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## Sacrificial Service

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EVERY normal man and woman performs sacrificial service; that is, service requiring present personal sacrifice for future good. There is hardly an exception to this rule. Many enter upon this service wholly for themselves; others for their families or those especially dear to them; still others for their country or some noble cause that appeals to their sympathies. In all this it is possible for self to be the center, the root from which grows every act of service.

Often severe hardships are endured for personal gain or fame; ease and comfort and pleasure are sacrificed on the altar of worldly honor; long hours of toil and privation are undertaken in order to gain some coveted position; one's hope of heaven may even be given in exchange for what the world has to offer. Sacrifice is the law, but it is possible to make every sacrifice where the hope of profit centers wholly on self.

On the other hand there are those in whose sacrificial service self is forgotten, and God and His glory become the motive power that actuates the life. Two great kings furnish concrete illustrations of the two motives that may impel sacrificial service. Of a wonderful work accomplished during his reign, Nebuchadnezzar boasted: "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" How different the spirit of Solomon when he offered to the Lord the glorious temple which he had built for Jehovah's dwelling place: "But will God in very deed dwell with men on earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built!

Few lives are more arduous than that of a true missionary; few more filled with self-sacrifice. All this toil may be undertaken, all this sacrifice nobly endured, for the glory of God, with the single desire of building up His kingdom on the earth, and extending the call of mercy and love to the unwarned. Alas that it is also possible for this work to be done with self as the center! The motive underlying all sacrificial missionary service marks it as for Christ or for self, and stamps it as accepted or rejected by Him who reads all hearts.

Unselfish sacrificial service brings joy in the midst of hardships and perplexity and anxiety,—joy for the present, and hope for the future. "Look on mankind with self-forgetful, benevolent, magnanimous eyes, and life is radiant; look on life with churlish, avaricious, greedy eyes, and life is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short. So does our clamorous self-regard, allowed to usurp the central place and to obsess our thoughts, blind our vision, though all life's splendor were unrolled before us."

Every missionary must settle with himself the kind of service that he will render to the Lord. For self? or for Christ? Which shall be the center around which we build while we serve? There must and will be sacrifice in either case. The question for us to settle individually is: To whom shall the sacrificial service of my life be offered?

## Note and Comment

### AN OUT-OF-DOORS TEMPLE IN KOREA

MRS. THEODORA WANGERIN

ONE of our native preachers in the South Korean Mission spent several days last fall selling gospel literature, in an effort to raise money for local church needs. For years this man has been very frail. He was advised to take more exercise, and thus began to go for long walks during the early morning. Generally he went up to some mountain for prayer. Being alone, he could pray audibly. His practice of going up thus into the mountain to pray brought him not only physical health, but spiritual strength as well.

Once, while visiting a company of our believers, this evangelist stopped at a certain village called Chung Up. In harmony with his usual custom, he arose early in the morning and went up a mountainside to pray. Snow had fallen the night before; and as he walked up the trail, footprints were left behind. Eventually he arrived at a quiet nook, knelt down, and prayed earnestly for the village in the valley below. During his meditations, he heard voices of two men who, noticing footprints in the snow, had said, "Who came up here alone in the early morning hour? and what could have been his errand?" He could not hear all they said, but did hear "Sabbath" and "our church," and knew what they were talking about. They left the hillside, and so did our brother when he was through with his morning devotions. Upon returning, he asked some of the villagers who these men were, and was told that one of them was a preacher's son whose father had left the church because of dissatisfaction. The other man was said to be a tailor.

Some time later our preacher called on these men and told them of our message. They listened to it with eager hearts. Bible studies were conducted, several attended, and a great interest was awakened. Eight decided to keep the Sabbath of the Lord according to the commandment, and a little home Sabbath school was organized. They have had no regular meeting-place, and so have been using "God's great temple" out on the hillsides for their services. Others have been uniting with them in worship. A few weeks after the first few had begun observing the Sabbath, Elder Pudewell visited them, and baptized four of the men. Others are preparing for baptism. The ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper were celebrated in God's great out-of-doors temple, where weekly services have been held.

### FRUITS OF A STRAY PAGE

M. F. WIEDEMANN

IN one place in Pangasinan, P. I., a certain man received a gift which was wrapped in a page of our magazine, *Ti Damag Ti Pagarian*. This page contained an article on the Sabbath question. The man read the headline, then crumpled the paper and threw it into a corner. Some time later he picked up this paper, looked at a few lines, then crumpled it again and threw it into a drawer in his table. On opening the drawer, he found the paper, smoothed it out, and read the lines, then crumpled it and threw it into a corner. But his mind was so captivated by what he had read, so he picked up the paper, smoothed it out, and read the lines. Today that man is the pastor of a church of many of believers in

### IMPRESSIONS OF BOOKMEN LEADERS DURING MANDARIN CONVENTION

(As reported in the *Far Eastern Division "Promoter"*)

I SURELY wish you could have been with us at the convention held at Chiao Tou Djen. It was a great inspiration to me to see the interest shown by the Chinese secretaries. Not once did the discussions lag, and on some topics it was hard for our chairman to call a halt and pass on to other subjects. The last meeting did me the most good. My heart was touched as each one told of his renewed consecration and his determination to do a bigger and a greater work for the Master. Our Chinese brethren were as much interested in the advancement of the work as we were, and every union and mission during this coming year should show a marked increase in literature sold and souls won to Christ.—*R. M. Milne, Field Missionary Secretary of the South China Union, Canton.*

It was a wonderful convention—truly a great meeting. I sincerely believe it will mark a new era in the work in China. The time and place were most providential. The interest taken in the convention by the delegates, and by the students of the China Theological Seminary, bespeaks hearty co-operation in accomplishing the great task assigned us. It is my sincere prayer that the enlarged vision given each of us by God for greater power shall daily fill our hearts with joy and courage. We have met on the mount of God. May it be that we as workers, both foreign and native, shall let our light shine as did Moses when he came down from the mount. My heart is full of courage as I view the great prospects before the work in China.—*A. A. Esteb, Field and Home Missionary Secretary, North China Union, Peking.*

As we met in the convention at Chiao Tou Djen, I was forcibly reminded of the great changes taking place in China during the past few years. In the winter of 1923 a similar convention was held in Hankow. At that time about twenty delegates were present. As we came together this time at Chiao Tou Djen, only two of the Chinese who attended the Hankow meeting were at this convention; of the foreign leaders who were at Hankow, three met with us at Chiao Tou Djen. Throughout the meeting two thoughts were uppermost in my mind. The first question that I asked myself was, Why is it necessary to have so many changes in the personnel of the various departments, and what can be done to remedy this? Then second, as the reports were given from the different unions night after night, I thanked God for the men He has given us for these departments the past few years—the leaders we have now. As the result of our first convention the *Signs* circulation list doubled in the years following, up to the present. As we set our goal for 100,000 *Signs* subscriptions for the coming year, my heart was full of faith and courage to believe that we would be able to reach this amount. The plans and methods discussed, the unity of spirit and harmony manifested among our men, were evidences that God is uniting with His workers in their efforts to build up His cause. The testimony service held on the last evening was the best of the convention. As one after another quietly and solemnly gave himself anew to God for service, the peace of God seemed to fill the room.—*E. L. Longway, Field and Home Missionary Secretary of the Central China Union, Hankow.*

### THE "SIGNS" SPECIAL FOR 1929

W. P. HENDERSON

THERE is no question in the minds of Seventh-day Adventists as to whether we should use literature or not. The experiences of the past have taught us that the literature ministry is one of the most effective means which God has given us for the promulgation of the good news of salvation, and this has been found to be true in whatever country it has been used. And through the Spirit of prophecy God has told us that "as long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work." *C. E., p. 99.* Moreover, we can look for still greater results from the literature work as we near the end; for in Vol. VII, p. 140, we are told that "in a large degree, through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with glory."

The question which arises in our minds is in regard to the kind of literature to use, and how to give it the largest circulation in the shortest possible time. It was with these thoughts in mind that the Shanghai publishing house took up the problem of preparing a *Special* of the Chinese *Signs* for 1929. Our experience with the *Specials* has proved them to be the most easily sold of all our Chinese literature. In fact, the objection has been that it is so easily sold that it spoils some of the colporteurs for selling the regular and more difficult classes of literature. To overcome this difficulty, action has been taken that the sale of the *Special* will be confined to those who will turn in the profits for the benefit of mission work.

The *Signs Special* for 1929 is admirably suited for use in campaigns such as Big Week; for it is a Health Special, carrying the gospel of Health in a very strong way. And as the health work is the entering wedge for introducing gospel work, so the sale of this Health Special may be the entering wedge for arousing the interest of many in the gospel message which it contains along with the message of health.

Utilizing the fact that an article from a man of note helps to secure interest in a publication, an excellent article, entitled "China's Health Problem" has been secured from the Minister of Health, Mr. Hsueh Du Bi. And three other of the most prominent men of China have contributed.

The good that might be accomplished through the circulation of a million copies is beyond computation, but it is interesting to know that such a sale would bring in \$50,000 Mex. with which to extend mission work. And this number is within our reach if all parts of the field unite in promoting the idea.

### SALES—JAPAN PUBLISHING HOUSE 1916 TO 1928

YEAR	JAPAN	FOREIGN	TOTAL
	Yen	Yen	Yen
1916	2,140.36	805.77	2,946.13
1917	9,558.26	1,078.24	10,636.50
1918	9,672.46	1,478.32	11,150.78
1919	19,283.38	1,908.89	21,192.27
1920	18,757.99	1,970.88	20,728.87
1921	29,874.92	17,588.12	47,463.04
1922	35,871.05	7,010.22	42,881.27
1923	34,277.47	11,615.36	45,892.83
1924	29,609.59	7,794.83	37,404.42
1925	31,541.30	9,741.50	41,282.80
1926	34,647.26	10,952.35	45,599.61
1927	38,014.72	8,295.80	46,310.52
1928	32,844.80	14,057.80	46,902.60

Totals 326,088.86 94,248.00 420,336.86  
(All figures in Yen, two of which equal one dollar gold of U. S. currency)

## General Articles

### BLESS THOU THE LORD!

ADLAI A. ESTEB

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,  
Tune the harpstrings of thy heart;  
Praise His Name, proclaim His Word,  
Tell what love He doth impart.

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,  
Be more mindful of His grace;  
Praise the Christ whose precious blood  
Purged thy sins, redeemed the race.

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,  
Shout aloud His pow'r to save;  
Heal disease; thy fears retard;  
Soul! He saved thee from the grave.

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,  
Higher note thou still can sing;  
Christ is coming with reward.

Oh! my soul, greet thou thy King.  
*Peiping.*

### WE "SHOULD BOTH HOPE AND QUIETLY WAIT"

JOHN OSS

This morning, as I am sitting in a small Chinese restaurant near the Yangtze river in the city of Nanking waiting for a boat delayed on account of a heavy fog, I have taken out my Bible and am reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

I have been rather restless, as I had planned definitely on reaching my destination tomorrow. The noisy, chattering crowd, too, only seems to add new fuel to the embers of my restless feeling.

The word of God has a message for every time; and as I read onward, I come to the place where it says: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness."

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. *It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.* Lamentations 3: 22-26.

