metal, | 800.00 | |
| Auxiliary Engine and repairs on one now in use, | 500.00 | |
| | \$2500.00 | |
| Less percentage of shortage in Far East Big Week Receipts, | 1311.50 | 1,188.50 |
| | | \$3,688.50 |
| SHANGHAI PUBLISHING HOUSE: | | |
| Toward Addition to Building, | \$4,000.00 | |
| Toward Additional Equipment, | 725.00 | |
| | | \$4,725.00 |
| JAPAN UNION MISSION: | | |
| For Completion of Publ. House Building, | \$2,000.00 | |
| For Library, | 250.00 | |
| Toward Hospital-Dispensary, | 750.00 | |
| (\$3,000, still due from Sanitarium earnings) | | \$3,000.00 |
| PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION: | | |
| Toward Hospital-Dispensary, | \$5,000.00 | |
| Toward Stereotyping Outfit for Philippine Publishing House, | 1,131.50 | |
| | | \$6,131.50 |
| SOUTH CHINA UNION MISSION: | | |
| For Hospital—Dispensary, Waichow, | \$2,500.00 | |
| For Equipment—Canton Treatment Rooms, | 250.00 | |
| | | \$2,750.00 |
| Total | | \$24,577.84 Gold |
| SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: | | |
| For Publishing Extension, | \$9,295.00 | |
| For Educational Extension, | 5,000.00 | |
| For Medical Extension, | 10,282.84 | |
| | | \$24,577.84 Gold |

WHEREAS, the General Conference has been assigning us Big Week Goals which we have been unable to meet, and our field has suffered severely in its operations because of our inability to raise such a large amount;

RESOLVED, That we request the General Conference to fix a goal in our field that we have some power of attaining, and we hereby suggest that it shall not exceed four or five thousand dollars gold; and further,—

RESOLVED, That since the General Conference has specified the amount of \$7,530 gold as the sum to be raised in the Far East through the Big Week plan, to apply on the 1928 Extension Funds for our field, and our total appropriations from Extension Funds for the present year are dependent in part on the amounts we raise within the fields in our territory, every worker be encouraged to put forth a supreme effort and undertake to raise sufficient to cover the stipulated sum of seventy-five hundred and thirty dollars gold,

WHEREAS, the sum of \$3,000 gold listed in the Extension Fund Booklet for 1927 to be provided from sanitarium earnings in North America and Europe in favor of a Dispensary-Hospital in Japan has not been received; and,—

WHEREAS, due to the unfavorable conditions prevailing in China during 1927 we ran short of raising \$7,000 gold Big Week fund assessed against the Far Eastern Division by the amount of \$3,672.16 gold,—

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That the General Conference be requested to secure for us if possible the \$3,000 gold due from sanitarium earnings, and further, if their 1927 Extension Funds receipts were sufficient to enable them to do so, that they make up to the Far Eastern Division the shortage of \$3,672.16 gold sustained in connection with our 1927 Big Week efforts, thus making it possible to pay in full the 1927 Extension Fund items approved and allowed to the Far Eastern Division.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

(1) GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

GRATITUDE

God has blessed and prospered the work of the Far Eastern Division during the year 1927. While political disturbances have existed in China, because of which many of our people have suffered persecution, yet outside this afflicted land a reasonable degree of peace and favorable working conditions have existed. Though many of our Chinese believers have suffered persecution, a number having laid down their lives for their faith, and some of our churches and institutions have sustained material losses, yet we have great cause for rejoicing in the many miraculous deliverances of most of our people from harm, and the preservation of much of our property from depredation. The faith and courage of our people has been strengthened through these experiences. In nearly all places and departments of our work throughout the entire Division, there has been a substantial growth. Among our many material benefits, may be mentioned the completion of our Far Eastern Division Academy, our Division administration building, and our central sanitarium. Because of these mercies, spiritual and material, be it,—

RESOLVED, That we return to our Heavenly Father our sincere and heartfelt gratitude, and pledge to Him a deeper consecration, and a far greater effort for the speedy finishing of the work in this portion of His vineyard.

SYMPATHY

WHEREAS, Word has come to us from many places, telling of suffering endured by our brethren and sisters in the faith because of persecution being brought to bear upon Christian believers at this time; and,—

WHEREAS, we have learned with sadness of the death of several of our faith in the China field the past year as the direct result of imprisonment, exposure, banditry, and assassination; and,—

WHEREAS, the devotion and constancy of our fellow members in the hour of supreme crisis have greatly strengthened the faith and courage of our people everywhere;

RESOLVED, That we hereby record our warm appreciation of the fearless witness to truth borne by our associates in these lands in time of trial and stress; and further that we express to the bereaved families our deepest sympathy, and our hope of meeting these loyal believers in just a little while, when all the faithful of earth will become sharers with our Lord in the glories of the redeemed.

BLESSINGS FROM TITHE-PAYING

WHEREAS, tithing is a divine ordinance by which the true Christian may show his loyalty to God, and through which he may obtain both temporal and spiritual blessings;—

WHEREAS, tithing is the one greatest financial asset of the church for its evangelistic endeavors; and,—

WHEREAS, the church in the Far East would gain great strength and blessings by more fully supporting all missionary endeavors through this appointed means; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we earnestly endeavor to help all our church members see the wonderful blessings, as well as the great opportunities to serve the cause of God in this earth, that there are in tithing; and in order to add to the effectiveness of this work, we ask Elder J.L. Shaw to prepare a small tract on the blessings of tithing which will be translated into the vernaculars of the Far East.

RESOLVED, That we ask the directors of all missions to submit to the Division Secretary experiences of blessings obtained from tithing by native believers in their respective fields, with the object of bringing out this material in the form of a pamphlet;

RESOLVED, That the subject of tithing be presented to every church in the Far East at least once a quarter, in order to stimulate more faithfulness in this Christian virtue.

FAMILY WORSHIP

WHEREAS, the center of all religious teaching in the home is the institution of family prayers, or family worship; and,—

WHEREAS, rightly conceived and rightly conducted, the exercise of family worship is a period of instruction appropriate to the age of the participants, and of a spiritual culture which fixes the habit of reverence, faith, and devotion; and,—

WHEREAS, the neglect of the family altar in the home leads ultimately to apostasy; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That our leaders in this field shall teach by a right example as well as by precept the value of family worship;

(2) That we ask the Ministerial Association to prepare a tract on this subject, for translation into the various vernaculars; and that it be circulated freely among our members and all interested persons.

MINISTERIAL STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the standards of the ministry in all things should be maintained on an irreproachable basis in order that "the ministry be not blamed;"—

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That our conference, mission, and institutional workers refrain from all side lines of business, and give themselves wholly to the denominational work and the ministry of the gospel.

(2) WE counsel our workers to arrange their personal financial budgets so as to live within their regular income; and where they do not succeed in so doing, that they be advised to take up some remunerative line of business instead of continuing in denominational employment.

(3) Believing that every worker should be a faithful tithing payer, we reaffirm the action of the General Conference not to employ any worker who is not a faithful tithing payer. Further, that workers who are known to be unfaithful in tithing shall not be transferred to another conference or mission without proper consideration of this standing of the worker.

(4) That workers who continually neglect or refuse to pay their just obligations, be advised to take up some other line of work.

(5) And further, that proper and satisfactory arrangements be made by workers for all financial obligations before transference to another conference or mission.

(2) PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENTS RESOLUTIONS EDUCATION OF COLPORTEURS

WHEREAS, our colporteurs are engaged in a work that calls for a practical education, as well as the alert, wide-awake spirit which comes from daily study; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That the educational opportunities offered by the Fireside Correspondence School be kept before our workers at institutes, general meetings and elsewhere, with a view of encouraging both leaders and colporteurs to avail themselves of the help to be gained by taking the courses in gospel salesmanship and other suitable subjects.

FUTURE WORK—PUBLISHING

WHEREAS, in certain sections of our field the unsettled conditions have forced many of our colporteurs to leave the work; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That in such places our union superintendents, mission directors, and all workers, both foreign and native, unite in a special way with the field secretaries in finding and encouraging suitable church members to give themselves to the sale of our denominational literature.

LITERATURE SALES GOAL

WE RECOMMEND, That the literature sales goal for 1928 in the Far Eastern Division field be \$250,000 gold.

PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION

11. WHEREAS, the publishing and home missionary departments are greatly benefited by the holding of conventions; and,—

WHEREAS, we are informed that Elder N. Z. Town, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, can be with us in the spring of 1929,—

WE RECOMMEND the holding of a general convention of the publishing and home missionary secretaries for the Far Eastern Division preceding the Spring Council; and,—

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That in connection with this convention a meeting be held for the publishing, home missionary, and tract society leaders of the mandarin speaking area of the China field.

DIVISION PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION—April, 1929—ATTENDANCE, AND PROVISION FOR EXPENSES

VOTED, That the following classes of workers be in attendance at Division publishing and home missionary convention appointed for March 25-30, 1929, at Shanghai: Divisional secretaries of publishing and home missionary departments; union field missionary secretaries; union home missionary secretaries; heads of the Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul, Manila and Singapore publishing house.

VOTED, That the transportation expense of those in attendance, be pooled, and apportioned on a pro-rata basis to the union fields, the fields bearing expense in proportion to the number of their delegates sent because of the holding of the convention.

MANDARIN CONVENTION—PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.—Feb., 1929

VOTED, That transportation expense in connection with the Mandarin up-country publishing and home missionary convention to be held at Hankow or some other inland center shortly after the Chinese New Year, be met by unions on a pro-rata basis for all delegates present.

SEPARATION HENCEFORTH OF PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENTS

VOTED, That henceforth the Publishing Department and the Home Missionary Department in the Far East be conducted on the basis of planning for separate secretariats for each department, in order that all interests of these departments may be looked after closely, and particularly in order that book and periodical distribution on the one hand, and Harvest Ingathering work on the other, may be largely increased.

DIVISION PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT, —LESSONS ON CHRISTIAN SALESMANSHIP

VOTED, That Pastor J. J. Strable, secretary of the Division Publishing Department, be authorized to prepare a series of twenty lessons on Christian Salesmanship, for use by the Fireside Correspondence School, Far Eastern Branch. It is anticipated that this work can be done during the month of August.

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

WE RECOMMEND, That the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1928 in the Far Eastern Division be carried forward in harmony with the plan of the General Conference,—that each field endeavor, insofar as is consistent with local conditions to bring their campaign within the dates of September 1 and October 13, and that the goal be \$30,000 gold.

WE RECOMMEND, That the Big Week campaign for 1928 be June 2-9.

BIG WEEK GOAL—FAR EASTERN DIVISION
In further promotion of the Big Week and in the interests of attaining fully the amount fixed by the Home Board as the Far Eastern Division goal; namely, seven thousand five hundred thirty dollars gold, which is considerably in advance of the amounts that various unions have thought to aggregate, it was—

VOTED, That a reassignment of union goals for Big Week in the Far Eastern Division (the week appointed for June 2-9) be made, in the hope of bringing about increased effort and the actual compassing of the goal named by the Home Board; the individual union goals to be fixed by a special sub-committee made up of Pastor J. J. Strable (chairman), the Division Treasurer, and the superintendents of the various union missions.

It is understood that the decisions of this sub-committee be final, and that they be published later as the authorized goals for the various unions within the Division, and that the total be \$7,530 gold.

The 1928 Big Week goals for unions, as finally fixed by the sub-committee, are as follows:—

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| Central China | Gold | \$ 320.00 |
| Chosen | | 445.00 |
| East China | | 900.00 |
| Japan | | 525.00 |
| Malaysia | | 1,700.00 |
| Manchuria | | 150.00 |
| North China | | 320.00 |
| Philippines | | 1,700.00 |
| South China | | 900.00 |
| Sungari-Mongolia | | 320.00 |
| West China | | 150.00 |

Total Gold \$7,530.00

CHURCH OFFICERS' INSTITUTES

12. Recognizing that the development of our work has been strengthened by institutes and conventions conducted for ministers, departmental secretaries, and colporteurs; and, in view of the fact that church officers also are recognized as shepherds of the flock, and that the spiritual life of the church is largely dependent upon their Christian experience, cooperation, and intelligent leadership; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That each local conference and mission conduct annually one (or more) church officers' convention at such time and place as will best serve the interests of the field.

(2) That at these institutes such instructors be provided as will best serve the interests of the work.

(3) That the attendance at said institutes be left with the controlling committees.

(3) SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RESOLUTIONS

GRATITUDE AND CONSECRATION

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the protecting hand of our Heavenly Father over the Sabbath schools in the Far Eastern Division during the months since we last met. In spite of the terrors and distress of civil war and red revolution in nearly every province in China, from which we have suffered the loss of a considerable number of members as well as a loss in offerings, in China; yet the field as a whole shows a gain in offerings, and 48 new schools have been organized. For these evidences of His love and care we thank God.

TEACHING AND EQUIPMENT

Recognizing the great importance of holding the children and youth of the church true to the principles of the Advent faith; and,

Believing that a thorough grounding in fundamental Bible truths, and as familiarity with the words of the Bible, are vital in accomplishing this purpose; therefore,—

RESOLVED, (1), That in all our Sabbath schools special care should be taken to select the best material available in providing teachers for the children and youth; and,

(2) That our teachers be encouraged to better qualify themselves for their work in teaching by the use of such helps as the Teachers' Training Course, the Sabbath School Worker, the Sabbath School Helper, and other aids that may be available in the different language areas.

(3) That wherever possible Memory Verse cards, the Picture Roll, and small chairs and tables be supplied for the use of the children, the expense to be met out of the expense offering.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

WHEREAS, there exists great need of thorough instruction, often repeated, in Sabbath school organization, the duties of the officers, keeping the records, methods of teaching and soul-winning work; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That we encourage the holding of Sabbath school Conventions wherever possible; and,

(2) That plans be made by the Union Missions to meet the necessary expense involved.

SABBATH SCHOOL SERVICES

WHEREAS, one of the chief objectives of the Sabbath school is to build up a loyal, strong church membership, and,

WHEREAS, we note an increasing tendency on the part of many Sabbath school members, adults as well as child-

ren, to return to their homes at the close of the Sabbath school period; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we earnestly urge our Sabbath school superintendents and officers to do all in their power to encourage a full and regular attendance at the church service.

SOUL WINNING

WHEREAS our Sabbath schools constitute a strong evangelizing agency winning many to the Lord's service and instructing them in Bible truth therefore,—

RESOLVED That we put forth every possible effort to increase the regular attendance and membership of our Sabbath schools.

SABBATH SCHOOL FINANCE

WHEREAS, with a church membership of nearly 20,000 at the close of 1926, an average offering of five cents gold per member each Sabbath would immediately make possible the reaching of our goal, "A THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK FOR MISSIONS" in the Far Eastern Division; therefore,—

RESOLVED, (1) That we keep constantly before our Sabbath school members the privilege of helping to finance this great work through the regular Sabbath school offering, the birthday offering, and the thirteenth Sabbath offering; and, further,

(2) That in order to encourage the bringing of the birthday offering, each field prepare a suitable birthday card to be given to those bringing this offering.

(3) That the Investment Fund Plan for increasing mission offerings be especially recommended to our foreign workers and their families; and,

(4) That the Investment Fund Plan be introduced and promoted in all our Sabbath schools wherever practicable, as an aid for the attainment of our Sabbath school financial goal.

UNIFORMITY

WHEREAS, considerable confusion, misunderstanding, and loss of effort might well be avoided by uniformity of endeavor in the Sabbath School Department; therefore;

RESOLVED, That special effort be put forth in promoting the interests of our Sabbath school work throughout the Far Eastern Division, to see that uniformity is observed in such matters as the use of Sabbath School lessons, the counting and recording of the weekly Sabbath school offerings, marking the class record (including the membership and attendance), and the promotion of the various phases of activity outlined by the Sabbath School Department from time to time.

(4) EDUCATIONAL AND Y. P. M. V. RESOLUTIONS

EDUCATIONAL DAY

WHEREAS, in the Far Eastern Division scarcely more than one third of our children and young people of school age are enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools, and it is evident that there is great need of further instructing our people in regard to the principles of true Christian education, and the necessity of giving their children a training in our own denominational schools,—

WE RECOMMEND, That a special effort be made to have the annual Educational Day observed in every church in the Far Eastern Division; and that union superintendents, local mission directors, and others in responsible positions, co-operate with the educational department to this end.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That for the coming year the Educational Days in our various fields be as follows: For Japan, April 21; for China, August 11, 1928, and August 10, 1929; for Malaysia, November 17, 1928; for Chosen, February 9, 1929; for the Philippine Islands, April 27, 1929.

GRADATION OF SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the general policy for the gradation of schools in the Far East at the present time allows of only one training school of twelve grades in the Malaysian Union; and,—

WHEREAS, the educational needs of the young people of the Netherlands East Indies section of this union, makes necessary their being educated in Malay and Dutch rather than in Malay and English as now planned; and,—

WHEREAS, the Malaysian Union has already contemplated the removal of the Malay section of the Malaysian Union Seminary to Dutch territory, and has taken action relative to this removal; and,—

WHEREAS, the recent action of the Far Eastern Division Committee dividing the Malaysian Union into two unions, makes this an opportune time for arranging for the establishment of a training school for the Dutch and Malay young people in Netherlands East Indies where they can be educated in their own field; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That authorization be hereby given the Malaysian Union, in behalf of the Netherlands East Indies Union that is later to be organized, to search out suitable sites, preferably in Java, for a training school, make report to the Division Committee concerning such locations, and, upon receiving favorable action (including the concurrence of the Home Board), authorizing the controlling union committee to proceed with this enterprise, they be empowered to establish a training school for their field, gradually developing the same until it shall ultimately carry twelve grades of work, as the need arises.

FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL—FAR EASTERN BRANCH

Believing that the Correspondence School is a means ordained of God for the training of workers in the Far East; and,—

WHEREAS, good results have been secured through special campaigns in the various departments of the Lord's work; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That September 30 to October 6, 1928, be set aside as FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL PROMOTION WEEK, in which all superintendents, directors, and departmental secretaries present the advantages of the Correspondence School, with the definite object of enrolling our workers and youth in some course of study, setting 200 new enrollments as our goal for the week, these to be apportioned to the field as follows:

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| Philippines | 35 |
| East China | 40 |
| Central China | 20 |
| North China | 15 |
| West China | 15 |
| South China | 20 |
| Manchuria | 15 |
| Malaysia | 25 |
| Japan | 10 |
| Chosen | 5 |

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER GOALS

WE RECOMMEND, That the goals of the Missionary Volunteer Department for 1929 be as follows:

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| Young people converted, | 850 |
| Missionary Volunteer Society Membership | 6000 |
| Standard of Attainment | |
| Certificates, | 300 |
| Reading Course, | 400 |

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| Bible Year, | 400 |
| Observing Morning Watch, | 100 % |
| Reporting Members, | 100 % |
| Offerings and funds for foreign missions, | G\$1,500 |
| Offerings for local society work, | G\$ 700 |

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

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

FIELD WORK FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

WHEREAS, it is highly essential that a constant contact be maintained between our general training schools and the field, in order that they may co-operate to the greatest advantage in recruiting large numbers of promising young people and training them as workers; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That governing boards plan so to arrange the work of the school that the principal and others of the teachers may be free to spend two or more months of each year in the field, recruiting students, and otherwise working in the interests of the school and young people.

