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“Wist Ye Not that I Must Be About My Father’s Business?”

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HE great annual passover festival had closed. Throngs of Jewish worshipers were journeying homeward, traveling in companies, the better to protect themselves against the marauding bands who ever menace life and property along the public highways of Judea. Among the homeward-going throngs were the parents of Jesus. All day they had traveled, thinking Him in the company, though they had not seen Him. But when night came, careful search revealed the fact that Jesus was not there. The only thing to do was to return to Jerusalem and look for the lad.

After three anxious days, the parents of Jesus “found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions.” Upon this scene, where those who listened to the words of Jesus were amazed at His understanding, came the weary, distraught parents. His mother, relieved beyond expression at sight of her Son, could not but chide Him for her anxiety and suffering in His behalf. In answer to her inquiry and gentle rebuke, Christ used these memorable words: “Wist ye not that I must be about My Father’s business?”

Christ might have spent His time sight-seeing. Jerusalem was a great metropolitan city. The temple rebuilt by Herod was one of the finest structures in the world. Its white marble walls and gold-crowned pinnacles, rich colonnades and vast porches, made it far-famed for glory and for beauty. This young lad could have found much to interest and excite a rural boy from an isolated inland village amid the desolate hills of Judea; but instead of sight-seeing, no sooner was He left behind than He entered upon His Father’s business. About Him were gathered those who were the great and learned, trained and educated in the traditions and teachings of the Jews, and He was both hearing them and expounding to them spiritual truths they had never heard before.

Shall the servants of God in these last days be like their Master? Does our Father’s business command our time, our thought, our fullest strength? The memorable words of Jesus may well become a slogan to every soul-winner for God, “I must be about My Father’s business.”

These are days of tremendous opportunity. The world is ripe for the harvest. The ages never held open so many doors for missionary endeavor as now. The Macedonian cry, “Come over and help us,” sounds not from one lone country, as Paul heard it, but it is a great, universal world summons, challenging the church to send help. Thousands of villages in China stand ready to hear the gospel to-day. Old temples, long devoted to the worship of false gods and heathen idols, are awaiting the messenger of the King of kings to announce the advent of the kingdom of God.

This very day word has come to me that in a Chinese mountain village in the interior, two hundred eighteen persons have started to keep the Sabbath and to serve their Lord. They have put away their idol worship, have broken with the past, and are calling for a messenger for the kingdom of God to come and teach them. In a two weeks’ itinerating trip, Pastors Wood and Crisler baptized 83 persons, and left many for further instruction, who will be baptized later.

Shall not we, who are ambassadors of the kingdom of heaven, show the zeal of our Master, and ever, with heart and soul, be about our Father’s business? When pleasure and ease and position beckon us to their side, shall we not turn from them, saying, “I must be about my Father’s business”?

When the harvest is ripe, when all heaven is astir in behalf of this poor, lost world, is there any slogan we can adopt more apt and more commanding than the words, “I must be about my Father’s business”?

“Stir me, O stir me, Lord, till all my heart
Is filled with strong compassion for these souls;
Till Thy compelling *must* drives me to pray,
Till Thy constraining love shall reach the poles
Far North and South in burning, deep desire,
Till East and West are caught in love’s great fire.”

Reports of Progress in the Manchurian Union Mission

The Fengtien Mission

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor B. Petersen, director of the Fengtien Mission, during the Manchurian Union session, Mukden, June, 1925)

Since our last Union session the Lord has blessed in the ingathering of souls. Through the faithful labors of the workers during 1923, 31 souls were baptized; and 33 united with us in 1924, making a total of 64 new members.

Two new churches have been organized and added to the Mission. There are now seven churches and one company, with a total membership at the end 1924 of 152. Good reports are coming in from every part of the field telling of a number ready to go forward in baptism.

The worth of literature scattered throughout the Mission since our last biennial session, was \$14,782.24 Mexican. The Lord has greatly blessed our young men as they have gone from place to place. They have met many difficulties. The war added its perplexities; some were forced to leave their field of labor; yet the work has gone forward.

A provincial institute was recently held in Mukden. The brethren in attendance gave study day by day to plans and methods for meeting the mind of the Lord in colportage ministry. Financial goals were set; the colporters themselves set a goal for leading 28 souls to Christ during 1925. The prospects for this work are very bright.

Calls for church schools are coming in faster than we can fill them. Our church members object to sending their children to other schools. The parents are pressing this matter upon us, and earnest efforts should be put forth to give the children of our church members a Christian education. This mission has five church schools. The enrollment is 102. Nearly all the students attending the Intermediate School last winter are now engaged in the canvassing work.