How much sorrow and misunderstanding we would often save ourselves, if we only would wait upon the Lord. Rebecca, even though she had the definite promise that the elder should serve the younger, thought that providence was moving slowly, so endeavored by deception to obtain the coveted blessing for Jacob. How much sorrow she would have averted had she only waited for God to work out His plan.

The message that comes to me as I sit here among this babel of noises complaining that the boat does not arrive, is that we "should both hope and quietly wait."

There are many wrecks along the Christian highway who have been hopeful as they began their journey on the path that should have grown brighter and brighter unto the perfect day; but who, for some reason or another, have allowed their hope to grow dim as time went on.

It may have been some earthly idol that they hoped to obtain. Such should have set their affections on things above. Earthly hopes fail, take wings, and flee away. Just before me on the table on which I am writing lies a paper that we have purchased. I was much surprised to find an account of a friend of mine who, because of financial and matrimonial hopes failing, has taken poison and is dying in a hospital.

There is a great lesson for us in David's dealings with King Saul. Even though

David had been called from following the sheep and anointed king of Israel by the aged prophet Samuel, and had the hope of sitting in Saul's place, he waited, till God in His own time and way would remove the king who had rejected Him. What a rebuke David's patient life is to us!

I have now been sitting here for some time; and as I lay aside my pencil and go over to the mist-covered window and with my hand clear away the covering and look outward, it seems to me that even now the fog is beginning to lift.

The lesson the Lord has taught me this morning is that I should *hope*, and that I must also *quietly wait*. In the words of the poet, "We must wait, and not be tired of waiting." If the way seems dark, and cherished hopes seem to be growing dim, I must still hold on and wait. "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; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40: 31.

I know the fog of doubt, misunderstanding, and trouble will lift. I know that the ship of my desire will come; I know there will be a place on it for me, and that it will at last bring me safely to my desired haven.

*Nanking, China, December 23, 1928.*

### LIVE AND GROW

S. E. JACKSON

NEAR our home in Passy, there lives a wealthy family who keeps three race horses. Each day we see these horses passing our house. Are they going to a race, or coming home from one? No, their wise owner knows very well that unless they get plenty of exercise every day, their muscles will become weak and flabby, and they cannot win when the race comes; so he has his men exercise them every day.

In England many of the best race horses of the world are raised. There also lived in England a very wise and godly man by the name of Addison. Daily he saw these race horses as they were exercised by their owners, and as he watched, he wrote: "Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body. As by the one, health is preserved, strengthened, and invigorated; by the other, virtue (which is the health of the mind) is kept alive, cherished, and confirmed."

In the spirit of prophecy we read: "It is a sin for parents to allow their children to grow up in ignorance. They should supply them with useful and interesting books, and should teach them to work, to have hours for physical labor, and hours to devote to study and reading. Parents should seek to elevate the minds of their children, and to improve their mental faculties. The mind left to itself, uncultivated, is generally low, sensual, and corrupt. Satan improves his opportunity, and educates idle minds."

Just such literature as Mr. Addison and Mrs. E. G. White speak of, is being published by our denominational publishing houses in the Far East. One of these publications is our church paper, and is printed for the family, at much expense. This magazine will be of great help and benefit to every believer in the vernacular in which it is published. Let us induce all to subscribe. Those who may be handicapped or crippled financially, and unable to pay the subscription price, should be helped by others in their churches to get the paper. Directors of missions would do well to make sure of this matter in every church they visit.—*Adapted from "Mizpa."*

### A NEW CHAPEL FOR AN OLD CHURCH

SOME four or five years ago the writer felt troubled over the plight of a church where several believers were endeavoring to gather funds for the erection of a church-building, but were unwilling to sacrifice sufficiently to bring about this happy result. The name of the place need not be mentioned; but just recently an account of the dedication of a good church building in that place, was published in one of our vernacular church papers; and the one telling the story says that "with great effort and sacrifice" the brethren and sisters of this church have completed a structure that serves as a fitting memorial for God in that community. The church members have learned to follow their Lord in the way of sacrifice, and great is their rejoicing as they enter upon a more blessed experience than hitherto.

The dedication of the church thus erected at much of personal sacrifice, was an epochal occasion. Immediately following the dedication, there was a baptismal service, several receiving this rite. The church building was filled at the time of the dedicatory exercises and during meetings that continued throughout the day. Some who had become discouraged and well nigh backslidden, took new heart and united with others in a reconsecration of all to the Master. Schisms were put away; love reigned in every heart. We learn that since the dedication and the reconsecration services, members of the church have been active in missionary work. Bible studies have been held with neighbors, and now several new believers are preparing for baptism.

From the beginning, the cause of truth in the earth has been advanced through sacrificial service. How good it is to hear of groups of believers learning to enter upon this way, which always leads to a strengthening of individual faith, and to union of action in holy endeavor.

### AN OPEN LETTER FROM HONG KONG

La Rue Villa,  
40 Stubb's Road, Hong Kong,  
Feb. 19, 1929

Dear Elder Crister,—

No doubt you will be glad to hear what God has done for us in Hong Kong, as we are so happy we are shedding tears of joy; and we do praise the Lord for His love to us. For the last two Sunday nights I have tried to make earnest appeals for people to act by faith and take God at His Word and obey Him. The first week two soldier boys came forward. Last Sunday night a young Chinese couple with whom we have been studying came forward; and while we continued in song, Mr. A. came and later his wife. Last night Mr. A. came with his wife to visit us. We had a lovely visit, and Mr. A. said he asked his manager if he could have the Sabbath off, and it was granted. We do not know what arrangements Mr. B. has made, as he works for the --- Co.; but we believe he will exercise faith. We solicit your prayers in behalf of these who are now in faith taking advance steps.

For two long, long years we have worked without any fruit; but we do praise God for what He has done. Mr. A. has asked for further studies in his home, and we are happy. Hitherto when we have tried to get him to study, he would not let us.

We thought you would be glad to hear this good news after waiting so long, know you have been praying for us. It is the best blessing we have had since we left the State of Missouri, where the Lord blessed us so. There are others whom we do not come later.

## General Reports from the Field

### LITERATURE IN CHOSEN

H. A. ANDERSON

WE are happy to report a good sale in the Chosen territory for 1928, and that the goals for the new year are still higher in all the three missions. We are calling the union goal \$17,500 (*gold*) or *Yen* 35,000 for 1929. Brother Pearson just held an institute here in the Central Mission, and now we are proceeding with another in the South Mission.

You will be glad to learn that the Japanese salesman is here, and getting started with Japanese Literature in Seoul. We expect him to attain a total of *Yen* 3,000 this year.

Seoul

### A SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

WRITING in from Singapore of the statistical totals being made up for the reports that later were rendered during the Union session, Pastor L. V. Finster says:

"You will be glad to know that our baptisms for the year were 654. The net gain in membership is 429, bringing our membership up to 2,646, which represents an increase of 19.4%. Our tithes also show an encouraging increase of \$4,375 (*gold*) over the total of last year. This is 21.8% gain, and does not have reference to tithes from foreign workers. Our miscellaneous offerings have increased \$723 (*gold*)—30.8% gain. The aggregate of all our offerings, including Sabbath school gifts, is \$1,582 (*gold*)—a gain of 17.6% during the year 1928 above that of 1927. The Lord has been merciful to us in giving us these increases."

### AT NANNING HOSPITAL DISPENSARY

D. D. COFFIN

Business is good and the Lord is really blessing in the work here. The past has been so broken up, that we couldn't expect much success. We are all of us working away at the language (5 year course), but I am using the teacher chiefly in the interest of my Anatomy and Physiology class. Am kept busy, keeping ahead of the class, as I must teach without an interpreter. I suppose though, that what I get from class will help me later in my work.

### FROM PASTOR N. F. BREWER

WRITING from Hankow on the eve of entering upon their annual executive committee meeting for the Central China Union, Pastor N. F. Brewer, superintendent of the union, reports under date of February 13:

"We are planning to make this committee meeting a great spiritual help to our committee men, and are glad that Professor Griggs can be with us. I believe that if more time were spent on the spiritual side, re-consecrating our lives to greater activities for Him, then our committees would work faster and make better plans. Remember us, that much wisdom from on high may be given so that we may not make mistakes nor mar the work of the Lord.

"You will be glad to know that this union had more than reached every goal set by the Division for 1928. We feel to thank the Lord for this. We are in great hopes that this last year may find us fully recovered of our losses, so that we can go ahead with aggressive work in 1929. Our men are of excellent courage and we look forward to a good committee meeting here."

### FROM EAST KWEICHOW

BROTHER ALEXANDER BUZZELL, writing from Kweiyang, Kweichow, under date of January 3, sends New Year greetings, and assures us that he and Sister Buzzell and their associates, Pastor and Mrs. Herbert K. Smith, are happy in their work in the new mission just getting under way. At the time of writing, Brother Smith was with Brother M. C. Warren and Pastor Ho Ai Dang in Pichieh, attending a general meeting.

### A SOLEMN ORDINATION SERVICE

AT the close of the seventh biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission, an ordination service was held, during which Brethren M. F. Wiedemann, Roman Senon, Vicente Rodrigo, and Ramon Llaguno were set apart to holy ministry. Pastor I. H. Evans offered the prayer, Pastor C. K. Meyers delivered the charge, and Professor Frederick Griggs gave to them the word of welcome. It is significant to note that in the Philippines at the present time there are nineteen ordained Filipino ministers,—men who have given themselves wholly to service in the Master's vineyard. They are laboring in more than ten languages, and great has been the ingathering of souls—averaging during the past five years nearly 1,500 per annum of net increase in church membership.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN BATAKLAND

About the beginning of the present year word was received by Pastor Dallas S. Kime, of Sipogoe, Tapanoeli District, Central Sumatra, that full freedom to labor as a missionary had been granted him, this permit covering the districts of Tapanoeli, Sibolga, Belitoeng. A considerable part of the territory familiarly known by our people as "Batakland," is included in the assigned districts, where full liberty has been given for carrying on mission work.

It is needless to say that the decision of the Netherlands East Indies' Government to grant full liberty for missionary endeavor in that section of Batakland where our mission has been conducted for nearly ten years, brings great rejoicing to Pastor and Mrs. Kime and their associates. Long and faithfully have these workers toiled, not knowing what day they might be deported. Their work has been done under circumstances more adverse than have deterred good men from undertaking like missionary projects in other lands. Their faith has at last been rewarded abundantly.

The permit came just about the time the transfer of Batakland was being made from the Far Eastern Division to the Central European Division, who are to be congratulated upon being privileged to enter under circumstances so favorable.

Sister Kime has been suffering from disease, and during the past two months has been a patient at the Shanghai Sanitarium. Brother Kime has joined her for a season, and was unable to be in attendance at the Malaysian Union session. The prayers of the brethren and sisters throughout the Division field are solicited in behalf of Brother and Sister Kime, in order that if it be the Lord's will they may both be permitted to avail themselves of the wonderful privilege now awarded them by governmental authorities.

### GRADUATES FROM PHILIPPINE JUNIOR COLLEGE

W. B. AMMUNDSEN

THERE were five in the graduating class of last year. Two of these are still with us taking college work. We are anxious to build up this department, and are urging all that can to continue on with their college work. This year there will be nineteen graduated if they continue as at present.