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT FOR WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Standard of Attainment courses of study, promoted by the missionary volunteer department, and covering studies in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History, are of value to our workers in fitting them for more efficient work; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That each union continue to work toward the definite goal of having every worker a Member of Attainment, and that union superintendents and local mission directors cooperate with the missionary volunteer department in reaching this goal.

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

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

WHEREAS, in many places where our missionaries are located there is a lack of proper association and educational advantages for the young; therefore,—

RESOLVED, That we encourage the parents throughout the Division to avail themselves of the facilities of the Far Eastern Academy for the training of their children, and especially would we urge that those of ten years and over who are deprived of denominational school privileges locally be in attendance at this school.

Recognizing the place that industrial training should occupy in our school program and work,—

WE RECOMMEND, That the Far Eastern Academy make provision for the giving of industrial training, and that such industries as printing, woodworking, gardening, and some suitable line for girls, be developed as soon as possible.

WHEREAS, parents separate from their children at great personal sacrifice in order that they may receive training at the Far Eastern Academy; and,—

WHEREAS, children in attendance here should make the greatest possible advancement year by year in their school work; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That the Academy plan for the school year to be as follows:

(a) A regular academic year of thirty-six weeks, consisting of two semesters of eighteen weeks each.

(b) A summer session of eight weeks. This summer session to be attended by those who are behind in their grades, the additional charges being on the same basis as for the regular academic year.

LANGUAGE WORK IN THE CHINA FIELD

WHEREAS, there is need of interpretation of the requirements agreed upon in 1927 for the five-year language course in Chinese, and also for the setting of rates for correspondence work done in this course; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That the committee in charge of this work be asked to review these requirements, making necessary interpretations, and that the Fireside Correspondence School Board review the rates for correspondence work in this course.

WE RECOMMEND, That those of our missionaries located in close proximity to other language schools be allowed to take first and second year work in residence in those schools, upon the advice of controlling committees, after that continuing their work by correspondence in our own language school course.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That controlling committees encourage all of our foreign workers in China to continue perseveringly in the five-year language school course, until the work is finished and a practical working knowledge of the language is obtained.

ATTENDANCE OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES AT TEACHERS' SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the benefits accruing from our teachers' vacation schools would be greatly enhanced by the attendance at these schools of the field educational workers, who could thus unite their efforts with those of other workers in making the vacation school a success, by coming in close touch with the work that is being done for the teachers, and consequently by strengthening certain phases of the work through constant attention and promotion throughout the year; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That union and where possible local mission educational and missionary volunteer secretaries be invited and urged to be present at these vacation schools.

EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARIES

WHEREAS, our rapidly developing work and increasing membership make imperative the giving of ever greater attention to the needs of our youth, that they may be saved to the cause of God, established in the truth, and trained for God's service; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That immediate and earnest study be given to this question, to the end that in our larger unions an educational and missionary volunteer secretary be appointed, who shall be largely free from other responsibilities, to spend a major portion of his time in the field in the interests of this important work for the children and youth.

(b) That in local fields where there are some hundreds of young people, the local secretaries devote at least half time to the interests of our young people throughout the field.

THE MORNING WATCH

WHEREAS, the observance of a daily morning devotional period will bring spiritual strength to our members individually, and thus greatly strengthen our church as a whole; and,—

WHEREAS, our records show but a small percentage of our members and young people now regularly observing this plan; and,—

WHEREAS, the Morning Watch Calendar is provided as an aid to this daily personal devotion; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That in all our fields an earnest effort be made to place the Morning Watch Calendar in the hands of every literate believer, and to encourage its regular use.

COURSE IN CHRISTIAN SALESMANSHIP

WHEREAS, the course in Christian Salesmanship offered by the Fireside Correspondence School has proved a great strength to the publishing work in America, and such a course would meet a similar need in the building up of this branch of our work in the China field; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That the Far Eastern Division Publishing Department prepare a twenty-lesson course in Christian salesmanship for our Chinese section of the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School.

WOMEN'S WORK IN THE FAR EAST

Realizing the strength brought to the church through special work for the women, and that herein is one of the greatest factors in saving the home, and believing that we have not put forth enough effort in behalf of the women in our various fields; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That more earnest work be undertaken for the women of the Far East by endeavoring to secure more single foreign Bible women for work in our mission fields, and by encouraging wives of missionaries to engage as much as possible in work for women, by personal and systematic visitation, organizing women's societies, and conducting classes for the personal training of native Bible workers.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That arrangements be made for the production of a book in the various vernaculars on gospel and doctrinal topics which may be used for the instruction of women in reading while at the same time they may be learning that which will develop Christian character.

SOUL-WINNING ENDEAVOR

Believing that the coming of Christ is upon us, with a great work started but far from being finished in the Far Eastern Division territory; having been supplied with every facility in the way of training schools, well-equipped publishing houses, medical hospitals and homes; living in the day when one needs but to lift his eyes to see the whitenet harvest fields waiting the reaper's sickle; knowing to a certainty that the Lord of Hosts commands, "Go ye therefore, and make Christians of all nations;" and cherishing this great command from Christ our Leader as our positive, personal orders for a forward march, regardless of every manner of difficulty; be it therefore,—

RESOLVED, (1) That as workers for God, and with the zeal and earnestness that should possess men who profess this great truth, we undertake to work as never before to win souls for Christ.

(2) That we pledge the Lord and one another that by the help of God we will faithfully shepherd the flock, and seek to prepare men and women for the kingdom of heaven, ever keeping in mind that "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

(3) That we will encourage every worker to undertake greater things for God in evangelism, by preaching the Word, and by earnest personal work.

(4) That we will endeavor to arouse our native and foreign workers, and all our laity, to a life of faith and prayer and love, and to work for the salvation of the lost as those should work who believe what we profess.

INCREASED EFFICIENCY OF EVANGELISTS AND OTHER WORKERS

Recognizing the great need throughout the field of increased efficiency on the part of our evangelists and other workers, and inasmuch as many of these workers cannot be spared to attend the regular courses offered in our training schools; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That our training schools arrange for special ministerial courses of six weeks duration, the work being properly accredited, and that field men share in the responsibility of instruction, and further that union officers in connection with local missions work out a definite plan whereby several workers from each field be given such opportunity each year;

(2) That local fields conduct Bible institutes for from ten days to three weeks' duration for such workers as cannot be spared for longer periods of study in our training schools;

(3) That we urge all workers to take advantage of the courses offered by the Fireside Correspondence School;

(4) That we encourage all our workers to follow systematically the reading courses outlined annually by the Ministerial Association, and to be regular readers of our church periodicals, our mission leaders calling attention from time to time to the benefits to be derived from systematic reading;

(5) That our workers follow a daily program in their work as a means of increasing their efficiency;

(6) That each worker set a personal goal for souls each year, which he will endeavor to reach through prayer and earnest work;

(7) That our workers be urged to conduct many Bible classes not only in the chapels, but also in the homes of the people, as this is one of the best methods by which to teach the truths which we believe in a systematic interesting manner;

(8) That the officers in our unions and local missions help to encourage and strengthen our workers by personal visitation and assistance in their work, and through correspondence when personal visits cannot be made;

(9) That we recognize the colporteur work as a field which offers splendid training for those who plan to take up ministerial work, and that we encourage all candidates for the ministry to spend some time in colporteur work.

I. H. EVANS, CHAIRMAN.

C. C. CRISLER, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE CHINA UNION MISSION FOR THE YEAR 1927

J. G. GUORDING

WE are happy to be privileged once more to bring to this Spring Council a report of the work which has been done by our faithful workers within the borders of the East China Union Mission during the very extraordinary year 1927. To many the shadows that fell upon certain parts of the China field during the past year were omens of a coming doom. Many of the missionaries from other societies withdrew, never expecting to return to their stations again, while others have so completely lost their confidence in these dear people as to unfit them to render efficient service in the future. But we were confident that back of the clouds and back of the shadows the sun was still shining, that God was ruling in the affairs of men and that there would come a reaction to those terrible anti-Christian persecutions. Those experiences may mark a bend in the road, but not a terminus. Our slogan must ever be "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

As might have been expected, the persecutions swept away some of our numbers who were looking more to the material advantages than to the spiritual

blessings to be derived from the church. Some of our workers were also carried away, and these, so we have learned, are now filling some small government positions and practically all have been somewhat disappointed in their financial expectations.

There has come, also as a result of this persecution, an increased faith on the part of many of our loyal workers. There was one of our outstations which was especially hard hit by the anti-Christian movement. The hold attacks on chapel and members were very fierce. At two different times they thought they had planned their attack in such a way as to completely destroy the influence of our church in that place. But the Lord is never surprised, and He willed otherwise. We might add that as a result of those two bitter persecutions our men became bold enough to have a banner made and to go out and hold outdoor meetings in addition to those usually held in the chapel, ten new inquirers were added to that church, and the spirituality and courage of all the old members was greatly revived and their faith strengthened. Surely we can thank the Lord for every such wind of strife that but wafts us nearer to hungering souls. God will ever bring enlargement to His church when His chosen ones remain loyal to Him.

In another place our chapel was taken over by the soldiers,—and by the way, every chapel in the Anhwei Mission was taken over by the soldiers for a season—and our evangelist was ordered out because they wanted his room. But he refused to go, stating that he had been commissioned by the mission to watch the property, and that he must fulfill this responsibility and carry out his obligation to the mission. The propagandists took him by force, dragging him through the streets like a criminal, and accused him before the judge. Before he was through he had been accused before a number of the most prominent judges in that town. On the way over he wondered what he should say, but instantly the words of the Lord Jesus came to him that he was not to worry about it because it should be given him in that very hour. So with his faith resting on this promise, he went to his trial without any fear, and the Lord sent His angel to help him bear a bold testimony for the truth. When he had finished, three of those prominent judges registered their names as being interested in and anxious to study the truth. Who knows but what in the providence of God these men were thus brought in touch with the truth of which they might otherwise never have heard. So our men have begun to look at persecutions as means in the hand of God of bringing before men the truth for this time. Several of our Chinese workers have had similar experiences, and as a result their faith has increased.

There have been many cases of divine healing among us. Workers and lay members have joined in prayer with those who had faith in the healing power of Jesus, and their diseases have been healed, and they have been made whole. In the name of Jesus devils have been cast out, and there are evidences on every hand which testify that the last have become the first in the divine economy. And so while we have to report many things this year in the statistical part of this report that are not as encouraging as we should have desired them to be, we cannot but rejoice and be grateful before God for His wonderful leadings during the past year, when there was not the loss of a single worker's life because of the untoward conditions prevailing, and it seems now as if by faith we can hear the going in the tops of the mulberry trees. We have faith to believe that the year 1928 will be a year of evangelism, a year in which every worker will exercise more faith and in which the Holy Spirit will have free course in the lives of each one of the representatives of this message,

There is not the least shadow of doubt in our minds but that the experiences of last year have better fitted us to do a greater work for God in this heathen land. What has this great tidal wave of persecution done but to carry the name of Christ to millions who perhaps would never have heard it in any other way, but who, having heard it, will perhaps have had their interest aroused sufficiently to lead them to inquire further into the merits of this name and of these hated doctrines. So we face the year 1928 with good courage and with firm faith that God will make bare His holy arm and do a great work in behalf of His people in this country, where the fields are white unto the harvest.

For the benefit of those who are with us for the first time, we would say that the East China Union Mission comprises the three provinces of Anhwei, Kiangsu, and Chekiang, with a population of approximately 76,000,000. So much has been said about the millions of China that we fear it has lost its real meaning to us. We have in this Union almost one-fifth of all China's millions, but what does that mean if we cannot comprehend the magnitude of the figures. If one could stand in one spot long enough and have the population of the East China Union pass by at the rate of sixty per minute, it would take from now till the time set for the next General Conference to convene for its millions to pass that given spot. Nevertheless, God is acquainted with every one of these millions. He loves them. He cares for them, and He has set His hand to the work of saving every honest one among them.

For months we feared there would be a very great loss in our membership as a result of those mighty surgings from without against the church of Christ and against everything that pertains to missions in general, and there has been a loss both in workers and in lay members. But there has also been a small ingathering, for ninety-eight precious souls have been baptized into the faith during the past year. This is only one-third as many as were baptized in 1926, but we believe that they are of greater value in the sight of God because of having come during a time of persecution. We feel that it has taken greater effort on the part of our workers to gather them in, and more courage on the part of these souls to step out and accept a doctrine wholly unpopular and totally denounced by the powers that be than it did for the several hundred to step out a year ago when missions were popular and when protection and material benefits were to be had by joining one's self to the church. So somehow we feel better about the addition of these souls than we did in the past when far greater numbers were added.

Our membership at the close of 1926 stood at 1,765. During the year 1927, 98 were baptized, which might have brought our total up to 1,863, but there were a number of deaths, transfers and apostasies so we are only able to report 1,821 members at the close of 1927. It must be stated here that we are not yet certain as to our exact standing so far as membership is concerned. Due wholly to conditions of war and banditry, it has been impossible for two of our directors to tour their fields and check up on the records. Hence while we give out the total of 1,821 as representing our membership at the close of 1927, we want you to know that we may have to make some reductions in this when conditions again permit us to go into the field. We are glad to report that even with this poor showing for 1927, our membership gain for the past five-year period is 118 per cent. We believe that it is possible under the blessings of heaven so to receive the fullness of the Spirit of God in our lives and work as to enable us to double our present membership by the next General Conference. This is our aim, and we solicit your prayers and hearty co-operation to this end.

THE EAST CHINA UNION—SOME STATISTICS

| | 1926 | 1927 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stations and Out-stations | 77 | 77 |
| Organized Churches | 37 | 37 |
| Baptisms for the year | 278 | 98 |
| Baptized Membership | 1,765 | 1,821 |
| Ordained Ministers | 14 | 14 |
| Licensed Ministers | 13 | 13 |
| Licensed Missionaries | 63 | 66 |
| Lady Bible Workers | 25 | 25 |
| Colporteurs (average) | 18½ | 9 |
| Teachers | 52 | 44 |
| Tithe Receipts (Mex.) | \$12,796.52 | \$11,985.21 |
| Tithe per capita (Mex.) | 8.46 | 6.79 |
| Annual Offering | 1,269.60 | 966.60 |
| Midsummer Offering | 106.20 | 205.86 |
| Week of Sacrifice | 1,885.80 | 1,991.19 |
| Big Week | 1,133.24 | 523.57 |
| Misc. & Harvest Ingathering | 402.82 | 207.47 |
| Sabbath School Offerings—12 Sabbaths | 4,389.56 | 4,376.32 |
| " " " 13th Sabbath | 1,042.08 | 808.36 |
| Literature and Misc. Sales | 30,544.60 | 21,832.83 |
| Church Schools Conducted (average) | 24 | 15 |
| Average enrollment of church schools | 729 | 494 |
| Intermediate Schools | 3 | 3 |
| Average enrollment | 110 | 83 |
| Estimated value of School Buildings | 3,800.00 | 5,294.66 |

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
(OF EAST CHINA)

Our Sabbath school membership, while it has decreased somewhat, is still 141 per cent of our church membership. These 2,584 members are scattered throughout the field in 84 schools, two schools having been added during the year. The Senior Division has 1,943 members, the Youths 319, and the Primary 322. We also have a few members in the Home Department. During the year this Department issued 1,086 quarterly Perfect Record Cards of Honor, and 179 yearly Perfect Record Cards of Honor. The total offerings fall a little below those received in 1926.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT—EAST CHINA

During a year filled with revolution and turmoil, these extraordinary conditions greatly affected the work of the publishing department. It was impossible for our colporteurs to move about for many months of the year. This left some of our boys without support which necessitated some of them seeking other means of livelihood. We provided other work for five of the best of our regular colporteurs. It is not surprising, therefore, that there should be a great loss in the literature sales for the past year. The wonder is that we were able to sell as much as we did. The sales for 1927 amount to (Mex.) \$21,832.83. We are glad to say that Brother Oss, who was on furlough the greater portion of 1927, has been able to rally a few of the old colporteurs during the last quarter of 1927, and that he is now conducting a colporteur school in which twenty-six colporteurs are in attendance. These are being given special training in Bible sales methods, etc., and we are sure that our 1928 goal of \$40,000 worth of present truth literature sold in this Union is not too high for this courageous band of workers, headed by such an enthusiastic leader as we have in this department.

We believe that the time has come in our work when all the fields might profitably divide the two departments that are now largely being fostered by one secretary, and have separate secretaries for the publishing and the home missionary departments. We feel confident that great strides can be made in both departments when such separation has been effected, and we are therefore placing a call with the Division for one of your workers to join our union staff and to take charge of the home missionary department in this field.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT
(OF EAST CHINA)

During the year 1927 our home missionary department received 2,885 individual reports. This makes an average of a little more than 240 per month. We are ready to confess that this average is very, very low, for it reveals the fact that our reporting membership is but a little over 15 percent. Now of course we all believe that more than 15 percent of our membership are doing home missionary work. We also believe that much more is being done than is actually being reported, even by those who render reports. And does this not show that we should spend more time in building up our churches and in educating our people to report what they do and thus mobilize for service all the latent forces of our membership? Surely there would be no limit to the results that such an army as our lay members rightly trained could produce, and we believe that it is our duty as leaders in this work to shoulder the responsibility of training the church for work. We do, however, plead with you to give us an extra man to help us foster this work.

Due to the disturbed conditions, very little was done last year with the Harvest Ingathering, Brother Oss being the only one who participated in the work, and that only in special solicitations for a church building in the South Chekiang field.

We are glad to report that some of our members have really caught the vision of this personal ministry, and have entered into it in a very energetic manner. We believe that the work now being done by a few of our lay members in some parts of the field can well be duplicated in every part of the Union by a large percentage of our membership just as soon as more time is given to fostering this work among them.

EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
M. V. DEPARTMENTS

We have seven senior missionary volunteer societies in our union, with an average membership of 454 for the year. All but one of these societies have reported. The reports of missionary work done are very encouraging, but we will not at this time stop to give the figures. There were 67 Morning Watch certificates issued during the year, 26 Senior Standard of Attainment, 11 Junior Standard of Attainment, 14 for the Senior Bible Year, and 53 for Senior and Junior Reading Courses.

Last year you will remember that we had a foreign missionary enterprise, the opening of one chapel during 1927.

It was through the promotion of the East Shanghai Missionary Volunteer Society that this work was accomplished. We are hoping that during the year 1928 arrangements can be made for the opening of another chapel, this time in Anhwei. I think that this foreign missionary enterprise of raising \$500 each year for a new chapel is perhaps the outstanding feature of our missionary volunteer work in this union.

The above facts are taken from a report of our educational and young people's secretary, and he goes on to say:

"While this has been a year that has hindered many departments of our work, yet I believe that the missionary volunteer work has as good a report this year as ever, and we are looking for bigger things during 1928. From the various reports that I gathered in previous years I should judge that we have in our union at least 1,200 young people. About 800 of these would be classed in the primary section in the grades, and the other 400 of junior and senior middle school standards, with a few of college standard."

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—EAST CHINA

We are happy to report that Dr. Paul, our medical department secretary, found it possible to slip out and away from his busy routine to visit a couple of our stations. In this itinerary he joined our educational secretary, and spent his time examining the pupils and giving health talks. We believe that a good beginning has been made in a needy field, and we trust the institutional work will be such as to permit the doctor to do more fieldwork in the future.

HOME BIBLE STUDY LEAGUE

Last year a few workers within the Union conceived the idea of beginning a definite line of work for the English speaking peoples residing principally in Shanghai. Consequently we made a call for an evangelist, but for various reasons this call did not mature; so we began casting about among our own workers, and sure enough, the call of the hour was answered by the presence of the man. We found in Brother Evans one who could and who was willing to champion this line of missionary endeavor. The other members of the union family joined in fostering this new work and at a joint meeting held in this chapel, solicitations were made for funds with which to procure two thousand sets of the Home Bible Study League literature. We wish here to thank our visiting foreign brethren as well as our own foreign believers, and also the English-speaking Chinese members, who have participated in the work of the League and who have so generously assisted financially. As a result of the drive we made last autumn, some \$1,400 was pledged toward this literature ministry for English speaking people within this Union. We are already getting returns from some of the earlier courses that we sent out, and many favorable replies have been received. While it is yet too early to foretell what the results will be, we firmly believe that as a result of this liberal scattering of truth-laden literature some will be gathered in, and who knows but what these very ones may become strong factors in the support of our native work in the days to come.

Just the other day a dear soul whom we baptized a year ago, came to Sister B. Miller, our veteran Bible worker, and told her she had been constrained by the love of Jesus in her heart to bring a little gift to her Lord. She stated that she did not want her name attached to the gift in any way, but wanted Sister Miller to pass it in the regular way. Then she pulled out a roll of paper bills and handed it to our sister. It contained \$100. Praise the Lord for a love that leads in this direction, and may the giver be doubly blessed here and hereafter.

OUR WORKERS IN EAST CHINA UNION

We are again grateful to the Home Board for their continued interest in and loyal support of the work and workers in these heathen lands. This past year we had the privilege of welcoming Brother and Sister Alfred Fossey to our field. These workers will join Elder and Mrs. Wilkinson in their work in the South Chekiang Mission. They expect to leave for Wenchow next month. Brother and Sister Wood returned from their furlough in January, 1927. It has been a hard year for these workers, but how happy and how truly grateful we all are to the God of love who saw fit to answer our prayers in behalf of Sister Wood and bring her again to her home and her work in the union.

Brother and Sister Burwell took up their work July 1, and we are glad to report that Brother Burwell is rendering very efficient help and adding strength to our treasury department. When he gets the language he will be able to do some very much needed field work and help us to bring our churches up on higher ground so far as giving is concerned. It is with sadness we note that Sister Burwell is still in the Sanitarium, but the outlook is bright for a speedy recovery.

Brother and Sister Reed will soon complete their second year of language study, after which they will be ready to do whatever the committee may require of them.

Sister B. Miller has worked along faithfully in her quiet way, winning souls for the Master. She has the distinction of being our veteran worker and our greatest soul winner.

One of our sisters has been rendering faithful service to our Shanghai Middle School girls' industrial department. The industry at present is providing the major portion of the schooling expenses of sixteen girls, and the department is making a little profit on the work done.

With sadness we note here the loss by death of two or dained ministers, one lady Bible worker, and two wives of workers. Among these deceased was our dearly beloved Elder Han, the man by whom our work in this field commenced. He rests from his labors, but his work is going on in the lives of two hundred eighty converts, many of whom are workers carrying heavy responsibilities in our work.

OUR NEEDS IN EAST CHINA

While we need men and means, this is not our outstanding need. We need to learn how to get more out of our present investment. We need to have our vision quickened so as to enable us to see the lifting power of our Chinese constituency. We need to elevate the standard, to join in the work of preaching present truth to those in darkness. To harness the church and train it for service. To teach it its financial obligations and responsibilities, and as workers together with God to become God's men wholly and without reserve, filled by His Spirit, controlled by His love, and given to prayer and the preaching of the word. We need your prayers, your co-operation, your support, and your counsel that we too may finish the work He has given us to do.

FORMERLY IN THE FAR EAST

GILLIS-LOCKRIDGE.—Word has been received of the marriage on Sunday, February 26, of Reba Thruston Lockridge to Ithiel Elwyn Gillis, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Oberg, College Place, Wash., U.S.A. Brother Ithiel Gillis, as the son of Brother and Sister W. E. Gillis, will be remembered as one who has spent many years of his lifetime in the Far East. They are to live for the present at Kent, Wash., U.S.A.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN THE FAR EAST DURING 1927

J. J. STRAHLE

(Synopsis of annual report rendered by the Division Secretary of the Home Missionary Department, during the annual meetings of the Division Committee held in Shanghai during February, 1928)

WHEN we review the home missionary work in the Far Eastern Division for the past year, and note the faithful services rendered by many of our lay members, we take new courage, and our hearts are filled with praise to God. Wherever our church members have labored we find evidences of the Holy Spirit's working upon human hearts. Men and women in darkest heathenism are learning of the true God. Last year about eight hundred souls accepted the truth as a result of the effort put forth by our church members.

In some parts of China, the enemy did his utmost to destroy the word of God. The Bible and the literature based upon its teachings was gathered up and burned. Yet in some places where the Bible was most severely hated, there to-day the people are very receptive to the gospel. Elder Davis, director of the Hunan Mission, has stated that our workers using literature in their house-to-house work have met with excellent success. In some instances the people have provided meeting places, and have listened most attentively to the word of God. In the changes that are occurring, many new doors for the spread of the gospel have been opened. These openings place upon us as workers great responsibilities, and call for renewed consecration, and the laying of broad plans for the speedy finishing of the work. This may be the very time to which the Spirit of prophecy refers, "Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books preach the word with determined energy." If that time has come, we may look for a demand for our smaller publications to an extent greater than anything hitherto thought of or dreamed.

In North China one church member returned to his home in the interior, to do home missionary work, and soon had a healthy interest aroused. Pastor _____, of the _____ church, sent him a copy of "Bible Readings, and he studied that book with the people. Later Pastor _____ made a visit to that place, staying with the people, and teaching them the truth. The interest has grown, and now there is a chapel there.

One of our isolated sisters living in the northern part of Japan has been selling some magazines each month. The Holiness church sent a worker into that section. He held meetings, and many came to hear. Questions were raised by some who had purchased our magazines. The Holiness preacher could not give satisfactory answers so he had to leave. Then, the people came to our sister for more light. She did her best, and when one of our workers visited the place, he found a company of interested believers ready for meetings. This is a good example of how our church members can create an interest.

The work done by our church members has been given a great deal of publicity in Harbin and throughout the Russian cities of Manchuria. The priests have made it a particular point to explain to their communicants the wonderful organization the Seventh-day Adventists have in carrying on their propaganda. Here is what the Greek Catholics have told: "The Seventh-day Adventists carry on a very clever propaganda to win converts to their faith. The most powerful lever in winning people is the kind of literature they produce. It is written up in a very subtle way, creating on the part of the people a strong desire to read more of such literature, until

they are fully persuaded of the said doctrines. The Seventh-day Adventists are our greatest enemy, for they are undermining the belief of our church members. Their literature gives us much trouble. We find it everywhere. The Seventh-day Adventists have sold \$6,000 worth of their literature in this district, and the worst part of it is that it has been our members who have purchased this literature. We exhort you, to buy literature from our printing house, instead of buying this cleverly written literature introducing new doctrines from abroad." The priests unconsciously made one of the strongest appeals they possibly could have made, arousing a curiosity in the minds of their members to learn what those new doctrines "from abroad" are.

In one of the mission fields of the Philippine Union a careful survey was made to ascertain how many souls were won by the laity. Over one-third of the converts were first led to become interested by the church members. Elder Jackson, the superintendent of the Philippine Union, believes that the example of the mission referred to is an indication of all the missions in his union.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The Harvest Ingathering work has grown to the point where it presents tremendous possibilities. Splendid work has been done the past year in securing funds through the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Our brethren in Manchuria and North China have gone far beyond their goals. These funds were secured in troublous times, when money was difficult to obtain. The brethren in the Sungari-Mongolian mission went far beyond their expectations. It had been very difficult for our Russian brethren to secure contributions from their countrymen. However, the yearly visits made by our brethren have gradually broken down the prejudice, and, in return, they were greatly rewarded for the efforts put forth.

Our brethren in Japan have been blessed in seeing their Ingathering work grow from year to year. The Malaysian Union leads the Division field in funds gathered from the public. The workers and lay members have been rather timid about going out, but each year they are more aggressive and more in earnest in carrying forward the Harvest Ingathering work. The total receipts from the Harvest Ingathering for the year amount to \$18,515.43 gold.

BIG WEEK

The Missions Extension Fund plan is comparatively new in this field, but our brethren have taken hold of this in a splendid way. We raised \$3,327.84 U.S. gold the past year through the sale of literature and from contributions made by our brethren (the income of a day's salary). The Big Week plan has been a great blessing to our publishing houses, schools, and hospitals. God has blessed the efforts of our brethren who took part in this campaign, and many precious souls are to-day rejoicing in the truth as a result of their work.

If we expect to carry this message to all parts of our Division field in one short generation, we must not think of it being done solely through the ministry of trained workers, but through the personal touch of nearly 20,000 lay members. A consecrated laity who witness to the power of God in their own hearts will send the light of this truth to all parts of the Division field. Without question, our churches and companies may become the most powerful force we have in advancing the kingdom of God. We must bring about a laymen's movement, the laymen to become human torches, letting their light shine for God. It is upon this task that the hope of the church rests.

Note and Comment

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—PASTOR GEO. J. APPEL

IN a recent communication from Pastor Geo. J. Appel, on furlough from the North China Union, we learn of a change in his address. He writes:

"We are all enjoying our furlough, and seem to be gaining. It has been a special privilege to be here in Walla Walla College and do what we can to promote interest in mission fields. A large number of the students are definitely planning on foreign work. More than fifty are in a special class, hoping for calls in the very near future.

"We are planning on leaving here about March 1 for Oregon and later possibly California. All correspondence from now on should be addressed to 508 East Everett St., Portland, Oregon, from which point it will be forwarded."

FROM PASTOR B. PETERSEN

THROUGH a letter just received from Pastor B. Petersen, who has been spending the first few months of his furlough in Southern California and other portions of the United States, we learn that he and Sister Petersen have had an enjoyable and restful time at Glendale, from which center they went out to many of the churches round about on Sabbaths and at other times. They are leaving the latter part of March for New York City, touching at Chicago and Washington, D.C., en route, and will be reaching Denmark, Brother Petersen's old home, by early May where they will spend a little time with Father Petersen, still living, whom they have not seen for about twenty years. They have a list of appointments in the Scandinavian Union to be filled prior to return to the Manchurian Union via the Siberian Railway direct. On this railway there is a continuous service from Hamburg, Germany, direct to their home at Mukden, Manchuria, the only breaks being two or three transfers to trains on other tracks at the same stations along the borders of countries traversed.

Mail for Pastor and Mrs. B. Petersen should be addressed to them at Margrethevej 5, Copenhagen, V., Denmark, Europe.

FROM PASTOR AND MRS. H. J. DOOLITTLE

RECENT word from Pastor and Mrs. H. J. Doolittle, who may be addressed in care of Mr. Kennedy, Route 1, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, tells of much labor from church to church in the Ohio Conference the past few months. For several weeks Brother Doolittle assisted in collecting funds for a new dormitory for the Mt. Vernon College.

Sister Doolittle writes of the serious illness of Brother Doolittle, which seems to demand an operation soon. This makes their plans for the future very indefinite. Let us pray that Brother Doolittle may have a good recovery, and may again be privileged to enjoy abounding health.

Brother and Sister Doolittle unite in sending greetings to former associates in the Far East.

EAST SZECHWAN MISSION J. EFFENBERG

IN September we finished our six-month Bible school and institute without hindrance. From September 15 to October 3 we had a good and blessed workers' and church officers' meeting. Throughout the meeting we watched the door daily,

in hope of seeing some from Shanghai enter to join us in this meeting, but in vain. We are sorry none could come. At the close of our meetings, a trip was undertaken into North Szechwan, which took us about three months. In that district the Lord has wonderfully blessed us. I was able to baptize thirty-six souls on this trip, organize three new churches, ordain three Chinese brethren for church elders and five for deacons, and also open new places for work. The Lord is doing wondrous things in this hard time. Glory to His name!

Greetings to friends. Remember us in your prayers.

Chungking, February 20, 1928.

THE KIRIN MISSION F. M. LARSEN

We have the prospect of making 1928 the best year we have ever had in winning souls for the Master in this part of Manchuria. About two weeks ago, during January, I came back from one of the places calling for evangelistic teaching. A goodly number were interested. One man offered us the use of a two-gien house as a beginning for a chapel, without rent. Of course if we accept, we must supply some evangelist for them and this of course takes money. At another place five are beginning the observance of the Sabbath. They have already sent in nearly ten dollars in Harbin notes as tithe. From several places we have calls for labor.

I am deeply concerned over the necessity of seeing work undertaken without delay in the Heilungkiang Province. There is at present a man here with us from that province, and he begs us to send some worker there. In that great district we would have peace and liberty to preach precious truth; it does seem as if we should enter.

FROM PASTOR M. C. WARREN

FOLLOWING the close of the Council, Pastor M. C. Warren came in, having been delayed through a tie-up of shipping along the Yangtze. He brought most cheering word of the past year's work in the West China Union, where a net gain of 112 has been made—ten more than reported in the statistical number of the Outlook. Financial returns, also, were good, taking into consideration present circumstances.

The brethren of the Division Committee gave consideration to West China's needs, and arranged for a grant of funds sufficient to enable Brother Warren and his associates to add another mission home to the Chungking station, thus providing for three families at the union headquarters. Arrangements were perfected for Dr. J. N. Andrews' departure with his family and Brother and Sister Hartwell for Tatsienlu, the Tibetan Mission station; and then Pastor Warren went on via Hanoi to the city of Yunnanfu, taking with him Brother and Sister Claude B. Miller, who are soon to be joined by Brother and Sister Dallas R. White. When Brother Warren returns to Chungking, he will be accompanied by two families of recruits.

Of his earlier trip up the Yangtze, Pastor Warren writes:

"The Lord was very good to us in bringing us up the River in safety. We had a very real sense of His care being over us all the way. There were dangers all along the route. The Nanking forces were driving on Hankow, but we passed them without a shot being fired at us, though they had been firing on boats before that. In Hankow the defeated troops had left just ahead of us. I called up the brethren whom I had asked to look up passage for us, and was told that there would be no steamers leaving for Ichang for some time. Within a few minutes after hanging up the receiver, though it was about ten p.m., we found a steamer and secured passage to Ichang. The chief officer evidently did not know that his company was refusing passage to foreign women above Hankow.

"Beyond Hankow the defeated soldiers were looting, and destroying the villages,

and firing on all steamers. But it so happened that there was a boat ahead of us that drew the fire, and gave us time to turn around and go back. This happened again when we made the second attempt to get through. The third time we passed the lines.

"In Ichang we found a steamer getting ready to leave the next morning after we reached there. We made investigation and felt that the Lord was directing us to take that boat, though the foreign officers advised us not to go by their boat, as the danger from pirates was still great in the Gorges. When we insisted on going by that boat, we were told to stack our trunks and boxes outside the cabins, and then bales of cotton were placed on top of that for protection from bullets; but the Lord took us through without any trouble.

"You will remember that we failed of getting on a through steamer leaving from Shanghai, as it went earlier than the office first reported to us that it would go. After reaching Chungking I learned that that steamer was looted three times before reaching Chungking.

"From Ichang we took 'Chinese' passage on an American boat, which made a saving of about five hundred dollars Mexican over what it would have cost us on the regular steamers making this trip.

"We found conditions in Chungking better than they had been for several years. Of course we know of the serious and adverse undercurrents that are not apparent at the present on the surface.

"Brother and Sister A. E. Hughes and children, who had accompanied Mrs. Warren and the children and myself on this trip up the River, went on overland to Chengtu, ten days beyond Chungking. They had a good trip, and were well received in Chengtu."

THE WEST KWEICHOW MISSION M. C. WARREN

I AM writing from Pichieh, Kweichow (Jan. 18, 1928). This is my fifth trip down into this province. On the first trip there were no believers, but seed was sown that resulted in three baptisms on my second trip. I think eight were baptized on the third trip, and nine on the fourth. Now the work is getting on a solid basis, and does not go forward just by "trips," but is going ahead all the time. West Kweichow Mission is going to make a good showing for 1927. I imagine that the cost per convert here will be less than in any other local mission in China for 1927. We shall be able to report more than fifty baptisms in the West Kweichow Mission for the past year. Pastor Ho Ai Dong is in charge. Brother Li, formerly of the China Theological Seminary, has just joined the staff of workers in this Mission.

A GENEROUS LOAN

WITH much of sacrifice on their part as regards the immediate development of carefully laid plans, the Central China Union brethren have graciously released one of their families of recruits, Brother and Sister Z. H. Coberly, for eight months of service in the Malaysian Union Seminary at Singapore, where a pressing need arose for two additional teachers. Brother and Sister Coberly are to return to China by October 1, 1928, in order to enter upon a study of Mandarin, preparatory to service in Honan. They reached us from the Pacific Northwest February 20.