Good progress has been made in the Home Missionary Department, and reports of the work accomplished are received regularly every month. Besides selling and distributing small literature and Chinese Sabbath Calendars, 34,000 Bible portions were distributed; and nearly every worker and several of the lay members took an active part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

There has been advancement in tithe-paying, despite the poor exchange in local currency during the last year. The total native tithe was \$1,794.82 Mexican. Donations from the eight Sabbath schools in the Fengtien Mission amounted to \$1,052.62. Other mission offerings amounted to \$380.95.

The outlook for this Mission is very bright. We have a loyal band of workers, and our courage is good. Still, there is great need of a larger measure of the Holy Spirit than we have yet experienced. As workers for Christ, we solicit the prayers of all the believers, that we may see a larger number of souls won from darkness to light.

Bernhard Petersen.

Kirin Provincial Mission

(Synopsis of report rendered by Brother F. M. Larsen, director of the Kirin Provincial Mission, at the biennial session in Mukden, June, 1925)

The report of the Kirin Mission for the past two years shows some slight gains. We have two organized churches and one company, and we have been able to open up work at a new place. The tithe receipts total less than our mission goal, yet they show an advance over previous years. In the Sabbath school offerings there has been a better gain, although the membership is less in 1924 than in 1923. During the two years 18 souls have been baptized. How we wish we could report a larger number! Shall we not as workers bestir ourselves to the importance of bringing souls to Christ? This should be our highest aim.

In spite of many handicaps, the book work is advancing. We have some fine young men in the field whose aim is not only to place our publications in the hands of the people, but with God's help to win souls. Each man has set a goal for at least one soul for this year. May the Holy Spirit lead them to success.

That we may have a larger gain in souls won for Christ, and that those won may be thoroughly grounded in the faith; that we shall encourage all our members in faithful tithe-paying; that we shall build up a Sabbath school membership of at least 120 for this year,—these aims stand before us, and we press prayerfully forward to meet them. The end is near. May we be watchful and ready, doing faithfully the work God has given us to do. F. M. Larsen.

Sabbath School Department— Manchurian Union

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Mrs. F. M. Larsen, secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the Manchurian Union, Mukden, June, 1925)

The past two years have been filled with blessings in our Sabbath schools throughout the Union. In the Fengtien Province, with its eight schools, the membership has increased from 171 to 198; in the Kirin Province, with its three Sabbath schools, the membership was 87 during the year 1923, and 85 in 1924. Our offerings have decreased in this Union the past year, having been \$914.32 Mex. in 1923 as against \$860.74 last year. The loss is explained by the fact that we have had a less number of foreign families of late. However this may be, with the help of the Lord we hope to do better in every phase of our work the coming biennial term. With continued cooperation on the part of all, we surely will see our Sabbath school work going forward with greater success. We should have soul-winning goals; we must bring our neighbors and friends into the Sabbath school; we must study the memory verses; and as we do our part faithfully, we shall find ourselves enjoying more and more of the strength and blessing of the Lord in our departmental work. Our great hope is to see many souls won for the Master. Mrs. F. M. Larsen.

The Home Missionary Department of the Manchurian Union

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor Adlai A. Esteb Home Missionary secretary of the Manchurian Union, during the biennial session held in Mukden, June 10-18, 1925.)

The Sabbath school Department brings the Church in to study; the Home Missionary Department leads the church members out to work. This is the real goal of these two important departments—all the church at study and all the church at work. Surely every member of the church should be a member of the Sabbath school, and every member of the church should be an active home missionary worker. We have been told that "the church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes." If a church, then, loses its missionary spirit, it loses its right to exist. Some one has said, "There are two roads before every church; one leads to the mission field, the other to the graveyard." I am most happy to call your attention to some figures which prove that the churches of Manchuria have not taken the road to the graveyard:

Comparative Report

	1921-22	1923-24
Letters written	429	1,766
Letters received	332	1,323
Missionary visits	3,024	7,046
Bible Readings	5,185	9,041
Subscriptions taken		1,141
Papers sold	6,576	2,441
Papers mailed, lent, given away	857	1,634
Books sold	948	23,852
Books lent or given away	2,037	1,041
Tracts sold	1,376	6,725
Tracts lent or given away	13,448	29,296
Hours of Christian Help Work		2,292
Articles of clothing given away	95	128
Number of meals provided	509	
Treatments given	538	2,043
Offerings, Home Missionary Work		\$39.54
Harvest Ingathering . Mex.	\$2,234.60	\$3,309.86

These figures show good gains in almost all lines of missionary endeavor. The first quarterly report of 1925 reveals a gain over the entire year 1921. Thus in only four years the home missionary work has grown until now the work formerly done in an entire year is done in a single quarter. I am sure that we all rejoice to see this splendid progress; but we must never be satisfied with the achievements of the past. We are to view the accomplishments of yesterday only as they inspire us to higher attainments today. We are living in the present, and are facing our tremendous task of finishing the work in Manchuria. God is holding us responsible for the souls of these people. Oh, that this thought might grip our hearts as it should! Then we would all be active participants in the home missionary advance that is eventually to have a large part in carrying the third angel's message to every home in the Manchurian Union.