Manila

IN CONSULTATION WITH  
OUR DOCTORS

H. W. MILLER

A MEETING of the China Medical Association was held here in Shanghai February 6-12, attended by the doctors of China, with many visiting doctors from Hongkong, the Philippines, Korea, and Japan, including Dr. E. E. Getzlaff from Japan, Dr. H. A. Hall from the Philippines, Dr. L. H. Butka from Honan, Dr. Griggs, Dr. Wen, Dr. Tai, Dr. Tsai, and the writer from our own mission. This meeting was of very great interest to our doctors because of its dealing with specific diseases of the Far East. It gave our medical men a chance to get together for some conferences concerning health problems and the development of our medical missionary program, such as we had not had since any of us have been in the field. Our great regret was that all the doctors of our various hospitals and dispensaries here in the Far East could not likewise have been with us at this time. Great advancement is being made here in the Orient, dealing with certain disorders of the intestinal tract, which diseases are so common among missionaries, even those of our own mission.

I should like to take this opportunity of appealing to all our workers throughout the Far East, emphasizing the importance of keeping us informed, by writing in to our department here in Shanghai, concerning any of your health problems. I have been very much surprised at the amount of sickness we have in our mission, and the few inquiries that have come in to us from the field regarding any help that our department might be to them in their health problems. In fact, much that we have learned concerning any illness has come to us from outside doctors who have an acquaintance with some of our workers, and who have written to us.

The General Conference has been to a great deal of expense in its effort to develop a medical institution here in Shanghai, and is likewise establishing several other hospital units out in the various sections of the Far East. While all these institutions hope to be of great service to the missionaries of other bodies, and especially to the peoples of the Orient, it should not be forgotten that one of the great objects of this medical missionary endeavor here in the Far East—and I may say the greatest benefits that our work can derive from it—is the

aid it may render to our own missionaries, of whom we have three hundred fifty-one residing in the territory of the Far Eastern Division; and to our developing constituencies of believers.

Do not neglect a chronic cough, a small lump that may be growing in any part of the body, even though it is only a little skin tumor, or any looseness of the bowels, chronic indigestion, loss in weight, a growing nervous irritability, or a general feeling of exhaustion or weakness which makes your burdens harder and your work seem more difficult. The greatest results in a mission program such as we have, will come through the efficient effort put into our work, which can only be reaped as a result of having good health. We, therefore, hope through this further announcement to all of our workers that you will at least seek such information and help as our doctors in the several parts of our field may give through consultation and personal examination or through correspondence.

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 1929

OUR MISSION SCHOOL  
FOR MOROS  
F. R. LA SAGE

"BROTHER BARROGA (the teacher who has had eight years' experience in the government schools) tells me that the new mission school building has been constructed far better than are the government schools out in the *barrios*; and I can say myself that it is a beautiful job. Barroga has his wife out here with him. She is well satisfied, and is anxious to move over to the school.

Mr. Bravo, the Malabang postmaster, and his wife, are ready to be baptized.

A WIDESPREAD FORWARD  
MOVEMENT

(As visualized by Dr. D. E. Hoste, General Director of the C. I. M.)

WE believe that God is calling us as a mission to enter upon a widespread forward movement for the evangelization of unreached areas; thus realizing in fuller measure than ever before the original purpose and aim which pressed so heavily on the heart of our beloved founder, and which inspired him and his companions in the earlier years of the mission to lives of such devoted toil, self-sacrifice and steadfast endurance of loneliness, privation and danger. Pray for us, dear friends, that we now may be actuated by a like spirit."

FROM PASTOR F. L. CHANEY

A LETTER from Brother F. L. Chaney, director of the East Visayan Mission, written after the close of the Philippine Union session, reports:

"Since returning from the Manila conference I have organized two of our companies into churches.

"Brother Ramon Llaguno has just returned from Leyte where he baptized 24 candidates. Sickness prevented him from getting into the mountains near Bontoc to baptize candidates awaiting there. Brother Ferraren, near Baybay, Leyte, plans on having about 15 ready for baptism in mid-February. Thus the work moves on.

"Brother Vicinte Rodrigo returned a few days ago from Misamis where he baptized 16. I have baptized 25 since returning from the conference. Others are waiting for some one to come, in Agusan, Malabang, Initao, and other places."

STOPPING TO EXPLAIN  
TRUTH

ELEUTERIO PENAREDONDO

WHILE we were working in San Isidro, Leyte, P. I., we found many souls who were interested and wanted to know the truth. So we did no more canvassing for a little while, and gave them Bible studies. The result is that we now have nine baptized believers in this town; others are interested. An evangelistic worker has been sent here to follow up this interest.

ON THE TRAIN, ENROUTE  
TO PEIPING

ADLAI A. ESTEB

DURING my return trip to Peiping (Peking) I had a most unusual experience, studying the Sabbath truth with a missionary who has been laboring in North China for some ten years, and who was deeply touched as we studied the blessed Word together, and who rejoicingly accepted our Sabbath message. It was a remarkable experience to see prejudice give way as the melting power of God's sweet Spirit worked upon the heart; and then to see the glorious change as light flashed into the soul. Oh, the Spirit of God is at work! How we should rejoice to be living right down here in the very closing scenes of this earth's history, when the omens that bespeak the soon-coming of Jesus and a quickly finished work are so apparent. May God arouse I Church to enter into the open doors of providence.

Peiping, February

# Biennial Session, Singapore, Straits Settlements, February 5-16, 1929

## THE MALAYSIAN UNION SESSION

C. C. CRISLER

FROM February 5 to 16 the brethren of the Malaysian Union have been holding their biennial session in Singapore, Straits Settlements. The years 1927 and 1928 have brought much of progress, as revealed in reports already received. Only a portion of these can be published, as to print all the matter that was submitted at such a meeting by the delegates coming in from various sections, would be to fill all our columns to overflowing. In abridging we have endeavored to preserve the essentials, with particular reference to results attained.

With the holding of the Malaysian Union biennial meeting at this time, a separation of the Malaysian field into two distinct unions, under two division missions, takes place, in harmony with an action passed at the autumn council of the General Conference in Springfield, Mass., last September. The territory known as the Netherlands East Indies (including Java, Sumatra, Celebes, Dutch Borneo, Dutch New Guinea, Timor, Bali, Lombok, Ceram, Ambon, Moluccas, Flores) will be administered henceforth as a Netherlands East Indies Union under the Central European Division with headquarters in Berlin, Germany, and union headquarters in Java—either Bandoeng or Batavia as may be determined. The remaining portion of the old Malaysian Union is to be administered, as hitherto, as a part of the Far Eastern Division, and will have within its boundaries the Straits Settlements; the Federated Malay States; Unfederated Malay States, Siam, French Indo-China (Annam, Cambodia, Tongking, Laos), British North Borneo, Labuan, Miri, Sarawak: This union field will be administered under the superintendency of Pastor J. G. Gjording; and Brother E. J. Johanson has been appointed secretary-treasurer. The headquarters will be at No. 399, Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore.

The transfer to the Central European Division of the Netherlands East Indies, took place following the close of 1928; hence the Far Eastern Division must report on this territory as an integral portion of our 1927 and 1928 work; hence the inclusion of these reports. God has given much increase in souls to our workers in this territory during the past two years. In the transfer we are losing one of the most fruitful fields in our entire Division. The transfer involves the loss to us of approximately 2,000 baptized believers, to be included henceforth as members of the Central European Division, but who were won by workers of the Far East. However, the work is one throughout the world field, and we are glad to have this opportunity of congratulating the brethren in Holland and Germany and other lands of Central Europe, in acquiring so promising a section of mission territory in which to labor for souls. There are great spiritual blessings in store for those who continue in the Netherlands East Indies; for the peoples living in those lovely isles are responsive. Their faithfulness in tithing and in the giving of liberal offerings, is well known and has inspired many others with a desire to attempt more than is usual in attaining support.

Resolutions have been adopted by the central services Division Executive Committee and promptly effected, as published

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT— MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION— BIENNIAL PERIOD—1927-1928

L. V. FINSTER

I AM glad at this time, on behalf of the union committee, to extend hearty greetings and a cordial welcome to all in attendance at this meeting. The General Conference and the Far Eastern Division have sent us splendid help. We are glad to welcome in our midst and hearts Elder C. K. Meyers from the General Conference, Elders I. H. Evans and H. W. Barrows from the Far Eastern Division, Elder H. F. Schuberth from the Central European Division, Elders B. Ohme and H. Schell from the Dutch East Indies. We hope you all will feel free to take an active part in the deliberations of this session. We are also glad to meet those who have been carrying the many heavy burdens in our local fields.

The fast march of worldly events reminds us in no uncertain tones that there remains but a short time in which to work. Great responsibility rests upon us here this morning in planning aright for the finishing of the Lord's work in this extensive heathen, Mohammedan and pagan field. God will expect great things from every one that enjoys the privileges of this conference. I know there is but one desire in the hearts of all, and that is that we may receive spiritual blessings ourselves, and thus be fitted to return to our fields with power to bring a new life and deliverance from sin to the millions sitting in darkness. May we, one and all, at the beginning of this biennial session, pray for a special outpouring of the Spirit of God.

In taking a retrospective view of the work God has wrought through His servants here in Malaysia during the past two years, we are glad we can report advances in every line of endeavor. Various ones of our number are here to speak of their special lines. Our secretary-treasurer will render a report that will greatly encourage you.

The institutional heads and the union departmental secretaries will tell you of wonderful advances. The directors of our missions will give you a portrayal of conquests of the cross among Mohammedans, heathen, and pagans since we last met. One hundred one were baptized from Mohammedanism last year alone. I am sure these reports of advance in Malaysia will inspire our faith and increase our devotion.

If I may be permitted, I should like to make a few comparisons with the previous two years. At the beginning of 1927 our membership was 2,163; at the close of 1928 it was 2,646. During the previous biennial period we baptized 914; during the past two years we baptized 1,142. Our tithe for the former period was \$42,028 gold; during the two years just completed our tithe was \$55,146 gold. Our Sabbath school membership in 1926 was 2,462; it now stands at 3,287. The Sabbath school donations for 1926 and 1927 were \$11,709; for 1927 and 1928 these reached \$14,117. Our literature sales for the previous years were \$109,665; for the past two years they were \$134,918. In 1926 there were 24 church schools, with an enrolment of 1,237; we now have 32 schools, with an enrolment of 2,001. The enrolment of the Malaysian Union Seminary for 1928 was 346, as compared with 223 two years ago.

The Malaysian Signs Press showed a loss, excluding appropriation, of \$4,033 gold for 1925 and 1926; but for 1927 and 1928 there

was a profit of \$3,327, excluding appropriations.

Through the efforts of the Harvest Ingathering work the past two years, \$26,211 gold has been gathered to help in the spread of the work in Malaysia. \$19,000 of the total was collected largely by Brother A. Mountain and Brother Phang Yin-hee in behalf of the Penang hospital building. The collecting of this large sum under the present depressing financial condition, when many firms were failing every week, is indeed remarkable.

The Penang Clinic has had a successful period, the number of patients treated during the two years being more than 38,000. There have been about fifty baptized there during the past three years. The receipts have been encouragingly good.

During the past two years people from four new tribes have been baptized into this message. We now have an organized church of 20 members from among the Dusun tribe, in the interior of Borneo. We are the only Protestant mission that has an organized church among this tribe. From South Borneo we have baptized our first-fruits of five from among the Dyaks. On the island of Sangir there are several villages in which practically all keep the seventh day as the Sabbath. Several from among these Sangir people are now baptized members. Another tribe in the Celebes, called the Bantik, has been entered, and several companies of these are now singing the songs of the third angel's message. On the Panloc Islands we now have ten people awaiting baptism.