The Central China Union are still loaning Professor and Mrs. D. S. Williams to the Philippine Union, their stay having been extended by cabled arrangement to cover the time of the Filipino teachers' institute, now being held at Manila. Further, they are continuing to the Malaysian Union the loan of Brother and Sister Arthur Mountain, in order that Brother Mountain may have time to complete the solicitation work in behalf of the Penang Hospital-Dispensary project, the success of which already seems assured.

SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

The Dedicatory Exercises

Feb. 27, 1923, 2 P. M.

According to appointment, the constituency members and friends of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital met on the front portico of the new building at 150 Rubicon Road, and found seats in the amphitheater-like space immediately in front, along the walks and on the lawn. Pastor I. H. Evans, chairman of the Board of Directors, presided. On the platform were Pastor W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who had come from the Home Board to be with us at this time; Pastor J. L. Shaw, treasurer of the General Conference, who had accompanied Brother Spicer; Dr. H. W. Miller, medical superintendent of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital; Professor Frederick Griggs, field secretary of the Far Eastern Division Mission; Pastor J. G. Gjording, superintendent of the East China Union; Pastor D. C. Wood, director of the Kiangsu Mission, who served throughout the program as interpreter; Pastor T. S. Wu, of the Range Road S.D.A. Church; Dr. R. W. Paul and Wm. Woolgar, of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital staff; and many others, including several union superintendents from the Far Eastern Division field.

Pastor Gjording led in prayer.

OPENING REMARKS BY PASTOR I. H. EVANS

In his opening remarks, Pastor I. H. Evans, in behalf of the Board of Directors, said in part:

"We have waited long for this day. For many years we have planned to have a completely equipped medical and surgical sanitarium and hospital to serve our workers, our constituencies, and our friends here in the Far East. For a time we made small beginnings in rented quarters on Bubbling Well Road; later we occupied the Chinese Red Cross hospital buildings for nearly three years; still later we shifted to Nanking Road, and then to Avenue Joffre. Now, through the liberality of kind friends and through generous grants from our Home Board, we find ourselves permanently located in this plant at 150 Rubicon Road, as you see it here to-day. We rejoice in having this good institution. This is to be a Christian center of influence and training. All connected with the institution are to live the Christian life. We worship God, the great creator of the universe. We have met here to-day to dedicate these buildings and premises to the Lord God of the universe, and to ask Him to accept of the institution, and for leap is blessing to rest upon it.

"We have arranged a little program for this afternoon. It is my pleasure to introduce to you, as the first speaker, Dr. H. W. Miller, the medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division, who has general supervision of all our medical work in the Far East, and who goes from place to place to assist in building up these centers of healing and of Christian endeavor. Dr. Miller is also the medical head of our Shanghai Sanitarium, and he will now address you."

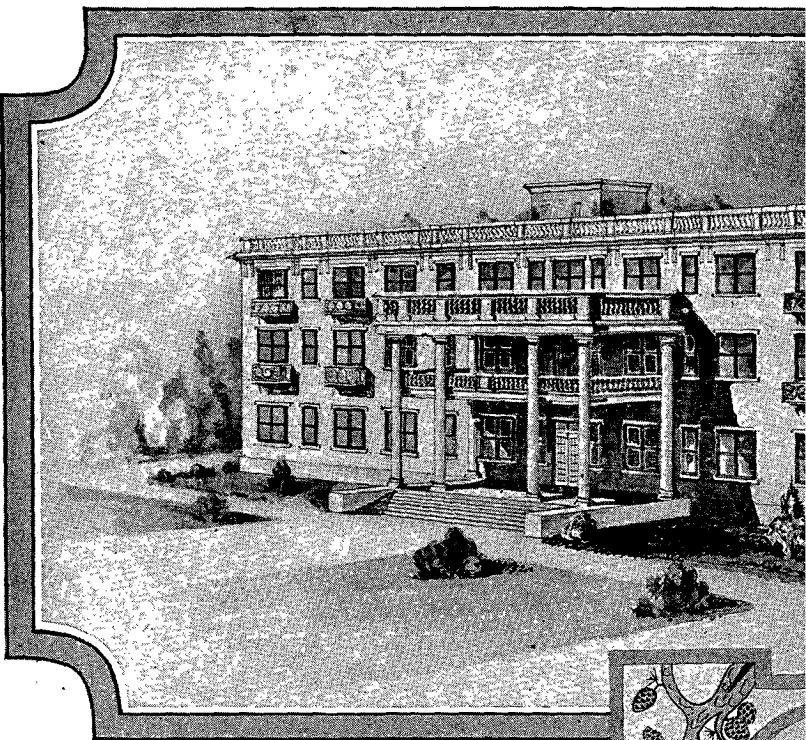
DR. H. W. MILLER'S ADDRESS

Dr. Miller's address was delivered in the Mandarin language, and hence not reported. He referred to the earlier struggles of the founders, of the disappointments, of the rallying of friends to make possible that which was difficult of accomplishment, and of our joy to-day in finally realizing that for which several have been steadily laboring through a series of years.

Dr. Miller paid a tribute of praise to the staff, who have labored under many handicaps in crowded quarters, and who throughout have revealed patience and cheerfulness, combined with a high degree of technical skill, and close attention to the little details that have made for the comfort and speedy recovery of patients.

"In the building of the Shanghai Sanitarium we believe that a real need in the Orient has been met,—one that is recognized by mission bodies, physicians in general, and especially the Chinese people.

"There is one feature of our training-school work that I should like especially to emphasize, and that is with reference to the opportunity now afforded our advanced young men and young women



throughout the Division to get a satisfactory nurse's training course. We believe that with our efficient staff of nursing supervisors, and the facilities offered here, the nurses' training-school of the Shanghai Sanitarium is rapidly coming up to the high standards held to in our training-schools in the United States of America and in Europe. We have made an arrangement whereby those taking this training may be quite largely self-supporting during their period of training.

"I wish in concluding my report to express great appreciation for the co-operation of the workers of the institution.... We further desire to express our appreciation to the General Conference for their sympathy in helping us in the development of this plant, and for coming to our relief again and again as we have met difficult and trying problems.... We furthermore wish to express at this time our gratitude to Dr. Henry Harrower, who contributed so liberally out of his personal funds to assist this institution, as well as to help us purchase the land. And we can never forget Sister L. F. Plummer and the members of the Sabbath schools of our denomination throughout the world for their interest in giving so liberally at the time of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which brought to us an overflow of about eighteen thousand dollars gold. Others, also, have contributed generously; and had it not been for the streams of beneficence from many sources, these buildings could never have been to the point of completion in which you see them to-day."

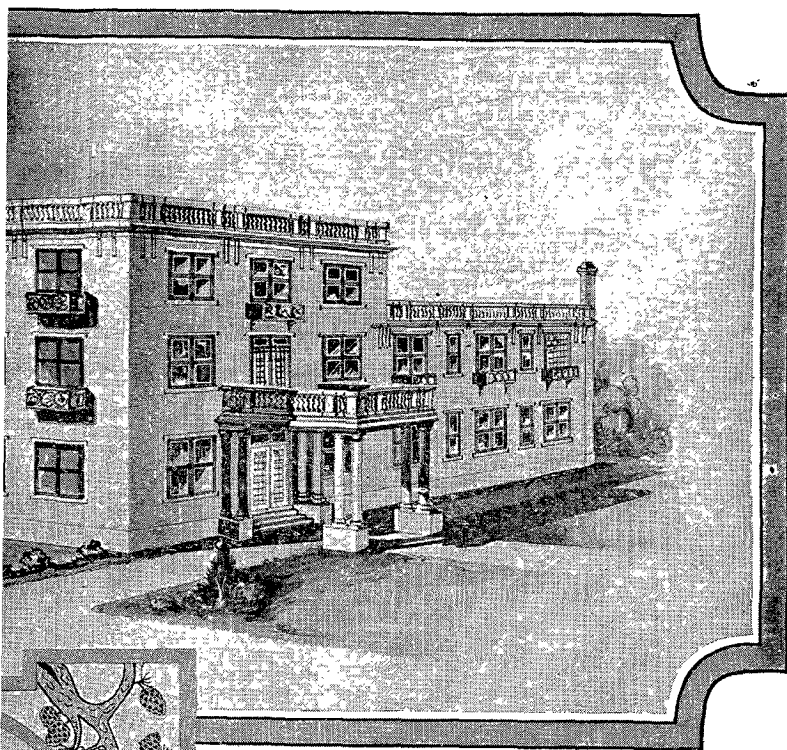
DR. W. A. WOOLGAR'S REMARKS.

The scientific equipment to be found installed in the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, was set forth in an address by Dr. W. A. Woolgar, who referred particularly to the diagnostic and therapeutic value of such equipment.

DR. R. W. PAUL'S REMARKS

Dr. R. W. Paul, in charge of the City Branch of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, at No. 323 Avenue Joffre, outlined some of the practical and permanent results already attained by the Shanghai Sanitarium through the years of its earlier work in the city of Shanghai. A clientele has been developed that will be served henceforth in large part at the main institution, 150 Rubicon Road,

General View of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a central portico. To the left of the building is a garage, and to the right is a public dispensary, also four flats for fore-



Sanitarium: is the last one. It is the youngest member of our sanitarium family, but it is one of the prettiest and nicest children we have in that family. We have many that are larger, but I am sure we have none that is better built; so to-day we are happy to dedicate this institution to the service of the Lord.

"How does it come that this Church builds so many sanitariums? I think here is the secret of it (holding up a Chinese motto). I can't read it, but I have written down below what it says,—'To help the world and heal humanity.' I am going to take this over to America and show it to the brethren. They will understand what the translation means; for 'to help the world and heal humanity' is the aim of all our sanitariums, and ought to be the aim of everyone of us in our personal lives. We are to help the world and heal humanity. Why, that is what the gospel of Jesus Christ means; and we are doing this medical work because we want to follow Jesus. Jesus loved the world. He loved the people. He loved rich and poor. And wherever He found suffering, He ministered to it; and we want to follow Jesus. We pray God to put His love in our hearts, and then we will love all men, and we shall seek to bless the men, to heal them.

"You remember Jesus said we were to love our neighbors as ourselves. He told a story to illustrate how we should love our neighbors. A certain man went down along the road from Jerusalem. Some bandits came upon him, and wounded him and stole his goods, and the thieves left the poor man on the road—wounded and bleeding. A priest came by, and he passed by on the other side; but finally along came a Samaritan man, and he went to the poor man on the road, and bandaged up his wounds. I don't suppose he was a nurse, but he did the best he could, and he poured oil on the poor man's wound, and he took the poor man to an inn, and paid the innkeeper to take care of him; and Jesus said that man loved his neighbor.

"Well, here is a poor world sick and in trouble. We want to help the world, but we can't take the sick people to the inns and the hotels and pay the bills to-day, so we have to build a sanitarium, and we are glad to take the sick and try to cure their diseases.

"Sixty-three years ago we built our first sanitarium. That was in America. Now, you will find our sanitariums on every continent of earth. Not only the buildings are important, but more important still is the spirit of the workers in the institution. To-day, while we dedicate the building, we want to dedicate all the workers to God, as well. The most important thing about a sanitarium is the love and kindness in the hearts of workers. One of our big sanitariums in Europe was celebrating its twenty-fifth birthday. Many great men and great physicians were attending the celebration. The sanitarium manager had shown the visitors all their great equipment; they had advantages and to show, for it is a big sanitarium. They take three hundred people there at one time every summer. Well, the visitors looked at everything—in the treatment room, in the surgical room; they saw the electrical machines, and then they had speeches. A leading doctor who had come as a visitor spoke to the medical doctor of the institution. He said, 'Doctor, you have shown us your equipment; we have seen all these many things that we appreciate, but there is one thing you haven't shown us, and that is the greatest thing in the sanitarium.' He said 'You can't show it to us, but we all know it is here, and that is the spirit of kindness and love in the hearts of the workers here.' So I want these nurses and workers to understand that the finest thing in this institution will be the spirit of Jesus in their hearts.

"A few months ago I was stopping at one of our sanitariums in Australia. A lady who was taking treatment came to the manager and said, 'Where do you get these young people—these nurses?' 'Why,' he said, 'we get them from our churches.' She said 'Have you others like them in your churches?' 'Yes,' he said, 'we have many of them.' The lady said, 'I would like to see your churches.' She said, 'We have churches, but we don't get young people like these.' I was glad that those young people of ours had the spirit of Jesus in their hearts.

"In Washington, we have a sanitarium. The Washington Sanitarium let Dr. Miller go to come over here. You know Washington is the capital of America. All the nations send their ambassadors to Washington. One ambassador of a great nation became sick in Washington, and came to our sanitarium. He spent some weeks there. It was found that he couldn't live. He decided to go back to Europe to die among his own people. Just before he went away he came in to one of the

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but for whom a City Branch and Offices are still to be maintained, first, at No. 323 Avenue Joffre, and later at more permanent headquarters under our own control at Range Road.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Mr. G. S. Luther, manager and treasurer of the institution, submitted a general statement of receipts and expenditures, showing costs to date, all of which have been met in full, thus leaving no debt on the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital and its lands and equipment. All rejoiced over the good providence that makes possible the dedication of the institution free of incumbrance of whatsoever nature.

REMARKS BY PASTOR D. C. WU

Addressing the congregation in the Mandarin vernacular, Pastor D. C. Wu, of the Range Road S. D. A. Church, expressed gratitude in behalf of our Chinese brethren and sisters, for the splendid monument that has been erected in honor of the true God in this land of need; and he pledged the continued and loyal support of the Chinese people of medical missionary work as exemplified in this institution of healing.

VOCAL SOLO BY PROFESSOR FREDERICK GRIGGS

Professor Frederick Griggs, accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Wood, rendered the solo, "Open Ye the Gates."

DEDICATORY ADDRESS BY PASTOR W. A. SPICER

The leading address of the hour was given by Pastor W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with us from Washington, D.C. Only in brief synopsis can the thoughts of the speaker be passed on at this time, for lack of space. He said, in part:

"You all look happy to-day. I want you to look happy when I stop talking, so I hope I will not talk very long. This is a happy day to us. We are dedicating this new sanitarium. Yesterday we had thirty-one sanitariums in the world dedicated,—not including the many dispensaries and treatment-rooms. To-day we are going to have thirty-two sanitariums dedicated in the world. The Shanghai

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Reports from the Field

Traveling in Central China

N. F. Brewer

(Editorial Note.—*At present, while war conditions continue in considerable areas throughout China, travel facilities are far from normal, and it is oftentimes a problem to know how to get from point to point even in the few districts where railways have been built. From a personal letter written by Pastor N. F. Brewer, superintendent of the Central China Union Mission, the paragraphs that make up this outline of some of his experiences in travel, have been selected.*)

Brethren Strickland, Dixon, and myself have just returned from a trip to Yencheng (from Hankow). We were four and a half days and four nights making the trip, in an old caboose that had eight "windowless" windows and two "doorless" doors. It was very cold, and you can imagine how comfortable it was with the car crowded to the limit. We had one little corner big enough for our baggage, and we sat on our things. There were no seats in the car.

The first day we went a little over fifty miles. At the stopping point a general wanted an engine to take his car north, so he ordered the station-master to take our engine, and we were left standing on the track for twenty-four hours. Then the train that had left Hankow the day after we left, came steaming in. The engineer, after much talking, agreed to hook on the train we were on; and the next twenty-four hours we made about one hundred thirty-three more miles. Then our engine broke down, and could not pull the train. The engine was sent up the line about twenty miles to be fixed. It left about midnight, and we were again "engineless," and out in the wilderness as it were.

That night, or early the next morning, bandits descended on one of the cars in our train, and robbed the people on that car of nearly two thousand dollars, and got away. It was done in a quiet manner, as we did not know about it until afterward. Something must have startled the bandits, as they did not finish their work of robbing other cars.

We continued waiting at that place until half past five in the afternoon. At last an engine came for us. The next twenty-two hours we averaged seven miles an hour. The engine could hardly pull us. They could not get soft coal, and the hard coal did not make a hot fire, so every few miles the trainmen stopped to get up steam. We were certainly glad to get into Yencheng at last. We had been on the road more than five times as long as the journey should have taken.

We held a number of meetings with church-members in Yencheng, and planned to get into the cut-stations in the field, but could not because of the activities of bandits.

Our properties at Yencheng have been damaged greatly, and will have to receive extensive repairs before our mission families can have proper shelter. Some of the buildings have great shell-holes. Practically all the hospital equipment is gone. The electric light plant is broken. It was pitiful to see all this destruction of things of no special use to those

who had been occupying our premises, but who seemed to be possessed to smash everything that came to their hands that they did not want to carry away or use in some way. We are thankful, however, that the lives of our workers and our other church members have been spared.

The bandits are still doing their terrible work throughout Honan. While we were holding our Hankow workers' meeting, Brother Tang, one of our Honan evangelists, received word that the bandits had carried off his son. This was a month ago, and the release has not yet been effected.

We do thank the Lord that we were permitted to hold our workers' meeting this past fall in Hankow. Seventy-six of our Chinese workers were in attendance; only a few of those laboring in our union, were unable to meet with us because of inability to get over the roads. It was one of the best meetings I have attended in China. We are planning on an advance in faith, along lines in which it seems we may still advance; and we are asking the Lord's guidance at every step.

For a time following the close of our workers' meeting, those who had come in from Hunan province were unable to return, because of hostilities that had broken out between Hupeh and Hunan. Later they found it possible to get back on a Japanese tug on which were fifteen marines protecting the vessel. Pastor C. H. Davis returned with the Hunan workers. There is considerable firing on such vessels from the shore as the vessels pass along, especially on Yangtze boats running between Hankow and Ichang.

Brother E. H. James is in the Kiangsi field at present. The last we heard he was in Nanchang. We are planning to move our mission headquarters to that city. It is centrally located; and besides, it is the capital of Kiangsi province. We have asked Pastor Liu Djen Gwang to be director of Kiangsi Mission, and Brother Tai, formerly of Changsha, to serve as their treasurer. We are calling upon another union to release to us one of their pastors of long experience, to serve as director of the Shensi Mission. Brother E. H. James is to serve as union Sabbath school secretary, and Brother Arthur Mountain as union home missionary secretary.

