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TO ALL WORKERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS OF THE CHINA DIVISION

Shanghai, China, January 1, 1931.

Greetings!

The year 1931 dates the beginning of the new China Division, and marks thirty years of missionary advance in China. In the year 1901 Elder and Mrs. J. N. Anderson and Miss Ida Thompson were sent as our first missionaries to China; and we are glad to report that Miss Ida Thompson is still with us, serving as our preseptress at the Shanghai Sanitarium. These thirty years of seed sowing have noted great progress.

During these three decades, and in particular the last fifteen years, the work in China under the blessing of Gol and the experienced leadership of Pastor I. H. Evans has been fully organized into six union missions and all departments of our work proportionally represented. Our evangelists are working in the principal dialects of China, with our Signs Publishing House, which has doubled its size the last three years, issuing the Message through its publications.

The medical work is well represented, with a central sanitarium and clinic and seven other d'spensaries and hosp tals. Our educational work has likewise shown progress with the China Theological Seminary filled with a good enrolment. The Seminary is this year a ming through its industrial work to maintain the entire support of its Chinese staff. Besides this institution, is a large group of primary and intermediate schools throughout the China Unions.

God has greatly blessed Elder and Mrs. Evans throughout these years of stress an !turmoil in the Far East, and sustained them during their strenuous labors and travel. It will always be with the most pleasant remembrances and of deep appreciation of their broad experience and helpfulness that we look back upon our association with them. We extend our best wishes for their health and the continued blessing of God upon their labors, and know that China will ever rest upon their hearts as they carry with them the many recollections of God's wonderful workings in this great and needy land.

To complete this unfinished task our greatest need is a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit, a power that will transform and energize every instrumentality into spiritual units. Our very reason for existence is to give to the world with all our mind, soul, and strength God's solemn warning messages of Revelation 14, which will call out a remnant people. The writer desires to join hands with all the working force of the China Division, pledging and consecrating ourselves with all that we are and have to the finishing of God's work in China and its dependencies.

H. W. Miller, M. D.

THOU ART MY LIGHT I. H. EVANS

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Thou art my light! Beyond me all is dark. My goal is lost in deer est night Except the step that Thou dost light, And that one step is clear as I embark.

Thou art my light! And that's enough for me; Thy light illumes my present need; I work and pray and scatter seed, And in Thy light my work I plainly see.

Thou art my light! When others fail to know Where duty lies because of fear, What joy I feel to have Thee near, Holding sweet converse with me as I go!

Thou art my light! Naught more my faith can ask; About me is Thy glory bright; My inmost soul is clothed in light,

And Thou dost lighten every daily task.

Thou art my light! My will shall ever be Centered in Thee; I calmly rest My wearied head upon Thy breast Like John, beloved, whom some day I shall see. Thou art my light! My all in all shall be Involved in 1 nee. my ho, e, my cheer. All doubts have flown and so has fear. My goal was heaven at last, but now 'tis Thee.

Shanghai,

December 24, 1930.

General Articles

TWO INSTEAD OF ONE

I. H. EVANS

THE General Conference recommended that the Far Eastern Division territory and ass ts be divided and assigned to t vo divisions, namely, the China Division and the Far Eastern Division. The two divisions begin operations January 1, 1931. Each division has already entered upon its administrative duties, and all dealings and administrative problems for the fu'u eare to be referred to the respective new divisions for adjustment. All accounts of the old Far Eastern Division, which must be included in the 1930 accounts, should be referred to Mr. H. W. Barrows for final settlement.

At the Fall Council held in Omaha, a committee of eight was appointed to make an equitable division of all the funds and effects in the Far Eastern Division between the two new Divisions. This committee consisted of Brethren W. H. Branson, W. H. Williams, H. H. Hall, H. W. Miller, F. Griggs, C. C. Morris, Eugene Woesner, and I. H. Evans.

Brother Hall, on account of sickness, was unable to meet with the committee.

Brother W. H. Williams had come over early, to audit the books of the Far Eastern Division. All union, local, and institutional accounts had been adjusted up to November 30, 1930, and estimates presented for the month of December. Reserves, working capital, exchange gains, rental funds, and appropriations from the General Conference, were carefully tabulated, and after thorough study and analysis were allocated to the respective Divisions, in proportion to their working force and the budgeted allotted base. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) was set aside toward headquarters for the new Far Eastern Division, provided it is found necessary to establish headquarters in a new The General Conferenceplace. Committee is to decide concerning the Far Eastern Division headquarters. In case the Far Eastern Division headquarters should be located in buildings which are now available, the \$30,000 will be released for distribution in the Far Eastern D.vision.

