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God is Looking for Men

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ING ASA of Judah made a serious mistake after years of valiant service for God. A perplexing situation arose in his kingdom. Baasha, king of Israel, had started to build Ramah, hoping thus to divert the great overland carrying trade from Jerusalem, the metropolis of Asa's kingdom.

In his anxiety King Asa did not seek the Lord for counsel. Instead, he gathered up all the silver and gold left in the Lord's house, and adding to it the treasure in the royal coffers, sent the gift to Benhadad of Damascus, inviting him to attack Baasha. Thus the king of Israel would be compelled to cease building, and take the field to defend his territory.

When all had been brought about that Asa had hoped to accomplish, when the very stones and timbers of the rival city had been carried away, Hanani the seer came to the king with a solemn message. "Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on Jehovah thy God," said the prophet, "therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand.... For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."

It was a foolish as well as a wicked act on Asa's part to seek the help of the heathen king, and hire him to fight against Israel. Why should the king of Syria meddle with the people of God? Why should a man of God seek an alliance with the world? The only answer is that Asa had for a time forgotten the Lord, and lost his faith in Jehovah.

In our experiences to-day how many times we trust in men, and forsake the Lord! Instead of going forward in prayer and faith, depending upon God to help and deliver in the hour of need and peril, we seek counsel from men. What means the scripture, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help"? Was it written for other days and other men than for this time and for us?

King Asa lost what he never regained, his sense of dependence upon and trust in the Lord. Even in his last sickness, which was "exceeding great," we are told that "he sought not to Jehovah, but to the physicians." Any man who fails God in a crisis is the loser. It is a personal loss, never to be recovered from, repent as we will. David failed God; and though he found forgiveness, the curse never departed from his house. Asa failed God, and the seer said, "Henceforth thou shalt have wars." When we fail God in a crisis, and neglect to seek Him ourselves, we may gain our object, but we lose an experience of trust and faith far more precious than what we have gained.

God is looking for men whose hearts are perfect toward Him. His eyes "run to and fro throughout the whole earth" to find such men, and he stands ready to show Himself strong to work for those who seek and trust and obey Him. The sincere, honest worker is never forsaken by God. He may be cast aside by his brethren; others may be preferred before him; but the eyes of the Lord will surely find him, be he hidden where he may. There is no task so humble, no service so small, no place so remote, but the eyes of the Lord will find the true workman whose heart is perfect toward Him.

The greatest occasion for us to do our best for God is now. In His service there are no to-morrows. The present is the hour of need and opportunity. About us on every hand are the sinning and the dying. God's eyes are upon us *now*, "to show Himself strong" in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward Him.

Singapore, S.S.

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Note and Comment

Improved Conditions in South China

Professor Lyle C. Wilcox, principal of the Canton Middle School, and educational and young people's secretary of the South China Union, visited the Division headquarters while enroute to Chiao Tou Djen to attend the Summer Workers' Institute opening there June 20. Brother Wilcox spoke at the East Shanghai church Sabbath afternoon, and gave us a most heartening account of conditions in South China. In nearly all places where work is being carried on, it is now safe to travel, the country having been largely cleared of the roving bands of robbers and the local banditry that made travel so uncertain. Even along the West River, on the way to Nanning, piracy is being dealt with by the authorities, and the boats plying back and forth now often get through without attack. There are some difficulties still prevailing in the hills of northern and eastern Kwangtung, but these are rapidly lessening. It seems as if now is the opportune time to labor in South China. Opposition to the proclamation of the gospel is not now so apparent, the anti-Christian spirit having given place to a desire on the part of some to learn of Christian teachings. Our foreign workers can get about and labormuch as in former years. At Waichow, the headquarters of the Hakka provincial mission, Pastor J. P. Anderson and Dr. H. C. James are hard at work supervising the construction of the new hospital being erected on our compound just outside the city wall. The Doctor has many patients in improvised quarters, and the people of the city and surrounding community are showing us favor.

Pastor Wilcox told of the practical work being done by our young people, and of the school work now possible in some portions of the field. Difficulties still attend the conducting of mission schools, and in some places many perplexing situations have arisen; nevertheless the Lord has blessed as the brethren have planned to adapt their work to changing conditions and yet remain true to principle.

The message brought us by Brother Wilcox from the South China field, brought cheer to us all.

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"No Time to Read"

During Big Week in Shanghai, Sisters John Oss and Miss Edith McLachlin met one lady of social standing who explained she had no time to read; that the forenoons were fully occupied with shopping, calls, business; that following the noon-time *siesta* came *mah-jong*, tea, and sundry social activities; then dinner, followed by the theatre. The sisters called attention to our accountability to the God of heaven, who requires us to prepare for a day of Judgment, when we must meet the record of our stewardship of the talent of time. The lady's heart responded; she broke down and sobbed, acknowledged unreadiness, and purchased a copy of "Hope of the World," promising to read it in its entirety, and learn the essentials of a preparation for Heaven.

A Copper a Day

In Japan and in Chosen a *sen* a day would doubtless bring to our church-members all church papers in either Japanese or Korean, with some coppers to spare for the contribution plate. A *centavo* a day would more than cover the cost of the vernacular *Signs* monthly and the *Mispa* in any of the Filipino dialects in which papers are published from the Manila office. The same may be said of Malayan papers in the Malaysian Union.

In the China field our workers may lead some to subscribe for the *Shepherd* and the *Signs* by setting before our brethren and sisters the fact that these papers will cost them only a copper a day. The subscription rate ordinarily charged our church members for the *Signs* is sixty cents Mex. big money a year; this is also the regular price of the *Shepherd*; the two would amount to the equivalent of just about a copper a day, even allowing three hundred coppers to the dollar. Some may be induced to subscribe when they think through the proposition in terms of coppers. A copper a day is not a heavy price to pay for daily spiritual food brought us through our leading church papers.

By adding another copper a day, we could secure in China the *Educator* and the *Sabbath School Helper* (the club rate of the publishing house to our own people for all four Chinese periodicals being Mex. \$1.85 per annum); and a little would remain to help swell our offerings.

Thus as we go around the circle of all our fields, the idea of a copper a day ought to help many a hesitant one to determine to subscribe for our denominational papers, so replete with spiritual food.