Brother W. I. Hilliard and I plan on remaining in Central China until about the time of the spring council at Shanghai. This will give me opportunity to get into Hunan and Kiangsi prior to that time. We desire the prayers of God's people as we go into these provinces, that we may be able to do the work that needs so much to be done.

Fireside Correspondence School

S. L. Frost

The scope of this school was enlarged in 1926, so that it could carry both English and Chinese work. At the last Spring Council the Chinese Language Department for missionaries was also made a part of the work of this school. These facts, with the enthusiasm of the principal and the abundant blessing of God, have made this school forge ahead in a strong way during the year. The principal now reports 526 who are taking work by correspondence and in residence. Thus in respect to the number of pupils this school for the first time takes rank as largest in our Far Eastern field.

Have You Registered for the 1928 Ministerial Reading Course?

Frederick Griggs

I want to put this question to every worker in the Far Eastern Division. It will naturally be answered by a "yes" or a "no." If you can not say "yes" when reading these lines, will you not register by return mail, and thus answer positively?

I am in receipt of a letter from Elder Daniels, which, while a circular, is so good that I want to pass a part of it on to every worker in the Division. He says:

"Now a word regarding the books for 1928. While we would not venture to say that the books selected for the coming year are better than those we have read during 1927, yet we believe that in many respects they will be fully as helpful to the reader personally, and for the advancement of our work, as any of the books selected since starting the Ministerial Reading Course in 1914. Please note the scope of this new list:—abiding in Christ, prayer, personal evangelism, world-wide missions. Are not these the great fundamentals of both Christian experience and gospel service? The first of all essentials to success in the Christian's life is abiding in, or fellowship with, Christ. This cannot be maintained without prayer,—yes, much effectual prayer. Now fellowship with Christ, and prevailing prayer, qualify and lead to evangelism, which is personal witnessing for Christ, and all this leads to world-wide mission endeavor." Now, have you registered in the Far Eastern Division Ministerial Association for its 1928 Reading Course? If not, will you not?

Prayer Changes Things

John Oss

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to Me . . . I have heard." 2 Kings 19:20.

It was a dark hour in Israel's history when these words were spoken to the praying Hezekiah as he was in the house of God pleading with the Most High for deliverance from enemies. The record continues:

"And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians." Verse 35.

The thought of these texts,—that God is a prayer-hearing God, and ever works in behalf of His people when they seek Him with contrite hearts,—came forcibly to Brother G. L. Wilkinson and myself as we spent October 22, 1927, the day of fasting and prayer for our work in China, with our little church at Pingyang, in the South Chekiang Mission. We had left Shanghai (where so many of our workers had had to stay for months owing to disturbed conditions inland); we had been out in the field only one week; and it seemed more than a mere coincidence that we should now have the privilege of meeting with believers in a distant part of the interior on the day appointed for seeking Heaven's help in behalf of China and our work here.

As we thought of how our people in various parts of the world were fasting and praying for the success of our work in China, and of how doors were already beginning to open,—several laborers having already started inland on their return,—our hearts were filled with thanksgiving, and our faith was strengthened in the efficacy of prayer.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us continue our united petitions, that doors may be flung open in this land more than ever before, and that God's work may move forward even in the midst of troublous times.

Zeba, Chekiang, Oct. 27, 1927.

CHOSEN UNION EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE
S. L. FROST

We are conducting thirty schools in Chosen. Twenty-nine of these are elementary, carrying grades one to four or one to six, and the other one is our training school at Soonan. In all, fifty-four teachers are employed, thirty-six of these being graduates of the training school. A little less than one-half of the total enrolment of 1,287 students are from Seventh-day Adventist homes. During the past year a beginning was made by the union educational secretary in providing standard uniform examination questions as the basis for promotion upon the completion of six grades of work in these elementary schools. In this experiment, ten received the promotion certificate. It is felt to be a workable arrangement, helpful in maintaining proper standards, and the plan of issuing these certificates from the union office is to be continued.

A prosperous year in many respects was the report coming from Brother H. M. Lee, Principal of the Chosen Union Training School. The spiritual tone was good. Teachers have been loyal and have rendered faithful cooperation. Thirteen students were baptized. There were twenty graduates, this being the largest class thus far finishing courses in one year. Sixteen of these graduates entered the work in some capacity. The enrolment for the year was 271, of whom 145 took work in the high school course.

The \$2,500 from the Missions Extension Fund of 1927 has assisted greatly in providing means for the enlargement of the main school building, the erection of the food factory, and in supplying some equipment for the same. A further request is earnestly presented for a like sum of \$2,500 for the enlargement of the girls' dormitory. It seems necessary that this request be granted if our Korean girls are to receive the Christian training needed in this cause.

Brother Bowers, the treasurer of the union and our diligent and efficient industrial head in the school, gives a summary of the industrial work carried forward during the year, which, briefly stated, shows that the farm, orchard, dairy, carpentry and food departments all contributed in assisting 162 students in meeting their school expenses. Total wages paid these students were YEN, 4,942.47. The retail value of sales from the food department was YEN 12, 565.77 with total sales from all industrial projects of YEN 16,321.32. Different circumstances combined to hinder the industrial department showing any financial gain, chief of which is that the farm loss of almost YEN 1,700, due to the failure to two corn crops and an expenditure of 1,000 YEN for fertilizers needed because of the run-down condition of the land.

Quite a number of stores are handling the products of the school in the following cities: Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Kyoto, Seoul, and Pyengrang. Letters are being received from other merchants in Korea, Manchuria, and even in Shanghai, desiring to become agents for the distribution of our Soonan products. One railroad company used over a ton of granola from this school last year. Providing this school can get an adequate working capital, so as to be able to buy goods advantageously and to tide over until after the harvest, the prospects before the industrial department are most promising.

Professor Lee, who is also educational secretary of the union, writes of his great desire to see a school for teachers conducted this year. He feels deeply the need of our teachers becoming fully informed concerning our world-wide movement and the place that Christian education should hold in this message and work. Thus far none of our teachers in Korea have received certificates. It is earnestly hoped that this year will see a beginning made in examining teachers and in granting teacher's certificates. At the same time our denominational plans and work can be more fully emphasized.

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY
S. L. FROST

THROUGH the liberality of our believers in the homeland and the Mission Board, funds have been made available to this Division for the erection of an excellent school building for the training of the children of our missionaries. This building, including classroom, library and dormitory facilities, has been constructed during the past year. The school is now in the second year of its existence. It has a competent faculty who are doing faithful service in instructing the thirty-seven children who make up the school's enrolment. Already the school reports students from almost the ends of this Division. From Szechwan on the west, from Manchuria on the north, and from Sumatra and Siam on the south, the students have gathered for training in this school. However, there are many more who should be in this institution. We trust that those parents whose children are in schools of other denominations may take advantage of this opportunity for schooling their children, and make the sacrifice needed in order to make sure of this Christian training for their children.

MANCHURIAN SCHOOLS
S. L. FROST

DURING 1927 the work of erecting some buildings for our Manchurian Junior Middle School has been in process, on the recently acquired twenty-nine acres of land at Wen Guan Pun, about eight miles by rail from Mukden. A foreign home, a boy's dormitory, kitchen, and classroom building are under construction. The teachers and a few students, twenty-one in number, who have been courageous enough to gather at this center for school work in the winter time in this cold climate while building operations are under way, feel that they are having a real pioneer experience. The blessing of the Lord has been manifested, the weather being unusually

mild for this location. The principal, Brother Cossentine, has had a variety of experience during the past year. In addition to being principal of the school and teaching four classes, he has looked after the union superintendent's work, his own educational and Missionary Volunteer departmental work, superintended the construction of the buildings, and looked after the business matters pertaining to the school and mission.

There are six primary schools in operation in the union, with an attendance of 85 students.

OUR CHINA SCHOOLS
S. L. FROST

OWING to the disturbed conditions prevailing in China, our educational work has been more or less interrupted in at least four of the union missions. During the year about twenty-three elementary schools have been discontinued, three junior middle schools have been closed, while the Canton Middle School, as such, and the China Theological Seminary have not been operated. However, the lower grade work of the Canton school—grades one to seven—has been carried forward in Kowloon, a Bible institute is being conducted in Canton, and a branch of the China Theological Seminary has been operated in Shanghai.

Other schools, as at Foochow and Tsinan, while having to close early last spring, have been opened and are going forward with their work without serious hindrances. Our school at Amoy has been able to carry on its work without interruption. The situation at the close of the year shows that we are operating twenty-four fewer schools than in 1926, and that the enrolment has decreased 302 since then. This shortage, however, is more than made up by an increased enrolment in other fields, especially the Malaysian Union and the Fireside Correspondence School.

A review of the totals for the last three years gives us the following for the educational situation in this field.

| Name of Union | Elementary Schools | Enrolment | Jr. and Sr. Middle Sc's | Enrolment | Training Schools | Enrolment |
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| 1925 | | | | | | |
| Manchuria | 6 | 112 | 1 | 18 | — | — |
| Central China | 26 | 391 | 3 | 189 | — | — |
| North China | 6 | 171 | 1 | 70 | — | — |
| South China | 46 | 2,283 | 3 | 286 | — | — |
| West China | 4 | 121 | — | — | — | — |
| East China | 27 | 983 | 3 | 133 | — | — |
| Division | 1 | 6 | — | — | 1 | 150 |
| Totals | 116 | 4,067 | 11 | 696 | 1 | 150 |
| 1926 | | | | | | |
| Manchuria | 5 | 110 | — | — | — | — |
| Central China | 19 | 330 | 2 | 113 | — | — |
| North China | 5 | 181 | 1 | 40 | — | — |
| South China | 33 | 1,380 | 3 | 237 | — | — |
| West China | 2 | 24 | — | — | — | — |
| East China | 22 | 705 | 3 | 83 | — | — |
| Division | 1 | 15 | — | — | 1 | 130 |
| Totals | 92 | 2,745 | 9 | 473 | 1 | 130 |
| 1927 | | | | | | |
| Manchuria | 6 | 85 | 1 | 21 | — | — |
| Central China | 12 | 255 | — | — | — | — |
| North China | 9 | 207 | 1 | 35 | — | — |
| South China | 25 | 935 | 3 | 193 | — | — |
| West China | 2 | 25 | — | — | — | — |
| East China | 14 | 596 | 3 | 86 | — | — |
| Division | — | 44 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 62 |
| Totals | 68 | 2,147 | 9 | 337 | 1 | 62 |
| | Schools of All Grades | Complete Enrolment | Loss—Schools | Loss—Students | | |
| 1925 | 128 | 4,913 | | | | |
| 1926 | 102 | 3,348 | 26 | 1,565 | | |
| 1927 | 78 | 2,546 | 24 | 802 | | |

Division Sabbath School Dept. Annual Report-1927

MRS I. H. EVANS

THE Sabbath school holds a peculiar and precious place in the hearts of all Seventh-day Adventists, but perhaps especially is it dear to those whose earliest memories of Bible study are associated with it, and whose first responsibilities in this cause were in teaching the children,—even as three young daughters of our missionaries are teaching kindergarten classes here in our East Shanghai Sabbath school at the present time. East and west, north and south, the Sabbath school is the advance guard of the church, the soil in which it grows and develops, and the school in which its members may become thoroughly instructed in the distinctive truths which make us a people.

We in the Far Eastern Division believe that, as our Motto so fittingly declares, "WHATEVER HELPS THE SABBATH SCHOOL HELPS THE CHURCH." With this in mind it is ever our aim—

To WIN all we can to attend the Sabbath school;

To INSTRUCT those who come; and,

To HOLD them by making the gospel so attractive that they will wish to remain with us.

The Advancement Goals of the Division Sabbath schools are before you:

Membership: All church members and their families in the Sabbath school.

Church Attendance: All Sabbath school members present at the regular church service.

Soul Winning: Make the Sabbath school membership 165% of the church membership.

The Financial Goal must also be mentioned again—the ideal, you will remember, which was set before our world Sabbath schools twenty-two years ago—

"A THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK FOR MISSIONS."

Let us survey briefly the eleven union missions of the Far Eastern Division, beginning with—

CHOSON, which has now reached a total Sabbath school membership of 5,008. For years we watched the membership slowly climb; it seemed as if our goal of 4,000, long held, would never be reached, but the first quarter in 1926 saw us safely past that mark. The present membership of 5,008 represents a gain of more than 1,100 members in the last two years, and places Chosen second in the list in membership, only the Philippines Union exceeding Chosen in this item. Only 98 church members in Chosen are NOT enrolled in the Sabbath school, which is perhaps a record for any similar group of 1,755 church members. Chosen has the largest home department membership of any union, with 323 members enrolled, and an offering during the years of \$117.63 Gold from these members. Every department of the Sabbath school work is loyally supported by our members in Chosen.

JAPAN has gained one school and increased somewhat in membership and offerings. Every department of Sabbath school endeavor is faithfully fostered and promoted in Japan; all the teachers have lesson helps, and all the schools are using the missions quarterlies. Japan enjoys the distinction of having the largest per capita offering of any of our union missions, 11 cents gold. In the Investment Fund offering in the Far Eastern Division, out of a total offering

of \$260.54, Japan gave \$182.56, leaving \$77.98 to be contributed by the ten other union missions.

MANCHURIA gained two schools in 1927, and had a fair gain in membership but lost somewhat in offerings. All the 14 schools of this union mission reported very promptly at the end of the year, and all have Memory Verse Cards for the children. During the year 263 Perfect Record Cards of Honor were earned by Sabbath school members in Manchuria.

MALAYSIA: For another year Malaysia has been without the help of a regular Union Sabbath school secretary, and has missed the personal interest and inspiration which a live secretary can supply. Brother Johanson, who has carried the work of gathering statistics and compiling the reports, has done everything that any one could do in that line, in addition to sufficiently heavy work of his own; but many lines have failed of promotion and advancement because of the lack of a secretary. During the past year Malaysia has added four new schools as against 14 for the previous year. There was a gain in 1927 of 288 in membership. We are encouraged to note that while 1926 showed a loss in Sabbath school offerings from this field, 1927 showed a gain of more than \$900. With a membership slightly over half that of Chosen, Malaysia has 31 Home Division members as against Chosen's 323; it has six members entitled to the Perfect Record Card for Daily Study and Perfect Attendance for a year as against 112 in Chosen. In themselves those figures are a plea for a secretary in this great field.

THE PHILIPPINES: The Philippine Union Mission has the largest number of schools of any Union in the Far Eastern Division—244—almost one third our entire number—and a membership of more than 7,600. The Philippines has been fortunate in its Union secretaries, who have done very faithful work. During the last year Mrs. Chaney has visited many local schools, held conventions, and given general instruction along lines of Sabbath school organization and promotion. When one considers the difficulty of getting reports in promptly from say, twenty schools, the more praise is due to the efficient system which enabled this union secretary to mail from Manila on January 20 a report in which 233 schools out of a total of 244 were represented. No doubt a few days more time would have meant a complete report.

One hundred and forty-three copies of the Missions Quarterly are used in the Philippine Union, and 500 sets of Memory Verse cards. We regret to note that while in 1927 there was a gain of 27 schools, the membership dropped 250. There was, in spite of this loss, a gain of over \$300 in offerings. In this connection it might not be out of place to mention an offering that seems to be distinctively a product of the Philippines—the Thank Offering. I saw this offering taken up, following the Birthday Offering, at a general meeting in Luzon some years ago. It was an inspiring and touching sight to see these poor people coming up and placing an offering before the altar, showing their gratitude to God for another year of life, for restored health, for the life of a beloved child. In recent resolutions concerning the Sabbath school work, passed at a local meeting in this field, four sources of Sabbath school income were mentioned—the regular offering, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, the Birthday Offering, and the THANK OFFERING. If we should all give in the spirit of gratitude, would not a thank offering add greatly to our mission resources? More than \$473.00 was taken up in Birthday offerings in the Philippines last year.

SUNGARI-MONGOLIA, reports nine schools and 377 members. Out of that number, forty are in the Home Division. All the schools have Memory Verse cards, the Picture Roll, and the Missions Quarterly. Almost \$30.00 comes from the Investment Fund plan from these members whose bitter poverty and suffering can not be realized by any who have not seen how they live. Surely if these people can find a way to make this plan workable, others in more favored localities could do as well.

NORTH CHINA has, during the last nine months, been under care of a Chinese secretary, who has taken a deep interest in the work, and co-operated in every plan to promote it. During the last year five new schools were added, which is a gain of more than 25% in the number of schools.

SOUTH CHINA: When we think of South China, we think of revolution and bloodshed and terror of every description. For months of 1927 the foreign workers were in Hongkong, and unable to return to their fields. Naturally we are not surprised at the loss of 750 members; the surprising thing is that with this loss there should still be a gain of \$266 in offerings over those of 1926! Very faithful work has been done by the Union Secretary; South China has the largest Helper list in the Division, and one province, Kwangtung, stands at the head of all the provinces in China, with a total of 156 copies. With all that is good to say, we find room for improvement; the Home Division should be strengthened, and the importance of Daily Study and Perfect Attendance should be urged.

CENTRAL CHINA in another union mission that has passed through dark days since we met here last spring. Three schools and over 500 members have dropped off our records, with a loss of over \$350 in offerings. At the recent committee meeting held in Hankow, Brother E. H. James was appointed Union Secretary for Central China; and as he visits the churches, he will also promote the Sabbath school interests, and give general instruction and help. We look to see gains in Central China during the days to come as a result of this plan.

EAST CHINA: It may be fitting on this occasion to express our gratitude to God, who has spared the life of the union mission secretary, which was long despaired of, and raised her up to a degree of health and strength that will enable her to continue her work. East China, in common with the other China unions, has suffered some material losses during the last months. While two schools have been gained, 844 members have lost, but the loss in offerings was only \$59.00. All the schools have the Missions Quarterly, and twenty-seven hold teachers' meeting regularly. A recent letter from Mrs. K.H. Wood, the secretary of the East China Union, has the following:

"If we are lacking in some respects, I wonder if we don't hold the world's record in the matter of repeating memory verses? One of our evangelists repeated seven years' memory verses, which took him almost four hours. He has only been in our work eight or nine years at the most. He is a real soul winner.... Wherever he goes, membership and offerings begin to climb right away."

WEST CHINA: Our report from West China is incomplete. This great field

suffered the withdrawal of all the foreign staff but Brother and Sister Effenberg. Four new schools have been organized, but there has some loss in membership.

To summarize briefly—

Manchuria leads in promptness.

The Philippines in membership and Birthday Offerings.

Japan in per capita offerings, and in Investment Fund offerings.

Malaysia is absolutely letter perfect in her reports.

Chosen in membership gains, in devices, and in Home Division members.

