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Strength from Unanswered Prayer

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THE place, Gethsemane; the suppliant, Christ. It is night; the upper chamber, where so much had taken place, and so many never-to-be-forgotten words had been spoken, was now left to its owner's care, while the garden of Gethsemane was being entered by Jesus and the eleven faithful disciples.

Judas was absent. He was with the chief priests and rulers of the temple bartering his Lord for a few pieces of silver. Eager to betray his Master in revenge for the rebuke he had received at supper, still his hard heart demanded all that he could get for his treachery. In his pride and vanity he had hoped, a short time before, to compel the Master to declare Himself king by force; but how little he understood his Lord! To what depths he had fallen! With this act the door of mercy was closed to him forever.

Christ and His followers crossed the brook Kedron, and climbed up Olivet till they came to Gethsemane. It was a garden, with olive trees, — a secluded spot to which Jesus had often led His disciples. As they entered, He said, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder." Then, taking with Him Peter, James, and John, He went a little way into the garden, and asked them to watch with Him in prayer. He told them of His suffering and agony, and said that it was even unto death.

Then, going about a stone's throw from them, He fell to the earth, pouring out His heart in such a prayer as had never been heard by earth or heaven. The blood pressed through His veins, standing like beads of sweat upon His brow. In agony beyond finite comprehension, He prayed: "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; remove this cup from Me: howbeit not My will but Thine be done." Three times He prayed thus. Nor was Heaven deaf to His cry; for it is written: "There appeared unto Him an angel from Heaven, strengthening Him."

Though the prayer of Christ was heard by the Father, who had all power, yet God did not see fit to grant this petition. All heaven was moved with compassion; and though angels would gladly have suffered death to spare the Son of God, that could not be. Christ, the only begotten Son of God, must drink the bitter cup.

Jesus rose from that prayer a new Man. Death with all its agony, the grave, the terrors of darkness, were still before Him; yet He came forth from that interview with God a giant in strength. He came to the disciples with courage, and calling them from sleep, said, "It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise, let us be going: behold, he that betrayeth me is at hand." What great general on the eve of battle ever spoke words of greater confidence and assurance? Christ had gained the victory. He had won the battle while in the garden in prayer. Never once after that did He falter. All that night He met the enemy, and single-handed and alone He suffered shame and ignominy and reproach. He stood before the high priest and the rulers; He was mocked, beaten, scourged, spit upon, crowned with thorns in cruel mockery, and went to Calvary in the strength that came to Him through communion with His Father, though the main burden of that petition was denied.

The cup of suffering was not removed, but He was granted strength to drink it.

Training Our Youth

Malayan Union Seminary

PROF. VERNON E. HENDERSHOT, in his biennial report, acknowledges with gratitude that "God has been working miraculously in The Malayan Union Seminary. Despite the prevalent anti-Christian feelings all about us," he says, "the school has been practically free from such. We are glad to see prayer bands well attended, and bright young men becoming burdened for their fellow students. Every class in the Malayan Union Seminary has its Bible instruction. We ask those applying for admission if they are willing to study Christianity, and if they have a desire to become Christians. Upon the favorable answering of such questions depends their admission. Some of the non-Christian students are intensely interested in the Bible, and these have presented note-books of superior workmanship. An increasing number of day students attending Sabbath services is a sign of the Spirit's watering the seed planted.

"Our greatest need at the present time is not more buildings or equipment, or an increase in the number of our faculty. What we as teachers need above all else is a deeper realization of our inability, in and of ourselves, to cope with the magnitude and opportunities of the task to which we have set our hands; we need a thorough heart-searching, a reconsecration, an infilling of the Spirit of the great Teacher.

Christian Education

W. B. AMMUNDSEN

CHRISTIAN education and Christian schools are the product of the mind of God. God was the first teacher and taught our first parents in the Garden of Eden. It has always been the plan of God that His people should be distinct and separate in every way from the world. The Scripture says that "the foundation of God standeth sure." I believe this applies to the principles of Education as well as to the doctrinal truths that we believe are taught in the Bible.

The Philippine Junior College, was established on this foundation and built up according to the plan of God; and we are grateful for the protecting and prospering hand of God that has been in evidence from its beginning. In spite of man's frailties God has blessed the efforts of those placed at the head of this institution, and today we are building upon the well laid foundation.

Fireside Correspondence School

Far Eastern Branch

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

(Synopsis of annual report rendered by the principal, Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, to the Far Eastern Division Committee during the April Spring Council, 1929).

THE Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School has been abundantly blessed. During the year 1928 we had 280 new students matriculated, bringing our grand total to 806.

To date, a total of 227 certificates have been issued; 101, or 45% of these, were issued since our last report was rendered. In addition to the above, 442 quarterly certificates on our Five Year Course in the Chinese language have been issued. 48% of these were issued the past year. This is encouraging, and shows that more and more of our students are completing their courses of study. A large number have completed their lessons and are now preparing for their finals. We believe that during 1929 several hundred will be completing one or more courses.

Although our financial statement shows a net loss of Mex. \$365.75, we are of good courage; for we are practically a self supporting institution. Only 4% of our total income of Mex. \$9,106.12 was received from appropriations through the General Conference.

We have greatly appreciated the service of Mr. Gia Fuh Tan, Mr. Wang Ts Ping, and a score of other teachers in the Mandarin language. During the past two years a total of 146 individuals have at one time or another attended our language school.

We request our superintendents, directors, and departmental secretaries to do all in their power to place the advantages of the Fireside Correspondence School before their workers and lay members. Our goal of 200 new enrollments for 1927 was easily reached. Our goal of 400 for 1928 was passed, and our goal of 800 for 1929 should be easily secured. Let our slogan be, "Every worker in the Far East enrolled in some course of study."

Not only are we anxious that every worker be enrolled; we are doubly anxious that every worker complete his course. We urge all of our field men to assist us in encouraging our students to complete their courses, even though it may take a number of years to do it. We request an interest in your prayers, for the success of this branch of the Lord's work.

From the Japan School

(Extracts from a letter written May 20, 1929, by Professor Andrew N. Nelson, principal).

BROTHER MILLARD has the farm work nicely organized with student superintendents, and these departments are promising success for the first time since we moved out here. All our surplus goods are selling nicely on the market.

Our woodworking machinery is now spinning out commercial and school orders in the unfinished building, and I am sure that these two industrial lines, under the blessing of God, will prove a wonderful help to the students.

Our enrollment is steadily increasing. Seventy-seven have been enrolled in the two schools, and seventy are in attendance. This is 91%! Sixty-seven are returning next school year. The other three are going into the work. Brighter things are now ahead of us.

For the Youth of Hunan

G. G. HAMP

(Brief extracts from a careful survey of our educational and Y.P. M.V. work in Hunan province as rendered by Professor G. G. Hamp, of Changsha, Hunan, to delegates in attendance at the Central China Union biennial session, Hankow, May, 1929).

At the close of 1928 a census of Hunan youth from six to twenty-five years of age, revealed 97 of S. D. A. parentage. We now operate four schools with a total enrollment of 109. Urgent calls have been made for church schools at six other stations.

Our provincial school, at the foot of Yolo-shan, one of China's five sacred mountains, was founded in 1923. On its campus of four and a half acres are two dormitories, an administration building of 38 x 58 feet (two stories), and a humble shack used temporarily as a cloth-weaving factory. We desire to add a teachers' dormitory and an industrial building. Until these additions are made only boys can be accommodated. During the current school year 33 are in attendance, and only seven grades are taught. Our purpose is to add to facilities, faculty, and grades as rapidly as circumstances may permit, until we reach our goal of a well-equipped provincial middle school for all the youth of our denomination in the Hunan Mission. Our hopes include the development of a constituency sufficiently large to permit of our having many score of youth in training.

Our Y.P.M.V. societies total five, one senior and four junior, with a combined membership of eighty-seven.

General Articles

The Value of Bible Women

K. H. Wood

(Extract from report given during Hangchow meeting, March, 1929).

THE experience of the past three years in Kiangsu Mission has proven the work of the women's department to be of unique value. For a time almost all other departments were most seriously effected by political and revolutionary disturbances, while during this same period our Bible women were able to continue their work in much the same manner as hitherto. During crises when our evangelists were under surveillance and unable to conduct public meetings, our Bible women could gain entrance to homes and study with the people, telling them of the meaning of events taking place. Well trained women Bible workers are able to reach a class of people and do a work that other workers cannot reach and help as effectively.

Something Everyone Can Do

ALVARO RODA

A NIGHT I shall never forget was one recently spent with the brethren in Nagtablaan, Santa Lucia, Ilocos Sur, P.I. The preaching service, conducted by the writer, was over; and in a testimony meeting that followed, everyone witnessed for Christ.

One brother in the meeting arose with face radiant with joy, and gave thanks to God for the wonderful message of salvation he had been permitted to hear and accept. In the course of his testimony he told of how, before he had any desire to know the truth, a brother would earnestly plead with him to accompany him to meetings held in the chapel. This he gladly did. In these meetings he heard enough to gain his interest to study the truth. And as he continued attending with the brother who had been instrumental in arousing his interest, his love for the Master increased so overwhelmingly that at last he had no alternative but to accept Christ as his personal Saviour and be baptized. And, thank the Lord, I later had the privilege of baptizing this man.

And now, my brethren in the laity, I appeal to you to do your duty towards the lost. Shall we not at least endeavor to follow the example of the brother who brought another to acknowledge truth? Who knows but that through inviting others to meetings you will find modern Nathanaels who will be forced to acknowledge Christ as their Lord and Master when they hear His wonderful message of salvation!

The Cost of Converts

COMPARISONS are not usually wholly balanced and fair, when summing up the cost of converts in any given mission field. The cost to the provincial mission should be multiplied by at least two, and in several fields by three, or four, or even five, in order to arrive at the true cost; for to the mere upkeep of a provincial mission from which converts are reported, must be added the cost of mission administrative expense,—provincial, union divisional, and general. We must also take into the account the cost of maintaining publishing houses, schools, sanitariums, dispensaries, and of general meetings, institutes, etc., etc. The upkeep of great training-centers in the homelands adds to the total expense. The cost truly is large; but even one soul is of more value than the whole world beside.

With these considerations in mind, it is of interest and encouragement to note that in the Kiangsu Mission (as reported by the director during the East China Union session at Hangchow), the average local cost of each convert during the year 1925 was \$49.80 gold, whereas in the year 1928 the average cost had mounted to \$89.79 gold. The degree of self-support attained by Kiangsu Mission is such as to keep the cost to the Home Board to the minimum of \$37.97 gold for the year 1925, and \$43.57 gold for the year 1928, as Kiangsu Mission is 48% self-supporting.

Figures such as these are a source of encouragement to us all.

The Central European Division

THE Central European Division have notified us officially that beginning with June 1, 1929, they are located at Berlin-Wilmersdorf 50, Regensburgerstrasse 22, Germany, to which address all communications intended for them should be sent in future. The president of the Central European Division is Pastor H. F. Schubert. The division secretary and secretary of the educational department, is Pastor Guy Dail. The treasurer is Brother O. Schildhauer. Brother H. Box carries the publishing department, and Brother W. Müller is assigned the responsibility of the home missionary, Sabbath school, and missionary volunteer departments. Pastor L. R. Conradi, the field secretary, and chairman of the Ministerial Association, should still be addressed at Grindelberg 15a, Hamburg 13. Mail for Dr. L. E. Conradi, the medical department secretary, should be addressed to "Waldfriede Sanitorium and Clinic, Alsenstrasse 99-109, Berlin-Zehlendorf, Germany. The cable address for all the brethren named is *Adventist Berlin*.

Stories From Dusunland

J. W. ROWLAND

IN a village up in the hills in British North Borneo, one of our workers is laboring among a group of Dusuns with some measure of success.