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Brother and Sister C. E. Weeks

Correspondence from Bern, Switzerland, brings us word that Brother and Sister C. E. Weeks are at present suffering from illness. Sister Weeks has been seriously ill for some time, and Brother Weeks, who is reported as not too strong himself, has been counseled to spend a few weeks at the European Division headquarters, which is his home, in order to recuperate. The prayers of their former associates in the Far East will surely be ascending in behalf of Brother and Sister Weeks at this time. Sister Weeks has always insisted that her husband never lose a day in the field on her account; and even now, when at times much weakness is upon her, she still urges him not to allow her poor health to keep him a day from his field when his own health will permit of his engaging in active service. This is the spirit of pioneers of the Advent Movement; and all things are made possible to those who thus advance in faith when seemingly hedged about on every side. God goes before them; His grace sustains in every time of trial.

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Big Week in Malaysia

As we go to press, Malaysian brethren start in on their Big Week, scheduled for July one to seven. Their goals include the distribution of thirty-one thousand small booklets prepared for use at this time, and the raising of a net total for the Missions Extension Fund, of Gold \$1,700. May the Lord's blessing attend them during these days of earnest endeavor.

Visiting the Regent of Tasikamalaja

Brother N. J. Hoetaeroek, assistant field missionary secretary of the Malaysian Union, tells of a devoted colporteur in Java, Brother O. Hombing, who has been selling the Malay health book and taking many orders for the Malay *Signs*. Brother Hoetaeroek joined him in the residency of Tasikamalaja, and they decided to visit the Regent.

"When we approached the Regent's house," writes Brother Hoetaeroek, "his *oppas* (policeman) came to us, inquiring our business. We told him we desired to see the Regent immediately. He informed us His Excellency was ill. "Ill?" I asked. "Yes," was the reply. "Then go quickly and tell him that we are coming to help him." He went and told the Regent, and we were cordially received. We explained our business and got ready our canvases; but he told us his chief clerk had already ordered a copy of Dutch "Home Physician" for him, but the book had not yet been delivered. We asked him to read the volume carefully as soon as it was received; for it contained instruction that would help him much. We secured from him a subscription to *Pertandaan Zaman* (the Malay *Signs*)." ◆◆◆

From Pastor H. J. Doolittle

Writing from Washington, D. C., U. S. A., where he was taking special treatments in the Washington Sanitarium, Pastor H. J. Doolittle refers in detail to some special evangelistic work in his former field of labor that he greatly desires to see fostered and advanced; and in this connection he expresses sorrow over inability to be with us in person in the China field. His prayers are ascending daily in behalf of this work to which he has given some of the best years of his life; and he has also united with others in making sacrificial offerings in order that the cause may be sustained in these fields. It is cheering to learn of the deep and abiding interest of those who have been with us as active associates in our advance in the Far East. It is especially heartening to have brought home to us anew the fact that those who can not be with us, the rank and file of our brethren and sisters in the homelands, including those once with us, are an integral part of the great work of God in the earth. Neither physical disability nor intervening continents and oceans can separate them from the precious cause in these lands where God is working in a special manner to gather out from heathendom such as have a heart to serve Him.

The physicians give Brother Doolittle hope of ultimate recovery, although the process may be necessarily slow. His address at present is Grafton, Ohio, U. S. A., in care of Mr. Elvin P. Peet.

A Message from the Home Commission

Dear Friend:

Are you missing something that you will wish in after-life you had had? We are referring to *Parents' Lessons*.

We firmly believe that the Lord aroused some of His servants on this subject because He saw how badly we need it. So we ask the question, Are you missing something that you ought not to miss? The expense is trifling as compared with usual courses, and the benefits are great. Write for particulars to the—

Home Commission, General Conference,
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

GENERAL ARTICLES

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When troubles seem to culminate
As troubles do, you know,
In one black cloud of misery—
A mountain weight of woe;
When all your heart's best motives
Are misjudged, or worse abused,
And all your finest effort
Seems wasted and misused;
When the fabric of your labor
Hangs in tear-bedraggled shreds;
And the blows of criticism
Flail your unprotected head;
When your feet have touched the bottom
Of the slippery stony slide,
And the weight of wrong has broken
All the stings and stays of pride;
There is still a lot of comfort,
Sweetness for the galling cup;
For there always is a pathway
From the bottom leading up.
If you climb any mountain,
You are sure to find a way
Leading from the shaded lowlands
To the sunny slopes of day.
And there isn't any trouble
But, if viewed on all its sides,
Will present a path to courage
And the heights where joy abides.

—Norma Youngberg

Singapore, S. S.

Read More

FREDERICK GRIGGS

FEW of us read as much as we might. We should read all we can. We are to heed Paul's advice to Timothy to "give attendance to reading." God is pleased when we each study to show ourselves "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

I recently received a letter from one of our busy workers that speaks in so inspirational a way regarding the benefits that he is getting from the Reading Course and Bible study, that I am quoting a part of it for the encouragement of each busy worker in the Far Eastern Division. Note these words:

"I must thank you for your kind suggestion of a couple of years ago to read all the books I could in my spare moments. I think I have read more than twice as many books a year since then. I wish you could have seen me on this last itinerating trip as I walked the dusty roads with a book in my hand, reading as I walked. It was harder to read while riding in the Peking carts, but we kept at it and I finished several important books before I returned home. As I thought of John Wesley reading as he rode horseback it kept up my courage, and I thought that what others have done I can do.

It truly have come to feel that the reading fills a most vital part of a man's life and work. We are constantly *giving*, so we must also constantly be *receiving*. Truly good books are good friends and are a most important source of information and inspiration. And I am happy to tell you that I am reading my Bible more than ever before. I have read six chapters every day and ten on Sabbath since the first of the year. In reading, I give verses close study and I can truly say that His word has become the joy and the rejoicing of my heart. I can now understand how the words of God became more precious to Job than his necessary food. How sweet are the precious seasons with God and His blessed word! How sweet is the morning manna! What a fountain of power and blessing! I have come truly to love the season spent with Him, hearing His wonderful voice through His book and His sweet Spirit. Oh I would never go back to the careless reading of the Bible! One loses too much by an indifferent attitude toward God, and His Word of Power which is to build us up. And yet how prone we are to let the minor matters crowd out the all-important things of life. I thank God from the depth of my soul for the wonderful blessings I have received this year from the rich treasures of His word. And how thankful I am to you for your loving words of counsel and your personal example of fidelity to the Bible throughout the years. It is a wonderful testimony to be able to say you have read the Bible through every year for twenty-five years. Your example has had most salutary results in my life, and its influence is extending farther still. I am urging our brethren and sisters everywhere to taste and see that the Lord is good! One brother with whom I spent a little time pointing out the beauties of the word, told me the next day with tears running down his cheeks how happy it made him. He said he was lifted above the clouds! And after all, isn't that just what God wants to do for His people? He wants us to get up above the terrible black clouds. Get up away from the sights and sounds of the wicked world. Get up into the clear sunlight of heaven. Get up nearer to God. Get up into His wonderful glory and receive the new inspiration and courage He is longing to give us. And we get a new vision when we get up above this old sin-cursed earth. On the dead level of earth, vision is distorted. We see too much of sin. We hear too much of sin. It is all around us. God is calling His people to come up higher, higher still! And how beautiful the promise, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint!," Isaiah 40:31."