In the China Division there are six Union Missions, and over 9,000 church member ; in the Far Eastern

Division there are four Unions and about 18,000 church members. The China Division has one central school, and one central printing plant. The Far Eastern Division has four main schools and four printing plants.

All workers will remain in the language areas where they have been engaged in labor heretofore, and under the new executive committees. A llurloughsfor 1931, as def on those provided for at the 1930 spring meeting of the old Far Eastern Division, will necessarily be referred to the new executive comittees of the two new Divisions.

All real estate, institutions, and rents were allocated to the respective Divisions in which they are located.

Each Union Mission should begin to operate from January 1, 1931, with a 6% cut in the base. Some fields will find this more difficult than others; but as there are no available resources to overcome deficits it will be necessary that each controlling committee start the year 1931 with the definits understanding that they will operate within their budget base as allowed by the General Conference in the Autumn Council of 1930, which is 6% less than the budget base previously fixed for 1931.

The Far Eastern Division will be favored during their Union biennial sessions with the help of Pastor W. H. Branson, vice president of the General Conference, and Pastor W. H. Williams, associate treasurer of the General Conference. It is not certain that Pastor M. E. Kern will be able to attend the biennial session of the Union Missions in the China Division, but we sincerely hope that he may be able to come.

It is our earnest hope that the work to be carried on in the new Divisions will be greatly blessed of God and that the cause will take on new growth in the days to come. We believe that all may feel assured that God is leading in this great work.

Shanghai January 2, 1931

FROM PASTOR F. LEE

FROM Pastor Frederick Lee, in charge of the special evangelistic effort being held during December in Hankow, we learn through a communication dated Dec. 14, 1930:

"Our evangelistic meetings began a week ago to-day. We have had the church more than crowded. Each night the church soon fills up, mostly those who have come out of int.r.st rather than curiosity. A fine class of people they are, some of

the best in Hankow,—merchants, compradores, government men, etc. At the close of each meeting we ask for the names of those interested. The first week we received over six hundred names. It has taken very little effort to receive these names, the people even being willing to come to the front of the room to sign the cards.

We now have eight Chinese workers who have come in from the outstations to help in these meetings. We are all spending much time in looking up the interested people. It is a big task, but we are receiving good results. At the close of the first week we announced the Sabbath services. Thirty new people came to the Sabbath meeting. We have hopes of receiving a large harvest as the result of these meetings and the follow-up work. The Lord is surely blessing, and we are thankful for it. Already the name 'Ging Shih Tang' (the name of this new building which stands as a most wondertul monument for the Lord in Hankow), is known all over the place. Our building ought to stand as a lighthouse in this dark city. At least we are now lighting the lamp, and it is shining brightly. We hope it will never grow dim,

"I am greatly enjoying my experience here. It reminds me of our big efforts in Peking; but I find the people even more intensely interested in these truths now than they were then. There is little anti-Christian spirit among the masses of people in China. They want help wherever they can get it, and the gospel of Christ sounds good to them in these days of doubt and uncertainty.

"The Hupeh workers, both native and foreign, are giving us good support. They, too, are working very earnestly to make these meetings a spiritual success. We are glad to be a help to them, as they are to us. What we need all over China is a revival of evangelism. Nothing can so reach the masses nor awaken our churches and workers, as a series of live meetings, when all work together to win souls to this truth.

"We are kept busy, as the burden of presenting the truth each evening rests upon us, besides the conducting of some workers' meetings. But we are happy in this work. Our meetings will continue to the night of the 25th, when I must leave for Shanghai. The brethren here will continue the meetings to the end of the year. Bible classes will be organized to follow up the work thus begun. We ask an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may indeed see fit to bring out a large number as a result of these meetings."

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Total	936	33,832	27.435		368.15		458.6 3	\$	6,398.33		\$ 1.725.97	 8,951.08

Statistical Summaries

Third Quarter, 1930

THIS issue carries the usual quarterly statistical tables, showing the status of all unions and missions as from beginning to close of the third quarter of 1930-to Sept. 30, 1930. These tables are necessarily in the form of reports of the old Far Eastern Division organization, functioning during that quarter. There remains yet another quarter to be reported under the name of this old organization: also the annua' summary of statistical data covering the entire year 1930, which summ ry is scheduled to appear about the close of February, 1931. This final summary of the old Division will serve as the annual statistical report for both the newly formed Far Eastern Division and the newly formed China Division. Thereafter, all statistical tables will be made up on the new basis of separating the two sections of our former field, and show ing in our body of statistics. under the wives), and 1,662 native workers. name "The China Division," only that which pertains to China and her dependencies: and in another series

which pertains to Japan Chosen, Philippines, Malaya.