East China holds the Memory Verse record.

Sungari-Mongolia has the largest proportion of Perfect Attendance and Daily Study.

South China stands at the head of the list in Helper subscriptions.

And the others stand high in our hopes for brighter days ahead.

In all the field we have a net gain of 48 schools, but have lost fourteen hundred members. In spite of this loss, however, the total offering is \$1720 in advance of that for 1926.

Some of you will remember that a song book for the children of China was mentioned last year, and it was planned to have one song appear in each issue of the *Helper*, until a sufficient number were printed to make a little book. Up to the present time ten songs have been printed, including such favorites as "Hear the Pennies Dropping," "The Boat on Galilee," "Jesus, Keep Me," etc. Others are planned, and it is hoped that by the time of another meeting, this little book may be ready.

SABBATH SCHOOL FINANCE

While the finances of the Sabbath school do not constitute the primary reason for the organization, and should never be allowed to assume first place nevertheless, when the Sabbath schools of the world raise, as they do at the present time, more than half of the total amount contributed to foreign missions, we must not overlook this feature, and every proper means should be taken to stimulate a spirit of joyful giving. I remember well the first words that ever impressed my own mind on this subject—"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,"—printed on the old offering envelopes provided by our teachers in the Tabernacle Sabbath school—more years ago than some of us care to remember. Someway the idea of the value of the gift

being somewhat dependent upon the spirit in which it is given was indelibly impressed upon my mind at that time. To give cheerfully makes giving a joy.

Three regular channels for Sabbath school gifts—four in the Philippines—are well known to us—the regular Sabbath offering, the Thirtieth Sabbath offering, and the Birthday offering. Only in recent years has the Birthday offering gained any headway in China, but in the Far Eastern Division last year the not insignificant total of \$937.79 gold was received from this source. Before we congratulate ourselves too highly on this showing, let us do a little example in mental arithmetic. If we have twenty thousand members, assuming the average age to be 25 years, and if each member gave the equivalent of one cent gold for each year, what would the total be? (\$5,000)

There is another offering, a fourth source of Sabbath school income, that some of us have heard a good deal about in the last three years—the Investment Fund offering. It has been said a great many times that we do not want to start too many things, and that there is "no method" of following this plan in China; but while we are saying we can not, some of our smallest and poorest unions are taking up the plan, and *making it succeed*. Our records show that funds from this source have been gathered to the extent of \$260.54, during 1927, and not all the money so given was recorded as such. Of this amount more than half came from Japan, and the next largest gift was from Sungari-Mongolia. Returns from the Investment Fund plan amounted to \$4.00 in 1925; to \$195.68 in 1926; and to \$260.54 in 1927,—over \$460 in all. During the years 1925 and 1926 the Investment Fund plan in all the world, brought in \$58,557, a goodly sum, and one that, judging by the reports, was cheerfully given, and brought joy to the givers. The question is, Shall our large unions in the Far Eastern Division stay longer outside this circle of blessing? If we do not think the time opportune to inaugurate the plan in every place, is there any reason why our foreign workers and their children should not

enter upon it with enthusiasm? Shall we not at least give it a trial? It may mean the investment of a little money and some time and a good deal of thought; but there is always a way where the will exists.

Just a word more on the subject of giving. This does not come from our field, but from one of the more than four hundred millions who are our people in the West Indies there is a leper asylum, where we have a number of members. One of these was a Chinese named Christian. "His case was too dreadful to describe, the whole of his mouth and lower cheeks being eaten away." Reading of the needs of the work in China, this poor man gave \$81.60 to advance the work here. Brother Edmed, who relates the incident, says, "He was happy in the Lord, and loved Him unto death."

Just one more word, if you will bear with me; relative to our Financial Goal for the Division—"A THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK FOR MISSIONS." With a church membership of 20,000, it is not difficult to estimate the amount that would be needed to reach this goal five cents gold per Sabbath, for each church member. When we realize that our Sabbath school membership is 4,700 above this number, and that we hope and expect to raise it to 30,000 very soon, it seems as if we ought to plan very definitely to reach this goal. Only as we plan for it, and work for it, and give for it, and encourage others to give for it, can it be made possible.

Once more we are reminded, as we meet in our annual council, how swiftly the sands of time are running out. Another year of opportunity lies behind us. What we have failed to accomplish can never be made up. But we are still spared to carry on this great work a little longer. Shall we not resolve to make it a year of greater faithfulness in our own personal relation to the Sabbath school, doing all in our power to uphold its high ideals, and by our loyalty, our liberality, and by inviting others to attend, help to greatly extend its influence and blessing?

Shanghai, China
February 19, 1928

A Brief Summary of Educational Work in the Far Eastern Division

| EDUCATIONAL WORK—SUMMARY—FAR EAST—YR. 1927 | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | 1926 | 1927 | Decrease | Increase | |
| No. elementary schools, grades 1-6 | 171 | 147 | 24 | | |
| No. Jr. and Sr. Middle Schools, grades 7-9 | 11 | 10 | 1 | | |
| No. Training schools | 5 | 6 | | 1 | |
| Totals | 187 | 163 | 25 | 1 | 24 Decrease |
| No. Foreign teachers, men | 32 | 27 | 5 | | |
| " " " women | 39 | 44 | | 5 | |
| Totals | 71 | 71 | | | |
| No. native teachers, men | 248 | 202 | 46 | | |
| " " " women | 100 | 100 | | | |
| Totals | 348 | 302 | 46 | 46 | Decrease |
| No. students, grades 1-6 | 6,026 | 5,896 | 130 | | |
| " " " 7-9 | 528 | 406 | 122 | | |
| " " " training school, grades 1-14 | 524 | 985 | | 441 | |
| Totals | 7,078 | 7,267 | 252 | 441 | 189 Increase |

ENROLMENT OF TRAINING SCHOOLS

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Japan | 57 |
| Chosen | 271 |
| Philippine Jr. College | 255 |
| China Theological Seminary | 71 |
| Malaysia | 213 |
| Fireside Correspondence School | 526 |
| Total | 1,393 |

AN EARNEST APPEAL IN BEHALF OF OUR YOUTH

PROFESSOR S. L. FROST, division secretary of the educational and young people's departments, in the closing paragraphs of a comprehensive and cheering report rendered during our recent annual meetings of the executive committee, appealed earnestly for yet greater advances in our efforts to help the youth within our ranks. To quote:

"This report should not close without my calling attention to the fact that taking our whole field into consideration less than one-half of our young people are in our own schools. This thought should weigh heavily upon our hearts. A great army of our young people, probably 10,000 strong, are seeking an education in worldly schools. Surely in our day seeking a worldly education is like seeking to the god of Ekron for knowledge instead of turning to the fountain of true wisdom.

"In closing I appeal for the carrying out of our 1925 resolutions, which commend the appointment of an educational and missionary volunteer secretary in each of our larger unions, who shall be free to visit our churches, carry on Christian educational programs, and work for these thousands of promising young people. Thus shall much greater numbers of our young people be privileged to drink at the well of true understanding in our schools, and become transformed in heart and life through daily beholding that perfect Pattern."

"BIG WEEK"—JUNE 2—9, 1928—MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND—PLANS

A. MESSAGE TO YOU

DEAR LAY MEMBER:

The Extension Fund budget for 1928 is the most attractive and contains the largest list of items we have ever had. It calls for a total of \$152,522 gold for extension work, and every dollar goes for new and advanced enterprises. As you know, our Big Week Extension Campaign is in the interests of our publishing, educational, and medical work. It is a threefold work; and, as the budget helps to extend our missionary frontiers a little farther and to provide better facilities for our missionaries in the far-distant fields, we believe it will bring cheer and courage to our dear believers in the homelands as they see the wonderful possibilities in this effort.

We can judge the future benefits of this campaign only by what has been accomplished in the past, and we want to pass on to you a few inside facts that are not generally known—the results of this plan. Remembering that this effort is still new among us—the 1928 campaign being only the seventh—has not God wonderfully blessed the plan?

1. Including the 1927 budget, \$1,000, 000 has been raised since 1920.
2. The fund has erected or provided additions to 19 publishing houses.
3. It has furnished machinery to 13 publishing houses.
4. It has provided a working capital to 32 publishing houses and dispensaries.
5. It has erected and assisted 32 dispensaries.
6. It has rendered important assistance to 18 schools.
7. In three years it has sent out \$115,000 to struggling dispensaries.
7. In three years it has sent out \$115,000 to struggling dispensaries, and \$100,000 to mission schools.

Is this not a marvelous record? and has not God blessed us above what we are able to ask or think? Who would ever have dreamed that the Extension Plan, conceived in 1920, possessed such wonderful possibilities? No wonder our brethren say when they hear of the plan, "It sounds like the Loud Cry." With the objective of the Extension Plan a publishing house in every leading language area, schools and dispensaries wherever there is need for the training of our boys and girls, how long will it be until the message will reach every nook and corner of this old world? Brethren, we are reaching out. We are on the home stretch. Thank God a little more, and the work will be done.

In this campaign we are not asking primarily for large gifts of money—although we will not refuse them—BUT WE DO WANT ALL OUR PEOPLE TO HAVE A PART IN IT. We are told by the servant of God that "if this people would move forward in concerted action, they would move the world." How true it is! We have accomplished what we have, not by large donations, but by the fact that all our brethren and sisters everywhere have lifted at the same time. Shall we do it again? The time is June 2-9. Every layman is asked to sell literature and turn in the profits to the Missions Extension Fund, or to give a day's salary, or both. How little for the Master who gave all for us! Shall we not measure our response to this campaign by the significant words of Paul, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift"? 2 Corinthians 9: 15. J. J. STRAHLE.

MALAYSIA SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR HER SISTER UNIONS

J. J. STRAHLE

OUR brethren in the Malaysian Union have organized forces to do big things in the coming Big Week. It was very encouraging to see the actions passed by their committee, outlining goals for both the workers and the laity. With all the directors promoting such a plan, I can see Malaysia go beyond anything she has ever done during the Big Week Campaign. We herewith quote their action:

"One very important phase of our committee work was the action taken regarding the Big Week. Our goal this year is more a book goal than that of money, though, of course, the financial part will naturally follow. As we will have two new Crisis Series books in Malay ready, it was decided to make these our Big Week books in Dutch territory. Other Crisis Series books will be used in English territory. The goal is for each member to sell two sets (four books) and each worker one hundred sets, or two hundred books.

"The goals set for each Mission, based on the church membership and the number of workers on December 31, 1927, are as follows:

| | Mem-Wor-No.-No. ber-kers of | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| | ship | Sets | Books | |
| British North Borneo | 162 | 12 | 1524 | 3048 |
| Celebes | 473 | 12 | 2146 | 4292 |
| Central Sumatra | 84 | 3 | 468 | 936 |
| East Java | 363 | 19 | 2626 | 5252 |
| Malay States | 223 | 7 | 1146 | 2292 |
| North Sumatra | 76 | 8 | 952 | 1904 |
| Siam | 104 | 9 | 1908 | 3816 |
| Singapore | 240 | 7 | 1180 | 2360 |
| South Sumatra | 110 | 5 | 720 | 1440 |
| West Java | 362 | 18 | 2524 | 5048 |
| Union | 5 | 500 | 1000 | |
| | 2,197 | 105 | 15,694 | 31,388 |

If all of our unions throughout the Division could follow a similar plan, I believe the Far Eastern Division field could easily reach their goal of \$7,530 gold. Our brethren in Malaysia have suggested a book goal rather than that of money. That is an excellent way to promote the Big Week Campaign among our people. In this way the spiritual side of the work is emphasized, and the means will come in as a natural result. Let every field plan in a strong way to make the Big Week an outstanding factor for the year 1928.

Help for Sanitariums and Schools

C. C. CRISLER

MUCH has been done to assist in equipping publishing plants by the aid of extension funds. Now the medical institutions and the schools are to share in the benefits of the Big Week plan. An encouraging expansion of the medical work is taking place in the Far East. Let us do our best to co-operate in every feature of the Big Week program, thus bringing funds into the treasury with which to aid hospital-dispensaries being founded, and to place schools on vantage-ground. Planning early for ample supplies of literature, will in some instances double and treble the net returns; for those who venture forth oftentimes gather courage with the passing days; and toward the end of the week there is an insistent demand for more literature.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE BIG WEEK

(as passed by the Far Eastern Division Committee in February, 1928)

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

WE RECOMMEND, (a) That conference and institutional workers join in the Extension Plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their profits to the fund, in addition to their personal income for one day.

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

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

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION ON "BIG WEEK"

(as passed by the Far Eastern Division Committee, Feb., 1928)

"IN further promotion of the Big Week, and in the interests of attaining fully the amount fixed by the Home Board as the Far Eastern Division goal; namely, seven thousand five hundred thirty dollars gold which is considerably in advance of the amounts that various unions have thought to aggregate, it was—

"VOTED, That a reassignment of union goals for Big Week in the Far Eastern Division (the week appointed for June 2-9), be made, in the hope of bringing about increased effort and the actual compassing of the goal named by the Home Board; the individual union goals to be fixed by a special sub-committee made up of Pastor J. J. Strahle (chairman), the Division Treasurer, and the superintendents of the various union missions.

"It is understood that the decisions of this sub-committee be final, and that they be published later as the authorized list of goals for the various unions within the Division, and that the total be \$7,530 gold.

"The 1928 Big Week goals for unions, as finally fixed by the sub-committee, are as follows:

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Central China | G. \$ 320.00 |
| Chosen | 415.00 |
| East China | 900.00 |
| Japan | 625.00 |
| Malaysia | 1,700.00 |
| Manchuria | 150.00 |
| North China | 320.00 |
| Pilippines | 1,700.00 |
| South China | 900.00 |
| Sungari-Mongolia | 320.00 |
| West China | 150.00 |
| Total | Gold \$ 7,530.00 |

OUR "BIG WEEK" GOAL FOR THE EAST IS AN ATTAINABLE ONE—Gold \$7,530

Notes of Progress

MEDICAL WORK IN SOONAN, KOREA DR. L. H. BUTKA

THE medical work in Korea has been of help in breaking down prejudice and in leading men and women to accept the truth of God.

We have only one medical institution in this big field. In the past the Soonan Hospital-Dispensary has done a great work. Of later years it seems that Satan has tried hard to stop its influence. Part of the time it has been even closed; but we are thankful that God's work is succeeding notwithstanding obstacles, and that the hospital and dispensary work is again going on in this center.

During the few months it was my privilege to spend at Soonan, while conditions in China made difficult continuing there while the war was at its height, the Lord has shown His blessings in a special way. On our way to Soonan we stopped at Seoul to attend a general meeting, where there were several hundred people; and we opened a free clinic, and examined nearly two hundred patients. A number were advised to go to our hospital for medical and surgical treatment; and a few days after we arrived at Soonan, patients began coming in from many different parts of Korea. Thus our work quickly became known over a large area of Korea.

One case in particular is worthy of mention, as it helped our influence from the beginning. A very prominent ex-official of intelligence brought his wife to the hospital for care. Her condition was indeed serious, she having only a slender chance of living, if she were able to withstand the shock of a major operation. In her condition, with the blood count only thirty per cent., she was a very poor risk for surgery. We explained all this to the gentleman, and he asked us to take the one chance remaining for her life. We offered earnest prayers to God, and the Lord graciously answered, the patient soon recovering. In a month's time she left the hospital a well woman.

This gentleman afterward told me he never expected to see his wife recover, and that he knew the Lord had heard our prayers. This incident has helped our work, and many have come for surgery and medical care.

Some not in need of surgery, come and beg me to open their abdomens and cure their ailments. They say I have cured so many in this way, that surely I could cure them also. Sometimes I have a hard time convincing them I cannot cure all cases in this one way.

Late last fall we completed an addition to our hospital, giving us a good operating room, a kitchen, dining-room, women's ward, and treatment-rooms. The money for this was raised in Korea largely through Harvest Ingathering effort. The addition is a great help to our work here.

We are still in need of funds with which to furnish this new part and to buy a sterilizing unit for the operating room. At present a pressure-cooker is utilized for sterilization. This is wholly unsatisfactory, and we hope soon to be able to get a good sterilizer; also some beds and furniture for the new ward.

The people here appreciate the help given them by their friends in the States, which has made possible their receiving medical care.

It is understood that a physician in the United States is now under appointment for service in Korea. We trust he may reach us soon.

I am now leaving for China, where I hope to resume hospital-dispensary work in the province of Honan if conditions permit.

OPENING A NEW PROVINCE

ON the thirteenth of March, 1928, Pastor M. C. Warren set sail with Brother and Sister Claude B. Miller for Hongkong, en route to Hanoi and on to Yunnanfu, the capital of the province of Yunnan, in Western China. The steamer connections with Hanoi are good from Shanghai, and from Hanoi the railway built by the French runs direct to Yunnanfu.

It is planned to open a permanent mission station at Yunnanfu. Thus one more province of China is being entered. This is financed from the Midsummer Offering of 1928. One more family, Brother and Sister Dallas R. White and child, will be making this same journey a few weeks later, joining Brother and Sister Miller as the second family for Yunnan.

When all essential arrangements have been made, and the work is gotten under way through the development of interests created by Pastor M. C. Warren and others through a series of former visits to Yunnanfu from across the Szechwan border, Brother Warren will return to Shanghai for two more families, whom he hopes to place eventually in Kweilin, the capital of Kweichow. These also have been financed by the 1928 Midsummer Offering Funds. Thus two provinces are about to be opened, lessening the number remaining unoccupied in China proper to only two; namely, Kansu and Shansi; and the prospects are that Shansi may be entered this coming fall. We rejoice in the good providences surrounding these advance moves.

BACK INTO THE WEST SZECHWAN MISSION

ALTON E. HUGHES

WE are glad to be able to address friends from Chengtu again. We had a splendid trip all the way from Shanghai. Providence has especially overruled. From Chungking we came overland in eleven days, reaching Chengtu without mishap. We found the road quieter than we had ever seen it before in the five trips we have made. Though the country is overrun with soldiers everywhere, conditions seem comparatively peaceful. Of course in West Szechwan there is still most determined anti-Christian opposition, and our Chinese brethren are facing social ostracism and all the calumny and cursing that go with it; but very little violence has been used. Under this determined persecution, no members were gained; one was lost. Our Chengtu chapel has long been occupied by soldiers, and still is. I have just written to the outstations, requesting our Chinese workers to come to Chengtu, in order that we may take counsel together over present problems.