Adlai A. Esteb.

The Chinese Government, through the Postal Administration, published in 1923 for the first time a detailed census of Manchuria by *hsiens*. This estimate gives to Fengtien Province a population of 12,824,779; to Kirin Province, 6,405,011; to Heilungkiang, 2,853,644. According to these figures, the population of the Manchurian Union is 22,083,484.



"Should It Also Be Difficult in Mine Eyes?"

C. H. WATSON

(Synopsis of an address by Pastor C. H. Watson, vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to workers of the Far Eastern Division assembled in Spring Council, Shanghai, April, 1925)

TO THE workers of the Far Eastern Division field gathered here to-day the work seems vast, the needs many, the opportunities wonderful. Surely, brethren, the Lord has answered our prayers and opened all these doors of opportunity. I can remember when we were praying that God would open doors before us, and how we rejoiced as a church all round the world when a single door opened in these far fields. To-day so many doors are open that we cannot enter them all. I believe that God would have us earnestly study the situation, and wait upon Him for guidance and for power to go on confidently as workers together with Him. We talk of the fewness of workers; let us not forget that God is here. And as for finances, our support is dependent on our spiritual relations, our faith in God.

The other day a brother said to me, "Brother Watson, there is an atmosphere here in the Far East that depresses the courage." True; but, brethren, there is grace and strength with the Lord to lift the heart above all feelings of depression to the place of power and courage in His service. We make a mistake when we marshal the difficulties and allow them to depress our courage and to sap our spiritual strength. Let us read together this morning some scriptures on this point:

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, if it be difficult (*margin*) in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, shall it also be difficult in Mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country." Zechariah 8:6,7.

I care not where you apply these words,—whether in all the world, or in China, or in Malaysia, or Japan or any other land,—they are an assurance from the Lord to this people. How very foolish of us to think that our difficulties are God's difficulties! How foolish to suppose that because the situation seems impossible to us that it is of necessity impossible to God! There is nothing impossible with God; these difficulties that shut us away from efficiency and fruitfulness in the cause of God are nothing at all with Him.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save My people from the east country and from the west country."

We hear our workers talking of the difficulties of doing the work out in West China. Well, Brother Warren, lift up your head; for God is going to bring them from the west. And Brother Gjording, God is going to bring them from the east. He is going to save His people from the ends of the earth. In Java, in China,—wherever there are men and women to be saved,—there God has promised to save His people. Difficulties will not prevent Him. Wherever He finds a man or a woman who believes that God is going to save by the foolishness of preaching, there He will mightily use that man or that woman to save men.

So let us be men and women of faith in God. Let us ask God to help us to understand why we are less efficient,

less fruitful in God's cause, than we should be. And then let us surrender ourselves wholly, depending on the arm of God to work His purpose through us. The fewer and more scattered we are, the greater the need of divine strength. The more terrible the darkness around us, the greater the need for us to lift up our faces and have them lightened by the glory of the countenance of God.

The Lord through the prophet Isaiah says:

"In that day sing unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it: I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day."

The Lord is speaking here of His Church, and of His wonderful care for His people. His Church is the object of His untiring, ceaseless vigilance. He says, "I will keep it night and day."

"Fury is not in Me; who will set the briers and thorns against Me in battle? I would go through them; I would burn them together." Isaiah 27:2-6.

There are two alternatives in this scripture—to front God with the difficulties as impossibilities, or to turn from any thought of being overcome by difficulties and to lay hold of the strength of God. Brethren, I fear that in our human weakness we have been marshaling the difficulties and setting them against God, when we should see the Lord marching through our difficulties and consuming them as He goes.

"Let him take hold of My strength," the Lord invites; "that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." This peace in the heart of the worker "passeth all understanding." It banishes all thought of weakness. Then let us turn from the strengthless relationships of doubt of God to the all-conquering strength of the Lord. When we talk of difficulties, let us talk about them as something that God's strength can overcome. Let us reach up and take hold of that strength, and make sure of the victory that is ours in Christ.

Hangchow Colporteur Institute

JOHN OSS

THE colporteur institute held July 29 to August 8 in Hangchow, a great city in the northern Chekiang section of the Kiangsu Mission, was one of the most successful we have ever conducted. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and we and the ten recruits in attendance received a great blessing.

In conducting the institute we endeavored to follow the Master-Teacher's example. It was "by personal contact and association that Jesus trained His disciples. . . . He did not sermonize as men do to-day. . . . On His journeys through country and cities He took them with Him, that they might see how He taught the people. He linked their interest with His, and they united with Him in the work."—"Desire of Ages," pp. 151, 152.