While visiting among the Dusuns at Brother Sibabani's station, we took down in one home the charms from the wall where they were hanging. These charms are made up of all sorts of deformities in nature, such as crooked roots; also shells, trinkets, pieces of toy pistols, bright pieces of tin, etc. I pointed to some of these and asked what power was in them. They said they did not know what the power was. Then I taught them of the True God who made all things and cares for and upholds all.

Before leaving this home we prayed with the family. The next day I was taken very sick, having been poisoned by some food. When they heard this, they said it was because I had touched their charms and Satan had made me sick. Be this as it may, the Lord heard our prayers in behalf of that family, and to-day the mother of the home, who before had not cared to hear, has studied the truth, and shows a real interest in the things of God.

On this same visit, in company with Brother Sibabani, I walked ten miles over the mountains to visit some people who make the same trip every Sabbath to attend the Sabbath school,—a trip of twenty miles in one day,—though they have not yet identified themselves with us. When we reached the crest of the ridge, we could see several villages in the valley that stretched off to Mt. Kinabalu,—villages that are waiting for the message. Now is our time to enter these open fields! I believe God is going before us to prepare the hearts of the people; and if we grasp the opportunity, we shall see a rich harvest of souls for the Master.

A Membership of 1,124 in Kiangsu

K. H. Wood

THREE years ago, the baptized membership of the Kiangsu provincial mission was 845. Since that time, 356 have united with the church by baptisms. After deducting the losses because of apostasy, transfer, and death, amounting to 77, we have a net gain of 279, making the Kiangsu Mission membership at the close of last year 1,124. Of those baptized during the past three years, 92.7% came directly from heathenism; and we believe this a fair average for past years also.

In Kiangsu Mission we had on December 31, 1928, 21 organized churches, and 24 other places,—a total of 45 stations and outstations.

General Reports from the Field

Medical Missionary Advance in the Far East

H. W. MILLER, M.D.

(Synopsis of annual report of Dr. H. W. Miller, medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division, rendered during the Spring Council of the Division Committee, Shanghai, China, April, 1929).

THE year 1928 has brought notable advance to our medical work here in the Far East. The opening providences of God have been especially apparent in bringing to us leaders and helpers for establishing new centers and for strengthening small medical institutions already in operation. Liberal grants from the Home Board have been supplemented by large Ingathering returns locally, and by income from many patrons who have been willing to pay for services rendered them. Many youths have been brought in for training as nurses and helpers. Altogether, the year 1928 has been the best by far of any year in the history of our medical missionary advance in the Far East. We understand that the same is true of other portions of the world field. It would seem as if this were in fulfillment of the Divine purpose to prepare these agencies to act their part in the closing scenes of earth's history, when it has been stated that "no work will be done save medical missionary work."

On January 1, 1928, the Shanghai Sanitarium opened its doors to the sick of the Orient; and within six weeks our bed capacity was half filled. There were periods during the first half of the year when our patronage was light; but from the beginning of autumn we have had a steady influx of patients, filling every available space.

The Nurses' Training School of the Shanghai Sanitarium has developed until we have forty-two student-nurses,—two from Japan, thirteen from Philippines, three from Malaya, twenty-two from various provinces of China, and some from Chosen. The standards maintained are the same as those in the homelands.

In the Philippines Dr. Horace A. Hall and wife, who arrived in July, 1928; have already gotten under way a large work in the quarters assigned them in Manila. The ten thousand dollars gold granted them by the Home Board, has been increased materially by grants from the Union and Division, and by Ingathering funds, with the view of completing a small yet well equipped medical unit in Manila that will be a center of influence and training for that island field.

The development of the Japan Sanitarium at Ogikubo, a suburb of Tokyo, has brought hope to our brethren and sisters of Japan, whose liberal contributions naturally link them closely with this blessed ministry. Dr. and Mrs. Getzlaff and their associates are of excellent courage.

Among other physicians, who have joined us the past year, are Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Calvert, of Malayan Union, and Dr. Jean Wen.

The year has seen Ingathering efforts in Penang, Nanning, Manila, Waichow, and Shanghai, in behalf of buildings to strengthen our medical units in these centers. The Drs. James at Waichow and Dr. Coffin at Nanning are rapidly acquiring facilities for the doing of a great work in their respective spheres of influence.

One of our larger needs in the China field, is for a health Magazine which will help the people of this land to understand more of the program of health and temperance we are following in the development and maintenance of medical institutions. A second great need is some provision for giving to a select group of our Far Eastern youth with advanced education, a medical training that will enable them to serve as well qualified physicians among their own people.

In closing my report for 1928, I desire again to express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His guidance during the year, by which we have come into touch with so large and representative a group of the officials of China, the Philippines, Malaya, and other parts of the Orient. God has indeed given us favor with many who can greatly help as further needs for medical service arise during the closing days of this ever onward and conquering work in which we are engaged.

From Pastor V. T. Armstrong

WRITING from 212 East 52nd St., Portland, Oregon, under date of May 16, Pastor Armstrong reports that Brother E. J. Kraft is planning on returning to Japan within a few weeks. Brother Armstrong expresses joy over reports received from Japan during his furlough, and states that it is his hope to return at the appointed time. He expresses sorrow over the loss of Brother H. K. Smith of Kweiyang.

Address of Pastor F. M. Larsen

WORD has been received from Brother F. M. Larsen, on furlough from the Manchurian Union, stating that his address until the last of August is 552 Sixty-first Street, Brooklyn, New York.

From Nanning to Kowloon

DR. DAY D. COFFIN

(Note.—Since this report was written, conditions have so changed along the West River of Kwangtung province that communications have been entirely broken for many, many weeks, and no medicines or food-stuffs, and at times no letters, could be sent through. During an extended period no word at all could be gotten through; but of late we have learned indirectly that all three families stationed at Nanning, are safe, and keeping in health. The work of the Hospital is continuing. c.)

My recent trip from Nanning to Kowloon, opposite Hongkong, was a pleasant one. It took us five days on the West River to reach Wuchow. I had no cabin, but was assigned a bunk in the *ts'aaan lau*, so had a fine chance to become acquainted with the crew. They treated me well. During the last two days they insisted that I eat with the compradore and pilots. I had been getting rice boiling hot from the kitchen, and supplementing it with stores from my own "grub basket." The old pilot next to me at the table was unusually kind! He helped me to all sorts of food, in the usual manner; I tried to forget what the kitchen looked like, and consoled myself with the fact that all foods were served hot, and that we were not just then in the midst of fly season.

At Wuchow I could connect with only one Hongkong boat. It had no passenger license for Hongkong, so I engaged passage to Saan Shui, thinking to take the train from there to Canton, and thence to Hongkong. Upon nearing Saam Shui, we discovered that the small river was up, and the current very swift. There were four boats outside waiting for the flood to subside. They could not go up against the current. One of these had been pirated the night before. It was a freighter called the "*Hoi Ch'ewng*". Some of the crew, led by the cook, carried out the piracy.

Our ship tried several times, but failed to make it against the swift current, so anchored. I went ashore and walked awhile, then took a sampan to Saam Shui. It is not far. Thinking to keep my expenses down, I bought a second-class ticket to Canton. When the ticket agent learned who I was, he consulted me about his little daughter, and I wrote a prescription for him. Just before train time he led me into the first-class car and said I should stay there! The conductor didn't question my ticket. I got to Canton all right, and was able to spend an hour or two with friends at the compound at Tungshan before taking the afternoon train for Kowloon.

From Brother A. Koch

1929-30 PRESENTS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

HARRY H. MORSE

I AM now on a trip occupying about six weeks. In order to get new spiritual refreshment, one has to go out and do evangelistic work. I enjoy in rich measure the blessings of Heaven when engaged in such work. Everywhere I have gone on this trip, I have canvassed with our Japanese brethren during the daytime and have held preaching efforts in the evening. We have had the largest evangelistic meetings I have ever seen in Japan. In Kagoshima the newspaper not only advertised our effort in big letters several times without any payment, but allowed us also to have a meeting in their big hall with a seating capacity of 800 people. The use of this hall was given us free of charge. We had an attendance of about 400 people or more. A strange thing in Japan! For the very first time since the church in Kagoshima was founded, have we had such a meeting. You should have seen the fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the church members.

A similar big meeting, besides the meetings held in the church building, we had in Fukuoka. We rented the big auditorium of the city, which has a seating capacity of 1,500 people. And we were not disappointed that night, but were able to deliver the message before a large crowd of several hundreds of people. A picture was taken by the newspaper which had made the propaganda for the meeting, free of charge. I have sent the picture on to the *Review*.

Other evangelistic meetings on this trip I was able to hold at Moji, Hiroshima and now here in Matsuyama. I have my stereopticon with me, as I always do on my trips, and this little machine does a wonderful service.

In canvassing, a real success was granted to our small efforts. In Kagoshima, among others, the head priest of the big Nongwanji Temple bought both "Patriarchs," and "Daniel." In Fukuoka one man ordered 37 yen worth of books, and paid cash at once when we delivered the books. In Hiroshima, while I worked with one of our men for a week, we sold 215 yen worth of literature; and this after we had been told that nothing can be done any more in Hiroshima with our literature. At several places I had also a chance to take the church people out with me for Big Week, and wherever we went, we succeeded in making sales; and we had some fine experiences, too.

BY the time this paper reaches its readers we hope the patrons of the Far Eastern Academy will have already received their copy of the school calendar for 1929-30.

The Academy having completed another successful year, is now about to enter upon its fourth year—which, according to present prospects, will be the best year of its history. The date of opening may seem quite early, but on account of several families leaving for furlough in the spring who wish to attend the General Conference, it was thought best to begin the school year earlier and possibly eliminate some of the holidays in order that the children of these families may complete their school work before leaving for America.

IMPROVEMENTS

Many improvements have been made in the Academy building to better accommodate the prospective increased attendance for 1929-30. Four rooms have been added on the top floor, which we hope will give us enough dormitory rooms to care for all the students who will come from the field.

The dining room has been almost doubled in size, making a light, airy, commodious room capable of caring for twenty-five or thirty.

A typewriting room has been added, which will be much appreciated by the eight or ten students who will be taking this class next year.

The library has been re-located and entirely remodeled, with re-decorated, inclosed book shelves, for reference books and a magazinien

rack. All the books—between a thousand and fifteen hundred—have been catalogued and card-indexed according to approved library methods and will be available for student use.

The laboratory (which has been used for printing during the past year) will be fully equipped for the laboratory work in general science, physiology, and possibly physics.

A much-needed building is under construction to house the printing industry and woodworking. With our printing established in this industrial building we hope to be able to furnish four to six boys work, which should enable them to earn several dollars Mexican per month. And as soon as possible we hope to add a printing press to this department which ought to double the amount of work we can furnish the students.

At the present time we are raising on our small garden plot cabbage, corn, tomatoes, beans, peas, onions, rhubarb, spinach, strawberries, and other small produce. With more land available we hope to increase our gardening activities so as to give work to some students.

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Far Eastern Academy is established to educate the children of Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in the Far East. In the matter of standards, environment, and opportunities we aim to maintain and, if possible, exceed those of like institutions in the homeland. The OPPORTUNITY is here! Are you taking advantage of it?



Corner of School Garden

It is estimated that of the 11,000,000 families of Japan, every second family receives regularly a newspaper.

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Four Years of Figures From The Central China Union

W. I. HILLIARD

(Synopsis of a comprehensive report rendered by W. I. Hilliard, secretary-treasurer of the Central China Union, at the opening meeting of the biennial session held in Hankow, Hupeh, early in May, 1929. This report covers a period of four years).