Not the least of the happy surprises of our trip came to us as a climax at its close. Our house had been all prepared for us, nicely cleaned and whitewashed. The German brother, Mr. Eger, who has been keeping the Sabbath here for the past two years, had carefully prepared for our coming; and it truly proved a blessing; for after having traveled through the rain and the cold for many days, all four of our family came down with influenza soon after our arrival, December 15. The last of the sick are just now recovering—January 6.

I am especially thankful to be here in time to lay plans for the new year. Pastor Hwang, who has been here during our absence, has some in preparation for baptism. There are perplexities pressing in because of the times in which we are living here in China; but we are of good courage; for the Lord brought us safely back, and we have health and strength, and a broad field in which to labor. Our faith is in Him in whose work we are engaged. We expect to see tangible results during the year 1928. We know that the brethren and sisters will remember this distant station in their prayers.

OFF FOR TATSIENTU

THE morning of March 19 Dr. J. N. Andrews came in to inform us that at two o'clock of the same day he would be leaving with Sister Andrews and their four children for a small ship sailing the night of the 19th for the long run up the Yangtze to Chungking, Szechwan, where transshipment will be made to a smaller boat, thence to a raft, and finally to coolie carriers of burdens and to chairs for the remaining portion of the trip up and through the mountains. Accompanying Dr. Andrews and family to Tatsienlu are Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell, assigned during the annual Committee meetings to service in the Tibetan Mission. Brother Hartwell has nearly completed the second year of regular language study (Mandarin) here in Shanghai; and now he will be expected to learn also the Tibetan, by no means an easy tongue, it being akin to ancient Sanskrit. With inflections and idioms not a few. These families are taking with them full supplies to last for two years or more, including a stock of medicines and sundries for the Hospital-Dispensary, hardware for the new mission cottage to be put up later, and a few printing supplies for the Tibetan Press.

We would fain accompany these dear families as they make their two-month journey, and see them through to the station to which they have been appointed. But it is ours to remain on lower levels, and to carry on as best we can in the ordinary routine of earnest every-day missionary endeavor wherever the Lord may have placed us. And as a matter of fact this is exactly what our brethren in the Far East find it essential to do after reaching their station. The work is little different in any part of the field; we on our part are to exalt the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of sinners, and pray in faith for definite results on human hearts.

FROM PASTOR V. J. MALONEY

UNDER date of February 26, Pastor V. J. Maloney, director of the North Fukien Mission, writes:

"Am glad to report that on February 15 our worker here who has been in prison for his faith, was released. We are very thankful for this. He has written an account of his experience for the *Shepherd*."

"Conditions are fairly quiet here in the city. In the country districts the bandits hold sway. A few days ago another building of the Foochow College, belonging to the American Board Mission, was destroyed by fire. They have now closed their school."

"In spite of all the turmoil, people are still seeking the gospel. A letter came in just to-day, telling of several who are taking their stand for the Sabbath, and of calls from different villages for workers to come and teach them the gospel; this work is from the upper reaches of the Min River. If conditions permit, I plan on going up there before long to help our band of workers in that district."

THE WAICHOW (KWANGTUNG) HOSPITAL-DISPENSARY.

DRS. H. C. AND ETHEL JAMES

Our dispensary (not yet developed into a hospital) at Waichow, in the Hakka language-area of Kwangtung Province, was opened in October, 1926. Not having any trained helpers, we took two young men who had attended our school in Canton, and find they have been apt in learning to care for the sick. Later we added another young man and a young woman to our staff.

Almost from the first we have had a good patronage; and those who come for treatments co-operate with us closely. This is indeed gratifying.

China Theological Seminary

RE-OPENING OF THE THEOLOGICAL
SCHOOL AT CHIAO TOW DJEN
D. E. REBOK

WE are on the eve of a great forward movement in our work in China. This was the thought frequently expressed during the Spring Council sessions and in the meetings of the Board of Directors of the China Theological Seminary (China Missionary Junior College). Events are shaping conditions for a most wonderful outpouring of the Spirit when the China church will take on the burden of warning this country—in every province, every hsién, every village. This movement will demand trained workers—preachers, teachers, colporteurs, office helpers. What are we doing in preparation for this movement? How many workers are we training? Are we looking out into every church for prospective workers and turning them toward service for God?

With these thoughts in mind, and with the demands of the fields before us, the Board of Directors gave serious study to our problem of training workers now employed, and of finding other young people who show promise of becoming leaders in our China church.

It was voted to open a Summer School at Chiao Tou Djen June 20 to August 1, 1928, for evangelists and teachers. Special help, such as Pastors J. G. Gjording, W. E. Strickland, S. L. Frost, and W. A. Scharffenberg, together with all union and local mission educational secretaries, will join the Seminary faculty to present the best materials possible and make the instruction the best we have ever offered. We are in an extraordinary situation, and it demands extraordinary efforts to make our work equal to the occasion. It is expected that Chinese teachers will be in attendance from all parts of China, while it is urged that the evangelists especially in Mandarin-speaking China to given this special opportunity. Information as to courses, arrangements, and so forth, will be mailed direct to the mission officers, who will select the workers to go to the school and those who shall carry on in the fields.

The courses of study for the Seminary were reviewed and changed by a special committee, including W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, Frederick Griggs, S. L. Frost, and a number of field men. The courses agreed upon are attached below. These courses will open September 12, 1928, at Chiao Tou Djen.

Concerning the attendance at the Seminary, several recommendations were passed, as follows:

1. "That for the present the China Theological Seminary receive only Seventh-day Adventist youth, members of the church in good standing, who have in mind training for the Lord's service."

2. "That the controlling committee in the local missions carefully select those who should attend, and that each student make satisfactory arrangements with the mission for his return travel, before leaving the field to go to school."

3. "That in so far as possible the mission committee make suggestions regarding students from its field as to courses each should follow."

4. "That plans be laid for a one year's course for workers, to be offered at the China Theological Seminary."

In order to strengthen our work of training evangelists, the department of evangelism was formed, and Brother P. E. Quimby will carry the work of this department. Pastors S. H. Lindt and Giang Tsung Gwang continue in the regular Bible Department. Great good should come as a result of this plan, for many young men will be directed to the ministry in this way.

A number of our workers have been at Chiao Tou Djen for several months now cleaning up the buildings, repairing the damage done during the military occupation of the premises. The district is very peaceful, and thus the work has gone well; so that by June 20 all will be in readiness for our Summer School work. It is hoped that each field, in consultation with the union superintendent, will begin to plan now for these sessions. Your correspondence with the school should be addressed to Chiao Tou Djen, via Siashu, Kiangsu Province, China.

The Courses to be offered in the Fall Term are as follows:

Missionary Course

(In general, eight grades shall be a pre-requisite.)

FIRST YEAR:

Studies Hours per week

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| New Testament History..... | 4 |
| Chinese..... | 4 |
| Mission Geography..... | 2 |
| Denominational Endeavor..... | 4 |
| Physiology..... | 2 |
| Music..... | 2 |
| Vocational..... | 2 |

SECOND YEAR:

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| Old Testament History..... | 4 |
| Chinese..... | 4 |
| Prophetic History (Gen. Hist.)..... | 4 |
| Denominational History..... | 2 |
| Hygiene and Sanitation..... | 2 |
| Elementary Pastoral Training..... | 4 |

THIRD YEAR:

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| Bible Doctrines (Elem.)..... | 4 |
| Chinese..... | 4 |
| Hydrotherapy..... | 2 |
| First Aid..... | 2 |
| Spirit of Prophecy & Hist. of Missions..... | 4 |
| God's Nature Book (Gen. Science)..... | 4 |
| Bookkeeping..... | 2 |

Women's Bible Workers' Course

ONE YEAR ONLY

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| Bible Readings..... | 4 |
| Qualifications of Bible Workers..... | 2 |
| Chinese..... | 4 |
| Denominational History..... | 2 |
| Hygiene and Sanitation..... | 4 |
| Music..... | 2 |

Evangelists' Short Course

ONE YEAR ONLY

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| Bible Doctrines (Middle School) or some other Bible..... | 4 |
| Denominational History..... | 2 |
| Denominational Endeavor..... | 4 |
| Pastoral Training..... | 4 |
| Prophetic History..... | 4 |
| Elective: Hydrotherapy..... | 2 |

First Aid
Christian Temperance and Hygiene

Religious Educational Course

(In general, nine grades to be pre-requisite.)

FIRST YEAR:

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| Bible..... | 4 |
| Chinese..... | 4 |
| Christian Education I..... | 4 |
| Religious Teaching Methods I..... | 4 |
| Practice Teaching..... | 2 |
| Manual Arts..... | 2 |

SECOND YEAR:

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| Bible..... | 4 |
| Chinese..... | 4 |
| Christian Education II..... | 2 |
| Religious Teaching Methods II..... | 4 |
| Practice Teaching..... | 2 |
| Manual Arts II..... | 2 |

Theological Course

(In general, eleven grades shall be the pre-requisite.)

FIRST YEAR:

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| Daniel and Revelation..... | 4 |
| Ancient History..... | 4 |
| Personal and Public Evangelism..... | 2 |
| Advanced Bible Doctrines..... | 4 |
| Wenli..... | 4 |
| Lecture Courses in Christian Temperance & Hygiene..... | 2 |

The First Year of this course shall be offered each year.

SECOND YEAR:

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| New Testament Epistles..... | 4 |
| Modern History..... | 4 |
| Pastoral Training..... | 4 |
| Denominational Endeavor or Elective..... | 4 |
| Music..... | 2 |

THIRD YEAR:

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| Major and Minor Prophets..... | 4 |
| Church History..... | 4 |
| Field Work..... | 2 |
| Bible Ancestry..... | 2 |
| Religious Teaching Methods..... | 4 |
| Arts..... | 2 |

Denominational Office Worker's Course

(In general, nine grades to be the pre-requisite)

FIRST YEAR:

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| Bible..... | 4 |
| Denominational Endeavor..... | 4 |
| Christian Business Principles..... | 2 |
| General Bookkeeping..... | 3 |
| Chinese Language..... | 4 |
| Business English..... | 3 |

SECOND YEAR:

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| Bible..... | 4 |
| Mission Bookkeeping..... | 4 |
| Tract Society Management..... | 3 |
| School and Industrial Management..... | 2 |
| General Business Principles..... | 4 |
| Chinese Language..... | 4 |
| Business English..... | 3 |

With this outline of work before us, let us pray to the Lord most earnestly for His blessing and His control of conditions so that the Cause may go forward in China.

D. E. REBOK

PRINCIPAL

FROM BROTHER E. R. THIELE

UNDER date of February 20, Brother E. R. Thiele, on furlough in Michigan, writes:

"We have been enjoying our furlough immensely. Every Sabbath I generally attend some union meeting in the conference in company with the president, Elder Piper. Thon Sundays there is generally an evening service somewhere. This year the conference is holding a series of revival services in the various churches. Thus far I have taken part in three such series. We were at Owosso for two weeks, and ten days each at St. Charles and Oxford. I am scheduled for four more such efforts. Early next month I plan to spend ten days or so at Chicago at the union conference, East Michigan having invited me to attend with their delegation.

"Our hearts and our prayers are with you during the present spring council.... We are well and happy, and are anxiously looking forward to our return to China."

TWO GOOD MEETINGS

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THE meetings of the Kiangsu Mission held February 23 to March 17, and of the Anhwei Mission, March 16-24, good meetings. These missions have not been able to hold their general meetings since 1925. The disturbed conditions in this region have made these gatherings impossible. As it was, a number of the workers who were in the arena of war in northern Anhwei had difficulty in getting down. They came on the cars, and on open cars. One brother was robbed of all the money he had. But the workers were all there, and a happy, joyful company they were. The meetings of the Anhwei Mission were held in the seminary buildings at Chiao Tou Djen, and the voice of prayer and the song of praise to God heard again in the chapel did sound good.

I have seldom if ever, attended meetings in which the spirit of brotherly love and union more largely prevailed than in these two meetings. Our Chinese

brethren seem to be getting a new sense of the responsibility which rests upon them to warn this great land of China of the end of this world and the ushering in of the eternal Kingdom of Christ. Among the forward-looking movements of the Kiangsu Mission were the plans to double the Sabbath School membership, and to bring in twice the amount of tithe this next year that has come into the treasury this year. The workers of this mission were together for over three weeks. The Bible studies and devotional meetings were received by them as the dry thirsty ground receives the refreshing rain. Their meetings were held in the commodious Range Road church. They were favored by having Brethren Spicer, Shaw, and other workers who were in attendance at the Spring Council address them at different times. Pastor K. H. Wood, the director of the Kiangsu Mission, says that he feels this to be the best general meeting of the Mission during his nearly fifteen years' connection with the Mission.

Pastor J. G. Gjording, superintendent of the East China Union of which the

Anhwei Mission is a part, had general charge of the meeting in the absence of Pastor H. J. Doolittle, the director, now on furlough in America. Brother Gjording placed the responsibility for carrying on the meeting very largely upon the Chinese brethren. Pastor Wu Tsung Shan, the assistant director, presided at all the business conferences. The committees were largely composed of Chinese, all but one having a Chinese chairman. The resolutions were all of a progressive nature. For instance a resolution was passed doing away with the customary plan for an evangelist to settle down in a chapel to remain there month after month, and sometimes year after year. Instead, the new plan is for the evangelist to raise up a church, properly officer it, then go on to another field. For the present a number of churches will be placed under the pastorate of one evangelist. Thus, it is hoped to speed up in a very definite way the advance into new places.

Altogether the meetings of the Kiangsu and Anhwei Missions were enjoyable and highly profitable.

Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital — Dedicatory Exercises

Conclusion of Report of Dedication of Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital

(from page 13)

workers' meetings to say good-bye. He stood up with tears in his eyes—he was a great man in his own country—and said, 'Dear friends, before I go away I want to speak a word to you. I have lived among you for these weeks. I have seen nothing but love and kindness in this place. From the highest physician to the lowest worker in the kitchen, I have seen only love.' His voice broke, and he wept. He said, 'I thank God for the privilege of living among you. It has given me a new confidence in humanity.' I am glad that a great man of the world found that thing in that sanitarium. God grant the same spirit may be in the hearts of every worker in this sanitarium. Then every sick person that comes here will feel that God is here. I think that spirit is in all our sanitariums in the world.

"We pray God to make this Sanitarium a light to all this country of the East. We have been glad to send money over here to help build it. I will tell you where most of that money came from. It didn't come from rich people. It came from men who earned it working with their hands. Our foreigners saved their money to send over to build it. Thousands of colporteurs saved their money to send over to build this, and this represents the gifts of poor people mostly. They might have spent their money in America. Why did they send it over here? Because they love China. They wanted to help God's work in China; and when we go back, Brother Shaw and I are going to tell them what a fine place their money has helped to build. I am going to show them your motto, and tell them that to-day you are dedicating your lives to help the world and heal humanity. So to-day, as we dedicate the building, let us dedicate our own lives to service, and may God make this sanitarium a bright light that shall shine through all the East."

DEDICATORY PRAYER BY PASTOR J. L. SHAW

"O God, our righteous Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this privilege we have at this time of being in this place! We thank Thee for this opportunity we have of standing here before Thee! We thank Thee, O God, that while Thou art in Heaven and we are on earth, while we are but finite, and Thou art Infinite, yet we rejoice that Thou art interested in us, that Thou art looking down upon us with pity and compassion, and so we come to Thee with bowed heads and humble hearts to recognize Thy sovereignty in the earth, to recognize Thy power and Thy might, to recognize that it is in Thee we live and move and have our being. And as we bow our heads before Thee at this time, O Lord, we come here to render unto Thee thy workmanship of our hands and the gift of our lives.

We thank Thee, O Lord, that in answer to the leading of Thy providence, we have been brought

to this place. We thank Thee that this land was ever purchased, and for this purpose. We thank Thee, O Lord, that men have been led here to erect these buildings for the work and progress of Thy cause in this part of the world field. We thank Thee, O Lord, that we had the privilege of surrendering ourselves and the workmanship of our hands unto Thee. And so, Lord, we come here to dedicate this property unto Thee. We would, therefore, dedicate these grounds, these buildings, the equipment, and all these appointments to Thee. We dedicate, O Lord, every brick, every foot of ground, every timber, every bit of equipment, and all of it for Thee for Thy service, and for the extension of Thy work in this great land. And O God, we pray Thy blessing upon this institution!

"While we have labored and toiled, and kind friends have labored here incessantly, we know, Lord, that it is without purpose unless Thy Holy Spirit shall guide and direct, unless Thy word of truth may have its way and access in the hearts of those who come here; and so we pray Thou wilt make this temple of health a great means of healing sick humanity, whoever they may be, and wherever they may come from. Oh Lord, we pray Thee make this a haven of blessing and help, encouragement, and inspiration to sick men and women! And we pray, O God, that it may be more than that,—that it may be an institution where men and women may be pointed to the Great Physician, Who healeth all our diseases, and who forgiveth all our sins.

"O God, we pray Thy blessing upon all those who are connected with this institution. We pray Thy blessing, O Lord, upon Dr. Miller! Bless Thy servant! Give him skill and give him cunning, we pray. And bless these physicians that are associated with him—Dr. Paul and Dr. Woolgar. Bless these nurses who are here, laboring: O Lord, bless them we pray, and give them skill in their work.

"We pray that this institution may be a training-center indeed, that those who are trained here may go out to others. We think of the multiplied millions in this great land—millions of them. O Lord, we know there are many of them sick in body, and many of them are sick in heart. Lord God, help us to meet the needs of these people by making this a great training-center, that spirit-filled men and women may go out with a knowledge of healing the sick and treating the diseased and who at the same time may point men and women to a knowledge of the Great Physician, who forgiveth all sin, and who forgiveth all our sickness and our diseases.

"And so, O God, as we give to Thee these grounds and buildings, dear Lord, we give our hearts to Thee! O God take our lives! We recognize that we are faulty. We have made mistakes; but, Lord, we desire with all our hearts to serve Thee; and so take all our thoughts and all our faculties, and all our ability, we pray Thee, that we may serve Thee until Thy work is done; and we will give all the praise to Thee. Amen."

BENEDICTION

The congregation united in singing the Doxology, and were dismissed by Pastor D. C. Wu.

MISCELLANY

The Singapore Mission Annual Meeting

L. V. FINSTER

ON December 20 all the workers and delegates of the church at Singapore assembled in the Seminary chapel for their annual meeting. Last year there was no annual meeting held. The reports of the work for the field were most encouraging. Fifty were baptized, which was more than double the number baptized in any previous year. Some very remarkable experiences, where the special working of the Spirit of God was manifested, were related by Brother Lake and other workers in the mission. The literature sales were not as large as the previous year, but plans were made for an intensive work along this line during the year 1928. Our members have been troubled some with the new Chinese True Jesus Church. Some of our weaker members left the mission, but we are glad to report that their numbers have been more than filled by new believers, and our meetings have never

been so well attended as they are at the present time.

