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OUR NEED OF AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

The Keynote of the Division Departmental Conventions,

Shanghai, April 3 to 14, 1925, as given in the

Opening Address by Pastor I. H. Evans

IN Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto Thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before Thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with Thee; and Thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Lord my God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this Thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord." 1 Kings 3:5-10.

There is a great difference between the man who feels a great burden because of responsibility placed upon him, and the man who feels a thrill because he occupies a certain position. Solomon, while recognizing the great honor of being chosen before all others to be the king of Israel, felt his chief concern for the work for which he was now responsible. He must be qualified for this work. He realized that he was not strong; that he was inexperienced; that he had a great lack. He looked upon the magnitude of his work, and he knew that he was unable to measure up to that. And when given opportunity to ask what he most desired, he asked that he might have "*an understanding heart.*" The margin says he asked that he might have "*a hearing heart.*" Solomon placed himself in an attitude where God could use him. This pleased God, and God wonderfully answered His servant's prayer.

I have tried to think of our work and responsibilities here in the Far East, as compared with those of Solomon. It seems to me that our work here is tremendously great, and our workers are very few. We have in the Far Eastern Division field more than 640,000,000 of the world's population—over one-third

of the whole human family—who must be given this last warning message. Surely we are very weak for such a work. I think of our departmental work, our schools, our printing plants, and our evangelical work; and when I consider the responsibilities we have to face before the Lord, and the results for which we must account to Him, I am overwhelmed. Here we are, scattered far apart, stationed in great strategic centers; and if we are not getting results in souls won for eternity, we are hindering the work of God. We are using up the funds of the cause. No other man can come and do the work that should be done, because there are no more funds. Until we are set aside, we are God's men for this work. As I think of what God expects of me in giving the *word* that will put courage into hearts; as I consider our supreme, our overwhelming need, it seems to me that we could not have for these conventions that are opening today a keynote of any greater importance than this desire voiced by Solomon for "an understanding heart."

"An understanding heart" does not mean simply a heart that is full of knowledge. Knowledge is good; but more than knowledge is meant by the phrase, "an understanding heart." It means a discerning heart, a listening heart, a heart that is constantly strengthened by a Power outside itself, a heart that is all the time listening for the voice of God.

Some of you represent a hundred million or more of human souls; all of you represent many millions. There has been thrust upon you a great responsibility. How many times, with a thousand things perplexing you,—oh, how many times you must be driven to utter the desire expressed by Solomon for "an understanding heart"! I think of you as men responsible not only to mold men and women for eternal life, but to shape the work of God in your fields—to bring it into line when it swerves from the right way—to stand at the wheel, and, amid the beating storms, to steer and hold this great work in right lines. Many times I have lifted my heart in gratitude to God for men who are so loyal to the work as you have proven. Your example has given

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The Keynote of the Conventions

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me courage. Men situated far away from friends and fellow workers; nobody to counsel with; no one to speak a word of cheer to you; no human eye to see how hard you work; no one to help in trying situations; yet ever staying, hoping, praying! I think it is a wonderful thing to do such a work as many of you are doing. It is wonderful to believe in a God who can put such loyalty into the hearts of men that they will gladly lay down their lives before they would shirk responsibility or fail in their work, yet who nevertheless are ever conscious that they are wholly unable of themselves to meet the needs of the work.

Brethren, we need to pray the prayer of Solomon, "Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart." A Power mightier than we helping us—this is our great need, our only hope. Every man in his location, in whatever capacity he may be called to work, should realize the greatness of that special work he represents, and should pray, "Lord, here I am, a vessel to be filled. This great work, so utterly beyond my ability to perform,—make me by the infilling of Thy Holy Spirit an instrument in Thine hand for the doing of it."

For three years and a half the twelve disciples were under the direct instruction of the Master-Teacher. Yet even then they were not fitted to go out to preach the gospel until first they were endued with power from on high. And if they could not go unfilled, unendued, surely we without the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts are not qualified for service.

We must think seriously if we would be in the right attitude to be used of God in His work. It is not training and native ability alone that are needed. You have these in a greater or less degree; and these natural and acquired gifts can be used of God. But they must be under the control of the Holy Spirit. The work of God in these last days is to be finished "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." In whatever capacity we are at work, there is little to be gained by depending on the wisdom of man, but with the wisdom and power of God transforming and vitalizing the life and labors, there is everything to be gained.

I would that I might say something that would help you to appreciate more fully the value of souls,—to understand that they are more precious than life itself. When a sinner has been adopted into the family of God, he then is one of God's children. I do not believe that it is right for a man who has once known God, to be allowed to wander away from the fold or church. The church must hold him, if possible. We must give our very lives for the spiritual life of these straying ones. We must hold them all for God. When they say, "I want to get away from the Lord; sinned, I am unworthy," we must refuse to let them get away from our love and our prayers and our labors. We cannot afford to let these boys and girls come to school and backslide or to continue living in sin. We have bigger work than merely to educate their heads. We must impart to them something that is given by the Holy Spirit; we must bring to them an experience, a power, that will hold these boys and girls to the faith.

Nor can a director of a mission be indifferent when a member is drifting away from the church. Sometimes we meet an individual, and we say, "He doesn't appeal to me."

That man may not appeal to you, but he does appeal to the heart of God. God so loved that man, that He gave His only begotten Son to die for him. That soul has been bought with the precious blood of the Son of God. And if God spared not His own Son in that man's behalf, shall you and I be indifferent to his eternal interests? I say, It is unthinkable. How can we stand up before God at the Judgment bar, and hear Him say to us: "I bought that man with My blood, and you were indifferent to his eternal salvation. You did not visit him nor pray with him. You did not throw around him your arms of love and compel him to return to My fold."

Brethren, we are accountable for these men and women; and we should spare no toil, or prayers, or sacrifice, that we may present each one perfect before God. These men and women are not bastard children. They are the purchased possession of God, just as we are; and we are to bind them to the altar of God so firmly that they will never wander away.

There is no easy time before us. A mighty and subtle power has long held a monopoly over the hearts of the Far East. Satan is a mighty general, with a trained army of kindred spirits, and he purposes to put up a fight for every soul that is taken from his ranks. We are in an enemy's country, and we are here for conquest, here to wrest the souls of these men from Satan who is in control. We must fight for these souls; we must battle with principalities and powers and the ruler of this world, as men who battle for life. We must stand, as it were, with our backs to the wall, armed with a determination that never flags, and knowing that standing with us is the great and mighty God, and that all the agencies of heaven are at our command.

During these conventions, dear friends, again and again we must turn to the Source of our power. Again and again, as teachers, as Sabbath school workers, as ministers and leaders, we must call upon the great storehouse for supplies. We must hold our cup for a refilling. We have before us a council to continue for ten days. This should be a time when we recognize in a special way the claims of God upon us, and engage unitedly in earnestly seeking Him. I do desire that these departmental conventions shall not be mere "resolving" conventions, with a great string of resolutions. Resolutions are all right, but they are not our strength. Our strength is in looking to God and in crying to Him as did Solomon, realizing that we are as little children, and that without heavenly wisdom we cannot do this great work and meet the mind of God.

And so, brethren, as we know the Source of our power, let us seek a full supply of grace. As we know that the storehouse of God is full of riches, let us come to Him and be filled. We can all be supplied if we will—filled to overflowing. And this means power. If we would do this, we could multiply our strength in this field many fold.

We are here as God's reapers. We are His harvest-men. The whitened harvest bids us reap. If only we could rise in the strength of God, we could gather thousands of sheaves for Christ. Let us during this meeting turn again and again to the God whom Solomon sought, and say, "O Lord, give us wisdom for our work. Teach our hearts to look to Thee for guidance. Teach us that our strength lies not in men, but in Thee—in the gift of the grate of God dwelling in us by faith." And may the Spirit of the Lord make these conventions the most spiritual, the most mighty, the most uplifting influence that has ever come into our work in the Far East!

I. H. EVANS

THE DEPARTMENTAL CONVENTIONS

The Opening Hour

PROMPTLY at eight o'clock on the morning of April 3, delegates from every Union of the Far Eastern Division met in the upper assembly room of the Signs Press, Shanghai, for the opening hour of the Departmental Conventions appointed for April 3-14, 1925. Some of those present had not met thus since our general divisional gathering in April, 1917. Pastor O. A. Hall, chairman of the devotional committee, announced as the opening hymn, "My Lord and I," and all united in singing,—

"I have a Friend so precious,
So very dear to me.
He loves me with such tender love,
He loves so faithfully;
I could not live apart from Him,
I love to feel Him nigh,
And so we dwell together,
My Lord and I."

Pastor M. C. Warren, just in from the West China Mission, led the brethren and sisters in earnest petition to the God of assemblies to grace our Conventions with the presence of His Holy Spirit.

The Morning Lesson

The morning lesson was given by Pastor I. H. Evans, who based his remarks on 1 Kings 3:5-14, and appealed to those present to enter into fullest fellowship with the Lord of the harvest by putting into our work all there is of us, thus multiplying results many fold. On another page of this number appears a synopsis of this address that so thrilled our hearts and stirred us to desire to give ourselves wholly to God and to service for the peoples with whom we are surrounded.

The Sessions Day by Day

TO GIVE in few words even the gist of what is brought before us hour by hour in the departmental sessions, is not within our power at the present time. Later on some of the papers may be published at least in part, with a summary of the proceedings, including the recommendations finally adopted. The Sabbath School Department has the time from 9:15 to 10:45; the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, from 11:00 to 12:30; the Educational Department, from 2:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon. Round Table Topics are dealt with from 3:15 to 5:15.

Pastor C. H. Watson is occupying the morning hour from 8:00 to 9:00, and is leading us into fruitful fields of thought and into the way of full surrender and consecrated service.

Professor Kern's studies during the evening hour are bringing before us the great privileges of the victorious Christian life—fulness of blessing through receiving the gift of righteousness by faith. The Scriptures are full of comfort and strength and tender appeal; and as these plain truths concerning the true way of holiness and power are contemplated day by day, the brethren and sisters in attendance are made glad in God. Often some one speaks of our associate workers stationed throughout Far Eastern fields who do not have the privileges we are having during these days of seeking God and studying His ways. We recognize that the same One who is teaching us by His Spirit, is the loving Teacher of every child of His, wherever stationed.

By courtesy of those having the Conventions in charge, we are privileged to reprint in this issue of the OUTLOOK the programs followed in the daily sessions. The Spirit of the Conventions cannot be conveyed by mere words; suffice it to say that God is helping us to draw near unto Him, and to seek a preparation of heart and mind that will make possible the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit.