DURING the past four years, 1925-1928, a net gain of 141 in baptized membership has been attained in the Central China Union, bringing our total number of church-members up to 1,577 by December 31, 1928. The four-year period that has brought this gain, has been filled with vicissitudes—anti-Christian and communistic propaganda, war and revolution, turning and overturning of governments, and long-continued occupation of our mission chapels by soldiery and by communistic societies. Many of our members have suffered persecution, and imprisonment; some have met martyrdom. In 1925 there were 311 baptisms, the next year 90; during our worst year only 31 were baptized, last year the tide turned in our favor, 273 being baptized. These accessions have helped keep the membership from shrinking so heavily through apostasy, death, and removal, as otherwise it must have shrunk. The number of believers to-day in Central China is less by 155 than was reported by us at the close of 1925.

Our records have not been as clean for many years, as they are at the present time. The prospects for increases during 1929, are excellent; and nearly all who are baptized are bringing our membership up. By the close of 1929 all losses of former years should have been fully made up.

General increases in native tithes and offerings, are encouraging indeed. Including Harvest Ingathering receipts, our offerings per capita have well-nigh doubled; our tithes per capita have advanced a full forty per cent. In provinces like Kiangsi, where much instruction has been given on the principles governing the tithing system, marked increases have come from the rank and file of our constituencies.

WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

It has been calculated that in China there are 333 *hsiens* or counties, with 166,500 towns and villages, and a population of 38,508,000, without a single evangelistic center, or a single Christian.

HONAN MISSION — 1925-1928

W. E. STRICKLAND

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor W. E. Strickland, director of the Honan Mission, at the Hankow biennial session, May, 1929)

IT is impossible for me to give more than a brief summary of the work for the time for which we are to report. When we returned from furlough, we were unable to reach our field until the latter part of October, because of the war, and we then found that conditions throughout the province were in a bad state. Bandits were everywhere, and were practically in control. Between September of 1926 and March of 1927 the whole section of Southern, Central, Eastern, and Western Honan knew no peace. Terrible were the tales told of torture and massacre wrought, and to get a good peaceful night's rest without fear or danger was almost impossible. In the spring of 1927 peace was made between some sections of the opposing armies, and the Nationalist forces pushed north into our province. This necessitated the evacuation of all foreign workers from our station to Shanghai, where they remained until the following fall. Meanwhile the mission headquarters at Yencheng was occupied by soldiers and all its buildings thoroughly looted of all movable property.

In April, 1928, Brethren Dixon, Clark, and I returned to Yencheng, and for several months lived in the compound with soldiers occupying all the buildings but two. Dr. Butka and family returned in May and Miss Johnson in June, and as soon as the soldiers vacated the buildings we began to repair them and make preparation for occupation. Dr. Butka started his work with nothing, first occupying one room of the servants' quarters attached to his home, his home being crowded with soldiers. When that building was vacated it was turned into a dispensary and remained such until late summer, when the hospital was partially ready for occupancy. The whole place has had to undergo extensive repairs. We are now making preparations for the early erection of a new church and office building made necessary by the burning of our former school and church building in the fall of 1926.

During the past four years 290 members have been added by baptism. Our net increase in membership has been 90. In 1927 and 1928, 113 were baptized, but on account of the unsettled conditions throughout the province and the anti-foreign and anti-Christian propaganda, our net losses for the years offset all our increase, and our membership at the close of 1928 was the same as that of December 31, 1926. However, the prospects are good for the future, and we have set our goal for a membership of 800 by December 31 of 1929, and 1,000 by the end of 1930. During the past two years five new stations have been opened. We are conducting work in 29 stations.

All new work begun during the past two years has been on the basis of letting the new companies shoulder all expenses connected with the running of the new chapel, except the worker's salary. That is, the mission pays no rents, nor does it purchase any furniture. This advance step has had a very favorable reception, and is being adopted for old stations as fast as is deemed possible. Two or three of the stations recently opened are showing good results, and we are well pleased with the attitude of the new converts.

In the winter of 1927 the conditions became such at Yencheng that it was necessary to close our Honan Intermediate School. School was not again opened until last fall, Brother Wang Gin Bo serving as principal and Brother Clark acting as advisor. This move has had good results. We have to-day more students in our schools than ever before, and are running one intermediate and eleven primary schools with a total enrollment of 290. Six of the primary schools are self-supporting, not only supplying their teachers but paying their salaries. The intermediate school has an enrollment of 82.

Our greatest aim is for souls. We are determined to support all efforts put forward to raise more funds, to increase colporteur sales, to train more students, and to serve the sick through our good corps of physicians and nurses; but over and above all these is our aim for souls. We ask for your prayers. We reconsecrate our lives to His service and the finishing of His work on this earth.

Two Years of Progress in the Central China Union — Reports

The Hupeh Mission

H. L. GRAHAM

(Synopsis of Report of the Hupeh Mission for years 1927 and 1928, with comparisons based on the 1925-1926 period, as rendered by Pastor H. L. Graham, director, during the Central China Union biennial session, Hankow, May, 1929).

As we recall the events of the past two years, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the many evidences of His mercy and overruling power while the church was passing through the fires of persecution. Many workers had to flee for their lives; several chapels were forcibly taken from us, and active work in most of the other chapels came to a standstill for nearly a year. The experiences of 1927 found many unprepared to stand in time of trial; at the end of that year it was found that one hundred church-members, mostly young people, had been swept from their moorings and no longer desired to be numbered among us. But the majority remained firm, and the church emerged from the trouble stronger and closer to the Lord than ever before.

The gains made in 1928, in the face of many difficulties, lead us to believe that we are entering into a new experience. Especially is this manifest in the spirit with which our workers have opened new places,—eight the past year. In each place they rented their own dwelling and then did intensive work from door to door with tracts and pamphlets. As interested people were found, Bible studies were given them in their own homes, or they came to the worker's home. As the number of inquirers increased and the worker's guest-room became too small, they were invited to provide a suitable room for a meeting place. Four of the places opened in this manner in 1928 brought in souls for baptism before the end of the year.

There are twenty-two places in Hupeh where regular Sabbath services are held. At fifteen of these, workers are located. There are seven organized churches. Three church buildings have been provided with mission funds; two chapels are mission-rented; fourteen buildings used as meeting places have been provided for by the local churches, either through purchase or rental. In this enumeration are several companies which meet in the home of the worker.

Our church membership the past five years has run thus: 266, 313, 396, 303, 366. During the same five-year period we have had baptisms varying from 50 in 1924 to 78 in

1928. Our baptismal goal for 1929 is 256.

For the year 1928 the degree of self-support, including Harvest Ingathering funds, was 65%; excluding Harvest Ingathering funds, 33%. A better showing would have been made but for the prevailing famine conditions which have reduced many church members to destitution.

Very encouraging gains have been made by the publishing department. Over \$10,000 worth of literature was distributed during 1928, without a cent of loss to the tract society through bad accounts. During the past year we have seen more interests created by the literature distributed than at any previous time.

The educational work throughout the province, with the exception of the primary school, came to a complete standstill during the revolution, and it is with difficulty that this branch is being revived. The Hankow Intermediate School was opened for girls last fall. The industries have been successful, the girls being able to provide fully one-half of their entire expenses by handwork which has found a ready sale. It is planned to open the Hankow school this fall for both boys and girls.

A recent census reveals that there are over 200 young people between the ages of six and twenty-five years scattered through the churches in Hupeh. The fact that so few are in our schools is a great challenge to this mission.

During the year 1928 a quarter of a million Scripture portions were distributed by lay-members. In the same period over one hundred thousand tracts were handed out, one-by-one, by the evangelists. This seed-sowing will surely bear fruit in the kingdom of God.

Our needs are not primarily for more funds, more buildings, more land, or even for more workers. Paul very likely had fewer trained helpers than we number on our payroll, and yet through that little band God was able to give a message to all the countries of the Near East. We do need a deeper sense of the solemnity of the times, of the awfulness of men and women going down into Christless graves, and of the condemnation that will await unfaithful watchmen. As workers we need to plead for that earnestness and power which will stir every church member to soul-saving activity and cause each one to get under the burden of supporting the work financially. Until we see these results, we may be sure that we have not availed ourselves of the limitless power which God has provided for us, and which will be ours if we

seek it with heart-searching, prayer, and entire consecration. That God shall give us such an experience during 1929, let us earnestly pray!

THE KIANGSI MISSION

LIU DJUNG GWANG

(Synopsis of report rendered by the Chinese director of the Kiangsi provincial mission, for the biennial period of 1927-28, at the Hankow biennial session of Central China Union, May, 1929)

MY report tells only briefly of the work in the Kiangsi Mission during 1928 and 1929. Previous to this time the responsibilities of the Kiangsi Mission were carried by Pastor and Mrs. E. H. James and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Bierkle. Then suddenly, in 1926, it became necessary for the foreigners to seek refuge outside the province, and almost every chapel had to close its doors.

In that year I received persecution such as I had never before experienced, but we did not count it as anything. I remember Peter and others who were put in prison for no sin of their own. The hardships were great and the hope of life small, still in my heart I was happy and spent much time in prayer. I used every opportunity to witness for Christ as our Saviour, and of the nearness of the end. One fellow prisoner was influenced and when after a week I was released, I continued to visit this friend who later was also released and is now one of our church members. God according to His promise of Psalm 91:15 delivered me.

In 1928 I was asked to be the director of the Kiangsi Mission and although feeling wholly unworthy, I could only follow the leading of God's Spirit to link up with Him and unite with others to attempt the work. During that year 24 were baptized and entered the church.

This year at Kiukiang four were baptized, one of these a Mohammedan. At several other places over twenty are prepared and awaiting baptism.

Our present plan is to have two stations cared for by one worker.

Our aims for 1929 are as follows: Book Sales, \$3,250 Mex; Signs Subs., \$3,500; Big Week \$100; Hygienic Special, 3,000 copies; Present Truth, 6,000 copies; Sabbath school members, 300; church members, 200; Harvest Ingathering papers, 300 copies; Half pay students to Chiao Tou Djen, 7.

Pray for the work in Kiangsi that the workers there may link up with the Lord and in four years reach self-support.

North China Union, Biennial Session, Peiping, May 17-25, 1929

North China Union Mission

Geo. J. APPEL

(Synopsis of report by Pastor Geo. J. Appel, superintendent of the North China Union Mission, as given at the opening hour of the biennial session held during May, 1929, in Peiping).

"INTO all the world," has been the mission goal of this denomination; and the hearts of our people have been encouraged as the message has been carried on into new territory. We can report to-day that we have entered the province of Shansi permanently. This is one of the most outstanding of all the items of interest connected with our mission the past two years.

Our workers have labored untiringly. One of these, Brother Dung Yun Dju, a tried and devoted laborer of the Shantung Mission, passed away in Tsingtao a year ago. His faith and courage in the Lord were firm to the end, and he died believing that he who is the resurrection and the life will call him forth at the appointed time.

Many political and other events have made our advance in North China none too easy. The membership is now four hundred eighty baptized believers—a gain of approximately one hundred per cent, during the past four years.

While many junior middle schools in sister unions had to close their doors for a period of time, we have been privileged to carry on with but little interruption. We have had an excellent attendance, a good faculty, and a splendid spirit.

Book sales reported aggregate \$23,036.37 *Mex.* for the two-year term. Harvest Ingathering, tithes, Sabbath school offerings, and other mission returns from liberal-hearted givers, brought to us the best two-year period we have ever enjoyed.

In North China Union are upwards of three hundred *hsiens* (counties). We can no longer ignore all this multitude. We must plan to enter every city and every village in this entire field.

The Shansi Mission

DURING the North China Union biennial session held in Peiping in May, a reorganization of the Shansi Mission was effected. Pastor Meng is to be in charge. The former director, Pastor W. J. Harris, has been transferred to a large work; namely, the directorship of the Shantung Mission, where various interests require close attention.

Brother Harris will be in Tsinanfu, Shantung, following the close of the Chiao Tou Djen Summer School and Institute, in which he is serving as one of the special teachers called in from the field.