At 6:30 in the morning we met for Bible study and prayer. Following breakfast, we separated into groups of two or three, and canvassed in different parts of the city. An hour and a half in the evening was spent in a study of the principles of Christian salesmanship, and in drill work, with discussion of problems met with during the day.

At the close of the institute, four remained to continue the colporteur work begun in the city, and six went out by assignment to places near by. We believe the results of the Hangchow institute will be far-reaching.

The Penang Dispensary

L. V. FINSTER

IT was the privilege of the writer to spend Big Week at the Penang Dispensary, otherwise known as the Penang Mission Clinic. Instead of selling books, I was a patient; but under the kind care of Dr. Gardner and his good wife, I was able to spend the following week in the work for which I came to Penang.

During this time I saw something of the work of the institution. The Dispensary has been running about six months. Ten thousand cases have already passed through its doors. From fifty to one hundred patients were treated every day. The Lord has greatly blessed the work of the doctor in bringing relief from bodily pain and also in doing a spiritual work. Brother Pan, a Chinese evangelist, has been working for the patients, and also in the city as the work opens. I was glad to find a good Sabbath school with about thirty attending regularly. On Sabbath afternoon a small English Sabbath school is conducted.

While in Penang I held Bible studies nearly every day. It was encouraging to see the interest manifested by many. It is hoped that about twenty will be ready for baptism soon.

As I visited among the people, I saw in a new way the influence our health work can have in opening the way for the presentation of gospel truth. If evangelistic efforts can be put forth in connection with the medical work, it will have a wonderful effect in winning men from darkness to this message.

The doctor and his wife are very busy, and happy in their work. The Dispensary needs many things to make their efforts more effective. We are glad that some of the Big Week receipts will be used for better equipping this institution.

L. V. FINSTER.

Last Minute Suggestions

THE work planned for us this month is a common task inviting every member of the church to take an active part in bringing the good news of salvation to our friends and neighbors. Some of our brethren talking about the large amount gathered for the cause last year through the Harvest Ingathering work, expressed themselves as being very thankful. Appreciation of what others have done is not enough. Not moral support, but participant effort in the campaign is our greatest need. Let us put forth a supreme effort to rally all our brethren to take an active part in the divine plan of obtaining means to build up the Lord's cause.

Follow-Up Work

Very good experiences were reported last year by those who followed up interested ones they met while soliciting. More than ever should we emphasize the follow-up phase of the Harvest Ingathering work. If such a plan is followed throughout the field we shall have won many souls to Christ as a result. Let us all plan definitely to use the "Follow-up" method this year.

J. J. Strahle.

Division Sabbath School Dept.

Sabbath School Notes

MRS. I. H. EVANS

OWING to the return to America of Mrs. O. F. Sevrens, the work of the Union Sabbath school secretary in the Philippine Union Mission has been laid on L. D. Warren, who sends in a prompt and full report. He says: "This report shows a ten per cent increase in offerings and an eight per cent increase in membership over the preceding quarter. I believe we shall soon put the Sabbath school membership in excess of the church membership. This is already true in all but one of our missions."

Mrs. M. C. Warren, of the West China Union Mission, writes when sending in the Sabbath school report for the second quarter: "I know you are always pleased when reports come in. I am happy this time over advances in our field. There is some improvement in almost every line. We set a goal of \$400 gold for the year in offerings. We are \$41.80 gold to the good for the first half of the year. In membership we have gained 169 since the close of last year, but must win 48 more in order to reach our goal. The greatest advancement is in West Szechwan. New stations are being opened and the learners and members are being trained to support the Sabbath school work."

From Korea comes the good report that "all the schools have reported, and the Home Department is growing. The offering, which almost always falls down the second quarter of the year, remained up this quarter." What a splendid thing it would be if each one of the eleven Sabbath school secretaries in the Far Eastern Division, could say, when sending in the quarterly report, "All the schools have reported, and the Home Department is growing!"

Mrs. W. J. Harris, Sabbath school secretary of the North China Union Mission, writes that they are planning to have a Rally Day in Tientsin in August, and one in Peking in September. She says: "I hope these Rally Days will fix the full object and spirit of the Sabbath school more firmly in the hearts and minds of our members, so that they will work harder to fulfill that purpose." In this connection it might not be out of place to remind all who are able to use material in the Chinese language in their Rally Day programs, that the January, 1926, number of the *Sabbath School Helper* is the annual Rally Day number, and will contain a Rally Day Program, and helpful material and suggestions for a profitable Rally Day. Order at once.