An Appreciation and an Announcement

THE joint convention of the Sabbath School, Educational, and Missionary Volunteer Departments, held at Shanghai, April three to fourteen inclusive, is now in the past. In all, about seventy of our workers from the eleven union missions of the Far Eastern Division were in attendance. It was pleasing indeed to note how faithfully the delegates attended all the meetings, even though each day was filled to the limit from morning until night.

Truly thankful are we for the precious lessons of faith and trust and victory brought to us morning by morning in the devotional hour by Brethren Watson and Kern. Those deeply spiritual Sabbath meetings by Elders Evans, Watson and Kern will linger in our memories and furnish spiritual food, comfort and exhortation for weeks and months to come. Surely God was near and vouchsafed His presence unto us. Returning to our fields of labor, we carry with us the instruction, the plans and information gained, and trust that through the blessing and help of God we may measure up more fully to our privileges and opportunities, and better represent the One whom we love and serve.

It was voted at the Convention to print a report of the proceedings; and each union mission became responsible for a definite number of copies for the workers in its field. Later announcement will be made when the report is ready.

S. L. FROST.

Minutes of the Convention Sabbath School held on the first Sabbath, April 5

"Praise Him! praise Him!
Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!"

BECAUSE HE suffered and bled and died for our sins; because He touched our hearts for our fellow friends who were lost in heathen darkness; because He called us to His service; because He made it possible for so large a number of us to meet in the capacity of a Sabbath school, our souls with our voices joined in singing this beautiful hymn.

We knelt while Pastor Finster asked God's blessing upon us and thanked Him for His mercies.

Brother Sevrens gave us an interesting mission talk on the Philippines, helping us to visualize the peoples, their customs, their worship, their early history.

Brother L. C. Wilcox linked the past quarter's lessons on Christian service something like this: Faith accepts Jesus; makes us realize ourselves as sinners. We confess; He forgives. We consecrate; He accepts. Then comes real Christian service. We have unity, even though we may have ministry of trial and pass through the furnace of affliction. In it all we shall have contentment and cheerfulness. We shall also have a proper Sabbath observance.

After the review the respective classes passed to their assigned places for the lesson study.

On the whole our Sabbath school was quite ideal. Our teachers did not forget to mark their records; our pupils without question went to their assigned places; at the tap of the bell they all assembled for the closing exercises. We gave over one dollar per member.

The membership was 64; the attendance, 64, the offering, \$65.50. If only those thirteen who came in while we were singing had been here when the first hymn was announced, our Sabbath school would have been a model school.

MRS. L. H. BUTKA, Sec'y.



A Year of Labor in the Province of Honan

(Synopsis of a report rendered by Pastor W. E. Strickland, director of the Honan Mission of Central China, at the annual provincial meeting held in Yencheng early in March, 1925)

DURING the year 1924, now passed into eternity, God has truly been with His church in Honan, and through His blessing progress has been made and souls have been won. To Him be all praise and honor for the 147 baptisms, giving us a net increase of 113, which brings our Honan Mission church membership up to 566. This is not as much as our goal, but we do praise God for His goodness and love in giving us so many.

Brethren and sisters, let us continue to make soul-winning our chief aim. Millions remain unwarned; the 147 added to our church rolls the past year, are but as a drop in the bucket, as it were. Upon us still rests this great responsibility of warning the multitudes. Upon every man, woman, and child who names the name of Christ, there should rest a burden for souls. We are grateful to God for the earnestness revealed by many of our brethren and sisters in uniting their efforts with those put forth by evangelists and other mission laborers. The blessing of Heaven has attended their efforts, and thus we have had our best year, with 147 baptisms, as compared with the 117 baptisms in 1923, 40 in 1921. We now have seven organized churches and sixteen companies. Our working force is a united body, made up of two native ministers, one licensed minister, fifteen evangelists, six Bible women, thirteen teachers, eleven colporteurs, twelve nurses. There are five foreign families in addition. Eight tent efforts have been conducted, besides the regular chapel work. District general meetings were held for our church members north of the Yellow River—at Changtufu and at Dziyuen.

Some advance was made last year in an effort to provide groups of believers with meeting-halls. We have had three gifts of land, and labor has been given in the erection of one building. The Shangtsai chapel is the most noteworthy of these building enterprises, having a main auditorium 55 x 22 feet, with seating capacity of approximately 250. Here in Shangtsai Dr. H. W. Miller began mission work nearly twenty-two years ago.

Our Sabbath school membership at the close of the year, was 908—our goal was an even thousand.

Under the leadership of Brother Longway and his assistants, the colporteurs have shown courage and consecration. The total sales for the year amounted to \$10,201 Mex.

The Intermediate School at Loho has been well attended. The students are receiving help that is enabling them to get a better and clearer knowledge of God's will. Last May, at the close of a week of prayer conducted at the school, forty were baptized, the larger number of whom were students.

A goodly number of patients have been treated at the hospital and dispensary during the year. People have come for hundreds of *li* to receive help. A great field is open before us here, and we hope soon to be doing a larger and stronger work along medical lines.

The tithes and Sabbath school offerings show a good gain over 1923; yet I believe we are far, far short of paying a real tithe. Total tithe receipts were \$1,809.75; Sabbath

school offerings \$1,307.22; miscellaneous offerings, \$366.63 (all monetary values in Mexican dollars).

An advance step was taken this year in the Harvest Ingathering work, and many church members took part in the campaign for the first time.

Our greatest aim for the present year is an aim for souls. To this end we need to consecrate our whole lives to the Master's service. The burden for souls should rest upon the heart of every believer. "Every believer a worker for Christ" is our motto.

We would continue to encourage our churches to build their own places of worship. We urge our workers and churchmembers to bring the tithe up to the place where it should be. We look forward to having at least 1,100 members in our Sabbath schools by the end of the year. To help reach these aims we ask the prayers of every believer in the Honan Mission. We pray for a deep outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that all may realize the responsibility resting upon us as Christians, and that we may do the work entrusted to us as faithful stewards.

W. E. STRICKLAND.

Women's Institute at Hangchow

WE held our Bible Women's institute at Hangchow from March 25 to April 5. In some respects this was the best institute we have ever had. Our sisters worked very faithfully to master their Bible lessons, so that they might present the subjects clearly and correctly. I find that these meetings we are holding from year to year for the instruction of our women believers, are grounding them in the truth, and not only are they themselves becoming established, but they are learning how to give the message to those who have not yet been taught about the gospel of salvation.

Our daily program at these meetings runs as follows: The first hour of the day is given to a Testimony study and devotional service. From 9:30 till 12:00, Bible studies are given; and from 1:30 to 2:30 there is a class learning to read the Bible texts that must be memorized before baptism. These women are made very happy as they learn to read the word of God. From 3:30 to 5:30 the time is again spent in Bible studies and in studies on: (1) how to care for the home; (2) how to train the children for God; and (3) in trying to make plain the important principles of health reform. The women take notes, and we have evidence from time to time that they remember what is taught them, and that they are putting into practice the instruction they receive.

The Lord came very near to us by His Spirit at different times during the meeting, and His healing power was manifested in our midst. One sister was taken very sick. She had a very high fever, and her body became stiff, so that she could not close her hands. Several seasons of prayer were held in her behalf, and the next day she was with us again, well, and praising God. For others also who were afflicted God answered our prayers and sent forth healing power.

Sister Oss joined us during the meeting, bringing several hundreds of books and papers. These the women took out to sell, and were successful far beyond our expectations.

At the close of the institute nine persons were baptized. We expected a much larger baptismal class; but because of a very short notice of the meeting being given beforehand, several who had expected to attend did not arrive.

We are grateful to God that the angels are still holding the winds of strife, and that we can travel and visit our dear people at the outstations. They need our help and support. For myself, I want Christ's righteousness within, that Jesus through me may have His way, and make me a light and a blessing to those for whom the Lord has sent us to labor. This is my earnest prayer.

MRS. B. MILLER.

THE SOUTH CHINA UNION BIENNIAL SESSION

The South China Union Mission

*(Synopsis of the report of the superintendent of the South China Union,
Pastor F. H. DeVinney, at the biennial session of the Union
held in Canton, China, March 12-22, 1925)*

WE extend welcome greetings to the representatives present from the General Conference, the Far Eastern Division, the provincial missions, and near-by churches. This is the largest gathering, with the fullest representation of the six missions making up the South China Mission, which has ever met in this field for conference and counsel. For weeks and months some of us who have very little association with others outside our own families, or with those in our mission stations, have been looking forward to this meeting with great anticipation, not only for the encouragement and pleasure accruing from association with those of like faith and ideals, but also for an interchange of experiences; a sharing of victories; a seeking together of the Lord and His Holy Spirit; a renewing of our strength, our covenants, and our consecration, for the finishing of the work in this great needy field where our lot is cast.

At this early moment in our conference, let me voice your feelings of praise and gratitude to God for His unflinching care and help for us His unworthy children and for His great cause, since last we came together. In the midst of all the unrest of these troublous times through which we have been passing throughout South China, when the worst passions of evil men seem to have been let loose, the Lord has protected His own, blessing in basket and store and in all spiritual things. While there have been serious illnesses, yet under the mercy and goodness of God, not one death or serious permanent loss of health has had to be reported of any of our adult workers during the past term; and not one family has had to be released to the homelands on account of loss of health. And best of all, the cause of God has steadily gone forward, notwithstanding our own failures to measure up fully to our privileges and responsibilities.

During the past biennial term the South China Union Mission has lost the services of two workers and families by transfer to other China fields, and two others who have returned to the States to take up work there. Three of our families are on furlough, and three who went on furlough during the previous period have returned refreshed and invigorated to take up their work again with renewed courage. Four families, long needed and looked for, have come to unite with us, and have been placed in four different missions. We need not assure these fellow-workers of their welcome to our labors, sorrows, and joys, and to a part in the reward when the work is done. With the addition of four families, our field is still greatly undermanned, and with fewer workers than we had five or six years ago. In two different missions there is in each but one foreign family. In one mission the director is the only foreign teacher in a school of nearly two hundred students, and is also responsible for all the other mission activities. In the Swatow Mission, with its established field work, chapels, and schools, the worker in charge—the only foreign laborer in the mission—has been in China only a few months, and as yet is unable to speak the language. His burden of work places him at a serious disadvantage in learning a difficult

language, and this brings a great loss to the work that has taken so much time and cost to build.