In his report to the union, Pastor Harris told of the opening of the Shansi Mission in the fall of 1928, and of the staff of workers that had been associated with him from the beginning. Much has been made of house-to-house Bible work and the distribution of literature in a methodical manner. Some fruitage has already appeared, and the prospects for the future are bright.

Shantung Mission

L. H. DAVIES

(Synopsis of report rendered for biennial period, 1927-28, at Peking meeting, June, 1929 by Brother L. H. Davies, who served as director during the period under review).

"TROUBLOUS times" have been our portion in Shantung Mission the past two years. With the exception of Wutingfu, no new evangelistic center has been opened. There are six places where work is regularly conducted. Seventy-seven baptisms and a net gain of fifty-three bring our membership at the close of 1928 to two hundred forty-one.

In various departmental activities there has been some progress. This is notably true of the literature sales, and of home missionary endeavor. An increase in tithes, while encouraging, reveals practically no tithe increase from the laity.

We would render to God the praise for that which has been wrought, and would pray for power to continue as a united church in this land of need.

North China Union—Publishing Department

ADLAI A. ESTEB

(Synopsis of report rendered during biennial session, Peiping, May, 1929).

It is with deep gratitude to God that we render the report of the publishing department for this biennial period. The sales in our union during 1927 were upwards of \$10,000 *Mex.*, and these were increased to more than \$12,000, all told, in 1928.

We have high hopes for the future of the literature work in North China. Literature is our indispensable ally in the stupendous task of witnessing to China. It goes everywhere, and always bears a positive testimony.

North China Union—Home Missionary Department

ADLAI A. ESTEB

IN the distribution of literature, there was more activity during the past two years than for any previous time in the history of the North China Union. We have rejoiced over the success that has attended the brethren in this line, and also in the gathering of funds for named enterprises. Our church membership is not large, but nearly half of this are reporting members. The two-year record includes 1,638 missionary letters, 884 received, 15,032 missionary visits, 18,620 Bible readings, 1,003,445 Bible portions distributed. Our great and transcendental task is the development of church members for service. Let us exert every effort in promoting this layman's movement, which is designed to be God's means of finishing quickly the work.

North China Bible School

DURING the biennial session of the North China Union an excellent report was rendered by those connected with the North China Bible School at Tsinanfu. With limited facilities an enrollment for the higher primary and middle school grades of fifty-six during 1928 was attained. Both dormitories were filled to capacity. Eighty-six per cent of the students in attendance were baptized members of the seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Considerable has been attempted along industrial lines.

North China Y. P. M. V. Department

A REPORT of the Y. P. M. V. Department of the North China Union, as rendered during the Peiping meeting, stressed the importance of proper sequence of leadership, permitting of the keeping of good leaders for a sufficient length of time to strengthen the society and place it on a firm foundation. The junior societies are in a majority as regards numbers. Band groups have been laboring in behalf of those in need of a Saviour, and some results have been attained already. During the past two years seventeen Standard of Attainment certificates were issued, and sixty Reading Course certificates.

The youth of North China are turning toward the serious things of life, and are determined to share in the labors and sacrifices of those who will complete the work of God on the earth.

Manchurian Union, Biennial Session, Mukden, May 31 to June 8

The Manchurian Union Mission

B. PETERSEN

(Synopsis of report rendered by the superintendent, Pastor B. Petersen, at the opening of the biennial session of the Manchurian Union Mission, Mukden, June, 1929).

In taking a retrospective view of the work carried on during the biennial period, we are glad to report that ninety-six souls were baptized in the Fengtien Mission, and forty-two in Kirin Mission, a total of one hundred thirty-eight for the two-year period. Net gains, however, have been much less,—a total of fifty-two members. Our present membership stands at three hundred fifty-five. Two new churches have been organized, and three new stations have been opened. We have four ordained ministers, three licentiates, seventeen licensed missionaries, nine church school teachers, two Bible women, fifteen colporteurs.

Several changes have taken place in the personnel of the Mission. Tithe receipts have increased appreciably; a slight gain has come to Sabbath schools. Last year was the best in our history, in the sale of denominational literature. Our population and our constituency would suggest small sales; yet it is noteworthy that our total distribution of the monthly *Signs* is forty per cent. as much as the combined totals of Chekiang, Kiangsi, Hopei, Honan, Hunan, Hupeh, Kiangsu, Kwangtung.

In home missionary lines there has been decided advancement. We are now raising, biennially, substantial sums for "Big Week," and through Harvest Ingathering over \$3,500 gold has been gathered the past two years. Missionary visits during 1928 increased fourfold over the previous year; double the number of Bible readings given; Bible portions totaling 75,468 were distributed during the two years; many letters were written and received; some returns in souls have been realized.

Our educational work is stronger than in former times. A small training school, established the past two years, has brought blessing to a goodly number of our youth.

We are grateful for the privilege of meeting once more in biennial session, and of having with us help from the General Conference and the Division. We have the promise that Christ Himself will be present by His Holy Spirit. Let us seek the Lord together with all the heart, and give ourselves anew to Him for service.

The Kirin Mission

(Synopsis of report of the Kirin Provincial Mission, covering the biennial period of 1927-28, as rendered by Pastor Nils Dahlsten, director).

EVANGELISTIC work has been carried on by us from six chapel centers in various parts of Kirin Province. The workers have sown the precious seed in various ways, including the giving of individual Bible readings and calling from house to house with literature. Forty-two persons have been baptized and added to the church. Our membership now stands at one hundred seven.

Much has been attempted along evangelistic lines in public efforts and otherwise. Use has been made of literature, and the total sales for the two-year period are \$8,852 *Mex.*

The Sabbath school offerings for the period amounted to \$857 *Mex.*

A primary school at the mission headquarters has been conducted, the enrollment being about forty. In another place a private school with about twenty in attendance is being conducted without any financial assistance from the mission.

Gains in tithes and offerings bring us joy.

As the word of God is brought before the people, we find many willing to hear. Some are engaging in a close study of the Scriptures and are turning away from idol worship.

The Youth of Manchuria

THE Y. P. M. V. department was represented in Manchuria at the recent biennial union session by several who have had more or less experience in this department, and the reports rendered were such as to give hope for the future. The largest number of societies reporting at any one time during the past two years, has been eight, and the highest point reached in membership has been one hundred seventy-eight. Most of the societies are of junior rank, and are one of the outgrowths of primary schools.

One decidedly cheering item is an increase in the number of young people baptized year by year. Very few went forward in this rite during 1928. An effort is now being made to gather in the youth, and lead them to the Lord and into holy endeavor.

Educational Work in Manchuria

R. M. COSSENTINE

(Synopsis of report rendered at the biennial session of the Manchurian Union, by Pastor R. M. Cossentine, educational secretary).

For upwards of ten years our educational work has been conducted in the Manchurian Union chiefly by means of primary schools. Already some workers in our field have secured practically all their training in our own church schools. A goodly number have been passed on by the primary schools to our middle school near Mukden. The primary schools have averaged about five in number during the past two or three years. Comparatively few are in attendance at these primary schools.

In the fall of 1927 an educational institution of middle school grade was opened. At the beginning much was lacking, but a spirit of patience and of quiet joy possessed both teachers and students, and the Lord added the blessing of health. We now have a main building, a boys' dormitory, a girls' dormitory, and a kitchen. There is need of more housing space and of a development of industries.

Sungari-Mongolia

From Pastor Max Popow

"WEEK before last," writes Pastor M. Popow, of the Sungari-Mongolian Mission, under date of May 28: "I was in Tungliao Chen, where two of the Mongolian evangelists are working. These are of good courage, and doing what they can for the Mongolians. While with them I had the privilege of baptizing a Mongolian believer—a Buriat. He is happy in the Lord, and has a desire to do the best he can in the hope of bringing a knowledge of saving truth to his fellow men. Another baptized at the same time was a Russian.

"Our work among the Mongolians is beginning slowly, yet we believe surely. Our brethren who have labored among them are encouraged to go on in their blessed work. May God sustain them. In Manchuli we were able to baptize seven Russians, in Hailar and in other stations, five. In Harbin we are to have baptism during June.

"This year we are planning to use for Harvest Ingathering papers the edition published in Riga."

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 STATISTICAL SUMMARY — INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS — FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1929

Name of Union Missions and Provincial Missions	No. of Mission Stations	No. of Mission Outstations	No. of Organized Churches	Baptized Membership Mar. 31, 1929	B.A.P. in U.S.A. Jan. to Mar., 1929		Net Gain during three months minus sign -- Loss	No. Church Edifices owned by mission	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	No. Licensed Missionaries	No. Colporteurs	Total No. FOREIGN Laborers	Total No. NATIVE Laborers	Total No. Laborers Foreign and Native	Foreign with the Receipts Jan. to Mar., 1929 (gold)	Native with Receipts Jan. to Mar., 1929 (gold)	No. Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings Jan. to Mar., 1929	No. of Church Schools	Total Enrollment of Church Schools
					Jan. to Mar., 1929	Jan. to Mar., 1929																
PHILIPPINE UNION	5	206	190	11,366	441	174	150	23	30	109	151	13	267	300	881.75	5,311.66	299	10,879	2,248.38	23	1,277	
Northern Luzon Mission	1	52	27	1,693	93	93	18	4	4	14	13	2	32	34		1,030.40	52	1,800	303.76	4	208	
East Visayan Mission	1	73	34	2,385	132	156	34	5	4	18	39	1	42	43		1,039.30	68	2,411	282.38	4	190	
West Visayan Mission	1	65	47	3,100	121	40	41	3	4	19	28	2	96	58		1,289.35	71	2,924	482.66	5	175	
Central Luzon Conference	1	89	74	3,930	83	75	51	7	15	8	60	2	104	106		3,872.70	96	3,361	1,144.48	9	444	
Southern Luzon Mission	1	6	6	257	12	12	6	4	4	8	13	2	8	2		223.30	12	263	65.04			
Union Mission								2	1	42	1	24	33	57	881.75					1	260	
CHOSON UNION	4	47	25	1,274	4	2	85	19	31	89	53	26	178	204	736.63	1,315.13	121	5,633	970.20	28	1,305	
West Choson Mission	1	13	11	763			41	3	8	25	8		36	36		694.07	45	2,480	463.51	16	450	
Central Choson Mission	1	14	8	650			22	3	8	14	23		48	48		421.37	33	1,476	255.03	6	367	
South Choson Mission	1	16	4	422	4	4	19	2	12	16	20	4	47	51		237.91	35	1,333	196.61	3	165	
Union Mission	1	4	2	99			4	7	6	34	2	22	47	69	736.63	161.78	8	344	54.85	3	323	
JAPAN UNION	5	20	12	603	7	7	7	14	17	19	19	25	57	82	355.43	1,852.21	22	808	795.97	3	58	
Kyushu Mission		3	2	46			1	1	1	1	3		5	5		125.90	3	53	67.42			
Omugosa Mission		3	1	90	2	2	1	2	2	1	5		10	10		273.45	3	116	153.84			
Kansai Mission	1	5	3	121			1	3	3	1	4	2	9	11		301.89	4	125	114.00			
Kanto Mission	3	6	4	287	5	5	3	2	7	15	3	16	11	27		1,007.35	8	379	388.69			
Hokoku Mission	1	1	1	31			1	2	1	1	1	2	3	3		36.79	2	95	34.95			
Hokkaido Mission	1	2	1	28				1	3	1	2	3	4	7		61.79	2	40	37.57			
Union Mission								3			1	2	15	17	355.43	45.04				3	58	
MANCHURIAN UNION	3	12	11	358	2	3	3	3	4	18	19	9	45	54	294.14	314.20	17	399	135.95	8	189	
Fongtien Mission	1	7	8	241			2	1	1	7	10	1	27	23		198.72	9	213	84.84	5	107	
Kirin Mission	1	5	3	107	2	3	1	1	1	7	5	2	15	17		99.56	7	168	44.84	2	66	
Hailungkiang Mission	1			10				1					3	1		15.92	1	18	6.27			
Union Mission								1	2	4	1	6	2	8	294.14					1	16	
CENTRAL CHINA UNION	5	76	26	1,608	13	13	22	12	28	80	45	36	192	228	1,006.86	905.47	89	2,368	505.59	26	648	
Honan Mission	1	27	9	656			8	3	7	18	8	9	57	66		346.54	26	969	196.44	10	280	
Hunan Mission	1	19	6	370	9	22	8	2	9	23	13	6	36	62		244.42	26	593	109.53	5	105	
Hupeh Mission	1	15	7	372			4	2	3	21	10	4	38	42		124.85	21	522	127.17	3	43	
Kiangsi Mission	1	11	3	151	4	29	2	2	2	8	8	2	30	32		102.34	10	305	61.73	6	180	
Shensi Mission	1	4	1	59				1	1	2	5		10	10		43.21	4	69	16.72	2	30	
Union Mission								2	6	8	1	15	1	16	1,006.86	45.11						
SOUTH CHINA UNION	3	13	5	480			2	6	10	18	13	15	34	49	408.86	565.00	18	528	172.15	9	202	
Shantung Mission	1	5	3	241			1	1	4	6	6	4	13	17		160.93	11	272	56.57	5	119	
Hopei Mission	1	7	1	232			1	1	4	6	6	1	15	20		128.66	6	236	80.68	4	83	
Shensi Mission	1	1	1	7				2	1	3	4	2	6	6		217.60	1	20	34.90			
Union Mission								2	1	3	1	6	6	6	408.86	57.82						
SOUTH CHINA UNION #	8	94	39	2,233	29	29	24	24	56	86	25	38	238	276	852.60	411.00	100	3,335	677.80	34	1,244	
Cantonese Mission	3	19	9	510	29	29	2	6	15	27	7	8	57	65		275.48	19	512	275.48	10	269	
Hakka Mission	1	23	8	640			5	6	11	19	2	6	35	41			26	780	149.13	3	80	
Kwangsi Mission	1	10	5	195			1	2	5	10	2	6	35	41			11	218	137.45	3	50	
North Fukien Mission	1	15	7	346			3	3	14	2	3	4	44	48			15	638	38.12	5	300	
South Fukien Mission	1	12	5	300			5	4	4	8	4	4	36	40			13	720	77.57	8	385	
Shantung Mission	1	15	5	242			6	2	6	15	3	4	30	34			16	467		5	160	
Union Mission								1	1	5	2	6	1	1								
WEST CHINA UNION #	6	23	11	445	18	15	6	9	3	34	9	19	62	61	483.18	217.47	33	714	309.39	10	145	
East Szechwan Mission	3	8	6	208			4	2	1	7	8	2	29	31	74.87	134.70	11	333	129.23	6	106	
West Szechwan Mission	1	4	1	58				2		6	2	10	12	12	47.94	42.66	5	102	51.05	1	8	