From a letter from Miss Florence Nagle (it seems almost impossible not to write "little Florence Nagle"), of the Waichow Mission, which has been sorely beset during the last two years, the following paragraph is taken:

"While we were in Canton, papa told you that I was the Sabbath school superintendent up here for the first two quarters. I am glad to tell you that our goal for the first quarter was set at \$112 Mexican, and we received \$118. The second quarter it was set at \$140, and we received \$142.60. The first quarter I handed out one Daily Study Card and twelve Perfect Attendance Cards. The second quarter I handed out twelve Daily Study Cards and fifty Perfect Attendance Cards. These are the first Daily Study and Perfect Attendance Cards passed out here in Waichow. We had a good interest, and I enjoyed the work very much."

Miscellaneous Reports—Biennial Sessions of Union Missions—1925

The South Chosen Mission

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by Pastor C. W. Lee, director of the South Chosen Mission, Seoul, May 29 to June 6, 1925)

Our present staff of Korean workers consists of one ordained minister, six licensed ministers, one of whom has been colporteur field agent, three Bible women, two colporteur evangelists, one secretary treasurer, one office secretary, eight canvassers, and eight teachers. These various workers, including the colporteurs, are stationed in fourteen different places. In addition to one organized church there are eight organized companies, some of whom should soon be prepared for full church organization. There are thirteen organized Sabbath schools and twenty-four family schools.

Tithes and Offerings

The church tithe has been making a steady growth during the past four years, reaching in 1924 Yen 446.79. During the years 1923-24 the total Sabbath school offerings amounted to Yen 1,701.80.

Thank offerings, including midsummer, annual, and other offerings, in 1923, were Yen 375.74 and in 1924, Yen 412.00, totaling Yen 787.74. The total tithes and offerings, not including Harvest Ingathering, for the past two years, was Yen 5,813.11. This is a gain of a little over Yen 1,000.

Literature Work

In literature sales the past two years were approximately Yen 3,500 in advance of the previous two years. The year 1925 bids fair to be the best year in our history; for during the first four months the sales amounted to Yen 5,302.20.

This sale of literature has been a seed-sowing, the harvest of which we cannot estimate. But the Lord of the harvest knows, and He has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, but that it shall accomplish the thing whereunto He sends it.

The Departments

The Sabbath school offerings have increased a little more than Yen 300 the past two years, over the former period. The membership has made a gain of 219.

The activity of our Home Missionary Department accounts for the work of our field being spread over so wide an area. Reports do not show all the facts; but I know from personally collected information that a large per cent of our believers were won by the personal work of church members. One company of five, without a regular worker, was the means of preparing ten others for baptism last year. A farmer sold out in a place where he had raised up a little company, and moved to another district. Six months later we learn that he has already organized a Sabbath school, which he is conducting in his home. Little by little our members are learning to use our literature in their missionary efforts.

Junior Missionary Volunteer societies are conducted in connection with our primary schools. This is helping the students to develop Christian experience. The Missionary Volunteer Department has done a great service, not only to the youth, but to the whole church in fostering a love for reading and the habit of reading the Bible through.

Five church schools are being conducted. Two of our companies conduct a night school. In another place a kindergarten is being suc-

cessfully carried on with benefit to the church. We are endeavoring to raise the standard of education in our field, and to this end have constituted the church school at Keizan the mission school. A new and commodious building has been erected, and dormitory space for ten boys and three girls provided. We are endeavoring to equip this school to do thorough work, and look forward to the time when it may be possible to carry the first year of academic work here. Some industrial work is provided.

Our Needs

We need more workers. We do not ask this because of an enlarged constituency, but because of the urgent need to save the harvest. We pray the Lord to send laborers into His harvest, and speedily finish the work.

C. W. Lee.

The Publishing Work in Japan

(Extracts from the biennial report submitted to the Japan Union session last June, by Brother E. J. Kraft)

The total literature sales in the Japan Union for 1923 were 16,597.55 Yen, and for the year 1924 17,591.50 Yen, the year showing a slight gain over 1923.

In Japan we have one colporteur to every thirty-one members, while the average for the world is one to every eighty-eight members. In this respect Japan leads the world. Let us do all we can in the next two years to double our membership and thereby double our number of colporteurs.

As our student colporteurs are doing a very good work in the canvassing field, a word of praise is not out of place. Last summer there were four student colporteurs in the field. One earned a full scholarship, and another did very well. As a result of their work we have two new people attending regularly at one of the churches where they worked. There are four students working again this summer and I believe that each of these will earn a scholarship.

Let us remember our colporteurs in our prayers, that the Lord may bless those engaged in this important work.

E. J. Kraft.

Young People's Work in Manchuria

R. M. Cossentine

Junior Missionary Volunteer organizations have been maintained in all our church schools each year for several years. At the close of 1924 there were in the 5 schools 116 members. During the last quarter of 1924 two senior societies were organized. These have been active in distributing literature, in missionary correspondence, and in street preaching. The Changchun school society opened a night school, teaching the "Thousand Characters" and Bible. Some of the pupils came to Sabbath school.