Military and political activities in nearly all the missions during the past two years, have made it very difficult, and at times impossible, for directors or other foreign laborers to visit stations in the interior and give any active assistance to our Chinese evangelists or workers. In a number of cases the only connection between the field and the leaders of the mission, for months, has been by correspondence more or less uncertain, and by visits from our Chinese laborers who at times have been able to get in to the head stations.

During the past term, I have been privileged to visit some of the interior chapels in most of the missions. In two cases we were turned back by the authorities on account of dangers ahead, and not permitted to go on to other appointments. In four of the missions, Bible institutes have been held with the workers. These have continued from three to five weeks, and with from three to five studies on present truth and methods each day. Other institutes were planned, but could not be held on account of conditions making it impossible for the laborers to get to the place of meeting.

Some of the missions have been working on a plan of securing and owning chapels where chapels have formerly been rented with funds coming through budget appropriations. Several places of worship have been secured by making the year's rent appropriation the nucleus for the purchase, and by interesting the local church or company to give and to secure gifts from friends, supplemented at times by a small donation from the mission. This is much better than depending year after year on rented stores, or dwelling houses, many of which are oftentimes undesirable.

During the two years covered by this report, we have employed, on an average, 250 workers of all kinds, at large expense. The baptisms have been 276, the net increase in church membership, 189. We will all agree that after the many years of our work in China, with the number of workers under pay, and attendant expense, the returns have not been a tithe of what we ought to expect.

As the secretaries of the different departments will give detailed reports, I shall only briefly mention a few items and suggest some recommendations.

Publishing

Notwithstanding unfavorable conditions, our colporteurs have had a good measure of success. For the first time in our history, the sales last year reached the goal set by the Union. It is encouraging to reach a goal, and it ought to help us to greater results the present year. Last summer, several young ladies from the Cantonese Intermediate School earned scholarships for the present year by canvassing in Hongkong. There is no valid reason why scores of our students cannot do the same every year. Our experience in this line for the last two years demonstrates that the only limit to the sale of our literature is the number of colporteurs kept in the field, their consecration, and the number of hours each working day they are willing to give to hard, determined toil. Such work brings success regardless of obstacles or conditions. All our evangelists should be encouraged to sell, and to train the church people to sell, our papers to neighbors and friends.

Educational

At the close of 1924 we were conducting 52 schools in South China, with 103 teachers and 2,400 students, 497 of these students being Seventh-day Adventists or from families where some member is a church member. It would seem that with so many of the pupils from non-Christian families, sufficient tuition should be charged to cover the expense of the school, and thus relieve the mission from this burden. Much has been done to improve our schools; but much more remains to be done in order to make them really an evangelizing agency.

Medical Missionary Work

For several years medical missionary work has been in operation in Fatshan, near Canton, with Dr. Wong and other Chinese helpers at present in charge. This institution has had a good degree of success, both medical and spiritual. The purchase during 1923 of the property in which the Fatshan dispensary has been conducted for several years, secure for this institution and for our chapel a very desirable property, well situated. Some improvements have been made, but extensive rebuilding must be done to place it in a condition for our needs. From Medical Extension funds for 1925, the General Conference has appropriated \$3,075 (gold) for this purpose.

At Nanning, Kwangsi, a small building has been erected at the rear of the hospital-dispensary compound, and the cost of this and of a surrounding wall has been met from the earnings of the institution, supplemented by donations. For several years our Nanning hospital has been without a foreign physician; nevertheless under the care of Dr. Hong and Brother and Sister P. L. Williams, steady progress has been made. The coming of Dr. D. Coffin has given great impetus to this work, and the past year has been the most successful of its history. Its work is becoming known to some of the most influential people of the city and province. On my last visit to Nanning, I had the pleasure of meeting the governor of the province who had been visiting one of the big military officials who was an inmate of the hospital. The governor spoke very highly of the reputation of the institution, and expressed a willingness to help in its development and growth.

In the basement of the church building in Canton, treatment-rooms have been fitted up, some equipment installed, and a little plant established which has been in operation for some months with Brother V. M. Hansen in charge of its growing work. This project has been almost entirely financed by funds donated for the purpose. We are now looking forward to the coming of a physician who can divide his time between the dispensary in Fatshan and the treatment-rooms in Canton.

Sabbath Schools

Our Sabbath schools have made much progress, and the programs of many are interesting, and show careful preparation. In some missions the offerings are increasing; but still there is room for improvement.

Home Missionary and Woman's Work

Our church missionary endeavor in this Union has included a specialized branch known by us as the Woman's Work. In the woman's work the sisters seek to bridge over conditions found in China where the status of women and the customs of thousands of years make it impossible oftentimes to reach them by the same methods followed in reaching men. It is designed that the sisters who have had the advantages

of a Western education and training shall teach and train their Oriental sisters in the church to do soul-winning work; and thus, with combined forces, light and truth will be carried into the sin-darkened homes which can be entered in no other way.

We are making progress in the Home Missionary work; but the advancement comes slowly, and calls for patient, persistent, united effort on the part of the leaders to bring the church to realize individual responsibility.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society

We have but few organized Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies, and these are in connection with our advanced schools. The members take great pleasure in the work of the society, and their energy finds an outlet in various ways to advance the message. For a large portion of the past year the Union has been without a secretary for this department, and little supervision has been given to it except locally. Steps should be taken at this meeting to advance the interests of this department.

Conclusion

I desire to unite with you at this meeting in new covenant relations with our heavenly Father, that we may be more devout, more sincere, more grateful for daily and unending help. With you, I thank God for the dear brethren and sisters in the homeland, whose sacrifices of loyalty and love make it possible for us to live and labor here in this needy land. I thank Him for the many prayers which ascend daily in our behalf. Let us pledge ourselves to greater efforts, more economy, and larger results under God, from our labors, that the finishing of our work may be hastened.

With our Chinese workers, and with all brethren and sisters of the "remnant church" in China, I desire to unite in covenanting with God for a new spiritual experience which will daily bring us greater love, more patience, more forgetfulness of self or of personal convenience and pleasure, more faith and helpfulness. Thus will our way be made shorter, our path brighter, our work lighter, until Jesus comes.

F. H. DEVINNEY.

The Publishing Department

(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother R. M. Milne, during the recent biennial session of the South China Union Mission)

THE printing and distribution of our literature is a most important branch of our work, and God is going to make it succeed in spite of apparent obstacles. When I read of what our colporteurs in Europe are going through in order to carry the truth to the people, I cannot but think of the contrast here. The people are glad to receive us, glad to read, and the officials instead of being antagonistic, head our subscription lists and give us recommendations. Surely now is the time to put forth every effort.

Literature Sales

During the past two years a large number of books and papers have been placed in French Indo-China. Our colporteur there has done excellent work, not only in selling a large number of books and papers, but in making friends. While I was there many merchants asked me if we could not soon open chapels. The Christian Alliance is the only Protestant Mission in Annam at present. Should not some plans be made for the following up of the seed sown and the occupying of this land for Christ? The printing of the new book "Great Man" has helped our sales in the port cities where

our other books have been sold so thickly. The girls in Hongkong sold more than in previous years, although only five of them obtained scholarships.

We had hoped last summer to use 25,000 copies of the special health number of the *Signs*,—19,995 was our total, but this is more than twice the number sold in 1923. The *Signs* monthly average during 1924 was 7673 copies, during 1923, it was 5881. In the past two years 162,651 copies of the *Signs* have been used.

The sales of books, papers, and tracts, for 1923 were \$21,501.31, and for 1924, \$23,437.26, making a total of \$45,038.57 for the biennial period. This represents a gain of \$13,000 over the previous two-year period and is equal to the sales of the previous three years and a half.

Most of the work has been done in the cities, the small villages and market towns remaining practically untouched. These villages are not so easy to work, but they are fruitful fields for the consecrated worker.

As in other places, our greatest need is more colporteurs. Our present number of 15 regulars and the student help during the school vacation is inadequate to cover the field. We could easily place 50 men. With 100 hard working, self-supporting consecrated colporteurs in our union, what great things would be done for God. Shall we not endeavor to reach this goal so that the work may "go forward with ever increasing success?"

R. M. MILNE, Sec'y.

The Cantonese Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by the director, Pastor A. L. Ham, at the biennial session of the South China Union March 12-22, 1925)

IN rendering our report for the biennial period ending Dec. 31, 1924, we would acknowledge our heavenly Father as the author of all blessings that have attended the work in the Cantonese Mission, and render to Him thanksgiving. And we would solemnly acknowledge our imperfections in carrying on His work, and express our heartfelt regret that we have not accomplished more for Him in the salvation of souls. We would also at this time, together with you, rededicate our lives for more faithful service for our Lord and Saviour.

Perhaps the two years that this report covers have been fraught with more perplexities and dangers than has any previous biennial period. Political unrest and a state of war has existed throughout our territory. Brigandage has been rife in all sections, making travel by boat or train uncertain and even dangerous most of the time. Boat and train fares have more than doubled during this period, as a result of military occupation and resulting taxation. Trains and boats have been commandeered so much of the time that those traveling interior cannot be certain of the time of their departure, and much less certain of the time of their return. These conditions have tended to bring gloom into the hearts of the people; and were it not for their fatalistic attitude in such matters, many would be driven to desperation. Yet during all this political upheaval, class war, and factional quarreling, our people have been preserved alive. Some have even attained a degree of prosperity, though it is true that many have lost financially.

Evangelistic Work

We now have seven organized churches, two organized companies, and seven unorganized companies. At all sixteen places regular Sabbath services, prayer meetings,

preaching services and Bible studies are regularly conducted. During the two years we have made considerable progress in getting our workers to see the importance of holding Bible readings and cottage meetings in the homes of interested persons. I think all our native workers have come to recognize this as the best way to win people to the truth.

It is our established custom to hold quarterly evangelistic meetings at each of the out-stations, and to follow these up with Bible classes. On account of war conditions and shortage of workers, we have not been able to carry out this program fully the past year, but will endeavor to do so this year. Students and teachers from our school help in conducting some of these special meetings, and in this way get a training for their future work. This plan also gives the teachers personal experience in soul-saving, and better fits them to be trainers of our youth. It also brings into our school a very helpful missionary influence. We are urging that all our workers—teachers, doctors, bookkeepers, nurses and office helpers—give definite time to direct evangelistic effort; and we suggest that every one endeavor to give at least one Bible reading each week. If we can bring this about, we have no question about the results. This, under God's blessing, is sure to bear fruit in the hardest and most unproductive field. We have baptized 74 precious souls during the biennial term.