It might be of interest to give a few facts on the growth of the work from the beginning of the Malaysian Union Mission. The work was begun 31 years ago. After fourteen years there was one church, with 44 members. During the next ten years the membership had increased to 669. For the past seven years the membership has increased to 2,646; or, in other words, the membership has quadrupled in the past seven years. There were almost as many baptized last year as the total membership was after the first twenty-four years of labor.

The tithe for the first 24 years was \$61,466 gold; while for the past two years it was \$55,146. The Sabbath school offerings for the first 24 years were \$17,229 gold; for the past two years the Sabbath school offerings were \$14,177; for the past seven years \$42,170 gold. There has been \$464,527 gold worth of literature sold in Malaysia, of which \$374,882 gold has been sold in the past seven years.

A comparison of the growth of our work for the past six years with the growth of the work in the Philippine Islands may be of encouragement to our workers. In the Philippine Islands the net gain from 1922 to 1927 was 238%. In the Malaysian Union the gain for the same period was 262%.

There has been \$60,363 gold collected in Harvest Ingathering in the Malaysian Union the past seven years. The main seminary building, the industrial building, and the girls' dormitory building have largely been built by Harvest Ingathering funds, besides many church buildings and schools throughout the union.

We are glad for what God has done; and yet think what a report might have been rendered today, had we through the years have been what it would have been possible for us to be! It is an unreserved consecration, a full surrender to God for infilling, that constitutes our greatest need at this

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meeting. In fact, this is our only vitally supreme problem. If this problem can be solved, all others will easily adjust themselves. So, brethren, may we make the seeking of the Lord and a fitting up for successful soul-winning service, the one great business of this conference.

In closing, I wish to thank all our workers for their kindness and cooperation in carrying forward this great cause. As I leave this field, it is with kindness and love to all, and a prayer that God may more abundantly bless the work in the future. I am sure you will give to Elders Gjording and Ohme your fullest cooperation, even as you have to me. My prayers will always be with the work here in Malaysia.

### THE SOUTH SUMATRA MISSION

B. JUDGE

*(Synopsis of report of the work of the years 1927-28 in the South Sumatra Mission, as rendered by the director, Pastor B. Judge, at the Singapore meeting)*

It gives us pleasure to bring to the Malaysian Union brethren the greetings of all our believers in South Sumatra Mission. We have had blessings from the Master in every line of endeavor. The increase in souls won is 62% above that of the previous biennial period, 38 having been baptized, as against 23 reported two years ago.

In January, 1928, work was undertaken in Palembang, where our Chinese evangelist, Brother Lauw, has faithfully labored. The church at present in that place has a membership of 20. The lamp of truth is being held forth also in other districts,—in the Batoe Island group, in Bintochan, in Padang, in Benkoelen, and elsewhere. But many districts have no representative of our faith,—the Residency of Djambi, Billiton, Banka, and many a like dark district. Within our mission are strongholds of Islam—veritable fortresses challenging our faith and calling for earnest endeavor. We must continue seeking the Lord to break this great rock standing in the way of advance. We have the blessed assurance, "Is not my word . . . like a hammer, that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Thus encouraged, we continue sowing the word, and know that it will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that whereunto it is sent. We owe a great duty to these Muslims, and in some way, by God's grace, we must perform it. We are encouraged as light from God seems to be breaking through the gloom. Many are now willing to listen, whereas in former times a listening ear seemed far from them. Some in high position have acknowledged the truth of what they have heard, but still hesitate to take their stand openly. However, some do yield, and during the biennial period under review, I have had the privilege of baptizing seven converts from Mohammedanism, and one of my associates, Pastor Galman-Matzen, has baptized one Mohammedan convert, and two other Malays, the past year; also seven Dutch-speaking converts. May God grant our believers from Islamism a spirit of faithfulness, and of desire to win others to an allegiance to Christ as their Saviour.

### STATISTICAL REPORT (ABRIDGED) MALAYSIAN UNION 1927-28

E. J. JOHANSON

It is my privilege to present what I believe to be the most encouraging report ever given of the work in the Malaysian Union Mission. Under practically every heading, without one important exception, progress and improvement may be noted.

At the beginning of 1927 we were working in 53 stations and out-stations; and at the close of the year 1928, (after two years) we were working in 78—again of 25.

The church membership reported for each local mission is as nearly accurate as it is possible to ascertain it, at time of reporting. At the close of our biennial period ending December 31, 1928, our church membership stood at 2,646—a net gain of 483, or 19%, for the biennial period. Of these members, 1,736 are in the Netherlands East Indies, and 910 in the British and Siamese sections of the field. During this period our baptisms totalled 1,142, as compared with 915 the preceding biennial period.

Our working force has increased by 45 during the two-year period; 3 of these being foreign workers, and 42 from within.

Our tithe from all source has had a decided increase. That from other than foreign laborers shows an increase of \$12,302.44 gold, or 38.1%, over the preceding biennial period. The tithe *per capita* (exclusive of foreign laborers) for 1927-1928 stands at \$20.85 gold, and for 1925-1926: at \$19.53 gold—an increase of \$1.32 gold *per member* for the period.

Our total offerings for foreign missions: (including Sabbath school and Y.P.M.V., but excluding Harvest Ingathering) amounted to \$19,594.39 gold, as compared with \$15,114.50 gold for the preceding period,—an increase of \$4,480.84 gold, or 29.4%. For the two past two biennial periods the average weekly *per capita* offering under this heading amounted to eight and a half cents gold, although for the year 1928 alone it stood at nine and a quarter cents gold a week *per capita*.

The work of the colporteur makes a better showing than for any two-year period in the past, the sales amounting to \$134,918.98 gold as compared with 1925-1926 sales of \$109,671.78 gold—a gain of \$25,247.20 gold, or 23%.

While figures and statistics generally are usually referred to as "dry" and uninteresting, still, when revealing encouraging progress, they bring renewed courage and confidence in the final triumph of God's work in the earth.

During the two years just closed, the General Conference has appropriated to us, through the Far Eastern Division, the sum of \$220,248.41 gold for the maintenance of our regular work. This has been disbursed in harmony with budgets as passed by the executive committee. In addition, the General Conference has appropriated to us through the same channel substantial amounts towards certain specific projects within the field. Certainly this very material help from the homelands is greatly appreciated by all in our field.

Without going into detail, may we report further that at the close of the year 1928, taking into account funds actually in hand in cash together with a special appropriation promised in connection with the purchase of land for the sanitarium at Penang, we can meet all our obligations of every kind, and yet keep our doors open for

mission, institution, or laborer; nor are any indebted to us. Our only liabilities are trust funds and a very small balance on our current account with the Far Eastern Division.

It is only proper that I should take this opportunity of expressing sincere appreciation for the co-operation and assistance extended on the part of those in the field. To a man, the local missions directors have co-operated with us in every way possible, and we appreciate more than I can say the very, very friendly and helpful relation that has always existed between the field and the office. Especially have our local mission secretary-treasurers done their utmost to send in their reports to the union office promptly. Their reports have been more complete and accurate than ever before, and it is entirely due to their efforts that we have been able to submit prompt and complete statistical reports quarter by quarter.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for His care over His work. We thank Him for victories won. And yet we are not satisfied; for we realize that even greater things should have been accomplished in and through Him; and we join you in a reconsecration of our all to the speedy finishing of His work in the earth in His way.

### THE EAST JAVA MISSION

A. H. ZIMMERMANN

*(Synopsis of the director's biennial report as rendered during the Singapore meeting, February, 1929. This report covers the years 1927 and 1928.)*

By God's grace the blessing and guidance of Heaven has been upon our mission in East Java during the biennial period. All the workers have labored with diligence. Pastor and Mrs. G. A. Wood have been stationed in Soerabaja during my absence on furlough, and since October this family has been in Samarang. Pastor F. J. J. Dittmar and family, since their furlough, have been in Soerabaja, and have done some work also in Djokjakarta, and many baptisms are reported from these places. In Solo some first fruits have been gathered, and a good interest prevails. During 1928, Brother P. Pietersz conducted an effort in Slatiga, where 39 were baptized. In Soemberwekas, Brother Doso won nine souls, among these being an old gentleman one hundred five years of age. Work has also been undertaken at Kooala Kapoos, in Borneo, where Brother Pandjaitan has won five, already baptized.

At present, we have 10 Sabbath schools, with 353 members, and 8 church schools, with about 400 students. During the twelve months of 1928, we were privileged to baptize in East Java 128, of whom 48 were Mohammedan, 9 heathen, and 71 from other faiths. Our present membership in East Java totals 385.

The Lord has blessed in financial items. The Sabbath school offerings during the biennial period in East Java have totaled \$2,810.50 gold. The Big Week funds raised for the extension of institutional work total \$312.48. Harvest Ingathering funds have been raised to the amount of \$1,577. The tithe for the two-year period total \$8,368.42. More than \$17,000 of benevolence has been sold by our colporteur during the past two years.



## Two Years of Progress in the Malaysian Union—483 Net Gain

### MALAYSIAN SIGNS PRESS

H. I. SMITH

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by the manager to the Malaysian Union session, covering the years 1927 and 1928).

FINANCIALLY the Malaysian Signs Press has enjoyed prosperity during the past two years. We have had sufficient cash on hand and in the bank to be able to pay all bills promptly and wages without embarrassment.

In sales the largest four years have been the past four years, and the largest two years have been the past two years. 1927 was the largest year ever known by us. The reason for this is that during that year several new medical books were introduced, namely; "Home Physician" in Dutch, "Health and Longevity" in Batak, Javanese, and Siamese; and with these the older medical books in English, Tamil, Chinese, Malay Romanized, and Malay Arabic were sold.

During the past two years we have issued fourteen new books. Three of these are medical subscription books, two are religious subscription books, six are *Crisis Series* books with paper covers, one is a song-book with music, and the remaining two are complete translations of "Steps to Christ" and the first seven sections of "Gospel Workers" into Malay. Of the fourteen new books printed, seven are in Malay Dutch-Romanized, two in Dutch, three in Batak, one in Siamese, and one in Javanese.

The *Pertandaan Zaman* has been an excellent magazine, praised by many who are enjoying its visits. The circulation, which has been between three and four thousand monthly, should have been nearer ten thousand. Even the few that have gone forth monthly, have had a good influence. There are two students in the school at Singapore today, and perhaps more, who came definitely as a result of first reading the *Pertandaan Zaman*. We know of definite incidents in Sumatra, Java, Dutch Borneo, Lombok, Ambon, and Celebes, where this magazine has brought out believers. In Kuala Kapoeas, Dutch Borneo, fourteen persons signed a petition that a worker be sent them. Soon after, five were baptized. This interest was a direct result from the sale of our books, and the monthly visits of the *Pertandaan Zaman*.

At present the Malaysian Signs Press needs colporteurs. Let us encourage many men and women to give themselves to the business of selling our literature. It will satisfy their souls, as many would testify.

The factory has improved its working conditions recently, in the installation of electric lights, and individual motors for each machine. This has allowed us to arrange the machines conveniently, and place the piles of signatures and stock out of the middle of the floor. We are properly equipped for efficient work.