The Department has fostered the Reading Courses, and some results have been seen. The books of the Primary Reading Courses have been placed in each school by the missions, and at the end of 1924 thirty-three Primary Reading Course certificates were issued to pupils in the schools who had passed examinations.

This is the day of young people, and our young people should be encouraged to go forward.

Literature Sales in Manchuria

(Extracts from a report of the Publishing Department of the Manchurian Union Mission for the biennial period ending Dec. 31, 1924, as rendered by Pastor Esteb at the Mukden general meeting)

We thank the Lord that the literature sale in the Manchurian field have gradually increased, as indicated by the following figures: 1919-1920, \$11,863.87, Mexican; 1921-1922, \$18,226.34; 1923-1924, \$20,027.07.

The records of the past have been made, and we are now facing the future. The colporteurs are realizing the need of a deeper spiritual experience. They have each set individual "soul goals" for the year, making a total of 45 for the Union.

Brethren and sisters, the work is onward; but to finish the work will take the same spirit that possessed the hearts of those who pioneered the book work in the beginning of the Advent Movement. Oh, that the spirit of those early pioneers would grip our hearts! They saw in the printed page the solution of the problem of warning the world. They sacrificed for the book work. They were consecrated to the book work. They loved the book work. They were not ashamed of the precious books and magazines. Brethren, let us be consecrated to the book work. Let us with tears pray more and work more for the circulation of our truth-filled literature.

It is my prayer to-day that God will touch our hearts and help us to catch a vision of the sacredness of the work and of the certainty of its triumph.

Adlai A. Esteb.

Chosen Union—Treasurer's Report

(Synopsis of the financial report rendered by the Chosen Union Mission treasurer, Brother L. I. Bowers, during their biennial meeting held in Seoul, May 29 to June 6, 1925)

Ever since the opening of the work in Chosen, God has supplied all our needs. At times our needs seemed far greater than we could possibly meet from funds in hand, yet God has always helped us in one way or another. Especially has He blessed in the gradual increase in the total tithes and offerings received from our constituency. During the biennial period of 1915-16 the total receipts for tithes and offerings was Yen 6,477.97. This was increased during the next biennial period by nearly 50 per cent. The biennial period 1919-20 brought an increase of 100 per cent. Since that time the increase has been gradual and in 1923-24 the total amount of tithes and offerings for Chosen was Yen 26,371.32, an average per capita of Yen 19.40 for every baptized believer. Receipts from Harvest Ingathering campaigns are not included in these totals.

The tithing principle is being understood more and more by our brethren and sisters. The present economic conditions make it difficult to increase the general average above that of a few years ago, but marked progress along this line has been made in one of our fields; namely, the Center Mission, where the average per capita tithe during 1924 stood at Yen 7.26.

During the coming biennial period we must individually and collectively do our very best in the raising of funds so that the work may be finished speedily in the Chosen Union.

L. I. Bowers.

All Values in U.S. Gold

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 STATISTICAL SUMMARY ---- INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS --- FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