Literature Work

We have sold during the two years a total of \$17,563.10 (Mex.) worth of literature. Both years we have more than reached our sales goal. We have four regular colporteurs. In addition, Brother Fung has been doing a splendid work in Hongkong. During the day he distributes papers in the shops and homes, taking additional subscriptions or selling books. At night he opens the doors of the chapel and preaches the message from the desk or gives a Bible study. He has had the best success during the past year in winning souls to the truth, of any year that he has done this work. Few men believe more thoroughly than he in the literature work or are more willing than he in carrying it forward.

The literature work has enabled a number of our young men and women to keep up their payments for school expenses; and this has solved some of our perplexities at the school in the matter of providing a method for students to earn their own way. Sisters DeVinney and Milne have helped the girls sell literature in Hongkong, and thus several worthy girls have been enabled to continue their education. Several of the young men have done very well in this matter, and others have worked along during the school year, selling our good literature afternoons, on Sundays, and during vacation. We encourage this work, believing that our students are better boys and girls for it, and are being taught useful lessons.

Our tract society is rapidly becoming a training center for some promising young men from the school, who under the supervision of Brother Milne are getting a practical training in carrying on tract society work.

Sabbath Schools

We now have 16 Sabbath schools, with an enrollment of 412 members. During the two years we have received \$2,664.86 local currency in offerings. Of this amount \$1,472.47 was received during 1924, showing a gain of \$280.08 over the previous year. Many of our schools are well conducted. The blessings the Sabbath school brings to our people, old and young, can not be adequately

estimated; much less can we estimate the blessings they bring to those who are eternally saved as a result of the Sabbath school offerings.

Educational

We have one intermediate school, which serves the Cantonese, Hakka and Kwang sai Missions; and eight primary schools; the total enrollment is 245. There are several calls in for the opening of primary schools at various outstations; and some of these should be opened soon, if possible. A small tuition is charged at each of our primary schools, two of which are almost self-supporting. Others are working toward this end.

We now have a number of young men and women who have been in our schools for many years, having gotten all their education in our denominational schools. We look for many of these young people soon to enter the work as teachers or in other lines. We are filled with rejoicing as we see this realization of our hopes; for this is what we have looked forward to for many years.

Our educational work presents its problems. The matter of student support through returns from paying industries, is still an unsolved problem as far as the boys are concerned. We are face to face with this problem to-day. The industrial work for the girls is a paying industry.

The Lord has greatly blessed the intermediate school. There is a splendid spirit prevailing, and much attention is being given to its spiritual activities.

Home Missionary Work

The members of our churches and companies have done considerable campaign work with literature and in Harvest Ingathering. The women have been active in carrying their part of the responsibilities. We are glad to see the sisters becoming more interested in helping to carry the message to the women of China. This greatly strengthens the hands of our workers.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society

The work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department has brought great blessing to our intermediate school, where there is a live senior society. This society carries its activities beyond the school into the near-by villages, where regular meetings are carried on. The offering goal for each quarter is \$50, Mex. The proceeds from their Harvest Ingathering last season, for about six hours of work, amounted to nearly \$200, Mex. We have five junior societies conducted in connection with the primary schools. Several workers have spoken to me of the benefit accruing to the children of these schools, from these junior societies.

Medical Missionary Work

The Little Eden Hospital-Dispensary in Fatshan is now being operated in mission-owned property. Because of necessary repairs and remodeling of the buildings, and our consequent inability to house some patients, there has been a slight decrease in the patronage this year. The last half of 1924 showed a good patronage, and the work of the institution has been moving along very well under present conditions, though these are not even yet at all satisfactory. During the past two years the workers at the dispensary have treated several thousand cases, and have received in funds, exclusive of appropriations or donations, the sum of \$4,677,63, local currency. During 1924, aside from expenses in remodeling buildings and for equipment, the dispensary was self-supporting. The workers are making their efforts evangelistic in nature, and are endeavoring to carry on the work in harmony with the instruction given in the Spirit of prophecy.

In the Cantonese Treatment Rooms, located on our city mission property in Canton, Brother Hansen and his helpers are conducting a growing medical missionary work. They have a nicely equipped little plant, where they have treated nearly a thousand cases during the few months of operation. Funds to the amount of \$956.20 were raised by Brother Hansen, Brother Ma and other workers for the starting of this enterprise, and we trust it will grow into an efficient agency for the spread of the gospel message in Canton. We are greatly in need of a doctor from the homeland to connect with our medical missionary work, to give the counsel, the encouragement and the mold it needs. The opportunities are many; and under God's blessing, with right planning and earnest effort, we should be able to do a work in these dispensaries that will bring blessing into the lives of many suffering people.

Tithes and Offerings

There has been a small increase in tithes and mission offerings despite the political and economic conditions prevailing. We have reached our goal of ten cents per member for offerings, and the Sabbath schools have reached the goal of seven cents per member.

Our Needs

We acknowledge our great need of the power of God in our lives as workers, that we may truly be "living epistles, known and read of all men." We need to be men of vision; men who will not despise the day of small things; men who can surmount obstacles and press into the opening providences of God for the extension of His work. We need to be men who will plan for the present and for the future, but who will wait for the "going in the tops of the mulberry trees,"—men who will refuse to be discouraged with men who are discouraged with themselves, or provoked with those who are unappreciative. We need to be men who will stand for principle, no matter what the consequences; men who will love these native people, and will work untiringly and unselfishly for them. We need more and more the character and spirit of the Master who went about doing good, who loved and sought to save all men.

We thankfully acknowledge the material blessings that have come to this mission during the past two years; yet we would be remiss in duty should we fail to set before this meeting some of the pressing needs of the Cantonese Mission.

The Intermediate School needs a classroom building. There is need for funds to complete a teachers' home. We are so far from houses which our native teachers could afford to rent, that it is imperative we provide a place on the compound for our teachers. We need more space in our industrial building, and more equipment. We need financial help in erecting neat little meeting houses in different parts of the field. Our native brethren are very desirous that we have some churches that are mission-owned, and I believe this would be pleasing to God. There is need of help in building the proposed church at Im Po. The brethren there have donated land and pledged some three or four hundred dollars, but the task is too great for them alone. Can we not help them? We need to rebuild the property at Fatshan, and we need a doctor for this place. We are grateful that plans are being laid to provide for both these needs. We should rebuild the rear part of the Canton City property and provide a home there for our city worker and family.

And once more I place before you our need in Hongkong. Hongkong is a large cosmopolitan city; it is the gateway to

all South China and the most important junction for transshipment to all parts of the Orient. We need a foreign worker stationed there who can give his time to evangelistic work for the people of Hongkong, and, perhaps, have some one associated with him to do ship missionary work. I believe ship missionary work could soon become self-supporting. If my memory serves me correctly we have made a call for help in Hongkong at every Union committee meeting for many years, and it certainly seems that we should get a worker for Hongkong soon. It may be that we cannot do anything immediately, but cannot we plan definitely for the work and send such appeals to the Home Board as we deem appropriate, and pray together that favorable answer may come?

I acknowledge my deep appreciation for the hearty cooperation that has existed between our foreign and native workers. There has been an almost ideal spirit of mutual interest and helpfulness shown in all departments of our missionary work, and I hope and trust this will continue in the future.

A. L. HAM.

Sabbath School Department

Synopsis of report rendered by Mrs. Minnie R. DeVinney, Sabbath School Secretary of the South China Union, Canton, March 12, 1925

MY connection with the Sabbath School Department has been for but a small portion of the biennial term which should be covered by this report, and therefore of necessity it will be more of a general nature than a report in detail.

By the following statistical report it will be seen that there has been a healthy growth in nearly all the items of Sabbath school work over the previous biennial term, and also over the first year of this term by that of 1924:

No. of Sabbath schools	83
Membership	3,744
Average attendance	3,167
Seniors	2,517
Youths	876
Primary-Kindergarten	351
Regular Sabbath school offerings	\$2,558.70
Thirteenth Sabbath offerings	\$604.95
Total Sabbath school offerings	\$3,163.65
Members of Home Department	32
Schools using <i>Sabbath School Helper</i> (100 per cent)	83
Sabbath school members baptized during two years	139
Home Department offerings (included above)	\$18.65
Birthday Offerings	\$23.01
Schools reaching Weekly Financial Goal	20

We are thankful for the increase shown, but trust that with greater interest and attention by us all the present term will show a much greater advance over all previous terms.

What our Sabbath schools are and much of their usefulness depends upon the local evangelist or worker who directs the work of the chapel, or church, and has the responsibility of the development of the people who have been placed under his care. The very best talent among us may be given to the fundamentals of the Sabbath school; long experience and the very best thought may be brought to its problems by the General Conference, Division and Union Sabbath school departments; but if the evangelist, superintendent, officers, or whoever is responsible for the work of the local school, are careless, indifferent, or negligent, the school will lose the benefits, suggestions and helps which are passed on from the departments.

Make the Sabbath school attractive. This is one of the secrets of a successful school. Keep out of ruts. Do not select the same officers and teachers year after year. The

officers of one term should be developing other officers and teachers to succeed themselves. Others who can be found may not be as good and proficient at first; but give them a chance to develop and help them to get under the burden, and see what the Lord can do with very unpromising material. Long prayers to open the exercises, and long dry reviews, should be cut in half; long speeches by the superintendent, and explanation of pictures drawn on the board, should be shortened or eliminated. Special music should be encouraged sparingly. Give more time to the study of the lesson than to the opening and closing exercises. Make the Sabbath school both attractive and valuable.

In conclusion we wish to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for the measure of usefulness and success He has given to the Sabbath schools during the past term. Let us pray that in the coming months we may gain a larger measure of His Spirit to guide us, a deeper consecration and willingness to be used; more watchfulness, and more prayer, to the end that the faithful discharge of the responsibilities which He permits us to assume may hasten the finishing of His work.

MRS. MINNIE R. DEVINNEY.

The Educational Department

(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother R. M. Milne, during the recent biennial session of the South China Union)

THE South China Union has 49 primary schools, with an enrollment of 2126 students; 3 intermediate and middle schools with an enrollment of 297; making a total of 52 schools and 2423 students. There are 75 teachers in the primary schools and 28 in the higher schools, with 4 foreigners giving full time and 8 part time work.

During the past two years although two primary schools were dropped and only two teachers added, the number of students has increased over 550. The middle schools show a slight decrease in attendance. The value of buildings and equipment remains about the same, as no funds have been available for even the most urgent needs.