This brother is doing nothing but what each of us may likewise do. Let us be provoked by his good works. Have you yet reported for the 1928 Reading Course? If not, do. If so, read it and much more good reading.

"Not how much you read, but how much you gain from your reading, is the true test of the practical value of your reading."

The Midsummer Offering

THIS year the time appointed for the Midsummer Offering for Missions is Sabbath, July 21. Throughout the world, on that day, our brethren and sisters will be giving study to the needs of regions till recently unentered, and will be giving of their means for the support of work undertaken in these regions. Here in the Far East much has already been done to advance the lines by sending forth workers into Yunnan, the Romblons, Amboina, Mindanao; and other work is planned for Shansi, Kweichow, and Annam. Already a harvest of souls is being reaped in the Romblons, Mindanao, and Amboina, the combined number totaling upwards of four hundred; and there are prospects of seeing developed shortly a great work in some of these newly entered regions. Yet another field for which budget provision has been made through the Midsummer Offering, is the interior of Northern Luzon, where many tribes are awaiting a message of truth.

From many parts of the world have come substantial returns in new fields entered as the result of the Midsummer Offerings made during the years 1926 and 1927. The offering for missions taken up July 21, 1923, should be a large one; for great indeed are the needs in these fields being pioneered. It means much for Brother Tilstra to get to Ambon; for Pastor Rodriguez and his associates to be in Mindanao; for Brethren Claude E. Miller and Dallas R. White to begin labor in Yunnanfu, and for Brethren K. H. Smith and H. Buzzell to get into West China for service in Kweichow. Some are soon to pioneer the way in Shensi; yet others in Annam. Let us stand solidly back of them, and lend them our hearty support. And as we think of the needs of our own in the Far East, we cannot help but review also the needs of our sister Divisions, where large and populous areas are being occupied, and for the continued evangelization of which the streams of beneficence are to widen and deepen with passing years. Time is short; what we now undertake in the name of Jehovah of hosts we are to complete as rapidly as providences may permit. Let us unite in sacrificial offerings of funds and of labor until all these regions hitherto unwarned will have received of the gospel of saving grace.

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Meetings in Europe

WORD from Pastor I. H. Evans outlines the plan of the European Division to have him in attendance at some of their annual meetings, including Holland from May 18 to 21, Denmark from May 22 to 25, Sweden May 16 to June 10; followed by Riga, Geneva, Vienna, and the Latin Union. The Geneva meeting is to be followed by meetings in three of the German Unions. Brother and Sister Evans plan on sailing from Liverpool for the States about September 8, in time to reach the Autumn Council appointed for Sept. 25 to October 4.

"The Ministry" Magazine

FREDERICK GRIGGS

The little magazine known as "*The Ministry*" is filled so full of information and inspiration useful to the gospel worker as to make it a necessary part of his working equipment. We live in intensely progressive times; and as workers for God, we must keep pace with them. We must never depart from the simplicity of gospel truth, but we must exercise divine wisdom in presenting it in an appealing way. To do this we must avail ourselves of every good method and of every possible help in presenting the gospel message plainly, forcefully, and convincingly.

Are you a member of the Ministerial Association? Are you a reader of its annual reading courses? Are you receiving and applying the suggestions offered in "*The Ministry*" to your work? All these questions should be answered in the affirmative by every Seventh-day Adventist mission worker; and if you have not thus answered them, will you not do so immediately. This can be done by enrolling in the 1928 Ministerial Association and Reading Course Circle. Not only should the books of this reading course be read and studied, but many other good books of the same character should be pursued during the year.

The total circulation of the Malay *Signs of the Times* (*Pertandaan Zaman*) early this year was 4,034, distributed as follows: East Java, 956; West Java, 617; South Sumatra, 361; North Sumatra, 331; Celebes, 1,103; Batakland (Sumatra), 100; Borneo, 15; Singapore, 94; Malay States, 418; Exchanges, 39.

English Evangelistic Work in Shanghai

H. P. EVENS

IN the late autumn of 1927 the matter of putting forth a special effort for the English-speaking peoples of Shanghai was given consideration by the East China Union Committee. An appeal was made for special funds to carry on a systematic literature campaign. Our brethren here in Shanghai, together with those temporarily residing here from the Yangtze Valley, contributed an amount upwards of Mexican \$1,300 toward this cause. The writer was asked to carry the responsibility of leading out. The work of placing literature in two thousand homes was immediately begun, and carried on weekly, in a regular way, for seventeen weeks.

All three of our churches in the city worked harmoniously on this plan until it was finished. It was done under the name of the "Home Bible Study League," with a central location, and all replies came to one address. Three letters, personally signed, were directed to each individual; one accompanied the first number, one after six weeks, and one at the close. A stamped self-addressed envelope was enclosed with the last letter, together with a small printed questionnaire, encouraging a reply. It might be proper to explain here that the ideal way of carrying the literature in person was not followed on account of the great cost of transportation; also because of the fact that this work was being carried on largely by mission workers who had their regular duties.

The literature was so arranged in containers that we now have an accurate record of work done for each of these two thousand homes.

Many replies were received from those who were not interested, and their literature was immediately withheld, to be directed to others. As a result of this we were able to save enough to send, with necessary replacements, 300 other complete sets to as many different homes. This is now being done.

But there were those who manifested an interest, if ever so little, at first, as to indicate that they would receive more literature, though not welcoming a personal call. This list of about twenty-five is now receiving the "*Signs*" weekly, together with other

small literature and books. In due time we shall try to establish contacts with them for personal study. With others we have begun to study the Bible, and while this class is as yet not large, the response is encouraging. Those who failed to respond in any way to our letters we are visiting in person, as time and opportunity permit, to ascertain, if possible, their attitude toward this work.

As a result of systematic distribution of the "*Signs*" weekly by the East Church in military camps of the city, a considerable number of interested men have been found. Brother W. P. Henderson, who is leading out in the missionary activities of the church, met one man who after thorough study was ready to take the step of publicly accepting Christ in this message. He has recently been baptized.

The Shanghai West Church, located at the Sanitarium, while feeling the need of a regular chaplain to care for the spiritual needs of the institution, is nevertheless carrying on an active missionary work wherever opportunities are indicated. The writer is now in the midst of conducting a series of Sunday night evangelistic meetings in the Sanitarium parlor. The interest continues to be good.