Union Missions and Provincial Missions in the Far Eastern Division	Number of Churches	Baptized Membership June 30, 1925	Baptisms during Second Quarter, 1925	Net GAIN during Quarter Minus sign --- LOSS	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	No. of Colporteurs	Total No. of Laborers June 30, 1925	Native TITHES Receipts Second Quarter, 1925 (gold)	No. of Sabbath Schools June 30, 1925	Sabbath School Membership, June 30, '25	Total Sabbath School Offerings for Missions Second Quarter, '25 (gold)	No. of CHURCH SCHOOLS	Enrollment, Church Schools June 30, 1925	Total Literature Sales -- Books and Periodicals Second Qr. 1925, (gold)	No. Y. P. M. V. Societies	Membership, Y. P. M. V. Societies	Harvest Ingathering Receipts Second Qr., 1925 (gold)
PHILIPPINE UNION	106	6056	419	402	15	29	48	71	231	\$5974.84	173	5579	\$1775.89	18	891	\$17219.81	69	1681	\$ 991.00
Northern Luzon Mission	14	961	109	108	3	3	6	12	34	559.12	25	1046	171.07	2	89	1485.20	10	259	
East Visayan Mission	5	593	72	72	1	2	4	18	36	657.22	24	612	166.66	1	33	3339.30	20	323	
West Visayan Mission	35	1899	127	153	3	7	15	13	45	1742.73	56	1431	486.20	7	315	3927.47	13	310	991.00
Central Luzon Conf.	49	2523	111	70	5	13	6	25	58	2943.29	65	2404	922.98	7	224	7022.98	26	789	
Southern Luzon Mission	3	80		-1		1		1	4	72.48	3	86	29.08			662.25			
Union Mission					3	3	17	1	54					1	230	782.61			
CHOSEN UNION	22	1533	16	20	15	20	74	29	137	1018.64	85	3752	828.22	32	1215	3406.98	31	1160	
West Chosen Mission	11	720			4	4	24	5	33	481.74	37	1923	470.92	16	593	985.24	18	660	
Central Chosen Mission	7	432			2	4	10	8	19	298.76	22	850	188.38	5	156	1072.43	5	207	
South Chosen Mission	2	319	16	20	4	4	11	12	30	215.41	23	774	133.85	6	203	1321.01	6	178	
Union Mission	2	62			5	8	29	4	55	22.63	3	206	35.07	3	263	28.30	2	115	
JAPAN UNION	10	448	21	21	8	9	10	13	49	1371.03	15	537	603.11	1	40	4864.30	4	65	131.00
Kyushu Mission	2	45	4	4		1		2	3	105.72	2	43	25.23						
Chugoku Mission	1	54			1	2	3	1	7	248.84	3	85	90.39						
Kansai Mission	3	112	11	11	1	3	1	3	8	327.94	5	173	150.33						
Kanto Mission	3	188	4	4	1	1		5	8	579.20	3	194	155.42						
Tohoku Mission	1	32	2	2		1			1	26.38	1	29	11.38						
Hokkaido Mission		17				1	1	1	3	63.15	1	13	14.55						
Union Mission					5		5	1	19	19.80			155.41	1	40	4864.30	4	65	131.00
MANCHURIAN UNION	9	206	4	4	4	2	14	17	42	169.96	12	376	119.37	7	128	1669.92	8	146	
Jengtien Mission	7	156	4	4	1	1	8	9	25	123.91	8	275	86.53	5	88	766.97	6	106	
Kirin Mission	2	60			1	1	4	6	13	46.05	4	101	34.34	1	28	902.95	1	28	
Union Mission					2		2	2	4					1	12		1	12	
CENTRAL CHINA UNION	20	1568	90	84	16	32	62	53	229	662.73	73	2494	456.49	25	544	3722.35	2	162	429.86
Honan Mission	7	597	11	11	5	10	23	23	90	245.68	26	973	204.15	6	190	1122.06	1	120	
Hunan Mission	7	448	20	20	3	9	20	13	61	177.46	24	847	104.80	7	100	596.00			4.68
Hupeh Mission	7	348	35	33	3	5	10	4	36	133.99	14	320	58.56	6	139	686.74	1	42	421.05

Kiangsi Mission	2	97	24	20	2	4	6	8	26	86.00	6	279	55.35	4	75	1059.60			4.13
Shensi Mission		48			1	3	2	4	12	19.60	3	75	33.63	2	40	257.05			
Union Mission					2	1	1	1	4										
NORTH CHINA UNION	3	215	24	24	6	10	15	17	64	203.78	10	390	122.32	6	276	2064.28	3	120	
Shantung Mission	2	93			1	7	5	10	31	98.38	6	222	37.52	6	224	920.07	1	60	
Chihli Mission	1	122	24	24	3	3	8	6	19	105.40	4	168	84.80	1	52	1144.21	2	60	
Union Mission					2		2	1	4										
SO. CHINA UNION (estimated)	35	2272			16	69	46	7	244	950.00	83	3804	561.60	50	2318	2153.61	2	85	
Cantonese Mission	7	358			5	19	20	3	58		16	448	132.69	9	251	1105.32	1	86	
Hakka Mission	4	818			3	23	2	1	31		21	1175	106.60	11	519				
Kwangsi Mission	5	147			1	2	7	1	30		8	192	126.85	2	98	179.64			
North Fukien Mission	6	342			1	11	1		27		10	450	55.04	8	322				
South Fukien Mission	5	272			4	4	5		44		7	730	72.70	7	500	385.27	1		
Swatow Mission	8	335			1	8	9	1	49		21	809	65.82	13	628	482.78			
Union Mission					1	2	2	1	5	950.00									
WEST CHINA UNION	2	103	11	13	5	3	11	2	24	133.38	9	362	109.48	4	131	128.33	2	36	8.15
East Szechwan Mission	1	64	3	5	2	1	4	2	10	77.98	4	133	63.16	2	40	110.65	1	20	8.15
West Szechwan Mission	1	39	8	8	3	1	5		10	45.27	4	206	40.98	2	91		1	16	
Tibetan Mission									4	10.14	1	14	5.34			17.68			
EAST CHINA UNION	28	1281	172	166	9	15	53	34	200	711.15	66	2715	536.77	26	784	2266.44	4	303	27.85
Anhui Mission	5	329	42	42	3	4	17	18	81	175.43	13	441	80.26	11	258	586.82	1	33	6.50
Kiangsu Mission	15	692	82	76	2	7	13	9	63	487.59	26	1598	412.18	9	379	1333.67	2	200	
South Chekiang Mission	7	260	48	48	2	3	20	6	50	48.13	27	676	44.33	6	147	345.95	1	70	21.35
Union Mission					2	1	3	1	6										
Division Headquarters					6	4	43	1	158					1	287				
MALAYSIAN UNION	23	1674	73	74	21	38	56	27	177	3862.06	52	1751	1619.60	15	828	6410.89	3	108	55.29
Batakland Mission					1		1		7	67.70	6	120	35.78	1	120	16.70			
British North Borneo	2	163	4	4	1	3	5		13	125.40	7	115	78.21	6	119	118.42			
East Java Mission	3	171	8	27	3	9	3	6	24	727.71	6	168	351.44	1	65	2349.32			
Malay States Mission	1	161	8		1	6	2		11	254.80	7	171	101.11	2	50	206.25			
North Sumatra Mission	1	40		-3	1		5	2	8	108.00	1	49	50.51	1	6	135.51			
Siam Mission	1	56	5		1	5	3	2	12	107.30	3	80	42.38	1	36	330.00			
Singapore Mission	3	261	1		2	5	3		12	922.20	6	327	495.13	1	16	1800.60	2	108	52.29
South Sumatra Mission	2	84	11	11	1	2	3		8	173.89	2	115	138.83	1	37				3.00
West Java Mission	6	370	10	10	2	3	12	10	36	925.70	10	307	197.80	1	70	1464.19			
Celebes Mission	3	212	26	25	2	3	6	11	449.36	4	299	128.31							
Union Mission	1	93			6	5	16	1	35					1	309			1	
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION (Estimated)	1	312			2	5	3	6	18	514.75	5	362	347.35	2	57			2	148