All figures in U. S. Gold

Statistical Report of the 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	5	306	190	11366	441	7	18	1	31	25	84		17		1	153		
2	Chosen Union	4	47	25	1934	4	6	9	3	28	17	72		3		1	52		
3	Japan Union	5	20	12	603	7	5	9	4	13	16	3				1	15		
4	Manchurian Union	3	12	11	358	2	2	1	3	1	4	14		2		1	18		
5	Central China Union	5	76	26	1608	13	5	7	10	18	21	59	1	14		1	44		
6	North China Union	3	13	5	480		3	3	5	5	7	11	1	3		1	12		
7	South China Union	8	94	39	2233	29	10	14	7	49	21	65		26		1	24		
8	West China Union	6	21	11	445	18	5	4	2	1	12	22		7		1	8		
9	East China Union	6	81	44	1890	18	6	6	3	14	12	66	1	25		1	31		
10	Division Headquarters						14	1	1		54						1		
11	Malaysian Union	5	16	14	747	13	10	1	5	20	18	20	1	1			10		
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission			3	386			1			1	17					1		
13	TOTALS, 1st Qr. 1929	50	686	380	22050	545	74	73	44	180	208	433	4	98		11	370		
14	<i>The totals given below for first quarter of preceding years reveal the growth year by year</i>																		
15	Totals, 1st Qr. 1928	55	587	354	21539	644	81	64	43	205	209	417	7	91	14	11	335		
16	Totals, 1st Qr. 1927	50	561	324	19523	518	85	55	53	193	170	443	5	83	13	8	288		
17	Totals, 1st Qr. 1926	47	417	312	17410	602	82	53	45	195	188	337	3	96	11	14	284		
18	Totals, 1st Qr. 1925	44	372	246	14949	507	72	37	39	178	162	267	2	77	9	12	207		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	39						
	Average Attendance S. S.	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S. S. Offerings for Year including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools Conducted	Enrollment Church Schools	Number of Intermediate Schools						
1	9066	\$ 1730.04	\$ 518.28	\$ 2248.32	\$ 2968.23	19001.79	\$ 26970.02	150	\$ 27650.00	17056	19	778	3						
2	4627	861.33	108.87	970.20	2301.48	2062.40	4365.12	86	27587.00	8705	27	1131							
3	557	576.87	219.10	795.97	526.40	2454.72	2981.12	7	8700.00	950	1	8							
4	293	116.82	19.13	135.95	909.35	625.53	1534.88	3	4100.00	550	7	173	1						
5	2201	407.31	98.28	505.59	2015.48	932.18	2947.66	22	12712.00	2750	23	518	3						
6	474	46.56	25.49	172.15	455.17	176.50	641.67	2	2500.00	900	8	169	1						
7	2686	558.53	119.27	677.80			2491.86	24	24095.00	4290	31	1004	3						
8	702	267.67	41.72	309.39			388.75	6	6455.00	900	10	145							
9	2908	755.63	96.14	851.77	1018.29	773.23	1791.52	13	26700.00	2950	15	595	3						
10											3	51	2						
11	806	545.60	180.73	726.33	1324.59	1412.29	3233.97	13	25009.32	1370	15	726							
12	359	387.76	61.81	449.57	90.72	471.25	561.97				1	26							
13	24679	6354.22	1488.82	7843.04	11619.71	27909.89	47,908.54	326	165508.32	40421	160	5324	16						
14	<i>Totals, first Qr. 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925 given below</i>																		
15	21669	6275.13	1681.41	7956.55	13770.83	21300.76	33908.52	243	192698.08	31276	153	6005	10						
16	20000	5769.98	1339.40	7109.38	3975.90	20688.88	34862.30	242	198747.43	33615	145	5323	11						
17	18830	5352.12	1297.91	6650.03	10662.02	30380.66	45256.48	222	169436.00	30745	181	6644	11						
18	18455	4972.66	1200.75	6173.51	8042.49	20316.46	32779.35	181	134463.00	23810	163	5342	11						

Mission for Quarter Ending March 31, 1929

Number of Mission	14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not elsewhere listed)	16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD)			18 Tithe Per Capita	19 Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest Ingathering and Sustentation Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Column No. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sabbath-Schools	24 Membership Sabbath-Schools	
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)								
1	5	4	30	33	267	\$ 881.75	\$ 8311.65	\$ 9193.40		234.15				299	10839	
2	2	5	16	26	178	736.63	1315.13	2051.76			55.86		667.51	121	5633	
3	2	2	12	25	57	355.43	1852.21	2207.64		2.00		9.00		22	808	
4			12	9	45	294.14	314.20	608.34		.82		17.85	20.66	17	399	
5	3	9	41	36	192	1006.86	906.47	1913.33		51.77		139.51		89	2368	
6				15	34	408.86	565.00	973.86		17.50				18	528	
7	7	30	26	38	238	852.60	411.00	1263.60		7.90		345.16		100	3335	
8	1	1	18	19	62	483.18	217.47	700.65				26.06		33	714	
9				21	177	1275.64	881.31	2156.95		1632.06	4.02		108.05	107	3622	
10	18	53	107	69	179	1348.20		1348.20								
11	2	5	20	33	73	770.62	1723.57	2494.19		66.21		4410.18	291.32	25	901	
12				2	17	396.20	903.81	1300.01		9.41	181.33			10	433	
13	40	109	282	326	1519	8810.11	17401.82	26211.93		2021.82	241.21	4947.76	1087.54	841	29580	
14																
15	23	68	279	346	1443	9075.86	19955.28	29162.66		1058.26	590.79	1776.04	1107.35	788	26875	
16	18	69	261	308	1389	8761.71	15133.64	23855.35		1069.07	776.66	2931.53	735.91	715	25270	
17	23	50	354	326	1414	9578.10	14798.11	24376.21		1221.50	207.94	703.31	1861.81	647	24490	
18	15	29	283	283	1159	7107.00	13804.98	20911.98		1886.59	500.03	1748.94	997.99	577	22094	
38	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53		
Number of Mission	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment	NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		Total No. of Teachers	Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society
					Men	Women	Men	Women								
1	239	1	260	1277	5	7	12	14	38	\$ 870.27	\$ 717.96	84	1455			106.31
2		1	174	1305	2	1	48	3	54	29332.68	3398.57	27	933			.45
3		2	50	58	2	3	5	2	12	30000.00	2750.00	8	123			
4	16			189	1	1	7	4	13	9830.00	738.91	7	169			
5	130			648		1	30	5	37	12500.00		9	122		2.16	
6	33			202	1	1	9	4	15			6	168			
7	240			1244	2	5	36	24	67	31572.00	2787.00	15	577			
8				145			8	3	11	753.65						
9	176			771		2	37	11	50	4973.97	57.90	2	168		6.00	3.08
10	105	3	632	780	11	12	10	2	35			2	31			
11		1	69	795	4	7	20	6	37	62196.92	4750.66	4	253			29.93
12				26	3	2	3			575.32		6	114		8.50	7.71
13	939	8	1185	7440	31	42	223	78	369	182029.49	16376.32	170	4113		14.50	9.87
14																
15	332	7	1097	7434	27	38	204	95	373	192961.20	20737.01	117	3472		11.76	38.55
16	606	5	685	6498	26	31	204	91	352	276992.36	32342.60	148	4336		4.46	15.44
17	740	5	697	8081	30	37	282	90	439	261346.00	27988.03	105	4218		.18	15.87
18	761	5	1016	7110	25	33	258	69	385	125847.00	23808.34	105	3896			28.94

The Sabbath School Department ----- Far Eastern Division

Report of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1929

Conference or Mission	Number Schools	Member-ship	Average Attendance	Birthday Offering	Investment Fund Offering	12 Sabbaths Offerings	13th Sabbath Offering	Total Offerings to Missions
Central China	89	2,368	2,201	\$ 13.39	\$ 5.90	\$ 388.02	\$ 98.28	\$ 505.59
Chosen	121	5,633	4,627	48.49	1.00	808.60	112.11	970.20
East China	107	3,622	2,908	107.21	51.92	673.25	106.29	938.67
Japan	22	808	557	29.90	11.45	535.52	219.10	795.97
Malayan Union	25	901	806	30.79		514.81	180.73	726.33
Manchuria	17	399	293	5.41		111.38	19.13	135.95
North China	18	528	474	2.06		144.60	25.49	172.15
Philippines	299	10,839	9,066	264.31	1.10	1,456.49	526.42	2,248.32
South China	100	3,335	2,686	20.30	5.19	533.04	119.27	677.80
Sungari-Mongolia	10	433	359	16.54	26.85	344.37	61.81	449.57
West China	33	714	702	4.54		263.13	41.72	309.39
Total	841	29,580	24,679	\$ 542.97	\$ 103.41	\$ 5,773.21	\$ 1,510.35	\$ 7,929.94

MRS. I. H. EVANS, *Secretary*

OBSERVATIONS ON THE REPORT

MRS. I. H. EVANS

THOSE who are making a study of our growth in Sabbath school membership and offerings quarter by quarter will observe that for the first quarter of 1929 we have 33 fewer schools, a membership reduced by 1,236, and an offering \$1,869 smaller than the closing quarter of 1928. However, this is not altogether discouraging when we take into account the fact that in the reorganization of the old Malaysian Union and the present Malayan Union, and the assignment of the Netherlands East Indies to the Central European Division, the Far Eastern Division lost 70 schools, 2,386 members, and probably at least \$650 gold in offerings. For we have already overcome nearly half of this loss, and may reasonably hope with the Lord's blessing to wipe it entirely off, and show a gain over last year's by the close of 1929.