Gains during Third Quarter

membership of In baptized churches, the net gains during the third, quarter totaled 517, the membership on Sept. 30, 1930, standing at 25,403. During the quarter there were baptized 812.

The Sabbath-school membership aggregates 33,832, in 936 schools. Their contributions for the first twelve Sabbaths were G. \$7.245.92; for the Thirteenth Sabbath-Offering, G. \$ 1,702.38, - a total of G. \$ 8,949.30. Of church-buildings owned by the Mission there were 347.

Steadily the number of students enrolled in our schools has risen, until it stood on September 30, 1930, at 8,885. Of these, 1,929 were in our intermediate schools, and 1724 in our training-schools. more advanced Seventy-three foreign and 359 native teachers were engaged in these lines of educational endeavor.

The total number of native ordained ministers was listed at 80 : of foreign, 81. Thère was a total of 350 foreign workers (including

First Nine Months of 1930

As the reports for the first nine of summaries, under the name "The months become available for the Jan. 1, 1931.

Far Eastern Division," only that forming of estimates as to how the work of the past year may eventually shape in terms of net results, it. is well to give some study to the results of these first nine months. The total figures are slightly under the averages of advances made during the year 1929, but, taking into account the long-drawn-out war troubles in several of the Unions, there is basis for taking courages and pressing on. The net gain in baptized church membership duringe the nine-month period, for the entire (old) Far Eastern Division, was 1.742. The tithes totaled about the same as for the corresponding period the year before, - upwards of \$ 90,000 gold. Book-sales have been a little less than formerly; Sabbath-school offerings slightly in advance of former figures. The schools are the fullest they ever have been; there are more young people's societies; churches are on the increase; new stations have been opened. It now is evident that when the figures for the new year can be known, the newly formed Far Eastern Division will. a have approximately 18,000. members (probably a little under this figure); the China Division about 9,400 members, beginning with C.

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FOR THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM

Some readjustments of the personnel are to be effected soon at the Shanghai Sanitarium, in view of losses sustained by this institution in certain changes taking place, affecting in part the present working forces. One of these has come through the appointment of Pastor John Oss, of the East China Union, to serve henceforth as the Division Publishing and Home Missionary Secretary. The East China Union on its part have requested the Shanghai Sanitarium to release Pastor F. M. Larsen to serve as the Union Field Missionary Secretary. Another of the losses of the Shanghai San-itarium is the inability of Dr. H. W. Miller, formerly the general business manager of institution, to continue in this capacity, oving to the necessity of his being absent from Shanghai for weeks at a time, in order to serve the general interests of the China field, as the president of the China Division. After very careful and prayer-ful consideration, taking into account the grave responsibility resting upon the Board and Faculty of the Shanghai Sanitarium to make the spiritual and financial interests of the sanitarium a success Brother and Sister H. W. Barrows have been asked to connect with the Shanghai Sanitarium as soon as the work of closing up the old Far Eastern Division business has been com-pleted. Brother Barrows is to serve as manager and treasurer of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital and City Clinic. Brother A. Mountain, the former treasurer, has accepted an appointment as chaplain of the Sanltarium and Clinic.

Brother W. E. Ebarhardt, formerly serving as steward at the Rubicon Road in-stitution, has been transferred to the Range Road Clinic, branch of the Sanitarium, to serve there as local manager for the Clinic, under the general supervision of the institutional board and the general manager. Brother H. C. Hsu, formerly cashier at the Rubicon Road institution, has been transferred to the Range Road Clinic as local treasurer and cashier of that branch. The Range Road Clinic has a large business, and it is thought that if men can be placed there to look after the financial interests of that section of the general institutional program, many ad-vantages will accrue, and the medical faculty will be relieved of a heavy burden that they have borne nobly during the first few months of the running of the Clinic.

Inasmuch as Brother H. W. Barrows has been requested to close up the affairs of the old Far Eastern Division, correspondence for him during the month of January and even later in connection with the final work of making complete records of the old Far Eastern Division business. should be addressed to him at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai. Early in the new year, correspondence for Brother H. W. Barrows as the incoming manager and treasurer of the Sanitarium, may be addressed to Box 1281, Shanghai, China. Announcement will be made later of the addresses of others concerned in these changes, which are to be made effective at such time as conditions may permit. с.