May the Lord, continue to bless the literature work in this field. It is my prayer the Malaysian Signs Press may be a "want, under God's direction, to see this literature.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK OF THE MALAYSIAN UNION— BIENNIAL PERIOD—1927-1928

L. V. Finster

Jesus, in giving His gospel charge to Peter, first recognized the needs of the lambs of the flock; if the lambs are fed and properly cared for, we shall soon have a strong, healthy flock.

There is no more important work before the church than the saving, training, and setting to work of our young people. It is to the consecration of our young people to this cause that we must look for the finishing of this work in the earth.

The objects of our young people's societies are to lead the youth to give themselves to the Lord; to indoctrinate them thoroughly in Bible truth and our denominational history; to teach them how to work by doing things themselves, and then to get them to work for others. We are told: "There are many Christian youth that can do a good work if they will learn lessons in the school of Christ, the Great Teacher. Even though pastors, evangelists, and teachers should neglect the seeking of the lost, let not the children and youth neglect to be doers of the Word." "Youth's Instructor," Aug. 9, 1894.

"There are ways in which all may do personal service for God. Some can write a letter to a friend, or send a paper to one who is inquiring for truth. Those who know how to treat the sick can help in this line. Others who have the necessary qualifications can give Bible readings, or conduct Bible classes. The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 433.

Regarding plans for work we are told: "The foundation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there is a larger number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members but for the unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers."—*Id.*, pages 21, 22.

We are glad to report 15 societies with a membership of 647. They are divided into bands, and are doing a good work for the Lord, as the following items for the past year will indicate:

No. Societies	15
No. Societies reporting Membership	15
Total Average Attendance	647
No. Societies Using "Gazette"	219
No. Members Reporting	10
No. Belonging to Bands	130
No. Young People Baptized and Added to Church	71
Offerings for local Work (Gold)	62
Further offerings (local)	\$181.28
Harvest Ingathering	4.00
Big Week Funds	102.30
No. Observing Morning Watch	171.33
Bible Year Certificates	109
Standard of Attainment	8
"Friends" Pins Issued	53
"Companions" Pins Issued	113
No. Belonging to Comrade Band	134
Missionary Visits	63
Bible readings or gospel meetings held	4028
Signers Anti-Tobacco Pledge	1085
	2089

No. Persons taken to S. S. or other services	950
Hrs. Christian Help Work	2598
No. Treatments Given	1407
Food Given (approximate) (Gold)	\$162.66
No. Articles clothing given	527
No. Bouquets given	422
No. Periodicals Distributed	4212
No. Tracts Distributed	14900
Subscriptions to Periodicals	204
Books Distributed	683
Scripture Cards given	449
Missionary Letters Written	1543
Replies Received	1258
Visits to Prison	182
Papers Mailed	78

Brother Gil de Guzman has led out in a good, strong way in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society work in the Malaysian Union Seminary. In Batavia Brother Pohan has done similarly good work; in Soerabaya Sister Tilstra among the Dutch young people as well as among the Malays; in Bangkok Brother Eshie. Many of our societies are just starting. If the good work begun is proper, fostered, we are sure our young people will play a strong part in the closing days of the Great Advent Movement.

### REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION

L. V. Finster

It is with a keen sense of our inability to reach the goal set by our Educational Department, — that of having every boy and girl of S. D. A. parents in an S. D. A. school, that we render this brief report. At the present time we have 32 schools, with an enrolment of 346 for the past year. In all these schools we have S. D. A. teachers. Some of our teachers have not had the privilege of spending much time in our denominational training centers, and this makes very important our continuing to encourage all teachers to be in attendance at our teacher's summer schools, two of which have been held in Singapore. These summer schools help decidedly in lifting standards and in imparting sound principles of Christian education. From some fields most of the teachers have been sent, with consequent gain in the character of work done afterward. Other fields have sent but few, with consequent loss. Our greatest need in all our schools is well-qualified teachers thoroughly conversant with our denominational methods and ideals, and contributing definitely to the giving of this last message to the world in our day. To this end, the Malaysian Union Seminary is planning to keep the summer school and all normal work as strong as possible.

The Batakland English School has 120 in enrolment this year, with several teachers. In soul-winning results this school leads all others in the union, excepting the Seminary. Although the teachers have not been permitted to conduct Bible classes in the school, yet in their personal work they have been greatly blessed. Some of the best boys that come to the Seminary are from the Batakland English School.

In Bangkok we have a good school that is bringing results in souls won for the Lord. The Siamese government makes it necessary for us, when conducting Chinese schools in that field, to employ also a Siamese teacher to teach Siamese, thus placing us under added expense.



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The Chinese school at Kudat has had good results in students giving themselves to the Lord. In Soerabaja we have a very interesting school of 60, most all of whom are Mohammedans, taught by a Javanese young man. It is an inspiring sight to see these boys wearing their *pichi* (hats), while singing our Christian songs.

### BRITISH BORNEO MISSION

J. W. ROWLAND.

*(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor J. W. Rowland, director of British Borneo Mission, at biennial session of Malaysian Union, January, 1929).*

In the British Borneo Mission, where until early last October, Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Merston have been laboring, and to which field Mrs. Rowland and I have only recently been assigned, the work is on the upward trend, although among the Chinese it has been moving very slowly.

The offerings almost doubled during the past year. The tithe has shown a small gain in 1928 over 1927. Some development has come also to our Sabbath schools and church schools.

One of our greatest problems at present is how to carry on in a strong way our Evangelistic work, when so many are engaged in school work.

Our chief objective must ever remain the winning of souls. In 1927 there were six baptized; in 1928 there were seventy-nine — a total of eighty-five for the biennial period. This large gain was made possible by work being started among a colony of Shantung Chinese who came to Borneo about 16 years ago. At the time of their moving to Borneo they decided among themselves that they would accept the message of the first Christian people that came among them. In God's own good time we were privileged to come into contact with these waiting people. Since the earlier part of last year, when work began among them, we have organized a church of thirty-nine members, and others are awaiting baptism. These people have built their own humble place of worship. In December, 1928, we raised in Harvest Ingathering sufficient to erect a home for the worker, Brother Lim.

Work was begun among the Muruts at Tenom in 1927. This tribe is in great darkness. The Muruts have very little form of worship; in fact, they do not reverence anything, but they do fear the devil. Some of them are coming toward the light.

One old Murut chief who was very sick and feared he would die, "prayed (as he said) to the power that was higher than man, to spare his life." As he sat in his house, still very sick, he seemed to see two men come near his home. As they came to his home, one said, "You will not die." The old man related this to our worker, Brother Agian. Brother Agian said to him, "How strange that I found you here! My home is a thousand miles from here, in the forest, as is yours." The old man said, "I believe God sent you here." This chief has two wives. He has been coming to the chapel and has studied something of Bible truth.

Among the Dusuns the work has been going for about six years, and now we have a nice company of Dusun believers. In the homes of the Dusuns the wives are the priests of their devil worship, and the husband accepts her word as law. The

truths of Holy Scripture have caused much division in many homes. Brother Galang-sau, a native Dusun who is working for his own people, is here at the biennial session with us. For the past three months he has been located in a village in the hills. Every evening he had been holding meetings with an attendance of about forty; and now nine have requested baptism, saying with tears, "We want to be baptized; for what a pity it would be if we should die, not having received this rite." The brother comforted them by saying that God knew their hearts and loved them. Our worker further suggested they should continue studying, and when they agreed to do so, he began anew to instruct them faithfully, to the end they may be fully established in the message.

There are many hundreds of villages of Dusuns, Muruts and other tribes in North Borneo never yet visited by us. Our need is more workers, and a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit to fit us each one individually to be living representatives of the Master we serve, that the heathen may see His glory.

When you pray, do not forget to remember Borneo with its multitudes of darkened minds, that they may be brought to the light of God's saving truth.

### LABORS IN EAST JAVA

G. A. WOOD

*(Synopsis of report rendered during biennial session of Malaysian Union, Singapore, S.S., February, 1929)*

It is with grateful hearts we recount God's kind care and prospering hand over His work committed to our trust. Upon our arrival in Soerabaja, Java, in March, 1926, public meetings were undertaken in the Malay language in two sections of the city, but without any noteworthy results. Later a public effort in our own church building in the Holland language was conducted, with like disappointing results. From public efforts we turned to the plan of house-to-house labor, in which we had the active help of others of the Soerabaja church, and thirty souls were thus won. In Semarang, also, public efforts yielded little, while house-to-house work brought definite returns. The same is true of Djocja, where forty-two have been baptized; also three in Solo, close by. A church was organized for this group, and during 1928 their numbers were nearly doubled. In yet another town, Malang, six have been won. Brother Pietersz, laboring in another section of our field, won thirty-nine, now organized into a church. In Soerabaja we have a Javanese school, with a Javanese teacher. An encouraging feature of the work of the past two years, is the winning of nine Javanese near our rest-home at Soemberwekas. Among these was one of Mohammedan faith, in his lifetime a great sinner, and now soundly converted to the Christian faith as the result of instruction given by our rest-home gardener. This Mohammedan at the time of his baptism was 105 years old. Yet another encouragement that has come to us, is the baptism of five Dyaks of South Borneo, with others awaiting baptism.

### REPORT OF THE MALAYSIAN UNION GIRLS' SCHOOL

1927 — 1928

Muriel A. Rosenberg

In 1927 about thirty pupils were enrolled in the Malaysian Union Girls' School, in Standards 1, 3, 4, and 5. In 1928 more than seventy were enrolled in nine different classes, the highest being Standard 7. Last year twenty of our girls lived in the school home — twice as many as lived there the year before.

In religious matters there is a wholesome spirit manifested. We have been having regular prayer bands, in which all pupils above the first Standard, were included. The leaders of these were usually chosen from among the pupils. The past year we have held a baptismal class, led by Sister Lake, and including practically all dormitory girls not of our faith, besides a few day pupils. We thank God for the baptisms of the year from among the girls.

The girls of this school have conducted a Y. P. M. V. society; the report of their missionary work from January to August, 1928 — eight months — read thus:

Present Membership	55
Average attendance at meetings	54
Number of members who reported	50
Number belonging to bands	40
Number baptized	9
Society offerings for local work (Gold)	\$22.41
Big Week Campaign, 1927	99.00
Ditto 1928	56.50
Number observing the morning watch	40
Number reading the Bible through	10
Number taking Reading Courses	16
Missionary visits	253
Persons taken to S. S. etc.	14
Times of Christian Help Work	301
Treatments given	205
Articles of clothing to needy	105
Tracts distributed	4655
Bouquets to sick	23
Books lent or given	91
Missionary letters written	10
Papers, magazines and tracts mailed	322

Our girls and young women have maintained a high standard of scholarship. They have given two well attended programs to the general public, and have been complimented by the local press on their good pronunciation. Some of the proceeds from these programs, have formed the nucleus of a library fund, and this permits of a beginning in purchasing books. The pupils have gathered funds also for certain equipment, and have taken keen interest in physical training.

Some of our girls have suffered persecution from relatives because of holding firm to Bible truth. Our girls are made of good material, and will surely become great factors in soul-winning. May God continue to bless the young women of the Malaysian Union Mission.

### VACCINATION IN THE FAR EAST

The newcomer to the East should have been vaccinated shortly before leaving his home country; but if it has been neglected, this step ought to be taken immediately on arrival here.

Thereafter, vaccination should be repeated every three years, preferably in the month of November.

Vaccinate babies as soon after birth as the doctor permits. See "Health Hints," published by the Municipal Council.