Throughout the Division the following cards for perfect attendance (blue seal) and daily study of the Sabbath school lesson (red seal) were awarded:

Blue seal	5,563
Red seal	385
Both seals	2,590

This means that out of our Sabbath school membership of 29,580 in the Far Eastern Division, 6,154 have been present and on time every Sabbath during the quarter, and 3,975 have studied the Sabbath school lesson every day. A year's perfect attendance and daily study had been completed by 189 members. Of course this falls far short of our ideals, but it represents a step in the right direction.

A few other items may be mentioned, which are given under the "Items of Interest" in the report, but are not shown here. In the field 128 copies of the *Sabbath School Worker* are used, and in China alone 975 copies of the *Sabbath School Helper*; while 975 copies of other helps are used in places which cannot be served by either the *Worker* or the *Helper*. Nearly 2,800 copies of the *Missions Quarterly* keeps the needs of mission fields before the Sabbath school members. The membership goal was reached by 231 of our 941; and the financial goal by 113.

Altogether we find room for encouragement in a study of this report. However, we must not be satisfied with present attainment, but rather look upon what has already been accomplished as an encouragement to press on to our ideal.

Our Sabbath Schools As Soul-Winning Agencies

Mrs. FLORENCE E. WOOD

(Synopsis of report given by Mrs. K. H. Wood, secretary of the East China Union Sabbath School Department, during the biennial session, Hangchow, March 21-30, 1929. This report covers three and a half years.)

OUR family of Sabbath schools in the East China Union has increased from 67 in number, at the time of our last report three and a half years ago, to 106 at the close of 1928, being an average of almost one new Sabbath school a month during the entire period. For a short time, our Sabbath school work seemed practically at a standstill, owing to disturbed conditions throughout the field, so we are thankful for the progress which has been made. Twenty-two of the new schools were added during 1928, and since the first of January, 1929, we have received word of the organization of eight more. Thus the light of the gospel continues to penetrate the dark places as these schools spring up in previously unentered sections.

Since the Sabbath school pioneers the way for the church in these new places, ministers, evangelists, Bible women, and other mission workers should all work together to make our Sabbath schools truly successful, and those directly responsible for conducting the Sabbath schools should study to make them just such soul-winning agencies as the Spirit of Prophecy indicates they should be.

Consecrated, competent Sabbath school teachers are essential to the success of every school. For this reason, we should study to improve our teaching force. We have had an exceptionally good training course for Sabbath school officers and teachers the past year based on the book, "Learning to Teach from the Master." Two hundred eighty-seven persons enrolled to take this course.

The daily lesson study plan has become a fixed habit with several hundred of our Sabbath school members in this Union, and 1,109 Cards of Honor with the Daily Study Seal were issued in 1928.

Perhaps, never since it became a part of our Sabbath school work has the observance of the daily study plan been so vital to good lessons as during the past year. Anything less than careful, and we might add—prayerful, daily study of the Sabbath school lesson, will fail to obtain for us a knowledge of the truths set forth in the lessons on the book of Isaiah. Sabbath school officers and teachers at this time should seek to impress upon our members the necessity of heeding the following instruction from the Spirit of Pro-

phesy: "The Sabbath school affords to parents and children a precious opportunity for the study of God's word. But, in order to gain the benefit which they should gain in the Sabbath school, both parents and children should devote time to the study of the lessons, seeking to obtain a thorough knowledge of the facts presented and also of the spiritual truths which these facts are designed to teach."

Not only are our schools endeavoring to reach higher ground in the matter of daily study, but emphasis is also placed upon all of the other goals of the department. The 3,105 Cards of Honor with the blue seal which were issued in 1928 indicate the effort that is made in the matter of perfect attendance. Seven hundred forty yearly certificates; that is, certificates issued for perfect attendance for one year, were earned by our members between the time of our last biennial report and the close of 1928.

Our Sabbath school offerings for the past three and a half years were as follows:

1925, June 30 to Dec. 31	\$2,338.71
1926	5,431.24
1927	5,455.52
1928	6,986.49

Mex. \$20,211.96

The Investment Offering, which has as yet been promoted in part of the field only, added over \$600 to our total gain last year. We are thankful for the Investment plan. We feel safe in saying that in no other way can we so greatly increase our ability to give as by this plan. If undertaken in the right way, it increases interest in the Sabbath school, and in all other Sabbath school activities.

Our membership December 31, 1928, was 3,577 as compared with 2,854 on June 30, 1925. Of this membership, 598 are enrolled in 18 Sabbath schools in the Anhwei Mission; 1,286 in 44 schools in the South Chekiang Mission; and 1,693 in 44 schools in the Kiangsu Mission. The South Chekiang Mission has had an unusually good gain in membership during the period since our last biennial session, having added 610 members.

Our hope for the future is that our membership may grow by leaps and bounds in every portion of this field, and that the efficiency of the schools in soul-winning may increase proportionately. To this end, we solicit the prayers and cooperation of every Seventh-day Adventist in East China. Our motto in this field so far removed from the headquarters of the General Conference is, nevertheless, "Higher ground in Study, higher ground in Experience, Higher ground in Service."

Central China Union Sabbath Schools

E. H. JAMES

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor E. H. James, Union Sabbath school secretary, at the Hankow meeting, May, 1929).

DURING the four-year period, 1925-1928, the changes made in the working policy of the Central China Union give promise of many gains, not only in added believers but in practical trafficking in church and Sabbath school responsibilities to our established membership. The new policy has placed upon the evangelists who formerly had carried the work of all the departments of one station, the supervision of several stations—sometimes as many as four and five. This means that the church members, who up to this time have had limited experience in church work, must now largely carry the work of their individual churches; and this they are learning to do. As a result of the new method ten Sabbath schools have been added to the number we had in 1927.

The unrest and trouble of the past few years have also in several instances helped indirectly to swell our numbers. Adventist families moving from their homes to other provinces or towns have carried the message to these places and Sabbath schools have been organized as a result.

Last year we set ourselves an aim of \$1,000 Mex. in offerings in one quarter. Only twice before had this amount been reached, in one quarter in 1924 and again in 1926. Last year the third quarter's offerings reached \$997.53 and the fourth quarter's, \$1,039.73, making for the two quarters an average well above the \$1,000 goal.

The Home Department of the Sabbath school is gradually coming to be understood, and some reports are kept. The Investment Fund has been started. The secretaries are working energetically to promote the interests of the schools. They are endeavoring to collect true reports and to get them in on time. We are thankful to all for the help given and trust that the Sabbath schools of the Central China Union may be used of God during the next biennial period in winning many souls for His kingdom.

Through Reading "Our Day"

L. O. PATTISON

Two weeks ago, in Northern Mindanao, I baptized ten persons who came into this truth by reading "Our Day." May the Lord bless the evangelistic colporteurs in their work, and lead them to a grand and final triumph in Christ.

Literature Ministry

Literature Distribution in East China Union

JOHN OSS

(Synopsis of report of East China Union Publishing Department, as rendered by Pastor John Oss, union publishing departmental secretary, at the fifth biennial session, Hangchow, March 19-30, 1929).

WE have passed through strenuous times since last we met in biennial session. As we view the work from all angles, we feel grateful that so much has been done during these times of turmoil and stress.

Our total sales (Signs Press report) for the biennial period 1927-1928 are \$55,985.94 Mex. as compared with \$65,911.18 for the years 1925-1926. The cause for the smaller sales during the past biennial period was due largely to the drop in sales during the troublous year 1927. The sales for 1928 were encouraging, having exceeded any previous year excepting 1926.

The sales for 1928, in spite of the unfavorable conditions, were just a little more than for the four years 1919 to 1922.

Our colporteurs are a faithful group of workers; and as I report these figures, which are simply an aggregate of their efforts, my thoughts go back to the books and magazines scattered through the East China Union since our last session. Every piece of literature has a history, and was placed in the hands of the reader in a way peculiarly its own. Imagine, if you can, a colporteur nearing the close of the day of hard and trying work, deciding to visit just one more place, and finding there some sin-sick soul back in some lonely alley, and taking his order for the *Signs* for a year, and how these monthly visits are appreciated. Follow the colporteur and we shall find him almost everywhere scattering the precious word.

Our colporteurs are with us at this meeting. Our work is one, and we do appreciate the interest and support the workers and believers are giving this department. Our only objective is to give the last warning message to this world, and we are endeavoring to put forth every effort to make the literature work a greater soul-saving medium.

During the past biennial term our colporteurs have been faithful in tract distribution. Each colporteur carries tracts with him to distribute as he labors.

It is evident that our plan of holding a union colporteur school of about three weeks' duration, has been a strength to our work. These longer institutes give the colporteurs

an opportunity to master the principles of salesmanship, and to gain familiarity with the book or magazine which they are to sell. Such institutes also help put a strong spiritual mold on our work, as we can give attention to the presentation of Bible doctrines, the history of our work, etc. It is our plan to strengthen these institutes and change our studies from year to year, thus making it possible for our regular colporteurs to make progress.

While the past of our work has been most interesting, we feel that the immediate future has much in store. The prospects never looked brighter. This is our day of opportunity for literature distribution in China. The Lord is preparing the way. With communications opening, the old conservatism breaking down, and a spirit of inquiry on every hand, our literature work will meet with a far greater response than heretofore. Let us all press forward and do everything we can to scatter our literature; for we have been instructed (*Vol. IX page 87*) that in giving the last message "one of the principal agencies . . . ordained for our use is the printed page."

From Pastor E. M. Adams

THE latest word from Pastor E. M. Adams, written from Manila under date of June 18, expresses joy over the return of Pastor R. R. Figuhr. Brother Adams has now a little more time for editorial work than formerly when he carried in addition the work that Brother Figuhr takes up anew; namely, the presidency of the Central Luzon Conference, with its membership of nearly 4,000 believers.

Brother Adams writes:

"We are experiencing the blessings of God in our work, for which we are very grateful to Him.

"I have just received our sales' statement for the Philippine Publishing House for the first five months. It shows an amount of *Pesos* 88,966.74, which is a gain over the same period of last year of *Pesos* 34,964.57. *Pesos* 12,485.30 worth of this has been sent abroad, mostly to the United States. It is wonderful how this literature finds so ready a sale when the natural heart of man calls for other kinds. It is only one of the signs that God is warning the world of His second coming."

For a number of years several thousands of Scriptures have been gotten annually into the interior of the "hermetically sealed" land of Tibet by means of traders, and other channels. At the same time, some thousands of tracts and leaflets from our S.D.A. Press at Tatsienlu, in the Tibetan vernacular, have been sent into Tibet by Dr. Andrews.

South China Union Bookmen

R. M. MILNE, FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY

Two weeks ago we started the salesmanship course in the school in Tungshan, and I also asked the folks at Amoy to follow the same program. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 11:00 to 11:30 (the drill period), the study of the literature the colporteurs intend to sell, is taken up. At present there are two classes—one studying the *Signs* and the other "The Hope of the World." This study will continue until the books are thoroughly mastered. On the evenings of the same days (6:00-6:45) we study lessons on salesmanship and the review of the books which have been assigned. Drill on the canvas can come in the morning or on an extra day. The students seem greatly interested, and I think our plan is going to prove a success.