We appreciate the summer schools held every year in Shanghai, and several of our teachers have attended each summer. Many, however, could not attend, and to assist these a summer school was conducted in Canton last summer. The six weeks spent together, under the direction of Brother Wilcox, were very helpful for all, and we hope that each year this work may be continued.

For several years there has been a call for a summer school for the coast fields, and we hope that next summer this need can be met.

There is a constant stream of boys and girls finishing the primary schools who ought to continue their education, but whose parents are too poor to pay their way to a higher school. These either attend the government or other mission schools near by, or drop out entirely. The Lord has plainly instructed us that our young people should not be allowed to drift away, but should be sent to our own schools, there to be trained for His service. How can we make this possible? Shall we establish industries? and if so, which industries can be carried on without too great a loss on student labor?

As each field will be presenting its special needs in its report, just a brief glance at some will suffice. For a long time Amoy has been calling for help. Brother E. L. Anderson will soon be leaving on furlough, and the school board is making urgent request for two foreign families for school work, and that these be sent out as soon as possible. Many

times funds have been asked for to provide dormitory and chapel room. The need is desperate, and \$5000 gold is the smallest sum that could be made to alleviate immediate needs.

Foochow has a fine school building which can easily accommodate 200 students. At the present, however, Brother Morris is alone in that field, and until another worker can join him there is little use of making it larger.

The Tungshan Intermediate school has outgrown its present buildings and is needing a classroom and assembly hall.

There are two higher primary schools in Hakka that graduate from twenty to forty students each year. Only a few of these enter the Canton school or go to Shanghai, the others are practically lost to us; if Hakka could have a Junior Middle school (9 grades) for these to continue, later sending graduates to Canton, it would do much to save the youth.

Many other needs might be presented. That these needs may be met and the work go on unhindered, is the prayer of every worker in our field.

R. M. MILNE.

The Hakka Mission

(Report rendered by the director, Pastor J. P. Anderson, at the biennial session of the South China Union)

THE territory of the Hakka Mission comprises the country in which the Hakka dialect is spoken, with the exception of some parts that border on the Swatow field in the districts of Fung Shun, Kit Yang Phu Nen, Fui Loi, and Moi Fung; also certain districts near Canton. Practically all the people of northern Kwangtung speak the Hakka dialect. They number six millions. The Hakkas are a hardy race—would naturally have to be to make a living from such inhospitable soil as they are forced to cultivate for a living. As a rule they are well educated and progressive. Of the several hundreds of Hakka believers thirteen delegates are at this meeting.

We are glad to report progress during the past two years. Fifty-five new members have been added to our numbers. Tithes and offerings have increased as follows: Tithes for 1922, \$99.20; 1923, \$157.15; 1924, \$293.97 (Mexican currency). Sabbath school offerings 1922, \$444.02; 1923, \$330.71; 1924, \$573.48. The literature sales for 1924 were \$1,532.25. We are glad to report that 170 copies of the *Shepherd* go into the homes of our believers. It is our steady purpose that the home of each believer shall receive the regular visit of our church paper.

Church Properties

Progress has been made in acquiring properties for chapel use. Exclusive of Waichow we now have our own church buildings in Phai Mui, Thong Set Fu and Pat Vui, with seating capacity of 700, 200, and 300 people, respectively. The total cost of erecting these churches, including land, was \$2,148 of which \$1,292 was raised among believers.

At Waichow the church has been rebuilt. This gives us a very beautiful church building which will seat 300 persons. With the pupils from the girls' school in attendance, the church is nearly filled every Sabbath. At still other places we have chapels or land on which we hope to build in the future. It is our settled policy to own all our houses of worship wherever our constituencies will warrant this.

Schools

Schools are being conducted at seven stations. In one place the equivalent of higher primary work is being done. In all, 518 students were enrolled during 1924, from whom \$825.35 in tuition fees was collected. Nineteen teachers were employed.

In Waichow a girls' school is being conducted by Mrs. S. A. Nagel and other teachers who are working hard to make the school a success. The attendance this year has been very regular. The enrollment was 70.

We are all more or less familiar with the political conditions of Kwangtung the past year. Close to Waichow have been the front lines of the contending armies. Needless to say, much havoc has been wrought. One large district city has been ruined. Some market towns have been burned to the ground; others have been deserted. Whole villages have been left vacant, and in some places the grains of rice spilled by the plunderers have started to grow in the houses. It is a melancholy sight that meets one's eyes, yet this is nothing compared to the sufferings endured by these defenceless people. We are glad to say that conditions are now becoming more normal. Good harvests were realized this year along the East River. Our mission has helped many people in their dire need, but of necessity it has been beyond our ability to extend help to all. Yet, if my memory serves me aright, no really needy suppliant has appealed to us in vain.

Our Plans and Our Needs

The Hakka field is so scattered that the director is unable to visit each station long enough or often enough during the year. If only three days were spent at each station, it would require sixty-six days to make the round, not counting the time spent in travel. This year, 1925, at our annual committee meeting, the field was divided into three districts. Over each district was placed an evangelist who is to give his entire time to helping and supplementing the work of the evangelists at the stations.

Many perplexities have beset us during the past term, and no one is more aware of our shortcomings than are we ourselves. But because we have learned to trust the Saviour who knows all our frailties, we hope through His mercy and help to have a completed work among the Hakkas when He returns.

J. P. ANDERSON.

The South Fukien Mission

(Report rendered by Pastor B. L. Anderson, director of the South Fukien Mission, during the recent biennial session of the South China Union)

PAUSING briefly and looking back over the past two years of missionary endeavor, our hearts are constrained to give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for His continued mercies and blessings. The love of Christ passeth knowledge, and His abiding presence gives joy and courage.

The past few years have been a time of unrest. The political situation has not improved over previous years. Warring factions are still pillaging the country, and interior places are still in the hands of brigands. It is quite the order of the day to hear of people being taken and held for ransom. But in spite of these adverse conditions some progress has been made in the different departments of our work.

The evangelistic work has made progress. The Word has been preached and the seed has been sown, and souls have come to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. According to our records, the membership is now 270.

The average membership of the Sabbath school for the two years is 719; average attendance, 633; total offerings \$1,163.61 Mexican.

Literature sales have been on the increase, because we now have a greater variety of books and pamphlets to use than in former years; and besides, the public is more eager for reading matter, and better able to pay, than in earlier

times. During 1923 our sales amounted to \$2,955.46 Mexican; in 1924, \$5,327.60; total for the biennial period, \$8,283.06. A large part of the literature has been distributed by students and teachers during week-ends and in summer vacations.

The July health number of the *Signs* (Chinese) seemed to appeal to the public. The word "hygiene" is now a word much used in the Chinese vocabulary. One military official bought at one time 3,000 copies for his soldiers.

Five elementary schools have been operated. The present enrollment is 310. Tuitions received from these schools for the biennial period have amounted to \$979.55 Mex.

The Sino-American Middle School, at Kulangsu, Amoy, has enjoyed a fair patronage. During the autumn semester the enrollment, including the girls' department, reached an even 200 students. Tuitions and other fees received for the biennial period amounted to \$6,917 Mex. If sufficient and proper facilities were provided, the enrollment and receipts could easily be increased 100% without materially adding to the operating expense.

The Missionary Volunteer society which is organized at the school has been carrying forward its regular weekly programs on Sabbath afternoons. These have been most interesting and helpful. The different bands have been busy in their department, and some good work has been done. The older and more experienced members of the society have given considerable time to street preaching and visiting villages on week-ends. The offerings to missions have amounted to \$45 Mex.

On May 22 of last year, the South Fukien Mission sustained the loss of tried and faithful workers. Pastor W. C. Hankins, after ten years of faithful service (his second term), returned with his family to the homeland on furlough, in order that their daughters may have school privileges. We miss them much. But on the same day that we bade farewell to the workers who first arrived at Amoy in 1905, we also welcomed Pastor V. J. Maloney and family to the joys and labors of the South Fukien Mission.

In the name of Him who said "Go," and with it gave the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway," we face the future with courage and confidence.

B. L. ANDERSON.

The Swatow Mission—1923-1924

(Synopsis of a report rendered by the acting director, Brother E. E. Carmen, at the biennial meeting of the South China Union.)

DURING the period covered by this report (to quote from Brother Bates) "greater effort has been made to raise the moral standard of the churches we already have, rather than to reach out into new fields, and try to make new converts. The results of such work, of course, cannot be given in figures."

The Higher Primary Boys' School, formerly operated in Swatow, has been moved into the country and divided into two schools, one for the Swatow-speaking members, at Peh Thah and one for our Hakka constituency at Kong Im Sua. Much of the land and buildings of the Peh Thah school was donated by the people of that district. During the past year it has been necessary to do considerable remodeling and buying of small plots of ground, that the best work might be done and undesirable conditions removed. Now we have a school with room for fifty or more boys. The school for the Hakka-speaking people is conducted in a mission-owned chapel, fairly large and commodious.

One of our needs is housing room for our girls' school in Swatow and a suitable meeting place in that city. The

work is going forward, in spite of all handicaps. The field is ripe for the harvest. Calls are coming from every section. It seems to me just now that the great need is for evangelical work—a need transcending our need for mission schools.

We believe that Swatow is one of the most needy fields of earth, and we are thankful for the privilege of working here. During the past few months while military operations in the interior made extensive itinerating impracticable, we have had some precious experiences in Swatow, including labor for sailors of naval vessels stationed in the harbor. Truly it seems that God is leading out on every hand, and thus urging us in no uncertain way to press in and do our part. We gladly dedicate our lives to the finishing of His work in the Swatow mission.

ERNEST E. CARMEN.

The Kwangsi Mission

(A synopsis of the report rendered by the director, Pastor P. V. Thomas, for the years 1923 and 1924, at the biennial session of the South China Union, Canton March, 1925)

WITH David we wish to say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We thank the Lord for His care over His people for the past two years. The foreign workers have been kept in strength and health to perform their duties without interruption, and our Chinese brethren have also been under the kind hand of God, as they have been protected from violence of contending robbers and soldiers while their neighbors have been mistreated and robbed.

The Kwangsi mission territory is the largest in the Union, including all the Kwangsi Province, besides the Ling Shan, On Po, and Hum Chow districts of Kwangtung. The area of our mission is seventy-seven thousand square miles. There are two principal languages, the Cantonese and the Mandarin, besides several Miao and other dialects. Of all the provincial missions in South China, Kwangsi has the poorest of communications, being practically without railways and without wagon roads. The people depend wholly upon waterways and small footpaths for travel.