## Miscellaneous Reports

### BRIGHT PROSPECTS IN CENTRAL CHINA

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GRIGGS and PASTOR J. J. STRAHLE, upon returning from a recent trip to Hankow, the headquarters of the Central China Union, report that the annual meeting of the union executive committee brought courage to all in attendance. A spirit of unity and of loyalty characterized the meeting from beginning to close. The brethren have united on essential projects that need immediate attention.

Arrangements are being perfected for the early erection of a permanent church and mission center in the city of Hankow. The plot of land on which this is to be erected, has been in their possession for about ten years. Funds sufficient to warrant the early letting of a contract, may be realized within the next few months.

Plans have been laid to promote a campaign in behalf of the proposed Chengchow Hospital-Dispensary.

Yet another building project is that of reconstructing the Yencheng assembly hall.

"The prospects truly are very bright for Central China," Brother Strahle told those assembled in the Division office during worship hour on Sunday, March 3, when narrating some of the precious experiences brethren of Central China have been having of late. He suggested that many prayers should be ascending in behalf of the mission provinces in Central China, where dwell one-sixteenth of the human race.

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### RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGIONS BEYOND

The officers of the China Inland Mission, in one of their latest statements regarding the opportunity their workers now have of pressing on beyond the old and long-occupied stations into the farther reaches of Inland China, declare:

"It is obviously of the highest importance . . . to bear the gospel to the millions who have never heard it, whether in districts more or less adjacent to our present mission stations, or to the greater and wider areas both in China proper and in the outlying dependencies of Mongolia, Sinkiang and Tibet, for which, as Christians, we disclaim responsibility."—*January, 1929.*

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### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION REGARDING THE EAST INDIES

"Whereas, The General Conference has transferred the Netherlands East Indies to the Central European Division, together with all properties in that field, and the membership, including workers that have been laboring in that territory,—

"Resolved, That we concur in the division already settled upon by the General Conference, painful though it is to find ourselves separated from a membership that we have worked so many years to build up, and from fellow laborers with whom we have been associated in the Lord's work during past years.

"Be it further resolved, That we express to the various constituencies of baptized believers in the missions within the territory of the Netherlands East Indies, and especially to our working force about to be transferred to the Central European Division, our sincere regards, our best wishes, and our prayers. We wish to join with them in united prayer to God that the work, both in the territory in which they are to continue, and in the territory still remaining in the Far Eastern Division field, shall have upon it continually the prospering hand of God."

### THE HUNAN MISSION

C. H. DAVIS

THIS year, for the first time since 1925, we have been able to get to most of the out-stations. In visiting these, we were able to hold district meetings, and get together again those of our people who had remained faithful through the troubles of 1926-1927. We had spiritual meetings, and our people were brought nearer together, and to a closer union with God. These meetings did much towards stabilizing the churches again.

We had a goal for 70 baptisms last year, but did not quite make it. The prevailing prejudice in Hunan against missions has made the work of our evangelists difficult, and this partly accounts for our not reaching the goal. We have set a goal to double the number of baptisms the present year. The prospects are brighter now than they were at the beginning of last year, so we should reach our goal.

We have rented a large chapel just outside south gate, Changsha, and have planned to hold a year of continuous effort in the city. We have called some of our best workers to Changsha to take part in the effort, and trust that we shall see good results. We are anxious to build up a good strong church at headquarters.

The mission launch has been on its trial run, and is very satisfactory. It is shallow-draft, roomy, and fast, so will fill all our requirements nicely. It will be pressed into service for the spring itinerary this year.

### APPOINTMENTS

Some slight readjustments of dates of appointments during the coming months, have been made; and the time fixed for various meetings now stands as follows:

Central China Union biennial session,  
Hankow, May 3-11  
North China Union biennial session,  
Tsinanfu, Shantung, May 17-25  
Manchurian Union biennial session,  
May 31 to June 8

## For Our Institutions

### BIG WEEK—1929

IN various lands of the Far East some special literature is being prepared for use during Big Week, appointed in some lands for May 25 to June 1, 1929. The amount to be raised in the Far East this year through sacrificial effort at the time named, must include \$5,790 gold not otherwise provided.

In the China field a health number of the *Signs* magazine is being prepared, and it is thought to be saleable. The publishers are proposing that an extraordinary effort be made to place this number of *Shih Diao Yueh Bao* in many homes.

In the Malayan Union the main beneficiary this year from the Big Week Extension Fund, is the Penang Hospital-Dispensary; in the Philippines the Publishing House; in Japan the Training School, the Hospital-Dispensary, and the Publishing House; in China various educational, medical and other institutions. The list stands thus:

### 1929 MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND—FAR EAST

(Proposed Beneficiaries)

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

Total, Gold \$30,790

None of these funds are assured at present; all is dependent on amounts that may be raised during Big Week of the year 1929 and resultant decisions and appropriations of controlling committees. There is an excellent prospect that if the Far East does its part, we shall eventually have at least the major portion of the appropriations listed. Our minimum total goal of Big Week receipts must include \$5,790 gold not otherwise to be made available. C.

### A GOAL OF 100,000

The bookmen have determined to press forward with the distribution of the Chinese monthly magazine, which is already being sent to upwards of 65,000 annual subscribers. The goal is 100,000 paid subscriptions on our list by the close of 1929. Some of the colporteurs will continue on the health book, but the larger number will endeavour to sell the Chinese edition of "Hope of the World," which is priced at three dollars (Mexican) in cloth and one dollar for a special edition with no tipped-in illustrations, and inexpensively bound in paper covers.

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SOULS MUST BE DILIGENTLY SEARCHED OUT

J. O. AFENIR

I STOLE an hour one morning on the seashore of San Fernando in Northern Luzon (P. I.), to look for good shells to bring home to my children. Unfortunately, some had gone ahead of me and had taken all the good ones. It seemed to me that my object was frustrated. But later on, here and there, among the millions of stones, I found a few shells,—a few, indeed, but precious, because they represent my persistent effort.

Then I thought of my work as a soul-winner. Really, it is hard to win souls; for the majority of the people have hardened their hearts against the warning of God for the last days. Because of this lamentable condition, many a worker has become discouraged, and has quit. How can we know who are susceptible to the gospel invitation? Where and how can we find them?

My experience that morning in searching perseveringly for good shells condemned my selfish heart. If, instead of sitting many hours with my books and putting myself aloof from the people as if I were a superman, I should have put more earnest endeavor in searching for the lost by employing more hours in visiting the people in their homes, surely more would have been led to the Master under my ministry. I am glad for that experience along the seashore; for it taught me a great lesson in soul-winning. Souls are to be searched out as earnestly and as persistently and carefully as the shells among the stones. My fellow brethren, let us search for them diligently among the great bulk of human beings.

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LITERATURE WORK IN THE CHOSEN UNION

R. W. PEARSON

THE Lord has done great things for us in the canvassing field in Chosen the past year. As we look back over the many good experiences we have had, we can only praise the Lord for His help and leading.

In the campaign conducted the last three months of 1928, over 3,000 books have been sold in combination with individual subscriptions to the

*Signs.* We are continuing the combination plan for about two more months, and we hope thus to sell the remainder of our old and slow-moving books. We are all happy the campaign proved a success. The colporteurs took hold of it with enthusiasm.

During the month of December we held before our colporteurs a special inducement. The *Signs* Press at Seoul offered to give a good Bible to the colporteur putting in the most time. Several of the colporteurs have been working evenings, and some have sent in reports of 65 hours in a week. You know this is difficult to do in the winter, when the days are short. Many good experiences came in; and naturally, when putting in good hours, the sales went up accordingly. The winner in number of hours put in over 250 hours during the month. Even though the work has been very hard in many ways this year, the faithful efforts of the colporteurs are surely to be commended.

There is one thing we plan to emphasize during the coming institutes above everything else, and that is that colportage is a soul-saving work, and the lives of our colporteurs must be in touch with Heaven if they really want success. We feel the need of every man's gaining a deep Christian experience. We are looking into the new year with high hopes, and we believe that the Lord will abundantly bless if we let Him lead.—*Abridged from "Promoter."*

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FROM THE VISAYAS

M. F. WIEDEMANN

BROTHER CHANEY and I just arrived yesterday from Cebu. We had a good colporteur institute, in which the Spirit of the Lord came very near to us. About forty-five were in attendance and most of these were sent into the field. It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing in the East Visayan (Cebuano) Mission. When Mrs. Wiedemann and I came to the Islands in 1922, there were only seven colporteurs and less than two hundred members in the Cebuano field. Now there are forty colporteurs and more than 2,000 members.

Just as we began our Bicol institute last December, the terrible typhoon struck us. The Bicol field was hard hit. We were fearful lest the colporteurs might have a hard time, but they went out from the institute full of courage and faith. The January report from Bicol field shows that one colporteur took orders to the amount of Pesos 1,021, another Pesos 900 and another Pesos

711. One averaged Pesos 5.83 per hour, another Pesos 5.19 and another Pesos 5.05. Surely, the Lord's hand is in this.

Brother Chaney and I put in a few hours' Harvest Ingathering in Cebu before we came to Manila and the Lord blessed us with Pesos 610. We had some good experiences, and found one German doctor who is greatly interested in the truth because of his contact with some of our brethren who have gone to him for treatment. He is reading our literature, and we hope that he will step out soon. We also found several Chinese who were exceptionally friendly towards us because of their dealings with Brethren Abdon and Flores. We praise the Lord for it all.

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SPIRITUALIZING COLPORTAGE

E. M. ADAMS

DURING the past year we held three sectional institutes, calling in for about three days the colporteurs working in a certain area of our field, and holding Bible studies with each group thus brought together. The results have been gratifying. Following one of the short institutes, the field missionary secretary received a letter from one of the colporteurs who in the past had never written a letter without mentioning some trouble or complaint; but this letter was excellent, and the field missionary secretary wrote back to the colporteur that if only such letters as this good one were to come to the office, he (the field missionary secretary) would never grow old.

Since these Biblical institutes were held for our Central Luzon colporteurs there has also been a definite increase in sales. No one but God knows how much more thorough and spiritual work the men have done because of these short institutes devoted largely to a study of the Holy Scriptures. May God bless the many companies of sacrificing, self-supporting evangelistic colporteurs.

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A NEW ERA

"A new era has dawned for our book work in the China field," declared Brother Strahle in one of his reports rendered upon his return from the convention. This seems to be the order of the day in several of our fields. A new era has indeed dawned. Our brethren are now planning in a practical manner on the basis of distributing hundreds of thousands of pieces of denominational literature, where formerly tens of thousands seemed to suffice. We shall soon change the hundreds of thousands into millions; for only thus the publishing work in the Far East can be in the power that will attend the Cry and the final triumph of the Movement.