Manchurian Union

B. PETERSEN

AT one place a Chinese official became interested in the truth through the work of a colporteur. Our colporteur spent one evening with him studying the Bible. When he left he took his address, intending to keep in touch with him. He lost his address, however, and so could not write. But the Lord did not forget him; He sent another colporteur to that place, who further instructed this official in the doctrines of our message. Eventually he came in touch with our foreign compound, and attended our meetings. I visited his home for a few days, and we studied the Bible together. It was interesting to see this official enter our meeting-place with a sword in one hand and a Bible in the other. He would walk right up to the front seat, while his soldier-attendant took a seat in the rear.

From Pastor Max Popow

PASTOR MAX POPOW, writing from Harbin under date of June 26, tells of the health and good courage of workers in Harbin, and of the excellent meeting recently held in that city during the days spent there by Brethren Evans, MacGuire, and Finster. Brother Popow sends in an order for eight hundred copies of the Chinese Ingathering Special, and fifty copies of the English. The Russian Ingathering Special will be published this year at Riga, Latvia, Europe, and any who desire Russian Specials should write direct to Pastor T. T. Babienco, Riga, Latvia, for the same, which, of course, will need to be paid for at such price as may be determined following publication.

Note and Comment

The Jananese "Ingathering Special"

COPIES have been received of a beautiful Ingathering Special published by the Japan House recently. The shipment to the States left Yokohama the afternoon of June 25, on the S. S. "President Cleveland," and the copies for Hawaii also went forward at the same time. Brother A. B. Cole, manager of our publishing house in Tokyo, informs us that the cover of the magazine depicts the beautiful scenery found at Arashiyama near Kyoto, one of the most charming spots in all Japan. Inside the front cover is a composite view of the interior of the new hospital recently opened near Tokyo. The inside of the back cover bears pictures of the Portland and St. Helena Sanitariums.

Within are articles addressed to the general public, expressing our thanks for help received during past years, and setting forth principles underlying the "three-fold education" as practiced in our schools, together with facts concerning medical institutions already established in the Japan Union. One page is devoted to an account of the progress of medical missionary endeavor throughout the world. A statement of belief and doctrine is given on pages 25-28. One of the articles is entitled "A Priceless Treasure," and deals with the value of the Holy Scriptures.

Orders for this magazine should be addressed to Pacific Press Publishing Assn., Mountain View, Cal., U.S.A., or to Brookfield, Illinois, or direct to the Japan Publishing House, Box 7, Yodobashi P.O., Tokyo, Japan.

FROM PENANG, S. S.

Pastor J. G. Gjording has been spending a fortnight at Penang, and reports some precious meetings with the church while there. A few are ready for baptism, including a Batak believer. Brother Gjording reports also a number ready for baptism in Bangkok and at Kuala Lumpur.

An especially encouraging word from Brother Gjording is to the effect that the Chinese philanthropist who promised to add a wing to the hospital clinic at Penang has signed up for paying in full for this wing. The expense involved is upwards of \$7,000 gold. Brother Gjording in connection with the receipt of this munificent gift told the brethren that surely God had worked in a special way, and that the granting of this sum by a leader in the Straits Settlements will encourage others to emulate his example.

SHANGHAI SANITARIUM EXTENSION CLINIC

Slowly yet surely the returns are coming in as a result of a campaign for funds in process in behalf of the Shanghai Sanitarium Extension Clinic. Brethren Strahle and Miller have been leading out, and the few who are associated with them are working together as one for the raising of funds. During the past thirty days several thousands of dollars have come in to help swell the total. The prospects are that sufficient will be given to cover the cost of the Clinic as planned. This will bring to the people of Shanghai the boon of a modern hospital with special reference to the needs of the poor.

FROM DR. J. E. GARDNER

For some time Dr. J. E. Gardner has been taking special work in Edinburgh, Scotland. Under date of June 16 he writes of an examination scheduled for July 4. At the time of writing, he was uncertain as to just how much longer he might remain in Edinburgh following the completion of work there. He plans to go on to the United States. Dr. Gardner writes of his deep satisfaction over the prospect of our opening soon a medical work in a needy section of eastern Siam.

Northern Luzon Mission Annual Meeting

J. O. AFENIR

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor J. O. Afenir, director of the Northern Luzon Mission, on the opening day of their annual conference early in May, 1929.)

WITH joy we meet once more to express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for mercies received, and to gather courage for the future, as well as to plan our program of advance.

Our baptisms for the period under review (the year 1928 and the first quarter of 1929) number 293. We have twenty-seven churches, besides twenty-six companies. There are eighteen chapel buildings. Our church membership now exceeds sixteen hundred.

Church officers' conventions have been held in several places, with good results. Much home missionary work has been undertaken by loyal church members.

In tithes, in educational endeavor, and in the use of church literature, particularly *Mispah*, notable progress has been made. We are determined to press on, and are praying God to impart unto us of the Holy Spirit. We greatly desire to follow the lowly Nazarene, Who, even though He was the Majesty of Heaven, came to our earth in order that He might save to the uttermost. We desire to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and to be whole-hearted in service. May God grant that we shall be found faithful in the day of our Lord's coming. Amen.

PRESSING INTO NEW PROVINCES

W. B. RIFFEL

We have recently haptized twenty-six in a new province - Camarines Norte. This is the result of a tent effort conducted by Pastor Jabola and Brother Hizon. They encountered opposition on the part of one who tried to bring our doctrines into disrepute, but who failed in the eyes of the people.

The believers in Camarines Norte are faithfully undertaking to pay tithes and offerings, one of their first turnovers to the treasury totaling Pesos 110.83.

Recently we have been receiving calls from other towns, for preaching services. This new province, I fully believe, is ready for harvesting. We thank the Lord for guiding us into this fruitful field.

In other provinces we have had baptisms totaling twenty-five.

Recently I returned from the distant *barrio* of Ligao. In going there I took nearly every form of conveyance excepting the aeroplane. I traveled by auto-bus, motor-boat, sailboat, canoe, and by hiking. In this far *barrio* we found our believers faithful, and witnessing for the truth. We baptized five more while there, and organized a church of fourteen members. The work here was begun as the result of the distribution of literature. In 1926 a tent effort was held in this place, and four accepted of Bible truth. The results at the time seemed disappointingly small; later the seed sown has been springing up and bearing fruit. The four who first accepted of the true faith, engaged in personal work; and as the result we baptized five in 1928, and now another five, already referred to; this gives us a little church of fourteen. Yet others are interested, and studying; these may unite with us prior to the close of the year. Some of the fourteen have suffered much from religious persecution, but have kept true to the Lord. One of the believers told me he had moved to another settlement in the country, in order that he might be a witness for truth in a new district. Such a spirit of consecration and devotion as I found in the *barrio* of Ligao, brought to me much of encouragement.

A FIVE-YEAR COURSE FOR JAPAN

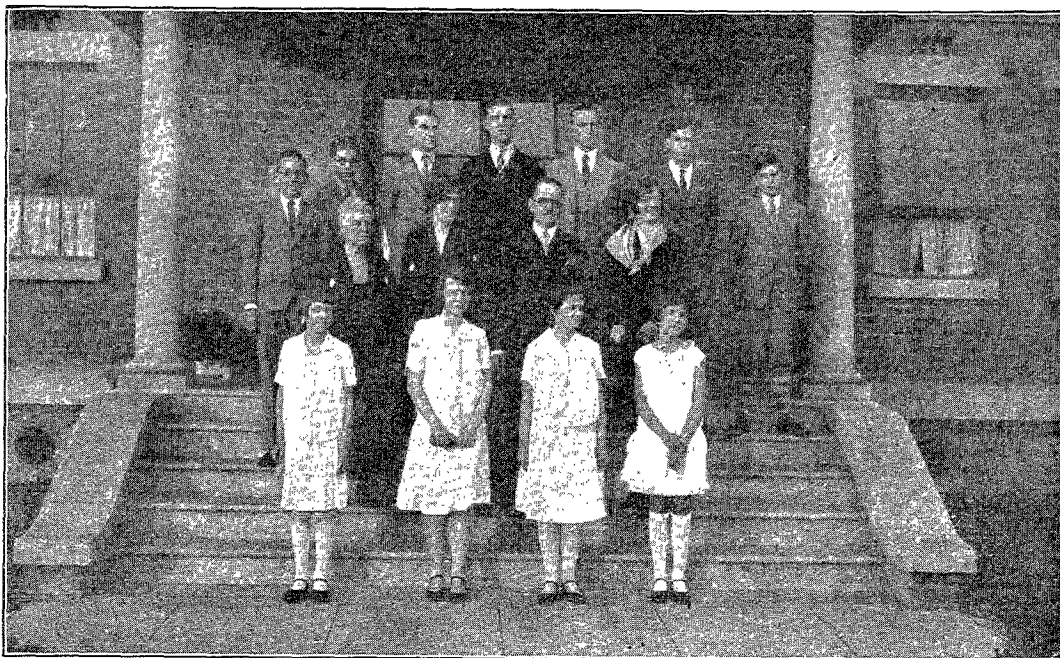
Professor Andrew N. Nelson, principal of the Japan Junior College, writes hopefully of an effort now on in Japan to outline a five-year course for students of the Japanese. Brother Nelson is cooperating with those having to do with language study in the Japanese realm, and believes that a well-worked-out course, with definite goals of attainment, may be perfected soon.

Address of Headquarters of Nether- lands East Indies Union

THE Netherlands East Indies Mission as at present organized bears the official name of *Advent Zendings-genootschap*, with headquarters at Naripaweg 72, Bandoeng, Java, N. E. I. Pastor B. Ohme is the one in charge; Mr. H. Schell is the secretary-treasurer, and Pastor P. Drinhaus is the field secretary.



Glimpse of faculty and students (above) of Far Eastern Academy at 32 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, and of the students and teachers (below) who lived last year in the school home. Far Eastern Academy has already become an institution of proven merit, and offers exceptional advantages to our youth of the Far East. It is anticipated that on September 1, the opening day for the 1929-30 school year, many will present themselves for matriculation.



From Dr. J. N. Andrews

DR. J. N. ANDREWS, of Tatsienlu, near the Tibetan border, writes under date of May 26:

"We have just received the *North China Herald* of a month ago, with the news of the death of Brother Smith down in the southwest corner of Kweichow. Can this possibly be so? We have had no word from Kweiyang or from Chungking, and know nothing other than what is in that news note. What a sad thing it is; for the paper speaks as if there was not much question about it.

"The road to Tatsienlu is fairly clear now. Mr. Edgar, of the C.I.M., has just come back to Tatsienlu, and did not meet with trouble on the way.

"The work is going on well here. Fifty patients this morning were treated at the dispensary; and much literature is going out from our station to Tibetans. We are well, but unutterably sad over the news from Kweiyang."

From Brother L. D. Warren

WORD has been received from Pastor and Mrs. L. D. Warren to the effect that health conditions make impossible their return to the Far East for some time to come. They have, therefore, been released from the responsibility of coming back, and are continuing their service in teaching lines at the Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, U. S. A., which place will continue to be their address. Our loss is Ohio's gain. Brother and Sister Warren express constant interest in Far Eastern Division affairs, and send their warm personal regards to their associates of former years in these lands.

A MEMBERSHIP OF 1,124 IN KIANGSU

K. H. WOOD

THREE years ago, the baptized membership of the Kiangsu provincial mission was 845. Since that time, 356 have united with the church by baptism. After deducing the losses because of apostasy, transfer and death, amounting to 77 we have a net gain of 279, making the Kiangsu Mission membership at the close of last year 1,124. Of these baptized during the past three years, 92.7% came directly from heathenism; and we believe this a fair average for past years also.