During 1923 the director and only ordained worker was out of the field on furlough, and there were no membership gains; but in 1924 forty-three were baptized, making the present membership 147.

In connection with each station, evangelistic efforts have been made. In Nanning a matshed effort was conducted, with good attendance. The dispensary helpers and doctors took part in this effort, going out to the near-by villages preaching the gospel and healing the sick.

Two schools have been in operation most of the time, one at Nanning and one at Naam Heung. This latter school has been in operation for several years and is self-supporting, the church members themselves guaranteeing the teacher's salary. Two new schools will open during 1925 under this plan, one at Kwai Ping and one at Lim Chow. Seven from our field are attending the Canton Intermediate School.

For the first time the literature sales went beyond the goal set. Besides the books and pamphlets distributed, nearly 700 subscriptions were taken for the *Signs*. We greatly need regular canvassers. We are praying that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His harvest. The province is noted for its poverty and hard travel. We must have hunters for souls, men who love God and the souls of the people, and who will not be afraid of hardship. Pray that we may find and develop these much needed workers.

The dispensary is doing well financially, and is gaining us many friends. The patronage has been good, and from the earnings and donations we have been enabled to build a wall around the place, besides adding a kitchen, and rooms for four patients. We still need more room to accommodate patrons, and also living quarters for the nurses and helpers. If political conditions will remain quiet for a little time, we hope to raise enough money to build an addition that will double our capacity and give us the needed quarters for nurses.

Our financial report has some encouraging items, and though the figures are not large, the trend is in the right direction. While the budget for 1924 decreased, the tithes and offerings increased.

	1923	1924	Increase
Tithes			
Workers	\$230.60 Mex.	\$218.25	
Lay members	165.43	196.88	19.10
	396.03	415.13	
S. S. Donations			
12 Sabbaths	125.97	271.05	
13th Sabbath	113.01	115.45	146.62
	238.98	386.50	
Harvest Ingathering		48.57	48.57
Book sales	1128.93	2287.88	1158.95

Our church membership now stands at 147, a net gain of 22 over the previous period. We thank the Lord for these small gains, and pray that they may be increased many times in the coming period.

P. V. THOMAS.

Home Missionary Department

(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother R. M. Milne, at the biennial session of the South China Union)

THE home missionary work holds within it great possibilities for the church in China. In Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, p. 32, we read: "If every church member were a living missionary the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries." What would it mean in South China if each member were an active Home Missionary worker? If each of the 2000 members in our Union "no matter what his calling in life, made it his first interest to win souls to Christ," how quickly the church would grow. The members could then support their primary and higher schools, erect their church buildings, and make the work almost self-supporting. A good education is not the great essential for this line of work. "It is he who yields himself most unreservedly to God that will render Him the most acceptable service."

This then—to put the members to work—is our great task. Our aim has been "Each one win one." With each member a worker this goal would not be hard to meet. "Every church should be a training school for Christian workers." Here the members should learn how to do missionary work; how to meet the people in their homes and give them the gospel; how to distribute literature and to hold Bible readings. It is important that our Chinese constituency learn to bear responsibilities in this line of missionary endeavor; and that our Chinese workers be encouraged of each tout and organize the church members for service.

The subscription list of the *Shepherd*, our church paper, in the Union, is much higher than in the past, now reaching 663. As several of the directors have expressed it, if we can keep our people reading the church paper, we shall have fewer apostasies and a cleaner church.

A new feature of the Harvest Ingathering this year has been the soliciting of funds by the members through the sale of papers. Not all fields have felt free to urge this, and it might be well while here together to consider this question—to what extent should we urge our members to take part in soliciting. In the 1924 campaign 3050 Chinese papers and 100 English papers were used. Only one gift of \$100 Mex. was received, and the total of \$919.34 was made up of small amounts.

According to the reports, good gains have been made in every line of missionary work over previous years. Here are some of the figures:

Comparative Report

	1921-22	1923-24
Letters written	977	1096
Letters received	317	628
Missionary visits	5650	13,663
Bible readings or cottage meetings	4120	10,915
Subscriptions taken	35	168
Papers sold	494	951
Papers mailed, lent or given away	6437	34,656
Books sold	143	249
Books lent or given away	250	250
Tracts sold	21	70
Tracts lent or given away	10,000	31,019
Articles of clothing given away	253	674
Number of meals provided	993	2,651
Treatments given	1024	4372
Offerings for home missionary work	\$455.43	\$861.15
Number of conversions		36

For what the Lord has helped us accomplish we thank Him, and with renewed determination consecrate ourselves to the task of training our church membership for service for the finishing of the gospel work in the earth.

R. M. MILNE, Sec'y.

Methods that Help

Looking the World in the Face

WHEN that great missionary pastor, Dr. D. M. Stearns of Germantown, was asked, "What methods do you use for visualizing missions to your people?" he responded, "I always keep the world before their eyes."

A five or ten minute map talk or exercise will help an entire school or congregation to look the world in the face.

1. Pray for various mission fields with the map before you. Take China, for instance. Have a leader point out the capital, then pause for prayer for that great nation, and all its officials. Pass on to various mission fields or institutions, calling attention to the accomplishments for which thanks should be given, and to the needs for which intercession should be made. Pause at each station or institution for prayer. The leader may voice all the petitions, or different leaders may be assigned in advance, or some or all of the prayer may be silent thanksgiving and intercession.

2. The map may be used in connection with a flag exercise. In a map study of a certain continent or section have boys or girls carry flags of that country and each give a striking fact about it, or about one of its cities or sections.

3. "Around the World in Thirty Minutes" may be given by some one who knows the mission fields of the church, and knows how to make a map talk with a pointer. The thirty minutes may be changed to five or ten for a Sabbath school and still make possible a clear presentation of the location of mission stations.

4. A series of five-minute map talks on our various mission fields may be given on several successive Sabbaths.

5. Much interest may be aroused and much information given by assigning to various classes responsibility for presenting in five or ten minutes mission work in certain countries by means of the map.—*Missionary Review of the World*, February, 1925, adapted.

Sabbath School Department—Convention Program, April 3-14, 1925

Friday, April 3

Greeting: W. A. Spicer
 Roll Call of Secretaries, with Responses
 Address: Why We Have Met Here Mrs. I. H. Evans
 Discussion: F. H. De Vinney
 What I Have Seen of the Influence of Our Sabbath Schools
 C. H. Watson
 Discussion: T. Babienco
 We Must Take Our Responsibilities in the Sabbath School Work
 More Seriously M. E. Kern
 Discussion: Andrew Nelson

Sunday, April 5

Visiting Our Russian Sabbath Schools in the Far Eastern Division
 T. Babienco
 Topic: The Real Purpose of the Sabbath School
 B. Petersen
 Discussion: W. P. Henderson
 Topic: How Can We Make the Sabbath School More Efficient in
 Soul Winning M. E. Kern
 Discussion: M. C. Warren; J. G. Gjording

Monday, April 6

A Visit to Our Sabbath Schools in Peking Mrs. W. J. Harris
 Topic: The Efficient Sabbath School Program
 Mrs. L. V. Finster
 Discussion: H. O. Swartout; A. Mountain
 Topic: The Singing Mr. H. C. Shen
 Discussion: Mrs. S. L. Frost
 Topic: Making the Most of the Lesson Study
 Pauline S. Guild
 Discussion: O. A. Hall
 Topic: The Review I. H. Evans
 Discussion: E. R. Thiele
 Question Box S. E. Jackson

Tuesday, April 7

Visiting Our Sabbath Schools in Korea H. A. Oberg
 Topic: Our Sabbath School Membership L. V. Finster
 Discussion: K. H. Wood
 Topic: How the Home Department Helps Stop Membership
 Leaks in Mission Lands E. J. Urquhart
 Discussion: H. A. Oberg
 Topic: Building up a Successful Home Department
 Florence E. Wood
 Discussion: M. C. Warren
 Topic: The Woman's Work as Related to the Sabbath School
 Mrs. F. H. De Vinney
 Discussion: Mrs. B. Miller
 Mrs. H. O. Swartout
 Question Box S. E. Jackson

Wednesday, April 8

A Glimpse at Our Sabbath Schools in Borneo and Singapore
 Effie A. James
 Topic: Daily Study of the Sabbath School Lesson
 V. E. Hendershot
 Discussion: C. H. Watson
 Topic: Practical Suggestions for Promoting the Daily Study Plan
 E. R. Thiele
 Discussion: John Oss
 Topic: The Rewards of Daily Study Florence E. Wood
 Discussion: Yeh Kwen Gan; M. E. Kern
 Topic: Memory Work for Our Sabbath Schools
 H. O. Swartout
 Discussion: Mrs. L. V. Finster
 Question Box S. E. Jackson

Thursday, April 9

Visiting Our Sabbath Schools in Japan V. T. Armstrong
 Topic: Sabbath School Finance and Its Place in the World-wide
 Mission Plan C. C. Crisler
 Discussion: C. H. Watson
 Topic: Where the Money Comes From and Where It Goes
 1 The Regular Mission Offering I. H. Evans
 Discussion: L. V. Finster
 2 The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Ida E. Thompson
 Discussion: Mrs. John Oss
 3 Home Department Offerings Mrs. R. M. Milne
 4 The Birthday Offerings Mrs. W. J. Harris
 5 Sabbath School Expense Money O. F. Sevrens
 Discussion: H. L. Shull
 6 Reporting the Sabbath School Offerings
 H. W. Barrows
 Discussion: G. S. Luther

Friday, April 10

Visiting Our Sabbath Schools in South China
 F. H. De Vinney
 Topic: The Soul Winning Teacher M. E. Kern
 Discussion: S. L. Frost
 Topic: Methods in Primary Teaching Mrs. Florence Shen
 Discussion: H. S. Lindt
 Topic: The Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course
 W. A. Scharffenberg
 Discussion: V. T. Armstrong
 Topic: Making the Most of the Teachers' Meetings
 Mrs. D. S. Williams
 Discussion: O. F. Sevrens

Sunday, April 12

Visiting Our Sabbath Schools in the Philippine Islands
 Mrs. O. F. Sevrens
 Topic: Training Classes for Sabbath School Officers and Teachers
 in Our Training Schools S. L. Frost
 Discussion: O. F. Sevrens; V. E. Hendershot
 Training the Secretaries to Report Mrs. L. V. Finster
 Discussion: Florence E. Wood;
 Mrs. Edgar James
 Topic: The Value of Rally Days Mr. Bangnee A. Liu
 Discussion: K. H. Wood; M. E. Kern