We shall include in this report a few of the replies received from individuals to whom literature was directed during the past six months:

"Your series has helped me considerably. I have enjoyed same immensely."

"I would like further literature."

"Please accept my best thanks for the series of twenty-six lessons on God's word you have so kindly supplied me with. I hope, later on, to have the pleasure of an interview with you at your convenience."

"I am writing to thank you for so kindly sending me literature in connection with the Home Bible Study League, and to say how much I appreciate and enjoy reading it. I am sure I have derived great spiritual help from perusing all the pamphlets, and am very keen on finishing the course."

"Here I am extending my hearty thanks and appreciation to you for sending the literature to me from time to time. It has meant a great deal to me and helped me spiritually. I wish to have it sent to me continually."

There are others with the same ring to them, which indicates that God has some children in this wicked city who must be found and brought into the fold. We solicit the prayers of each one to the end that God will lead us in our search for lost souls until every one be found.

GENERAL MEETINGS

In the Chosen Union

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THE two local mission meetings of this Union and the meeting of the West Chosen Conference for the year 1928 have just been held. They were good meetings. Their goodness was in the spirit of brotherly love. This spirit brings co-operation into every undertaking. It gives courage for future work and makes any meeting an enjoyable one.

At the South Chosen meeting Brethren H. J. Bass and W. S. Pudewell were ordained to the ministry. Pastor Bass had been appointed to the directorship of this mission a little while before the meeting. It was evident that he was heartily received by the workers and people. Pastor Pudewell also has the unbounded confidence of the brethren and sisters throughout the mission. He has been carrying forward a strong evangelistic effort in Tuikyū, a large city about ten miles from Keizan, the headquarters of the mission.

The Central Chosen Mission brethren have had a good year, but are not satisfied with what has been accomplished. They are determined to win a larger harvest of souls this next year.

Pastor J. J. Strahle's efforts in each of these general meetings in home missionary and literature work, have stimulated not only the workers but the people to greater effort. In each field there was a substantial increase of colporteur forces.

The West Chosen Conference is one of the two local Conferences in the Far Eastern Division, the other being the Central Luzon Conference of the Philippine Union. Pastor Ne Keun Ok, the president, has the hearts of all the people. He was reelected. The work of the conference passed off in a well ordered manner. I have never seen better reports given by secretaries and treasurers than were given in these meetings. They were clear and comprehensive and were carefully studied by the delegates. Brother Im Iyong-Won was ordained to the ministry.

The Chosen Union training school is located at Soonan. I was with the school for nearly two weeks after the conference meeting. I have rarely seen

the Spirit of God more manifest than in this school during our meetings. Sabbath, June 19, twenty-eight students were baptized. A class of thirty-eight is formed to prepare for another baptism to be held in about a month. Principal H. M. Lee and his fellow workers are carrying forward a strong work from this school.

One feature of the school worthy of special note is the vocational departments. The farm and cannery are being continued by Brother L. I. Bowers, and the mechanical department and cereal food factory by Brother J. E. Riffel, just returned from furlough. The cannery, which has been operating for nearly two years, is giving an outlet for the products of the farm and furnishing work for many boys and girls. It is one of the means by which the present enrollment, the largest the school has ever had, is made possible. The accuracy required in the mechanical work is a highly important feature of education for these Korean youth, and the prospects are that this department will bring financial benefit to the school.

Pastor E. J. Urquhart, acting superintendent of the Union, was in attendance at each meeting. His large connection with the work in Korea and his devotion to it makes his counsel valuable and gives to him the confidence of our people.

I am writing this report on the train while going to the Manchurian and Sungari-Mongolian meetings. My five-weeks' stay in the Chosen Union has been pleasant. The cause of truth is forward here. A good year is before our Korean people.

British Borneo Mission

L. B. MERSHON

YOU will be glad to learn that we baptized six Dusuns recently. After I finished the examination of the candidates, I asked the congregation how many of them had made up their minds to leave all their old superstitions and devil-worship, and enter the church to worship the true God. There were perhaps fifty people present. Several hands were held up. I counted eight, but the workers said there were nine. I know of five more who are preparing for baptism, who were not there that day. Besides these, there were two more who are in the baptismal class at this one station. This makes us very happy.

The work up at Tenom, among the Muruts, is very promising. I am planning to go up there soon.

Beginnings Among Mongols

FROM our Sungari-Mongolian headquarters in Harbin, Manchuria, several have been sent out for special labor among Mongols, and have been given some months of preparation in language study at Hailar, on the Mongolian border. Seven of these workers are now endeavoring to secure permission to labor in certain districts where hitherto governmental authorities have been loth to allow Christian propaganda.

Professor Frederick Griggs, writing from Harbin, tells of his recent visit to Hailar and of an institute held with the Russian workers and their families to whom has been assigned the great task of evangelizing Mongolia. In all, there were present during the institute twelve, besides their wives, together with some of the believers from Hailar and vicinity. The Lord blessed those in attendance. The burden is pressing upon our associates in the northland to carry a knowledge of saving truth into Mongolia, in an effort to win such as may be willing to respond to Heaven's proffers of saving grace. Let us continue in prayer in behalf of those near Hailar who amidst hindrances and other difficulties are pressing onward in a determined effort to advance.

The Young People's Week of Prayer

FROM Chosen and from South China word has come of definite results through observance of special seasons of prayer and instruction in some of our schools. Professor Griggs has reported twenty-eight baptisms, and a baptismal class of thirty-eight who wish to unite with us later, at Soonan, Chosen. Professor Lyle C. Wilcox reports a precious season at Canton, where all the students had already been baptized; at Hongkong, where baptism of four has taken place, with eight others preparing; at Amoy, with twenty in the baptismal class; and at Foochow, where fifteen signified their determination to follow the Lord Jesus fully and prepare for baptism. All praise to Him whose Spirit is working on the hearts of the youth. Our leaders are finding much of encouragement in the response being given by the youth at times when special labor is put forth in their behalf. It seems that the observance of the young people's week of prayer brings definite and blessed results.

Reports from the Field

In Southern Seas

BROTHER V. L. BEECHAM is making a missionary journey through southern seas in the Malaysian Union, and at last accounts had reached Saparoea and Amboina in latitude 5 south of the Equator. Once before, six years ago, Brother Beecham visited Amboina. At that time there were interested inquirers, but no baptized believer. Considerable literature was placed with the people, and later on our evangelists pressed in, led by Pastor Samuel Ranteong. The Lord has wonderfully blessed. "I was much surprised to find," writes Brother Beecham, "that in the island of Ambon alone there are about one hundred sixty keeping the Sabbath. Pastor A. Munson tells me that they now have work in progress in Banda, Saparoea and Ceram, as well as in Ambon; that five workers are stationed in these parts, and that a total of two hundred twenty-seven are keeping the Sabbath.