In Kiangsu Mission we had on December 31, 1928, 21 organized churches, and 24 other places—a total of 45 stations and outstations.

From Students of Far Eastern Academy

A STUDENT'S FIRST DAY AT THE FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

BY ONE OF THEM

I HAVE chosen to relate to my readers in a fair way what an eleventh-grade student of our school would receive in the line of treatment and impression during his first day at this school.

In order to do this, we will suppose that each one of us is entering for the first time through the big green gate into our little world, "The Far Eastern Academy." The first object that meets our view is a large brick building. To the front and right is a spacious lawn bordered by a little hedge. At the back of the lawn is a cinder playground, on which students may play in all kinds of weather.

We go up the steps and through the front door into a small hallway which leads into a larger one. Entering this, we turn to the left, enter the second door at the left and walk into the office of the principal. The walls here are painted green.

Here we find the principal, either bending over his books, or perchance writing, or having some interview.

He looks up, smiles, and asks, "What can I do for you?"

We answer, "We have come to enroll in this school if possible."

He smiles again, and hands us a slip of paper, which we fill out. After he looks it over, he suggests that we take the following subjects: English II, Denominational History, Geometry, Printing, Typewriting, and French I.

Then he hands us another slip of paper. After we fill this out, he looks at the clock, which is striking off twelve, and says, "It's dinner time now, we had better eat. By the time we have finished eating, your trunks will have come, and you can fix up your room."

We step out the door and are ushered through another door directly opposite the principal's office.

This takes us into the dining room. We are now assigned our seats, and told that we may keep these places until notified to the contrary.

While eating our dinner, a knock comes at the door, which Mr. Morse answers, to find that our trunks are here. He tells the boy who has called, to put them in our rooms.

After the meal is over, Mr. Morse calls James, and asks him to take us to our rooms. This he does, but

while on our way he shows us several of the other rooms, suggesting that we might get a few ideas as to how to arrange our own rooms in the best way.

In our room we find two beds, two chairs, one table, a dresser, and an adjoining closet. We work hard until four-thirty fixing up our rooms. Then we hear a bell ringing. Upon inquiry, we are told that it is now play-time. Going out onto the play-ground, we find many children already playing ball. In no time at all we are among them, playing hard till five-thirty. Then another bell rings. This is the supper bell. Upon hearing this we leave our play, go to our rooms, and get cleaned up. Ten minutes later the last bell for supper rings, and we all go into the dining room.

After supper we follow the other students into chapel. Here the evening worship is conducted, after which Mr. or Mrs. Morse gives us a short talk on manners. Manners are not only talked about in this school, but they are put into practice, and the students soon learn to observe them.

As we pass out from the chapel, Mrs. Morse steps up to us and suggests that she will come to our rooms and help us put on the finishing touches. After she has finished, we are surprised to see how homelike our rooms do look. When she leaves, we are alone till bedtime. Thus ends our first day.

GOD USES THE LITTLE THINGS

(By an Academy Student)

One often thinks that the little things in life do not count for much, and that God is not able to use them. But they do count.

The other day the writer was talking with the foreman down at the Range Road Clinic, now under construction. He asked: "Why is it that your men, Mr. Wood, Dr. Miller, and Mr. Mountain, are so kind, and when we make mistakes they just smile and tell us how to make these right? Other men that we have worked for previously, cursed us and knocked us around when we made mistakes."

I told him it was because we are Christians, and believe in being Christlike.

These little acts of kindness in our life, count. The man whom I have mentioned, is coming to meetings now, and is being given some of our denominational literature.

THE POPULATION OF JAPAN

According to an announcement sent out by the Statistics Bureau of the Imperial Government of Japan, the population of Japan Proper increased by 902,781 during the year 1928. This brings the total population of Japan Proper up to 60,639,485.

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UNION SESSION REPORTS

Further reports of biennial union sessions recently held, appear in this issue. These reports bring to us some items of great interest. If one were to read in connection with these the reports of biennial sessions held in the same territories ten years ago, a great advance would at once be apparent. God has been going before us, preparing the way; and to-day there are many most excellent prospects for the rapid spread of the message in places where only a few years ago no representatives were stationed.

SUMMER SCHOOL - CHINA

Many are in attendance at the Summer School and Institute being held at Chiao Tou Djen under the auspices of the China Theological Seminary. Professor W. A. Scharffenberg is in charge of this Summer School, while Professor Rebok, the president of the Seminary, is in attendance at annual meetings in South China. A wonderfully good spirit has characterized the Summer School and Institute from first to last. More detailed reports will be given in due course. Every union in China has been represented in the student body, and several foreign evangelistic and educational leaders have been serving as members of the faculty.

ARRIVALS

On July 4, at Manila, P. I., Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Lugenbeal, from the Lake Union, for service in the Philippine Junior College.

On July 19, per s. s. "Empress of France," Homer Chen, from the States, where he has been attending school, for service in China Theological Seminary.

DEPARTURES.

The s. s. "Korea-maru," leaving the Far East toward the last of June, took with it a number of families, as follows: J. Henry White and family and Mrs. A. A. Esteb and children, of the North China Union; Pastor S. A. Nagel and family and V. M. Hansen and family of the South China Union; and Herbert C. White and family of Shanghai.

Pastor Wm. H. Bergherm and family, of the West Visayan Mission, P. I., passed through Shanghai the 28th of June, enroute to the States on furlough, per s. s. "Empress of Russia."

Dr. C. Chay Vizcarra, wife, and child, left Shanghai July 20 for service in our sanitarium at Manila.

Mrs. C. C. Crisler sailed from Shanghai July 13, per s. s. "Andre Lebon," for Marseilles, enroute to Geneva.

Pastor E. E. Carman and family, of the South China Union, sailed for the States the early part of July, per s. s. "Shinyomaru," on furlough.

Pastor and Mrs. M. MacGuire of the General Conference, returning to the States per s. s. "Siberia-maru" July 27, after having spent two years of earnest labor in the Far East.

Miss Bessie Mount of the Division Educational and Young People's Departments, per s. s. "Siberia-maru" from Shanghai, July 27, on furlough in the States.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Day of Fasting and Prayer in August

The action of the General Conference at its spring session, appointing the 24th of August, 1929, as a day of fasting and prayer for our people throughout the world, was submitted to the Far Eastern Division Committee by the Secretary at a meeting held July 22, 1929. After careful consideration, it was -

VOTED, (1) That we recommend that August 24, 1929, be set apart as a special day of fasting and prayer among our people in the Far Eastern Division;

(2) That the reading prepared by Pastor W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference, be translated into the vernaculars of the various language areas in the Far East, and as far as possible, published in the church papers;

(3) That we urge our working force throughout the Far East to spend this day in especially seeking the Lord, confessing their sins, and laboring for the spiritual uplift and consecration of our people;

(4) That as many meetings be held in our churches as those in charge may deem advisable, the whole day being spent either in public or private devotion;

(5) That special efforts be made to reach our young people who are drifting from us, to encourage them to give themselves to the Lord anew, and to seek a fitting up for His work.

(6) That our superintendents, directors, ministers, and all who are in charge of our work, do everything in their power to encourage our people humbly to seek the Lord on this solemn occasion.

I. H. Evans.

A PROMISE OF RECRUITS STRONG FOR LABOR

Correspondence from the Home Board gives promise of the probable early arrival of several recruits who have been placed under appointment for service in the Far East. Usually such announcements are withheld until the actual arrival of those named, inasmuch as many disappointments come prior to the sailing of appointees, and we do not always have the pleasure of finally obtaining for service in the Far East those who are placed under appointment. However, the following list gives promise of being entirely filled:

(1) Pastor and Mrs. E. R. Thiele and son, Lorwin, sailing from San Francisco July 31, per s. s. "Korea-maru" for service in China.

(2) Miss Dorothy Wen, sailing late July or early August from Los Angeles for service in the Shanghai Sanitarium as dietitian.

(3) W. I. Montanye and family, formerly secretary-treasurer of the North Dakota Conference, sailing probably early in October for service as secretary-treasurer of the Philippine Union Mission.

(4) R. H. Wentland and family of North Dakota, sailing in mid-August for Hongkong, enroute to Annam for service in French Indo-China.

(5) Dr. and Mrs. Martin Winkel, recently of the Portland Sanitarium, late in the summer for medical service in the Manchurian Union Mission. Their first year will be spent in Peking, in language study.

(6) E. J. Kraft and family, sailing August 14 from San Francisco for another term of service in the Japan Union Mission.

(7) Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Mershon, sailing per s. s. "Empress of Asia" August 8 from Vancouver for another term of service in the Malayan Union. Brother and Sister Mershon are to be located in Kuala Lumpur, the headquarters of the Malay States Mission.

OBITUARIES

Mattie Ledell Kime

Mrs. Mattie Ledell Kime was born in Mount Crawford, Virginia, March 4, 1890, and died in Shanghai, China, July 4, 1929, at the age of thirty-nine years and four months. Her early childhood was spent in Battle Creek, Michigan, and her schooling was obtained largely at Berrien Springs, Michigan, and later at the Walla Walla College in the Northwest. During her sojourn in College Place, Washington, she took her nurses' training at the Walla Walla Sanitarium.

June 1, 1910, she was married to D. S. Kime at College Place, and continued residing there until she accompanied her husband in August, 1916, to Sumatra, Netherlands East Indies, for mission service. Their first station was at Medan, where she learned the Malay language and ministered to the people as an earnest Christian worker. In October, 1920, Brother and Sister Kime were transferred to a pioneer station some miles from Sipogoe in the midst of Batak people, in the district of Tapanoei in Central Sumatra. From the beginning she gave herself earnestly to the study of the Angola-Batak language. Quickly she won the hearts of the people and as a nurse and Christian mother labored untiringly in their behalf. With the growth of the school, and of the constituency, and with the development of a mission dispensary, her time was more than filled day by day, and she gave her very life for the salvation of the people she had learned to love.

When stricken with disease upwards of a year ago, she sought the best medical help available in Sumatra, and later was able to resume her labors at the Batak Mission Station. Her strength failed, however, last fall, and again she sought medical aid at the hospital in Medan, Sumatra. Upon the advice of the physician there she came on to the Shanghai Sanitarium. Her presence here has brought to us anew a realization of the responsibilities of life and of the sustaining grace of our Saviour, who upholds His children in the arms of His love, and imparts strength for every trial. To the very last, our sister thought chiefly of others, and maintained her faith in the Saviour.

On Wednesday, the 3rd, Sister Kime began to fail rapidly, and at half past four the afternoon of Thursday, she passed to her rest. Interment was in the Hungjao Road Cemetery. The funeral service was held on Friday afternoon, July 5, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller, Brethren C. C. Crisler and Frederick Lee officiating. A large number were present.

She leaves to mourn her husband and two children, Spencer and Barbara, together with father and mother Christiansen and a large circle of other relatives and friends.

C. C. Crisler.

Hanny Ruth Effenberg

Hanny Ruth Effenberg, the beloved and only child of Pastor and Sister J. Effenberg, was born February 23, 1928, in Chungking, Szechwan, and died July 16, 1929, after five days' illness of dysentery. She was enjoying perfect health when attacked by this ailment, which proved fatal.

Hanny Ruth was loved by all. The golden hair, blue eyes, rosy cheeks, and sweet disposition made a winning combination in this little messenger of joy and uplift. As her tiny fingers would try to reach the keys of the organ, she would sing, "Dzan Mei Shang-Di," causing our hearts to respond in a note of praise to God. With her voice hushed in death, it was hard for us to sing as we stood by the open grave on top of a hill near Chungking. Yet we are confident that but a short time will pass, and then she will be called forth to again sing, "Praise God."

M. C. Warren.