Monday, April 13

Visiting Our Sabbath Schools in Malaysia L. V. Finster
 Topic: Our Sabbath School Officers
 1 What Should Be Expected of the Superintendent
 O. A. Hall
 Discussion: H. O. Swartout; S. E. Jackson
 2 The Secretary Who Lifts K. H. Wood
 Discussion: C. C. Morris; C. C. Crisler
 3 Teaching to Win F. H. De Vinney
 Discussion: S. L. Frost; M. E. Kern
 Question Box S. E. Jackson

Tuesday, April 14

Off the Beaten Track in East China J. G. Gjording
 Topic: Last Words
 1 Personal Work for Every Pupil Lucy Andrus
 2 Promptness and Order D. S. Williams
 3 Keeping the Interest at Par M. E. Kern
 4 Our Goal for the Next Biennial Period M. C. Warren
 Topic: Resume of Special Points, with Charts C. C. Crisler
 Prayer and Consecration Service I. H. Evans

Educational Department—Convention Program, April 3-14, 1925

- I. How our Schools in all Lands have Advanced the Work of this Message. I. H. Evans.
Discussion: C. H. Watson, M. E. Kern.
- II. Our Far Eastern Educational Problem and Program. W. E. Howell.
Discussion led by I. H. Evans.
- III. a. The Relation of the Field to the School. L. V. Finster.
b. Relation of the School to the Field. O. F. Sevrens.
Discussion led by (a) O. A. Hall.
(b) B. L. Anderson.
c. A Definite Policy in Inspecting and Rating Schools. S. L. Frost.
Discussion led by D. S. Williams.
- IV. a. Teaching: A Sacred Work. C. H. Watson.
b. The Teacher: His Responsibility and Qualifications. M. E. Kern.
c. What shall We Require of Teachers; What Standards shall Govern their Gradation? S. L. Frost.
Discussion led by (a) L. V. Finster.
(b) V. T. Armstrong, (c) M. C. Warren.
- V. a. Summer Schools and their Work. W. A. Scharffenberg.
b. Teachers' Institutes. V. E. Hendershot.
Discussion led by (a) R. M. Milne.
(b) S. H. Lindt.
c. Teachers' Reading Course. Missionary Volunteer Reading Course. Ministerial Reading Course. Andrew Nelson.
Discussion led by H. A. Oberg.
- VI. a. Purpose of our Schools: For Whom Established. C. H. Watson, C. C. Crisler.
b. When Should Schools be Opened, and under what Circumstances? D. S. Williams, W. J. Harris.
c. The Parent-Teacher Association. Lucy Andrus.
d. How Organize the Elementary School Board; How Can We Apply the Parent-Teacher Association to our Elementary School Work. W. A. Scharffenberg.
Discussion led by (c) R. M. Cossentine.
(d) C. A. Carter.
- VII. a. Essentials in a Seventh-day Adventist School Curriculum. W. E. Howell.
b. Relative Importance of Subjects in this Curriculum: What can Safely be Eliminated? W. E. Howell.
c. To what Extent should We Follow the General Conference Educational Department Curriculum? What should be our Relationship to the Established School Curriculum of the Government? H. O. Swartout.
d. Uniform Curriculum and Uniform Examinations. V. E. Hendershot, L. C. Wilcox
H. M. Lee. B. F. Gregory.
- VIII. The Bible Teacher and his Work. I. H. Evans.
Discussion led by Giang Tsung Gwang.
- IX. a. Industrial Work: Its Place in the Higher School Curriculum. I. H. Evans.
Discussion led by C. H. Guild.
b. Industrial Work in the Lower Grade School. H. L. Graham.
Discussion led by G. J. Appel.
c. English in our Curriculum. Ida Thompson.
Discussion led by C. A. Carter.
d. Music in our Curriculum. Mrs. S. L. Frost.
Discussion led by Mrs. D. S. Williams.
- X. a. The (Chinese) National Phonetic Script: Its Place and Importance. H. O. Swartout.
Discussion led by E. R. Thiele.
b. The Scholarship Plan. J. J. Strahle.
Discussion led by W. P. Henderson.
c. Relation of the Educational Secretary to the Schools of the Union. The Union Educational Board: Its Work and Importance. W. A. Scharffenberg.
Discussion led by Andrew Nelson.
d. How to Make our Schools more nearly Self-Supporting. H. L. Shull, H. W. Barrows.
- XI. a. Recreations, Amusements, Social Entertainments. M. E. Kern.
Discussion led by B. L. Anderson.
b. School Government, Discipline, Punishment, Dismissal from School. B. L. Anderson.
Discussion led by O. F. Sevrens.
c. Government Recognition for our Schools. H. M. Lee.
Discussion led by M. E. Kern.
- XII. a. Aims of our Higher Grade Schools in Chapel, Worship and Students' Meetings. How can Best Results be Obtained? V. E. Hendershot.
b. Faculty Prayer Meetings, and Student Prayer Bands. M. E. Kern.
Discussion led by I. H. Evans.
- XIII. School Texts; Our Needs and how the Situation is Being Met. Andrew Nelson.
Discussion led by V. E. Hendershot.
- XIV. a. Should our Young People be Encouraged to Go to America to Study? S. E. Jackson.
Discussion led by C. H. Watson.
b. The Fireside Correspondence School. M. E. Olsen.
c. The Chinese Fireside Correspondence School. W. A. Scharffenberg.
Discussion led by (b) M. E. Kern.
(c) J. G. Gjording.
d. "Chinese Christian Educator." S. L. Frost.
Discussion led by D. S. Williams.

Topics for Round Table or Committees

- Laboratories. H. O. Swartout.
Discussion led by H. M. Lee.
- Supervised Study Periods. W. A. Scharffenberg.
Discussion led by Wang Ging Bo.
- Developing the Right School Spirit. Andrew Nelson.
- School Vacations. D. S. Williams.
Discussion led by L. C. Wilcox.
- Time for Preparation of Lessons. Ida Thompson.
Discussion led by C. A. Carter.
- How can we Stimulate the Question and Answer Method? What Plan can be Advanced for Influencing Teachers to Make thorough Preparation of Lessons before Coming to Class? V. E. Hendershot.
- Ideal Program for the Elementary School, Both Class and Seat Work, Grades 1-4, with one Teacher; Grades 1-6, two Teachers. Mrs. D. S. Williams.
- What is the best Plan for the Daily Program in Schools where Students must Work several Hours each Day. L. C. Wilcox.
- How can We keep Students equally Interested in all the Essential Subjects? Should More Time be given to some Subjects than to Others? The Place of Physiology, Geography, and National History in the School. D. S. Williams.
- Grading of Students. Entrance Examinations. Accepted Credits. S. L. Frost. Discussion led by Hwang Da Wei.
- A System of Reporting. School Records and Reports.
- The Score Card: Its Use, Value and Importance.
- To what Extent can We Use True Education Readers?
- How can We Lighten the Course of Study for Industrial Students? J. E. Riffel.
- Model Libraries for the different Grades of Schools.
- How can We Arrange for Proper Help to be Given to All Grades of Schools, especially the Primary? C. C. Crisler.
- School Hygiene. G. J. Appel.
- Furniture and Equipment in the Primary School. J. E. Riffel.
- Importance of a Practical Education for Girls. Ida Thompson.
- How can a greater Spirit of Reverence before, during and after Meetings be Maintained? W. P. Henderson.
- How may our Schools be Strengthened for the coming Year, and for Permanent Growth and Development?
- Boarding Plans in our Schools. School Principals.
- Model School Homes.
(a) The Preceptor and his Work. L. C. Wilcox.
(b) The Preceptress and her Work. Mrs. R. M. Milne.
- Y. P. M. V. Days; Educational Days; Spring Week of Prayer, Special Efforts for Young People. M. E. Kern.

The Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers—Far Eastern Division Convention Program—Shanghai, April 3-14, 1925