"We have just finished a very busy series of meetings here. In connection with our colporteurs' institute we held a home missionary institute also. We shall be visiting Saparoea again, and perhaps the island of Ceram, prior to going on to Medado, Celebes, via Ternate and Papoea."

Brother and Sister Tilstra are soon to be permanently stationed in Ambon, Ceram, and adjacent districts.

Enroute to West China

PASTOR M. C. WARREN, at last accounts, was still pressing onward in his effort to reach Chungking, Szechwan, the headquarters of the West China Union Mission. Brother Warren is taking with him Brother and Sister H. K. Smith and Brother and Sister A. B. Buzzell and daughter, besides Brother C. A. Woolsey and family who came down a year ago when the Consuls ordered all our families out. At one time the party got beyond Ichang some distance, but had to return because of the activities of warring factions enroute. All the members of the company are reported to be well.

Colportage Goals in Chosen

SINCE the holding of institutes in Chosen, led by Brother Ralph W. Pearson, field missionary secretary, in association with Pastor J. J. Strable, Division field missionary secretary, and some earnest Korean colporteur leaders, the goals formerly fixed in the various missions there have been changed so as to swell the total by ten thousand yen. This has been made possible in part through the increase of the colporteur force, in part through a determination to have several engaged in the sale of the larger subscription books, and in part through the adoption of better methods of salesmanship. All success to those who are leading out in this distribution of literature in Korea! May they have a banner year!

Two Songs in Miao

Recently we received through Pastor M. C. Warren, a copy of two songs in the Miao language—our first denominational publication in the Miao language. This comes as the result of Pastor Ho Ai Deng's work in Northern Kweichow. Thus another language area has been entered with the printed page. The beginning, it is true, is very small, but thus have all beginnings been made in the various areas being entered.

Central Luzon Conference

E. M. ADAMS

WE are now under the responsibility that Elder Figuhr has laid down for his rest. God must help us to do all that He expects of us under this condition. The work in the conference is moving forward, I believe, in a very healthful way. I have been very much pleased to see the spirit of real burden-bearing taking possession of the workers. We solicit your prayers for the work in its various phases.

Big Week in Shanghai

SEVERAL took part in the sale of literature during big week in Shanghai, and an effort is being made to secure a report of the returns realized. Some good experiences were had by those going out, and many books, large and small, were placed.

Visit to Kanchow, Kiangsi

N. F. BREWER

DURING April, 1928, Pastor E. H. James, Pastor Liu, and the writer made a trip to Kanchow, in the southern part of Kiangsi province, China—the round trip requiring a thousand miles of travel from Hankow. The Lord protected us, and we feel to thank Him for this. The Kanchow station has not been visited by foreigners for nearly three years. Up to the time we undertook our journey, robbers had been bad along the way; shortly after our return they again resumed their activities. Even the week before we went, the boats were being robbed and many killed. Our Chinese evangelist had gone ahead, and his boat was robbed, and most of the passengers had lost their all, but his goods were miraculously left undisturbed.

We were in Kanchow for five days, holding two meetings daily, and visiting and praying with members. Some took a new start; some are still in a backslidden state. We are praying that the Lord may touch hearts. Our Chinese evangelist who remains with them, is doing well, and believes he will be able to reclaim nearly if not quite all former members. It was very cheering to us to see how eager those who have been sorely tempted and tried, now are to lay hold anew on the Divine provisions of grace, and thus continue their preparation for the Kingdom.

From Pastor A. L. Ham

A LETTER from Pastor A. L. Ham, director of the Cantonese Mission, written from the Pacific Northwest, acquaints us with the sad news of Sister Ham's mother's death about a week following Brother Ham's arrival in the States. Later Sister Ham herself entered the Portland Sanitarium for special medical care.

Brother Ham reports many opportunities to speak on our work in China. A Chinese gentleman in Spokane has sent him a special invitation to visit that city, and to speak to the Chinese people there on our mission work in the Far East.

Brother Ham may be addressed as follows: Pastor A. L. Ham, Route 5, Box 335, Centralia, Wash., U. S. A.

Good Progress of the Literature Ministry in Japan

A. KOCH

WE in Japan are very glad that the days have gone when our monthly canvassers' report falls below one thousand dollars gold. By the grace of the Lord our reports this year show double and treble as much as during the same months last year. It is encouraging to see more than twenty regular book evangelists in the fields who are hunting not only after sales but after souls. During the summer months we hope to see ten students from the school joining the ranks of the regular bookmen. While the students are building now the new hospital at headquarters, I am taking opportunity, evenings, to teach them methods of successful approach.

During a one-month trip in the northern part of Japan I worked with six different men,—always with one of them at a time. By the grace of the Lord we were enabled to sell more than nine hundred yen worth of literature. On rainy days we had best success. While staying with the men, I took time to instruct them in giving Bible readings to interested people; and we were able to write out several of these for publication in our papers. Brother Uchiyama has sent me a very good report about the use he is making of these studies when he has to answer questions or is invited to hold cottage meetings.

Recently a man who some time ago was handed a tract by me when we were on an electric car, found me one day here at headquarters. He had been making diligent search for me. His daughter is now attending our girls' school.

One day I gave a pamphlet to a young lady, a physician, while we were traveling in a street car. She is now taking studies on present truth. Many similar experiences could be added to these. We are grateful to God, and feel encouraged to believe that we shall make our goal this year—35,000 yen of sales, and fifty souls won through book evangelists.

Tokyo, May 22, 1928

Via Siberia

DR. WM. A. WOOLGAR, who has been connected with the medical staff of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, left June 26 for the States via the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Qualifying for Medical Service

LEAVING Shanghai late April, Dr. H. W. Miller, Division medical secretary for the Far East, united with Dr. E. E. Getzlaff, of Japan Union, in attendance at medical examinations being held in Tokyo. The word has come through that the Doctors passed their examinations successfully, and now have papers authorizing them to practice throughout the Japanese Empire. The examination given in Japan is so stringent and thorough-going that those who secure recognition thus, are privileged to enjoy reciprocity with Great Britain and British Colonies.

A Short-cut to Manchuria

FOLLOWING their visit to Washington, D. C., Pastor and Mrs. B. Peterson left per s. s. "*Leviathan*" for Europe and will be returning to Manchuria via the Siberian Express, thus lessening the time somewhat. Enroute they plan on attending general meetings in Scandinavia and elsewhere, and on visiting Bro. Peterson's aged father in Denmark.