# The Sabbath School Department—Far Eastern Division Mission

## Report of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department

For Quarter Ending December 31, 1928

Conference or Mission	Number Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Birthday Offering	Investment Fund Offering	12 Sabbaths Offerings	13th Sabbath Offering	Total Offerings to Mission
Central China Union	82	2,186	1,955	\$ 17.07	\$ 11.88½	\$ 414.41	\$ 76.55	\$ 519.86½
Chosen Union	115	5,292	4,267	33.57		880.35	120.68	1,039.55
East China Union	106	3,577	2,869	2.07	128.53	738.60	103.71	972.51
Japan Union	23	762	519	21.06	246.98	543.84	207.20	1,019.08
Malaysian Union	95	3,237	3,121	17.58	3.37	1,374.60	546.05	1,941.60
Manchurian Union	16	428	306	4.29	6.31½	128.53½	27.61	166.75
North China Union	18	464	473	2.34	.05	138.88	18.23	159.50
Philippine Union	283	10,496	8,790	195.01½		1,699.93½	702.04	2,596.99
South China Union	99	3,307	2,698	23.45½	1.42	491.32	97.25½	613.45
Sungari-Mongolian Mission	7	371	338	10.78	21.67	290.80	92.15	424.40
West China Union	28	696	701	4.34		301.50	38.94	344.87
Total	874	30,816	25,887	\$ 337.17	\$ 420.17	\$ 7,011.86	\$ 2,030.36½	\$ 9,799.56½

MRS. I. H. EVANS, Secretary

### THE PHILIPPINE UNION, WITH 286 SCHOOLS, SENDS A COMPLETE REPORT

MRS. EVANS

From the Philippine Union comes this encouraging word from Mrs. B. Shanks Chaney, Sabbath school secretary of the Union:

"I have been very much gratified by the promptness with which all my secretaries send in their reports, and I trust you will notice that my report is complete! *Ciento por ciento* reported, as I hear them say here, for the first time since I have been secretary.

"The institute held with the five secretaries at the time of the general meeting did much good. Not only did they receive many new ideas, but more than that they got a larger vision of their department than they had had before. I could see it even while they were here, and the letters I have received since show it also. I do not know that I ever enjoyed a three day's meeting together with a group of workers as much as I did this institute, the secretaries were so very responsive.

"We have had no envelopes and cards that were at all suitable for the Far Eastern Division, but with the help of the Mission secretaries, we have now what I think is a very

good envelope and card for the Home Division, to be printed in four dialects. This equipment will be ready for the field by the beginning of the second quarter and I feel sure will assist us greatly in building up that Division, a very important one in this field.

"I am preparing to leave early Sunday morning (February 3) for the Northern Luzon field, and shall be away from Manila for two months. Pastor Roda, the secretary there, has planned a full six week's schedule.

### REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL HELD AT THE CENTRAL SHANGHAI CHURCH

February 16, 1929

I SUPPOSE all of you were present last Sabbath when we had our Rally Day program. The day was clear and the sun was shining brightly. This made us the more cheerful in spirit. The program consisted of twenty-six numbers,—singing, reading, dialogues, and recitations, in all of which the children took an active part. It will be impossible for me to tell of every feature in detail, but those who were present surely enjoyed the day, and it is a pity that those who were absent had to miss such a feast of good things.

As we know, the aim and end of Rally Day is two-fold: first, to warm up the spirit of our members so that they may strive ahead with new inspiration, new power, and new resolution; second, to gain new members for the Sabbath school. Generally speaking, we have met the first aim, as evidenced in the smiling faces of everybody present to-day. Regarding the second purpose, I think all of you will be glad to hear that we had 92 visitors last Sabbath, which proved an average of each three members bringing two visitors. The men did exceedingly well in this matter, as their attendance was 25, and they had 28 visitors. We feel that our Rally Day has well met its two-fold aim.

A clock, when properly wound, can keep in action for its specified length of time. So shall the efforts of our Rally Day influence our Sabbath school for the whole year. I believe the seats of our church here will be full in a very short time, provided we maintain the spirit which possessed us last Sabbath.

We were favored with a male quartet, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Brother Sung She Wen conducted an interesting review, in which we were made to think anew of the Lord's love and His long-suffering in calling us to repent.

## The Missions Extension Fund—Big Week

After the class recitations, in which all joined heartily, the school was dismissed with silent prayer.

### Membership by Divisions:

Men	37	Women	46
Children	161	English	24
Total—268			

### Members reporting daily lesson study:

Men	22 or 77 per cent of attendance
Women	20 or 65 " " " "
Children	92 or 79 " " " "
English	17 or 89 " " " "

Only 4 were tardy if the records are accurate.

### Offerings:

Men	\$2.95	Women	\$4.15
Children	3.00	English	13.20

Total offerings \$23.30, or \$2.31 over the goal.

MEI TSING LIANG, *Secretary*

### CHILDREN WALK TO SABBATH SCHOOL

FROM a recent letter from Mrs. Wangerin, written just after an interesting itinerating tour in the country districts of Western Chosen, we take the following:

"At one place I met a number of children, who came a long way all by themselves, from heathen homes to attend our Sabbath school. It is surprising to see the interest that some of these take in the study of the lesson. At one place a heathen woman sent in a thank-offering to the Lord. It is interesting to see the many uses to which the pictures of the picture rolls are put. And the Sabbath school members are so proud of their book marks.

"At Pyeng Yang we have a fine company of women. Just before they met for their Sabbath school rally and Bible institute, some of the sisters decided to try to improve the looks of their meeting place. One of them bought matting for the entire church, paying thirty-five yen for it; another sister bought an organ, and a third bought a clock.

"A new interest has been reported at Ma Pyung Ri, one of the churches here in the Center Mission of Chosen. They have now a Sabbath school of sixty-seven members. Eighteen of these are preparing for baptism. There is no worker at this place. Our Home school at Songdo has become an organized school. Now there are twenty-two Sabbath school members, and seven of these have decided for the truth."

### THE BIG WEEK A FOURFOLD BLESSING

J. J. STRAHLE

THE Lord promises blessings to those who give themselves to Him in consecrated service. In fact, the promise is one hundred-fold to those who willingly work for Him.

At the China convention at Chiao Tou Djen the workers suggested a new name for Big Week in the Chinese. They now call it "Literature Promotion Week" (a campaign in which all take part). I like that idea of all working. Really, is it not the plan in Big Week that all share in the campaign and all receive a blessing from the Lord?

Big Week brings a fourfold blessing. First, there is the blessing that comes to those who dedicate their lives to giving the message to their neighbors and friends. These truly enter into the joy of their Lord. Second, there is the blessing that goes with the consecrated worker to the homes visited. Third, there is the blessing received through the money raised to provide needed facilities to strengthen our publishing, educational, and medical missionary work. The fourth blessing comes from the ministry of the institutions planted in the various lands for the care of the needy, and made possible by the gifts raised during Big Week.

The literature which we sell and distribute during Big Week gives the light of God's truth to millions who otherwise might never know it. Many individuals and, indeed, whole families have been brought into the truth through the efforts put forth during Big Week. Many interests found during this campaign have been followed up with Bible studies, and, as a result, souls were brought to the knowledge of present truth. Let us picture in our minds the large army of Seventh-day Adventists going forth to carry the "good news of salvation" in 133 languages. Think, too, of the joy of meeting some souls in heaven, who were led to Christ because we took part in the Big Week effort.

Shall we not organize our forces for the coming Big Week in such a way that every one will have a part?

### BIG BLESSINGS FROM BIG WEEK

A. A. ESTEB

IN view of the big blessings that Big Week brings, we rejoice that another Big Week is just before us. The question comes to each of us, will I enjoy these big blessings during this coming Big Week?

Here in North China we rejoice over the prospects of more peaceful conditions under which to launch

our Big Week campaign this year. As we recall last year's situation after the evacuation of Tsinan and the unsettled conditions existing, we realize that we have a better outlook for this year's work. Last year we had to conduct our Big Week in Peking under most trying circumstances. As we organized for work, the Southern army was drawing nearer and nearer to the city, and we launched our campaign on the very day Peking fell. The officials had fled, the city gates were shut, and fear was in the hearts of the populace. After the experiences of Nanking and Tsinan no one knew what might happen in Peking. Nevertheless, the Lord rewarded our faith and filled the hearts of all with courage. Out of about seventy members over forty came to our rally meeting on Sunday morning, and at that time we laid plans for a field day. It was a unique experience,—selling Big Week literature during the capture of the city. But God richly rewarded our efforts. When all the totals for the 1928 Big Week were in, it was discovered that in spite of the handicap under which we had worked, we showed a gain over 1927 instead of a loss.

This year we expect to receive bigger blessings from Big Week, for we plan to make it a bigger week. *The bigger the week the bigger the blessings.* Let us unite in making the 1929 Big Week the biggest and best ever,—every church member out doing the same thing at the same time in the same way. This is the secret of Big Week success.

Think of the blessings! Many of our people have been brought into the truth through the distribution of Big Week literature. Multitudes have been warned and enlightened as to the special message we proclaim. Think, too, of the hospitals built, or enlarged, or equipped! Think of the publishing houses that have been helped! schools that have been benefited! What if we had never launched the Big Week campaign? Do you think Big Week is a good thing—the right thing? Will you push it this year as never before? Will you lead out by your example, and exert a positive influence toward success?

Let us press home to our own hearts and to the hearts of our dear people the big blessings of Big Week. When Big Week is mentioned this year and you see a brother who seems indifferent, don't blame him. Help him; for he is having a struggle. Pray for him, and pull him right into the work with you. Help to love the lost enough to help them with the

# Statistical Report — Far Eastern Division

1 Number of Mission	2 NAME OF MISSION	3 Number of Mission Stations	4 Number of Mission Outstations	5 Number of Organized Churches	6 Baptized Membership of Organized Churches	7 Baptized During Quarter	8		9		10		11 BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10)		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS			
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native
1	Philippine Union	6	303	184	10988	274	7	18	1	33	25	65		21		1	127		
2	Chosen Union	4	48	24	1936	42	6	9	3	28	21	71		4		1	42		
3	Japan Union	5	20	12	595	3	7	9	1	13	4	3			13	1	18		
4	Manchurian Union	3	12	10	355		2	1	3	1	6	15	1	2		1	17		
5	Central China Union	5	73	26	1595	60	5	8	10	17	22	56	1	13		1	34		
6	North China Union	3	12	7	480	53	3	3	5	6	7	12	1	4		1	9		
7	South China Union	8	94	39	2204	141	10	14	7	49	21	65		26		1	24		
8	West China Union	6	21	11	430	44	5	4	3	1	12	22		7		1	8		
9	East China Union	6	79	43	1874	55	7	5	2	15	16	60	1	22		1	24		
10	Division Headquarters						11	1	3		60	7				1			
11	Malaysian Union	13	63	43	2646	195	19	4	5	34	28	52	2	2		1	74		
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission	1		3	384			1			1	17							
13	TOTALS, 4th quarter 1928	60	727	402	23488	1967	83	76	43	197	220	445	6	101	13	12	377		
14	<i>The totals given below for fourth quarter of preceding years reveal the growth year by year</i>																		
15	Totals, 4th Quarter 1927	53	570	345	20905	1241	81	66	43	205	202	420	4	94	12	12	339		
16	Totals, 4th Quarter 1926	49	557	316	19472	1103	85	53	40	185	178	430	4	87	14	11	301		
17	Totals, 4th Quarter 1925	49	495	277	17007	1037	81	53	45	202	184	330	5	84	11	14	282		
18	Totals, 4th Quarter 1924	45	436	251	14844	875	72	39	41	166	160	239	6	70	10	20	234		