- I. Young People: Their Nature, Development, Problems, and Possibilities. M. E. Kern.
Discussion led by I. H. Evans.
- II. God's Call to the Youth. How May they be Saved, Enlisted, and Trained for God and the Work of this Message? C. H. Watson.
Discussion led by M. E. Kern.
- III. a. Reports of Missionary Volunteer Work in the Unions. M. V. Secretaries.
b. How Has the Y. P. M. V. Movement Proved a Blessing to this Denomination? How May the Blessings of this Movement be Brought to the Young People of the Far East? I. H. Evans.
Discussion led by M. E. Kern.
- IV. a. Why Have a Y. P. M. V. Society in the Church? Necessary steps in Organizing such a Society. G. J. Appel.
b. To what Extent Should Y. P. M. V. Societies be Organized in the Provincial Fields? What Should be the Nature of the Organization? Andrew Nelson.
c. What Plan Should be Followed Where the Young People in the Church are Insufficient in Number to Form a M. V. Society? How May the Blessings of this Y. P. Movement be Brought to these Young People? R. M. Cossentine.
Discussion (a, b, and c) led by J. H. White.
- V. a. Relation of the Y. P. M. V. Society to the Church, and the Church to the Society. C. H. Watson.
b. Relation of the Y. P. M. V. Society to the Home Missionary Department. M. E. Kern.
c. Relation of Church Officers and Teachers in our Schools to the Y. P. M. V. Society, its Work and Meeting. R. M. Milne
Discussion led by (a) L. V. Finster.
(b) W. A. Scharffenberg. (c) C. C. Crisler.
- VI. a. The Missionary Volunteer Society: Its Motto, Aim and Pledge. J. H. White.
Discussion led by B. F. Gregory.
b. The Y. P. M. V. Meeting: When and how to Conduct Programs; How Arrange for Programs. O. F. Servens.
Discussion led by H. M. Lee.
c. The Executive Committee of the Missionary Volunteer Society, and its Work. Mrs. L. V. Finster.
Discussion led by G. J. Appel.
d. Reporting: Individual, Society, Provincial, Union and Division. L. H. Warren.
Discussion led by Herbert C. White.
- VII. a. The Missionary Volunteer Manual: Its Contents: Who Should Have it? Shall it Be Translated in Whole or in Part for Use in the Different Fields? S. L. Frost.
Discussion led by L. C. Wilcox.
b. The Devotional Features of the Y. P. M. V. Department; Work of the Devotional Society. C. A. Carter.
Discussion led by R. M. Milne.
c. Educational Features of the Y. P. M. V. Work: Standard of Attainment: Its Importance: How May We Prepare our Young People to Pass Examinations in these Subjects? V. E. Hendershot.
Discussion led by E. R. Thiele.
d. Reading Courses: Choice of Books. Fostering the Work; Examinations for Certificates; How May We Make it Possible for the Young People to Secure these Books? D. S. Williams.
Discussion led by O. F. Servens.
- VIII. a. Our Boys and Girls: How Shall They be Safeguarded, and Won to the Message? V. E. Hendershot.
Discussion led by C. A. Carter.
b. The Junior Missionary Volunteer Society: Its Object and Field; How and When Organized? Its Place in the Elementary School. L. C. Wilcox.
Discussion led by W. A. Scharffenberg.
c. Substituting Something Better for Objectionable Games and Practices Now Indulged in by our Boys and Girls. H. M. Lee.
Discussion led by R. M. Cossentine.
d. The Junior Manual: Its Contents. How May its Plans Be put into Operation in the Far East? Andrew Nelson.
Discussion led by B. L. Anderson.
- IX. a. Dangers for the Young in Present Day Literature. (Symposium)
b. Our Young People and Their Social Problems. Marriage Conditions in all Fields. (Symposium)
- X. a. Home Conditions Throughout the Field. (Symposium)
b. How May the Standard of Home Life Be Raised. M. E. Kern.
Discussion (a, and b) led by B. Peterser.
c. The Work of the Home Commission as Related to our Young People's Work. M. E. Kern.
Discussion led by C. H. Watson.
- XI. a. Qualifications and Work of the Conference or Mission Y. P. M. V. Secretary. How May He Do Efficient Work? S. H. Lindt.
Discussion led by K. H. Wood.
b. How Can the Y. P. M. V. Society Be Made a Real Success? Andrew Nelson.
Discussion led by H. J. Doolittle.
c. Preparation of Literature for Young People's Organization and Work: Tracts, Certificates, Membership Cards, etcetera. S. L. Frost.
Discussion led by H. M. Lee.
d. Relation of Our Young People to the Church Paper and the Educational and Y. P. M. V. Magazine. B. Petersen.
Discussion led by O. A. Hall.
- XII. a. Instruction along Missionary Volunteer Lines in Our Higher Grace Schools. W. A. Scharffenberg.
Discussion led by Andrew Nelson.
b. Work of the Different Bands. How Can This Work Be Made Effective? R. M. Cossentine.
Discussion led by W. J. Harris.
c. Training Young People for Leadership in the Y. P. M. V. Work. H. L. Shull.
Discussion led by W. A. Scharffenberg.
d. Yearly Goals: Morning Watch Calendar, Young People Won to the Truth, Money Raised, Certificates and Bible Year Cards, Standard of Attainment Certificates, etcetera. Mrs. I. H. Evans.
Discussion led by C. H. Watson.
- XIII. a. How Can We Carry the Inspiration, Instruction, and Help of this Convention into Our Unions, Provinces and Churches? O. A. Hall.
b. Personal Resolutions. What Attitude Will I Take Toward this Work in the Future?
All Taking Part.

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This number of the *Outlook* is issued as an *Extra* in order that reports from the South China Union session in Canton and advance information regarding the departmental conventions in Shanghai may be published promptly, thus giving space in the May number for statistical data and recommendations adopted by the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee.

Cabled greetings from Professor Frederick Griggs and Dr. H. W. Miller to the Far Eastern Division departmental conventions and Spring Council brought joy and cheer to us all. These brethren are booked to sail with their families from Vancouver August 20, and are due to arrive in Shanghai September 4.

On the fourth of April three recruits sailed from Hamburg per S. S. "Coblenz"—released by the European Division for service in the Far East. It is the purpose of the European Division to send yet others as soon as circumstances may permit. The list includes Brethren N. Dahlsten and J. Effenberg, who will probably be sailing sometime during the summer.

In planning for the Union sessions following the close of the Spring Council; it is being arranged to begin with the Central China Union at Hankow, followed by the North China Union, Manchuria, Chosen, and Japan, closing in time for Pastor C. H. Watson to sail for the States from Yokohama early in July.

Professor M. E. Kern will be spending May and June in school centers in South China, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Wallace of Sianfu, Shensi, on February 6, a son, Harold Clyde.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Millard C. Ackley, of Shanghai, on March 13, a daughter, Betty Jean.

Spring Council Reports from the Field

The evenings of the opening days of the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee are being devoted to receiving reports from the superintendents of Unions. In many lands God is working upon hearts by His Spirit, and the prospects for the present year are most encouraging. In several of the provincial missions nearly every accession to our ranks has been direct from heathenism or Mohammedanism.

Although God is blessing in the Union fields beyond anything that has been seen before, the providential openings are markedly beyond our present power to enter upon advance work. It is apparent that the harvest is rapidly ripening in every land in which we are operating, and we must do everything possible in an effort to reap. Now is our golden opportunity, when governments are granting us freedom to preach and to baptize, and when angels are holding the winds of strife. On every side one of our most imperative needs is for more workers.

Delegates and Visitors in Attendance at the Division Departmental Conventions

General Conference: C. H. Watson; M. E. Kern.

Malaysia: L. V. Finster and wife; V. E. Hendershot.

South China: F. H. DeVinney and wife; R. M. Milne and wife; B. L. Anderson; C. C. Morris; L. C. Wilcox; V. M. Hansen and wife.

Philippines: S. E. Jackson and wife; O. F. Sevrens and wife; Roman Senon; Eugene Woensner.

Japan: V. T. Armstrong and wife; Shiro Ogura; A. N. Nelson.

Chosen: H. A. Oberg; H. M. Lee; E. J. Urquhart; E. Seung Eui; J. E. Rifel and wife.

Manchuria: B. Petersen; R. M. Cossentine. *Harbin (Russian):* T. T. Babienko; K. Koralloshvili.

North China: G. J. Appel; H. L. Graham and wife; J. Henry White and wife; W. J. Harris and wife.

West China: M. C. Warren; S. H. Lindt; Su Hshing.

Central China: O. A. Hall; D. S. Williams and wife; A. Mountain; Mrs. E. H. James; B. C. Clark; C. G. Hamp and wife; Hwang Shih Peng, Wang Deh Dzi; Fan Dzi Chiang.

East China: J. C. Gjording and wife; K. H. Wood and wife; B. F. Gregory and wife; H. J. Doolittle and wife; John Oss and wife; G. Hmelewsky and wife; Mrs. B. Miller; M. C. Ackley; Liu Bang Nee and wife; V. Shen and wife; W. A. Scharffenberg and wife; D. Hwang and wife; Liu Meng Ru; Chen Yu Shih; Chen Shouh Ching; Liu Siau Tien; Sie Swei An; Swen Tsung Kwang; Chiang Tsung Kwang; Yeh Kuen Kan; Shih duh Hsing.

Division: I. H. Evans and wife; S. L. Frost and wife; J. J. Strahle and wife; H. W. Barrows and wife; J. A. Guild and wife; H. O. Swartout and wife; E. R. Thiele and wife; C. A. Carter and wife; H. L. Shull and wife; Miss Lulu Osborn; Miss Lucy Andrus; Miss Tillie Barr; Miss E. A. James; Mrs. Ruth G. Miller; H. C. White and wife; W. P. Henderson and wife; G. S. Luther and wife; Miss Ida Thompson; Dr. L. H. Butka and wife; Dr. R. W. Paul and wife; C. C. Crisler and wife.

Orders for Harvest Ingathering Papers—1925

As announced in a former issue, it is desirable that orders be sent in to Brother H. W. Barrows, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai. The English edition should be ordered without delay, so papers can be brought across from Nashville in time for use. Orders for papers in Far Eastern vernaculars should be filled as soon as possible, in order that they may be included in the first edition, thus proportionately reducing the cost. c.

Notice—Legal Meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium Association

The regular annual session of the constituency of the Shanghai Sanitarium Association will be held at the Signs of the Times Publishing House Chapel, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, on April 15, 1925, at 10 A.M.

(Signed) I. H. Evans, *President*;
C. C. Crisler, *Secretary*.

Reports from South China

Space is given in this special issue to reports of work in the South China Union, as rendered during the biennial session held in Canton during the month of March. We bespeak for these a careful reading. God has added His blessing to the labors of our brethren and sisters in South China during these years of stress and political unrest. In view of conditions prevailing, as outlined in the report by Pastor F. H. DeVinney, the superintendent, it is evident that no circumstances, however untoward, can stop the onward march of the message.

The Need of More Workers

Perhaps the greatest single need in South China, is that of further additions to the laboring forces in districts long undermanned or wholly unentered. In each of two great language areas, there is but one foreign family. Here are many interests—a score or more of chapels in each of the areas, with hundreds in our schools, and with populous cities and groups of villages to evangelize—with a staff of one foreign worker to lead and shepherd and develop a work altogether beyond the powers of one man to compass. Nearly twenty years ago calls were placed for two families for each of these places; the need to-day is far greater than in those earlier years. Let us continue to call upon the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest.

Unoccupied Areas

Within the borders of the South China Union the districts, wholly unentered present to us an appeal even more heart-rending than do those places with but few to reap the harvest. In Hainan, a great island to the south of Kwangtung, there are no workers; the same is true of Formosa, with its three million and more, and of Indo-China, with its twenty-one million. Populous districts of Kwangtung and western Fukien, with many, many millions, have never heard as yet the voice of a Seventh-day Adventist preacher. Colporteurs occasionally penetrate to the remoter districts, and their work must be followed up as rapidly as workers can be trained and means can be raised with which to press on into these unoccupied areas.

God is Able

"God is able"—this was the burden of Pastor C. H. Watson's morning lesson to those in attendance at the Conventions on the last day of the departmental meetings. From Old Testament experiences and New Testament assurances the truth of these words was pressed home to our hearts. The Saviour declared of God's power to save even the most sinful and unpromising of men, "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." Matthew 3:9. In New Guinea and in the New Hebrides, where some from the least civilized have been won for God, there has been revealed a steadfastness that illustrates the words of Paul, "He shall be holden up; for God is able to make Him stand." Romans 14:4. From the days of Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar of old, every opposing force that can be arrayed against the advance of the gospel into the lands long claimed by Satan as his stronghold, has been laid low; for our trust is in "Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20. God calls upon us to go forward into paths of power and victory in our service for all the peoples of earth.