The Nanning Hospital

THROUGH Dr. D. D. Coffin, superintendent of the Nanning Hospital Dispensary, and more recently through Professor Lyle C. Wilcox of Canton, we learn of the favor being shown the Nanning medical institution by leading men and by the common people as well. Several generals have been treated in the institution, and these have shown gratitude by affording protection in times of war and of anti-Christian propaganda. At present the hospital is filled to overflowing, and many patients have had to be accommodated in improvised rooms in homes, in servants' quarters, and in out-buildings. And still the people come. The presence of Brother and Sister Loren Scutt, registered nurses, has brought added strength to the institution, and Dr. Coffin has been thus enabled to enlarge considerably the sphere of his labors, handling difficult surgical cases that could not have been undertaken had not adequate skilled help been available. One of the outstanding problems faced by those in Nanning at this time is how to continue to meet the medical needs of the people without providing in some way for additional space for patients.

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Statistics—First Qr., 1928

The statistical tables covering the first quarter of 1928 will appear in the August number for mailing about July 20. The Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House is crowded with work in its typeroom, and hence the tables cannot be run in the current number. The quarter under review brought some gains, these having been an increase in tithes and Sabbath School offerings totaling more than six thousand dollars gold above the first quarter of 1927. During January to March, 1928, there were 644 baptisms in the Far Eastern field in the Far Eastern field, and a net gain of 634 in baptized church believers, the Division now having a reported church membership of 21,539. Full lists of figures for the first quarter of the current year will appear in the Outlook for August.

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Home Missionary Conventions

BLESSED results have come in the train of Home Missionary Conventions held during the past few months in various places. Among those recently held are some most enthusiastic gatherings at Keizan, Soonan and Seoul, Chosen; Chungchun and Mukden in Manchuria, and also in Harbin. Already considerable more literature than in former days is going out from the publishing houses to supply the needs of the laymen who are hard at work along lines suggested in these conventions.

Continued Progress in East Szechwan

PASTOR J. EFFENBERG, under date of May 29, writes that progress is being made. In the East Szechwan Mission some have recently been baptized.

Japan is Calling

ALFONSO N. ANDERSON

FURLOUGH days are rapidly drawing to a close. America is a motorized, radioized, and very convenient land of plenty. But Japan is calling. The need of evangelism is imperative here, but infinite over there.

I am studying in the field training school in San Francisco. This is a good place for taking a furlough. Medical work is emphasized in San Francisco and carried on practically and successfully. The workers here are endeavoring to present both the Sabbath and the Spirit of Prophecy to the public tactfully as distinguishing characteristics of the true church.

For Our Encouragement

For Heilungkiang

FOR some years the brethren of the Manchurian Union have been pleading in behalf of Heilungkiang, a great province lying at the extreme north of Manchuria, and rapidly becoming settled with a substantial and hard-working class of Chinese farmers. Year by year our colporteurs have been faithfully visiting the principal towns and cities of Heilungkiang, and at times Harvest Ingathering work has been undertaken with success. As yet, no permanent worker has been placed in this province. Pastor R. M. Cossentine reports that in Harbin, just across the border from Heilungkiang, we have a number of Chinese church-members that could be made to serve as a nucleus for many groups of believers in this as yet unentered province. In Tsitsihar, the capital of Heilungkiang, are two brothers, hotel-keepers and ranchmen, who for a number of years have been keeping the Sabbath, and have been calling upon us to enter their territory with evangelists.

It is the plan of the Manchurian Union to station a tried worker at Harbin, if found practicable, in order that from this base he may begin labor in behalf of the people of Heilungkiang; and the brethren request our prayers that the gospel truth may have free course in that inviting field.

Later Word from Pastor

T. T. Babienco

WRITING from Islington, Ontario, May 21, Pastor T. T. Babienco reports that he and his companion in labor have completed the translation of the volume "Christ our Saviour" into the Russian language.

At the time of writing, Brother Babienco was just about to leave with his family for Europe to attend some meetings there. He thought to return to Harbin by way of the Siberian Express if providence opens the way for him to do this. His temporary address is given as Pastor T. T. Babienco, in care of Mr. Carl Voigt, Magdeburg, Hopfengarten, Linden Plan 24, Germany.

The Signs Home Special

One Union has written in for counsel as to the advisability of attempting to place the Home Special of the (Mandarin) *Signs* in three hundred thousand separate homes. Why not? In all of China, and among Chinese-speaking readers in other lands, we should circulate a million copies of this number prior to the close of 1928.

Births

Born, on May 13, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davies, of the Chihli Mission, Tsinan Shantung, China, a daughter, Margaret Louise
Born, on February 23, to Pastor and Mrs. J. Effenberg, of the East Szechwan Mission Chungking, Szechwan, China, a daughter, Hanny Ruth Effenberg.

Born, on June 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Erich Aurich, of Shanghai, a daughter.

Born, on May 24, to Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Bierkle, of the Hunan Mission, Changsha, Hunan, China, a daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth.

Born on June 26, to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nichols, of the Central China Union, a daughter, Agnes Louisa.

Manchuria's Middle School

A SUBSTANTIAL beginning has been made toward establishing a middle school for the Seventh-day Adventist youth of Manchuria. Pastor R. M. Cossentine, who has pioneered this institution, reports that the school campus and farm include twenty-nine acres of agricultural land commanding a view of the surrounding country on every side. The property is situated about eight miles north of Mukden, along the main line of railway, and not far from a regular station. The main school building is a two-story structure, forty by sixty feet. The boys' dormitory is seventeen by eighty-seven feet, and the kitchen fourteen by forty. Money is in hand for the girls' dormitory. A well two hundred feet deep has been sunk, affording a perennial supply of excellent water. The cost of all these improvements has been met almost wholly within the field, the church members contributing liberally, and much having been raised by Harvest Ingathering. The purchase of the land was financed as the result of a transfer of a section of another mission property, the value of which has increased since its acquisition some years ago. There is a foreign residence for one foreign family, built from funds given by Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson; and the past year this dwelling-house was utilized also as a girls' dormitory. A carpenter shop supplies much work for the boys. The school furniture was made largely in this shop.

The Chinese faculty of this middle school is made up almost wholly of those who received a training in the China Theological Seminary, and is headed up by Professor Shih Du Hsin.