25 Number of Mission	26 Average Attendance S. S.	27 S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	29 Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	30 Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	31 Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	32 Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	33 No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	34 Estimated Value	35 Approximate Seating Capacity	36 Number of Church Schools Conducted	37 Enrollment Church Schools	38 Number of Intermediate Schools	
1	8700	\$ 1869.88	\$ 697.55	\$ 2567.44	\$ 2058.67	\$ 2655.70	\$ 2982.21	104	\$ 27650.00	11465	16	708	2	
2	4267	916.18	79.49	995.68	2481.61	1764.76	4247.57	84	24682.00	8605	25	1151		
3	519	564.90	207.20	772.10	476.40	2918.02	3394.42	7	8700.00	950	1	8		
4	306	139.15	27.62	166.77	1537.75	558.78	2096.53	3	4100.00	550	5	100	1	
5	1955	443.35	76.53	519.88			4375.00	24	12812.00	2850	17	278	3	
6	473	141.71	18.24	159.95	994.05	115.39	2778.11	2	3000.00	1000	8	176	1	
7	2638	544.86	72.66	617.52	531.91	1712.05	3225.96	24	24095.00	4290	31	1004	3	
8	701	305.93	38.94	344.87	23.10	91.07	333.71	6	6455.00	900	10	145		
9	2871	865.10	120.1	985.21	3047.43	6403.30	10721.40	12	25600.00	2600	14	538	3	
10											1	20		
11	3121	1395.55	546.05	1941.60	5717.64	15514.79	22749.39	15	51333.61	2000	32	2001		
12	338	332.25	92.15	424.40	98.00	225.96	323.96				1	39		
13	25889	7518.86	1976.54	9495.42	17948.56	31959.82	57228.26	281	189027.61	24284	163	6168	13	
14	<i>Totals, fourth quarter 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924 given below</i>													
15	20646	6945.49	1647.59	8593.10	11645.14	31332.70	56274.55	266	204667.55	36215	149	5638	10	
	21599	6392.10	2106.23	8498.33	19150.43	46337.56	70538.37	239	187081.58	33680	173	5944	8	
		5595.22	1475.85	7071.07	30027.28	45701.95	82404.39	220	172222.00	29505	185	6746	11	
		5066.60	1394.84	6461.44	10243.02	28873.08	43790.04	182	123531.00	21810	153	5023	10	

# Mission for Quarter Ending December 31, 1928

14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not else- where listed)		16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD)			18	19		20	21	22	23	24
Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)	Tithe Per Capita	Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest Ingathering and Sustentation Funds	Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	Number of Sabbath-Schools	Membership Sabbath-Schools		
4		16	33	201	\$ 238.31	\$ 8685.43	\$ 8923.74		150.41	81.25		18.50	286	10496		
2	5	16	28	169	811.21	1737.06	2548.27		535.53			656.48	115	5292		
2	2	12	25	57	655.57	2108.22	2763.79						22	762		
		13	11	47	285.70	346.28	631.98		335.46	64.00	906.56	16.93	16	428		
3	9	24	37	161	1140.16	1577.92	2718.08		1275.82		2558.55		82	2136		
		9	15	46	397.53	374.10	771.63				1645.73		18	464		
7	30	26	38	238	899.94	1789.06	2689.00		542.53	394.82	3758.48	20.26	99	3307		
1	1	18	20	62	520.13	326.50	846.63		517.40	929.92		2.80	28	696		
		7	23	138	1443.66	1178.35	2622.01		1977.08	404.46	24444.61	815.64	106	3577		
13	38	80	74	126	6656.94		6656.94									
2	4	69	54	228	1449.64	7774.89	9224.53		1798.99	83.42	2109.31	773.54	95	3287		
1			2	17	361.74	943.36	1305.10		95.45	178.20	808.21		7	374		
34	89	290	360	<del>3200</del> 1490	14860.53	26841.17	41701.70		7228.67	2136.07	36231.45	2323.15	874	30816		
21	65	269	344	1428	13375.97	23253.25	36957.80		6094.63	1457.08	10689.78	3169.80	752	24764		
23	68	301	316	1457	10186.41	21359.45	31787.22		5546.28	6013.57	9236.77	1230.51	704	24462		
27	47	339	321	1425	10189.15	19014.03	29203.18		5308.49	284.31	11601.39	7749.49	631	21044		
13	24	228	283	1062	7216.45	15684.18	22900.63		3144.49	317.15	9080.22	1465.43	558	1810		
9	40	41	42	43	44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	
	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment	NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		Total No. of Teachers	Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Membership	Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work	
					Men	Women	Men	Women								
209	1	260	1171	5	8	13	12	38	\$ 1375.28	\$ 687.13	77	1838			238.60	
	1	328	1479	2	1	50	4	57	29314.68	4835.81	26	1003	.30		.45	
	2	61	69	2	3	5	2	12	30000.00	5000.00						
24			124	1	1	4	5	11	9830.00	851.00	8	170	39.33	21.25		
132			400			22	5	27	12500.00		4	56				
33			209	1	1	9	4	15			8	244		21.55	2.07	
240	1		1244	2	5	36	24	67	31572.00	2787.00	15	577				
			145			8	3	11	753.65							
157			695	1	3	37	11	52	2923.97	5561.05	2	167		11.45	8.84	
10	2	912	942	11	12	10	2	35			2	31				
	1	49	2050	4	5	37	28	74	64800.35	3598.01	16	624			17.39	
			39	3	2			5			5	117	19.01	12.15		
505	8	1610	8577	34	38	233	98	403	183069.93	23320.00	163	4827	58.64	66.40	267.34	
301	8	1152	6477	27	44	202	100	373	193037.92	18536.70	88	2661	9.77	60.18		
473	5	648	7065	26	33	248	100	401	254933.06	32320.03	123	3931	35.56	12.31	4.00	
696	5	907	8349	29	37	282	84	432	136296.77	23928.03	165	4661	11.55	27.17		
699	5	1005	6726	27	33	242	66	368	84384.77	26852.22	123	4231	3.96	30		



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### AT THE BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Excellent reports are being received almost daily regarding the blessings spiritual and temporal attending biennial union sessions in Singapore, Canton, and Hangchow. God has met with His children; and as the workers return to their appointed places of labor, they go filled with courage and a spirit to serve and to labor to the very best of their ability. Throughout these biennial meetings the supreme importance of soul-winning and of the development of constituencies, has been emphasized. The Saviour came to this earth to seek and to save the lost. We are to labor as He labored, ever seeking the lost and bringing them back to the Father's fold. Surely we have cause for large hope for results this very year, as we remember that all Heaven is at work with those who give themselves wholly to service for others.

Several of the detailed reports of officers, both union and provincial, of the great fields of Malaysia and South China, appear in this issue, and call for close study. Many a precious and suggestive lesson may be learned through consideration of methods that have brought substantial returns.

### STATISTICS - 4th Qr., 1928

In this issue we are giving advance figures showing the status of missions both union and provincial at the close of the fourth quarter of 1928. The figures are for the quarter and *not for the year*. The year's totals will be given in the Annual Statistical Report, which will fill the April issue. At this writing the printers are doing their final work on the tables, which contain totals exceeding those of former years. With the development of constituencies comes the problem of making the church a strength and at the same time of reaching out into sections hitherto untouched. The fourth quarter of 1928 brought little of net increase in membership, but is encouragingly good in tithes and offerings, including Harvest Ingathering, which probably exceeds that of any former like period. The figures that are given in this issue, and the annual statistical tables soon to be published and sent out, represent faithful effort on the part of many hundreds of church officers, conference and mission workers, and many a painstaking native worker, - all of whom have sought with diligence to compile essential facts. May we all be cheered by tokens of progress, admonished by seeming retrogressions, and heartened by the knowledge that were God to make known His true church-members on earth, we might have some happy surprises, and have cause for encouragement even in places where to-day our numbers seem few. All Heaven is astir; the day for the Church to rise and shine, has come; the glory of the Lord will soon be seen in marked manner among the peoples of the Far East.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

When addressing mail to the sons, send mail to address  
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Road, Hong-

### WITH WORKERS IN JAPAN UNION

As we meet with the members of the executive committee of the Japan Union Mission, we are reminded anew of the unity of God's work in all the lands of earth. The net gain of church-members in Japan during the year 1928, was 48, the membership now standing at 596. The brethren have done wonderfully well in developing their institutional work. The Hospital-Dispensary at our Amanuma mission headquarters in Ogikubo, a suburb of Tokyo, is almost ready for occupancy. Dr. Getzlaff has assembled a staff, one of the latest additions thereto being Nurse Nomura, recently from the States. The Japan Union Mission is at present passing through a stage of development that promises much for the future. The brethren and sisters of this field should be remembered daily at the throne of grace.

Tokyo, March 13.

### THE PRIVILEGES AND BLESSINGS OF THE BIG WEEK THREEFOLD MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND

L. V. Finster

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

Every church member will now have another opportunity in helping 109 different projects this year. The plan includes 27 medical institutions and 22 schools that are to be aided.

The success of the plan depends on the faithfulness of every member doing his or her part. The people need the good literature which tells them of the truths for this time, and great blessings will come to those who attempt work for God. As you go from place to place you will meet many people who want to know more about God and the message for this time. One of the great objects of the Big Week is to bring our people into touch with honest hearts who are longing to know the truth. Do not stop with selling the literature, but follow up these interested ones with more literature and Bible studies. Let us always put "Souls ahead of goals." Much depends on well laid plans to make this work a success. Begin early to lay your plans, and be ready when May 25 comes to enter whole-heartedly into this service for the Lord.

### BIRTHS

Born, March 9, to Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Esteb, of the North China Union, Peiping, a daughter, Lucille Evangeline.

Born, March 27, to Professor and Mrs. P. E. Quimby, of the China Theological Seminary, a son, Donavon Henise.

### NOTICE—ANNUAL MEETING (SPRING COUNCIL) OF THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee, usually spoken of as "The Spring Council," is appointed for April 10-18, 1929, at the Division office, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 10. Members of the Far Eastern Division, of the General Conference Committee are expected to be present in time for the opening meeting.

(Signed) I. H. EVANS, Chairman  
C. C. CRISLER, Secretary

### NOTICE—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House is called for April 4, 1929, at 9 a.m., in the Division Committee Room, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai. At this meeting the financial report of the institution, together with report of the manager, treasurer, superintendent, and editor, will be presented.

(Signed) W. P. HENDERSON, Manager  
FREDERICK LEE, Secretary

### NOTICE—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(China Missionary Junior College)

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the China Theological Seminary is called to convene at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu, China, on Sunday, April 7, 1929, at 8 a.m., for the transaction of any and all business which may be deemed for the good of the school. A full attendance of the Board is urged.

(Signed) I. H. EVANS, Chairman  
D. E. REBOK, Secretary

### NOTICE—ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY AND BOARD MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

NOTICE is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, called to convene at Sanitarium, 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, China, at 9 a.m., April 9, 1929, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

(Signed) I. H. EVANS, Chairman  
A. MOUNTAIN, Secretary

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Delbert L. Millam

The Cebu school boasts of a nice new building. This was erected early this school year and is now being used for school and church purposes.

The building at Jaro, Iloilo, was blown down during a typhoon in July of the past year. The brethren provided temporary accommodations in other quarters, and the work went on. They have now erected another building, and are comfortably settled in their new quarters.

Perhaps Artacho, Pangasinan, has made the most advancement. Two homes been rented and are being used to house the students and the lady teachers. It is the plan to erect dormitories in time for the next school year. The brethren are definitely working with the idea of having a strong intermediate school in that field soon. The work is going forward, and we wish the brethren success in this great undertaking.