ARRIVAL OF PASTOR C. C. MORRIS AND FAMILY

Among those brought to the China Division per s.s. "Tatsuta-Maru" on Dec. 19, 1930, were Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Morris, together with their children. Master Robert and Miss Ruth, returning from a very short furlough. Brother Morris and family disembarked at Shanghai, inasmuch as his work from January 1, 1931, as Treasurer-Auditor of the newly formed China Division, necessarily causes him to soift his headquarters from Hongkong to Shanghai. Brother Morris was appointed by the Home Board to serve as one of the Special Committee to arrange all affairs connected with the formation and launching of the two new Divisions at the close of the year, and has been busily occupied at this work. Later on, when opportunity permits, he will go on to Hongkong to close up his affairs there, where hitherto he has served as superintendent of the South China Union. Brother Morris re-mained in the States following attendance at the world's General Conference session, in order to be present at the Omaha Autumn Council of the General Conference Executive Committee as the repre-sentative of the China Division. His messages of cheer from these general gatherings in the States, bring courage to our hearts.

All mail for Pastor and Mrs. Morris should hereafter be addressed to 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

DEPARTURES

On January 4, per s. s. "Tatsuta Maru," Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans for the Pacific Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans for the Pacific Coast, Panama, and Washington, D. C.; a. d Pastor and Mrs. L. V. Finster for the Pacific Coast and the Leeward Islands. On January 7, per s. s. "Shanghai Maru" (transshipping at Kobe to the "Yokohama Maru"), Miss Effie A. James

for Seattle, and St. Helena, California, on furlough.

On January 2, per s. s. "Nagasaki Maru" for attendance at Far Eastern Division biennial sessions in Chosen and Japan, Brother Eugene Woesler, secre-tary-treasurer of the newly formed organization.

On January 7, per s. s. "Shangh i Maru," for attendance at the Chosen and Japan biennial sessions, Professor and Mrs. Frederick Griggs, Pastors W. H. Branson and W. H. Williams.

MAIL FOR THE PUBLISHING AND HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENTS - CHINA DIVISION

All correspondence for the publishing An correspondence for the publishing and home missionary departments of the China Division should be addressed to Pastor John Oss, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shang-hai, inasmuch as from January 1, 1931, Brother Oss is to carry these responsi-bilities, in harmony with the appointment made by the Home Board at the time of its quadrennial session last spring.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Brodersen, of Peiping, on December 22, 1930, a daughter, Joyce Audiey.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Eber-hardt, of Shanghai, on January 3, 1931, a son, Elmer Arthur.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. LeClare Reed in Shanghai, a daughter, Lenore Myrtie.

Notices---1931 Annual Meetings

ANNUAL MEETING (SPRING COUNCIL) OF THE CHINA DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

"The annual meeting of the China Division of the General Conference Committee, usually spoken of as the "Spring Council," is appointed for March 26 to April 4, 1931, at the Division office, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shang ai, China. The first meeting is called for 7:30 P. M., Thursday, March 26. Members of the China Division of the General Conference Committee are expected to be present in time for the opening meeting. (Signed)

H. W. Miller, President, C. C. Crisler, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD **UF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINA** THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the China Theological Seminary is called to convene at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu, Cnina, on Thursday, March 19, 1931. at 7 P. M., for the trans-action of such busiliess as may properly come before the meeting, the rendering of reports, etc. A full attendance of the board is urged.

H. W. Miller, Chairman. (Signed) D. E. Rebon, Secretary,

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Pub-lishing House is called for March 23, 1931, at 9 A. M. in the Division Committee Room. 25 Ni.gkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The usual reports will be rendered, and necessary business transacted.

H, W. Miller, Chairman. E. R. Thiele, Secretary. (Signed)

ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY AND BOARD MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, called to convene at the Sanitarium chapel, 150 Rub'con Road, Shanghai, China, at 10 A. M., March 24, 1931, at which time annual reports will be readered and the usual business transacted.

(Sigaed) H. W. Miller, Chairman. A. Mountain, Secretary.

SAD WORD FROM KEIZAN

We have been informed by officers of the Chosen Union Mission, of the death of the beloved daughter of Pastor and Mrs Ernest Lahr, at the hospital in Taikyu, kouthern Korea, ten miles north of our Keizan station, Dec. 8. No partic la.s have come, save that death came from diphtheria. Pastor Oberg went down from Seoul to be with the parents at this time. Our sympathy is extended to Brother and Sister Baar in this time of deep trial; and we commend them to the God of all comfort and grace. 5 1 . · C.