A Dream with Results

PASTOR HWANG, of Chentu, West Szechwan, reports a dream given him the night of March 23, 1928, during which he seemed to hear the Lord calling him, and giving word that prayer should be offered in behalf of the youngest son of a certain evangelist in those parts. In the dream he seemed to learn the name of the evangelist, and to witness all circumstances connected with the sick child, including a knowledge of the nature of the disease threatening the child's life. Upon awaking, Pastor Hwang prayed earnestly in behalf of the child. Later, upon inquiring, he learned that in the middle of the night during which he had had this dream, the youngest son of the evangelist that had been shown him, had been very sick, but had had a turn for the better, and had survived. The brother whose son was thus restored, believes that this experience is an instance of the fulfillment of the promise of Joel 2: 28, "Your old men shall dream dreams." Pastor Hwang has written out the story of his experience, and has sent it out in printed form for the encouragement of brethren and sisters and friends with whom he is in touch.

A Set of Books for Sale

FROM the Central Luzon Conference, we learn that some years ago three or four sets of the Shaff-Heizog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge were taken over by their tract society. There is one set as yet undisposed of the price on which has been fixed by the tract society at sixty pesos (\$30 gold), plus cost for transportation. The set is a copy of the edition of 1914, and is made up of thirteen volumes in cloth binding. One of the volumes is an index. The condition of the set is said to be as new. Inquiry regarding this offer may be sent direct to Central Luzon Conference, 1402 Oroquieta Street, Santa Cruz, Manila, P. I. C

Every Christian a Worker

Our laity are willing to take an active part in missionary work but some of them feel a lack on their part in knowing the best method of procedure. It is our duty at all costs to help them. We should make haste to visit every church and company, and not leave them until they are taught in the methods of witnessing for Christ,—not only taught how but also led into active service for their Master.

J. J. S.

Getting into Stations in Honan

AT last accounts Pastor W. E. Strickland, director of the Honan Mission, had been able to visit a goodly number of stations in his field. He reports fairly peaceful conditions, although at the time of writing there was still a small army housed in our mission compound where he was staying, at Yen Cheng. In the field some baptisms have already taken place, and several persons in various sections are asking for baptism.

Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Butka returned in order to start anew the medical work, which had ceased during the occupancy of the hospital by troops. Progress is being made, and it is thought that by early fall the hospital can be running again as in days of old.

North Sumatra Mission

I. C. SCHMIDT

RECENTLY I made a sixteen-day trip into Atjeh residency, where I visited our company at Koeta-Radja. During my return I stopped at several estates, in the interests of our literature and also of our future church and church-school building. I realized a thousand *florins*, all told, on this trip. Most of this money will be applied on our school and assembly hall.

On the trip into Atjeh I met some fine people that give promise of becoming believers in time. My days were limited, my territory large; so I worked many hours. The Lord added His blessing. The trip required a run of more than twenty-two hundred kilometers (by *Chevrolet*).

In meeting with the estates people, I found many who anticipate the coming conflict that is to end in Armageddon. This belief is becoming most strikingly prevalent among thinking classes; I find none of a contrary belief.

On the third of June we shall be leaving for America, via the European route. We shall be glad to hear from our friends, and may be addressed at Bison, Kansas, U. S. A., or else in care of the Home Board, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

Malaysian Appointments

Appointments for Malaysia include annual meetings for North, Central and South Sumatra already held during the month of May; The British Borneo annual meeting Sept. 6-13; Malay States Nov. 2nd to Dec. 5; Siam Dec. 12-18; West Java Jan. 6-12, 1929; East Java Jan. 17-23; business session of Singapore Mission, Feb. 3, 1929; biennial session of the Malaysian Union, Feb. 5-15, 1929.

Brother M. C. Warren in Chungking

Just as he reached the pontoon of one of the landing-places of the Chungking, Szechwan, river-front, Pastor M. C. Warren, superintendent of the West China Union, wrote the last lines of a communication in which he reports conditions up the Yangtze. To quote:

"You can imagine that I am happy to be nearing home, as I have been away nearly four months.

"We found conditions very bad above Ichang this time. We reached Ichang on the 27th of May, and moved over to a French steamer; next day we transferred our reight; the third morning we sailed at daylight. The beauty of the spring day helped to set the Gorges off in all their grandeur. We plowed up over the rapids in safety, and were un molested by the 'spirit soldiers' and bandits that hold sway there. Just at dark we dropped anchor in front of Kweifu, Szechwan. We found the city in the hands of bandits. The French gunboat there kept the robbers from boarding our steamer. Our captain went across to the gunboat, and returned with the word that Yang-sen was launching a drive on Chungking, and that the gunboat had ordered us back to Ichang. The next day we went back down through the Gorges, which did not appear nearly so beautiful as the day before."

Through a series of providences, Brother Warren finally was permitted to go on to Chungking on a ship not usually allowing passengers to accompany the crew. This, Brother Warren believes, came as the result of special and continued prayer. The three families accompanying him were to leave Ichang a few days later by a Japanese boat for Chungking. "It was hard for me to leave hem," writes Brother Warren; "but it seemed best for me to do so.

"Just now we are drawing up to the pontoon in Chungking. There was not a shot fired at us all the way. This is the first boat to get through in weeks from Ichang without being fired upon. Some have been under fire for hours at a time. Some in the same convoy with us this time were fired on; but we were unharmed. My heart is full of praise to the Lord.

"You cannot expect me to write more now, as I want to secure a sampan and complete my journey home before dark."

Later "All the families have just arrived safely." (June 15.)

The Mid-Summer Offering for Missions

E. J. Johanson

The date for the Mid-Summer Offering for Missions, as set by the General Conference, is July 21. This is one of the large and important offerings in our foreign missions program, and one by which this field profits greatly. So let us get behind it with enthusiasm, placing the matter before each of our churches in good time, and encouraging all to come to the help of the Lord in this way. If stong promotion work in every church, without one exception, can be carried on, we should realize a good offering. It is the faithfulness of our constituency the world over in these matters that brings us increased appropriations from time to time. And let us remember that "God helps those who help themselves".

Singapore, S. S., April 30
(In "Notes of Progress")

In Northwestern Chekiang

WILD roses were in full bloom when last May Pastor K. H. Wood and the undersigned visited several of the churches and groups of believers to be found in the northwestern hills of Chekiang Province, China. The mountain trails and the stone-flagged valley paths were at their loveliest as we passed from place to place, stopping first at Yuzi, and going to Changhwa, Ba-du, Fenshui, and Doonglu. Everywhere we found most of the believers faithful to their baptismal vows. In one place there had been apostasy to the extent of ten or twelve who were formerly warm-hearted. Plans have already been laid to reclaim these, if possible. Very few apostasies came to notice, most of the brethren and sisters having remained loyal.