The church school at Sarawak gave a very favorable report. Several have been baptized through the agency of the school during the past year. Plans for aggressive work were laid for the year 1928, and our workers returned to their homes full of courage to press the battle as never before.

The Federated Malay States Annual Meeting

L. V. FINSTER

THIS meeting convened December 27 to 31, 1927. All the workers and delegates from the churches were present at the opening, but we were sorry that there was but a small attendance from the church in Kuala Lumpur. However, in the evening meetings quite a goodly number attended the services. Forty-five were baptized during the year. The work at Penang in connection with the mission clinic has gone forward steadily during the year. A good-sized company now meets there every Sabbath to worship the Lord.

Plans were made for intensive evangelistic efforts for the year 1928. This mission has been troubled some

with strange doctrines, but our brethren are of good courage, and our meetings are better attended than ever. Many interesting experiences were related showing the special providences of the Lord during the past year. Many reports of interested persons were received at this session, and plans were laid to open up two new places by holding meetings. Our brethren went home with good courage, and we trust that 1928 will be a prosperous year for this mission.

Chinese in the Philippines

ACCORDING to Mr. Lingoh Wang, Chinese Consul-General at Manila, there are between 120,000 and 150,000 persons of Chinese parentage living in the Philippine Islands, of which number some 60,000 are actual Chinese citizens. "The remainder were born in the Philippine Islands, and thus are classed as Filipino citizens and hence wards of the United States. . . . Most of the Chinese in the Philippines hail from Fukien province, although there are also a considerable number from Canton."

In Remembrance

Pastor Han Tsung Djen (韓崇眞) was born in Siangchenghsien, Honan, in the year 1859, and died at Taipingfu, Anhwei, Oct. 11, 1927. Many years ago, at the age of thirty-two, he went to Shuichai, Honan, where he met one of the missionaries of the China Inland Mission. He was so fully impressed with what he heard about the Christian doctrine, that he accepted it, and believed in Christ. When he returned to his home and began testifying to his heathen relatives about his new-found faith, he was opposed and bitterly persecuted by his own; but in his soul he continued to bear faithful witness, with the result that he won his own relatives and one by one they all became Christians. Then he reached out to neighboring families, and testified so powerfully that many of them became followers of the Saviour whom he had so recently learned to love.

When the missionaries saw the zeal which Brother Han manifested in behalf of the lost, they asked him to give his full time to preaching and canvassing. He accepted their call to service, and worked tirelessly, till the Boxer persecutions of 1900 put a stop to his work in Honan.

The Boxers were so fierce in their persecution of the Christians, and also of Brother Han, that it seemed for a time as if those who loved the name of Jesus were all to be blotted out, their chapels burned, their literature destroyed. Our brother in his zeal conceived the thought of trying to get to Shanghai to report the situation, in the hope that some sort of help might be rendered the Christians in Honan. He had no money; the distance was great; he decided to walk. Before leaving, he sealed up his Bible in an earthen jar, and buried the jar

in the earth, resolving that if ever permitted to return, he would dig up this hidden treasure, and continue preaching to those who would hear.

In his trip he met with difficulties. He had no names or addresses; but when, upon nearing Shanghai on his long walk, he bowed in prayer, a voice seemed to tell him, "The foreigners who wear queues are members of the mission you wish to visit." In this way he found friends: later a telegram was sent to Yuan-shih-kai in Peking, persecutions were ordered to cease in Honan, and this order from Peking was obeyed.

For a time Brother Han preached the gospel in a number of places in North Kiangsu and Anhwei. Later he served for a time as pastor of an independent church at Yingshanghsien, Anhwei. It was while there that he received some present-truth literature from Pastor Liu Djen Bang of Honan. This he perused carefully, saw it was in harmony with the teachings of Holy Scripture, and began at once to instruct his congregation in harmony with the truths thus learned. His members were favorably impressed. Brother Han also tried to make these new-found truths plain to fellow workers in the ministry with whom he was associated, and labored to this end during an annual conference held soon after he had received Seventh-day Adventist literature. In fact, he handed to them some of the literature, fondly hoping they would be glad to accept the message as he had accepted it; but to his sorrow they turned away from it, and began persecuting him. His faith remained steadfast. In 1910 he was baptized, and thus was brought fully into the family of believers with whom we are connected; and from that day until the day of his death he con-

tinued a zealous worker in the cause he had espoused. For seventeen years he preached, bringing many to the point of deciding to turn from their idols to serve the living God. It is estimated that two hundred eighty souls were won through his labors. Of these, several have been ordained to the gospel ministry; others are evangelists, teachers, colporteurs, secretaries, helpers.

Pastor Han's last labors were at the city of Taipingfu, Anhwei, where he raised up a strong church, which leads others in tithing and in offerings. His last sermon was on the subject of the second coming of Christ. This was given on Sabbath, October 8. On Sunday, the ninth, he studied with the soldiers who were occupying his chapel, the subject being the judgment. He seemed conscious of his own rapidly approaching end; for when he had closed his study, he remarked, "I have done my duty." Thus his last labors were in behalf of those for whose salvation he had a burdened heart. Now he rests from his labors. Those whom he has won to the faith are determined to carry on to completion the good work he began. Would to God that every worker in the China field might be able to say, with our beloved brother, at the close of a life-time of labor, "I have done my duty."

May the blessed Lord and compassionate Saviour comfort our dear Sister Han, who has been a faithful Bible worker all these years; and may the grace of our Lord be with Isaac also, the son of their old age. Sister Han and her son have been left to mourn; but the Lord will be their stay and their hope, and will help them do their best. We of the East China Union have lost a strong worker, a wise and faithful counselor, a true friend and brother. Truly may it be said, "There is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." 2 Samuel 3: 38

J. G. Gjording

The Ministerial Reading Course for 1928

FREDERICK GRIGGS

"I PROMISED my God I would do it." In September, 1862, when Lincoln issued his preliminary emancipation proclamation—the sublimest act of the nineteenth century—he made this entry in his diary: "I promised my God I would do it." Does any one doubt that such a mighty resolution added power to this marvelous man; or that it nerved him to accomplish what he had undertaken? Neither ridicule nor caricature, neither dread of enemies nor desertion of friends, could shake him from his purpose.

What was it that made Lincoln, Washington, Luther and Wesley the mighty men they were? First, a noble purpose, one worthy of the quotation at the beginning of this article, "I promised my God I would do it." Second, tenacity of purpose.

These men had breadth of vision, obtained by mingling with men of vision and reading the books best suited to the purpose of enlarging their knowledge. They were not satisfied with ordinary attainments, but were determined to gain all the knowledge they could—to make the very best use of their powers. "Knowledge is power," and by reading one obtains knowledge.

What is it that makes some men greater than others, more successful, causing them to stand head and shoulders above other men in accomplishment? It is perseverance.

"Frank B. Carpenter, the artist, painting 'The Signing of the Proclamation,' at the White House asked the chief magistrate, 'How does Grant impress you as compared with other leading generals?' 'The great thing about him,' answered the President, 'is cool persistency of purpose. He is not easily excited, and he has got the grip of a bulldog. When he once gets his teeth in, nothing can shake him off.' "

All of us as workers in the Far East have the first requirement,—a supreme purpose, that of revealing God to men who know Him not. This is the greatest work ever given to man, and requires all our skill, and the development of all our powers. In this work we have, and need, far greater sources of supply than men engaged in worldly pursuits. They cannot look beyond this work for help. But our

source of strength is God. All the resources of heaven are at our command, and we need them so much.

Many men of God in all ages have sought for help, and wisdom, and guidance from God, and have received it in rich measure, and much of this is recorded in books, showing the development of such men, the way in which God led them, and the result of such efforts to uplift humanity.

Our workers in the Far East have in a more or less degree the second requirement—tenacity of purpose; for all are accomplishing something for God; but are we doing all we can? Have we gone to the limit of our powers? Perhaps we could do a little more, make more earnest preparation for more intelligent work,—work that would produce greater results in the saving of souls. Rich harvests of souls are all about us awaiting just the right touch of wisdom to bring them in contact with the transforming power of God. But we must know how to give the right touch, how to approach them in the right way. The power that God has given other men in this great work of saving men, is for us also.

Let us unite in following the Ministerial Reading Course for 1928.

"Like Him"

PASTOR GEORGE B. STARR has kindly sent us a presentation copy of his latest booklet, "Like Him," printed by the press of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, U. S. A., and on sale at the College Press, Loma Linda, for twenty-five cents gold per copy, or five for one dollar. There are forty-two pages, plus paper cover. The type is clear.

"Like Him" is a helpful booklet for those who desire to be true followers of the meek and lowly Jesus of Nazareth, and to enter into the fulness of blessing that comes with surrender of heart and life to Him. "We shall be like Him," is the promise given (see I John 3:2); and the author makes this fact plain in a series of twelve brief yet forceful chapters entitled (1) Imitations; (2) Reproductions; (3) Called to Be Like Him; (4) Creation and Evolution; (5) A Birth Like His; (6) Heart Purity; (7) Living Temples; (8) Righteousness—How Produced and How Maintained; (9) Rivers of Waters; (10) Changed; (11) Like Him Forever; (12) The Altogether Lovely One.

The Work in Hongkong

L. W. SHAW

HONGKONG offers a wonderful opportunity for the proclamation of God's last warning message. While a great portion of Asia is gripped in turmoil and strife, Hongkong is enjoying a time of peace. We are glad our brethren have been impressed by the Lord to establish a lighthouse of truth upon this island. It was with grateful hearts that Mrs. Shaw and I entered into the work here. We were especially glad to find a beautiful little rented chapel centrally located and well equipped. Since our arrival early last May, we have distributed literature and formed acquaintanceships. Many are interested readers of the *Signs of the Times*. These papers serve as a medium of approach. Each week one hundred forty American printed *Signs* are distributed and every fortnight twenty-five from England are handed out. Many more could be used, if we had them, as we find most of the people willing to read.

Our Sabbath services are fairly well attended, and have been an inspiration to us all. Brother Lai conducts the study of the Chinese class, and is the interpreter in the services following Sabbath school. The hope is that in the near future we may have enough Chinese people to have preaching services in Chinese prior to holding the Sabbath school. Then we can have the Chinese and English Sabbath school together, and an English service.

Sunday night meetings (English) are now in progress, and though the attendance is not large, we have a number who come regularly and seem interested. With our church notices in the two leading newspapers, and other announcements placed before the public each week, many are learning of our work.

We are conscious of our grave responsibility at Hongkong. We pray God that His Holy Spirit may stir the honest in heart in our field. We believe there are many longing for the truth. We need wisdom, love, and patience. We ask your earnest prayers for the work in Hongkong.

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THE ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ON pages two to eight of this double issue, are given some of the proceedings of the annual committee meetings held in Shanghai the latter part of February, 1928. The plans for "Big Week" are set forth on page 18. During the time the brethren were at Division headquarters, the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital was dedicated, and a synopsis of some of the talks given during that memorable service appears on pages 12, 13, and 21. Throughout the annual meetings, the evenings were given over to superintendents of unions and heads of departments, in order that reports might be rendered covering the activities of the year 1927. Only a small portion of these reports can find place in the current issue of the Outlook,—the Division Sabbath School Departmental Secretary's report, on pages sixteen and seventeen; and sections of the Division Educational Department's, pages, 15, 17., Home Missionary Dept., page 10. It is anticipated that several of the reports from the field superintendents can be included in the May number of the Outlook, in condensed form.

Every day, during our meetings, we were led to rejoice over the Lord's leadings during the past year, and to gather courage for days to come. The work in which we are engaged is soon to triumph gloriously. Our present responsibility is to recognize Heaven's leadership, and to follow on in the opening providences that bid us advance in faith.

CAMPAIGNS DURING THE YEAR 1928

WE call particular attention to the announcement of "Big Week" as given on page five. "Big Week" this year is set for June 2-9. Let us plan early in order to make sure that every field and every district and church shall be supplied with ample stocks of literature in time for use at the date appointed. This year the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is to be held September 1 to October 13, the date appointed. Dates have also been fixed for Educational Day, (April 21 for Japan; August 11 for China; November 17 for Malaysia; April 28 for Philippines). The Midsummer Offering will be taken on July 21; Week of Sacrifice, November 24 to December 1; Week of Prayer, December 8-15; Annual Offering, December 15.

ON FURLOUGH

IN mid-February Pastor A. L. Ham, director of the Cantonese Mission, sailed from Hongkong for the Pacific Northwest, where he plans to spend his furlough. We had the pleasure of a few hours with Pastor Ham as he passed through Shanghai, en route. His family left for the States earlier in order that the children might have an unbroken year of schooling.

On February 17 Brother E. J. Kraft and family sailed from Yokohama for their furlough in the States. Their address is in care of Mr. John Kraft, Sherman Star Route, Fairview, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

On March 7, from Shanghai, Sister B. Miller of the Kiangsu Mission, sailed for Europe, on furlough.

DIVISION COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP: AN ANNOUNCEMENT

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GRIGGS has been requested to act as chairman of the Far Eastern Division Committee during my absence. All matters that usually come to me, pertaining to the administration of affairs, should come to him during the period of my absence. I plan to be back about the first of December.

We wish all the laborers in the Far East a great harvest of souls this coming year. We shall greatly rejoice in all the success that crowns the efforts of our working force, and shall deeply regret any sickness or difficulty that confronts any section of the field so that the work may not be vigorously carried on.

We ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters in the Far East; and we shall not forget to pray for the work and workers here, while we are separated from them.

I. H. EVANS.

Shanghai, March 5, 1928.

OUT INTO THE FIELDS

SINCE the close of the annual Committee meetings many of the brethren have gone out from the Division offices into the fields. Pastor J. J. Strable is spending March in South China Union. Professor S. L. Frost has gone to the Philippines to unite with teachers there in holding their annual institute. He will return in time to meet with teachers later from the China field who will come into Chiao Tou Tjen in midsummer for their institute. Professor Frederick Griggs has been in attendance at annual meetings of the Kiangsu Mission (Range Road Church, Shanghai) and the Anhwei Mission (Chiao Tou Tjen). Pastor Frederick Lee has been attending these meetings also, as have Pastors J. G. Gjording and D. E. Kebok. Professor W. A. Scharffenberg has spent a fortnight with the North China brethren at the annual meeting of the Shantung Mission, held in Tsinanfu. Pastor C. H. Davis has gone into Hunan for a series of district meetings; Pastor H. L. Graham has returned to the headquarters of the Hapeh Mission; Pastor N. P. Brewer and Brother W. I. Hilliard have returned to the Central China Union offices at Hankow.

Immediately following the close of the annual meetings, all the union superintendents left for their respective fields.—Pastor V. T. Armstrong to Japan, Pastor E. J. Urquhart to Chosen, Pastor R. M. Cossentine to Manchuria, Pastor M. Popow to Sungari-Mongolia Mission, Pastor L. V. Finster to Malaysia, Pastor S. E. Jackson to Philippines, Pastor C. C. Morris to South China, Pastor C. L. Blandford to North China.

TO THE SOUTHERN ASIA AND EUROPEAN DIVISIONS

IN harmony with plans made by the Home Board, Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans left Shanghai Tuesday morning, March 6, for the Southern Asia and European Divisions. The larger portion by far of the time available will be spent in meeting a series of appointments in Europe, where Brother and Sister Evans are to be in attendance at many meetings, closing with the biennial council of Division vice-presidents appointed for August 13 and 14, and a general council of the European leaders of union and provincial conferences, August 15 to 21. From Europe Brother and Sister Evans are to proceed to the United States, in order to be present at the biennial session of the General Conference Committee appointed for Springfield, Massachusetts September 25 to October 4. They will be reaching Shanghai, China, once more, about December 1, 1928. While in Europe, their address will be Höhweg 17, Berne, Switzerland, Europe, to which place all letters for them may be sent.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES IN PEKING AND TIENSIN

PASTOR ADLAI A. ESTER, field missionary secretary of the North China Union, has been reporting some remarkable experiences in book work and in Harvest Ingathering in Peking and in Tientsin during the past two or three months. In the closing days of the annual Committee meetings at Shanghai, the following cheering message was received by wire from Brother Esteb:

"To-day took two hundred ten subscriptions Signs. Wonderful experiences. Time come great advance. God bless Council.

(signed) ESTEB."

Later we have learned of Pastor Esteb's interview with the Governor of Chihli, at Tientsin, and of the favor he has been shown by many others also in high position who express interest in the deeper things of Christianity.

Former communications bring us the word of unremitting effort on the part of Brother Esteb and associates, to gather funds in behalf of the Tientsin church and church-school enterprise. Surely God has blessed, as He never fails of doing when earnest effort is put forth in living faith.

HARVEST INGATHERING SUPPLIES—1928

ORDERS for Harvest Ingathering supplies for the year 1928 should be sent in at earliest opportunity to Mr. H. W. Barrows, treasurer, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The Chinese edition will be in stock sometime in April. Those desiring English copies for 1928 should place orders at once. The paper is being issued in Japanese, and in more than twelve of the European tongues. An edition in Russian will be run at our Harbin office.

"BIG WEEK" FOR 1928

FULL announcement of plans pertaining to "Big Week" for 1928 appear on page eighteen. Let us familiarize ourselves with the plans, order an abundance of suitable literature early, and observe the week in harmony with the General Conference and Division recommendations made.

APPROPRIATIONS TO UNIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1928

DURING the annual meetings of the Far Eastern Division Committee held in mid-February, appropriations for the Year 1928 were made to union and institutional organizations (in harmony with Budget provisions as approved), totaling \$779,665.96 gold, to which were added sundry special appropriations totaling \$27,850.96 gold, besides assignment of rental and other funds, and the distribution of Church Extension and Big Week Extension funds as reported in another column of this issue. The total amount raised last year in the Far Eastern Division field, in tithes and mission offerings (not including local offerings and special enterprises of like nature), was reported as \$175,696.06 gold. It is anticipated that this sum will be considerably augmented during 1928 by increased faithfulness in tithe-paying, and by more liberality than ever before in offerings. To this end, the little treatise on Tithe-Paying, by Pastor Geo. W. Wells, has already been sent out for translation into vernaculars; and we hope to add soon a strong presentation of this same subject by Pastor J. L. Shaw, who was invited by the Far Eastern Division Committee to prepare something for use throughout our field.