We were cheered by many evidences of unusual workings of the Holy Spirit, leading several score to abandon idols, and to serve the living God. A goodly number are giving up vices and entering baptismal classes. In one place we visited, far up in the hills, half a day's journey from Ba-du, we found ourselves in a country where no foreigners had ever been before. One gentleman eighty-three years of age, one of the elders of the villages we were visiting, came out three *li* along the pathway to meet us. Soon after our arrival at the improvised chapel, some stalwart men appeared carrying their mother, eighty-six years of age. Here we found forty in regular attendance week by week at Sabbath services, and seemingly deeply desirous of becoming true Christians. Far removed from outside influences, and only recently having access to Bibles, these inquirers are nevertheless rejoicing in their new-found faith.

It was inspiring to stop at homes along mountain trails, and to find within some men and women who are reading the New Testament by course in family worship, and who claim to be numbered with us, although neither fully taught nor baptized. Several children are joining them in this study of the Bible. Nearly all these people are making their living on properties of their own, and thus it is not difficult for them to keep the Sabbath day.

Pastor K. H. Wood and a helper are leaving Shanghai the last of June, to pay another visit to stations and groups of believers in Northwestern Chekiang, as many are in need of further instruction, preparatory to baptism. c.

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1928 Midsummer Offering (July 21, 1928)

A word to all concerning the 1928 Midsummer Offering for Missions will suffice if every one who reads will respond in all heartiness to meet the call of the hour. Our church members and friends are invited and urged to make a sacrificial offering on Sabbath day, July 21, for the support of work undertaken in 1926 and 1927 in regions hitherto unentered. The plan, and the purpose thereof, are outlined more in detail in other columns of this paper. The main consideration just now is to bring in an unusually liberal offering for the Lord's treasury on the day appointed. Thus works will be wrought as the fruit of an abiding faith; the cause of God in the earth will be furthered; our own souls will be brought into close communion with heavenly agencies; and many will be garnered in for the Harvest Home.

Pressing on toward Ta'sientu

From Chungking, Szechwan, Sister M. C. Warren reports the passing through that headquarters of Dr. J. N. Andrews and party for Tatsienlu on the Tibetan border. She writes: "Dr. Andrews and family and Brother and Sister Hartwell arrived here on April 30, and left May 13 with quite a large party of other foreigners, going by a small steamer as far as Suifu. I hope they will have a better ending to their long journey than beginning. Think of the six weeks between Shanghai and Chungking! Perhaps you have heard of the sixteen days they spent on the rocks; then the ship on fire, and many other exciting troubles they had."

Returning from Furlough

SEVERAL on furlough have recently returned, including Brother and Sister M. F. Wiedemann and children, of the Philippine Union; Pastor A. H. Zimmermann, of the East Java Mission; and Pastor P. Drinhaus, at present serving in the North Sumatra Mission. The last two named passed through Singapore enroute to their respective fields of labor, Soerabaya and Medan; while Brother Wiedemann and his family touched at Shanghai enroute.

Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Harris and family, of the Chihli Mission, are returning to Peking in July, their plan being to sail from San Francisco July 4 per s. s. "Taiyo-maru." Pastor Geo. J. Appel and family, also returning to Peking, sail from Vancouver, B. C., August 2, per s. s. "Empress of Russia," scheduled to reach Shanghai August 18.

Coming for Service in the Far East

THROUGH the Home Board we have information of the sailing June 20 from San Francisco, per s. s. *Siberia-maru*, of Dr. Horace A. Hall and his family, for the Philippines; also Miss Matilda Follert, R. N., on the same date, for the Shanghai Sanitarium, which institution has recently lost one of its nurses, Miss Ruth Stickney, who sailed June 2.

Others to come are Brother and Sister A. R. Boynton, leaving July 18 from San Francisco for Shanghai Sanitarium; and Miss Lillian Audrey Anderson, of Washington, D. C., August 1, for teaching in Far Eastern Academy. Miss Anderson is accompanying Pastor and Mrs. C. W. Lee and children, who are sailing from San Francisco at the date named for another period of service in the Chosen Union.

On Furlough

WRITING from Sabang, North Sumatra, Pastor I. C. Schmidt informs us that he and his family left Belawandeli, the port of Medan, Sumatra, N. E. I., June 3 for their furlough. Inasmuch as the distance from the States is practically the same whichever direction they travel, they have booked via Genoa, and will be calling at the European Division headquarters enroute, sailing from Rotterdam July 10. Their address in the States during their furlough period is to be Bison, Kansas, U. S. A.

On June 22 Pastor V. T. Armstrong sailed from Yokohama for furlough in the North Pacific Union. Until further notice he may be addressed in care of Mrs. T. M. Couch, Stevensville, Montana, U. S. A.

Pastor R. R. Figuhr and family left Manila for their furlough in the States April 14, and may be addressed until further notice at 329 Flora Avenue, Lodi, California, U. S. A.

Pastor and Mrs. R. P. Abel and family, of the Siam Mission, passed through Shanghai from Bangkok April 21, having left their station early April for their furlough year. Their address is Keene, Texas, U. S. A. In Shanghai they were joined by their daughters, the Misses Genevieve and Evelyn Abel, who have been in attendance at the Far Eastern Academy since January, 1927.

A Worker Fallen

THE sad word has been received of the death of Sister A. H. Zimmermann, a member of our missionary staff in the Netherlands East Indies.

At the time of her sudden and unexpected death, which we understand came following an operation, Sister Zimmermann was in Holland, Europe, where she had remained in order that her son might have a year of schooling prior to their return to the Java field. Pastor A. H. Zimmermann had left Germany and Holland and was on his way back to his field of labor, when a day prior to arrival at Colombo a radio message came informing Pastor Drinhaus, who was with him, of the death of Sister Zimmermann.

To Brother Zimmermann is extended the sympathy of all who have learned of this great loss.

Throughout the years given by them to mission service, Sister Zimmermann has stood loyally by the side of her husband as a soul-winner among Mohammedan and heathen peoples, and has been blessed of Heaven in her labors. She had a fluent use of the Malay language, which is the *lingua franca* of Java, and also had knowledge of other languages which were of daily help to her in her missionary labors.

Pastor Zimmermann arrived at Singapore May 8, and went on to Soerabaya, Java, where he has resumed his work as director of East Java Mission.

Transfers

BROTHER HARLEY A. ANDERSON, who has been serving as manager and superintendent of the Malaysian Signs Press during the year that Brother H. I. Smith was on furlough, has been transferred to the Signs of the Times Publishing House, Seoul, Chosen, and passed through Shanghai with his family a few weeks ago enroute to his new field of labor.

Pastor W. E. Gillis, who has been at the Korean Press for a time, has entered upon his responsibilities as Home Missionary Secretary of the East China Union, which includes the provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, and Anhwei.