DIVISION TOTALS June 30, 1925 259 15805 829 808 123 236 435 277 1563 \$15572.23 583 22112 \$7080.60 186 7499 \$43906.91 130 4014 \$1643.15

Statistical Report of the Far Eastern Division

1 Number of Mission	2 NAME OF MISSION	3 Number of Mission Stations	4 Number of Mission Outstations	5 Number of Organized Churches	6 Baptized Membership of Organized Churches	7 Baptized During Quarter	8		9		10		11 BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10)		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS	
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native
1	Division	1					5	1	4		37	6				1	
2	Philippine Union	5	81	106	6056	419	7	8	2	27	19	29		12		1	70
3	Chosen Union	3	17	22	1533	15	5	10	7	13	16	58				2	27
4	Japan Union	1	15	10	448	21	4	4		9	5	5		1	9	1	12
5	Manchurian Union	2	10	9	206	4	4			2	4	10		1		1	16
6	Central China Union	5	62	20	1568	90	8	8	10	22	15	47		14		2	51
7	North China Union	2	9	3	215	24	3	3	3	7	6	9		2		1	16
8	South China Union*	7	87	35	2272		10	6	4	65	18	28		18		1	6
9	West China Union	3	5	2	103	11	4	1	1	2	5	6		1		1	1
10	East China Union	5	63	28	1281	172	6	3	2	13	10	43	1	23		1	33
11	Malaysian Union	12	23	23	1611	73	18	3	7	31	29	27		5		1	26
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission*		5	1	312		2		1	4		3	1	1			6
13	TOTALS, 2nd Qr. 1925	46	377	259	15605	829	76	47	41	195	164	271	4	78	9	13	264
<i>*Estimated. The totals given below for preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i>																	
15	Totals, 2nd Qr. 1924	42	358	237	13352	925	69	38	41	159	151	242	3	80	8	12	208
16	Totals, 2nd Qr. 1923	46	338	234	11662	838	65	40	48	139	157	216	2	80	11	3	244
17	Totals, 2nd Qr. 1922	43	315	212	10346	593	54	36	50	148	128	193	4	54	23	8	194
18	Totals, 2nd Qr. 1921	41	275	177	8648	644	64	28	52	148	175	168	2	51	10	4	164

25 Number of Mission	26 Average Attendance S. S.	27 S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	29 Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	30 Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	31 Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	32 Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	33 No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	34 Estimated Value	35 Approximate Seating Capacity	36 Number of Church Schools Conducted	37 Enrollment Church Schools
2	4424	1402.82	373.07	1775.89	6763.41	10456.40	17219.81	80	18485.00	9080	17	661
3	3259	750.12	78.10	328.22	1039.37	2360.60	3406.98	57	11635.00	5580	31	1067
4	373	389.17	213.94	603.11			4864.30	7	16000.00	900		
5	261	98.39	21.48	119.87	1258.35	411.57	1669.92	2	6000.00	275	6	116
6	1807	368.81	87.68	456.49	1594.30	2128.05	3722.35	19	10127.00	1800	22	362
7	350	108.58	13.74	122.32	1897.19	167.09	2064.28	1	1500.00	400	5	187
8	3315	457.50	104.10	561.60	1090.92	1062.69	2153.61	17	13725.00	4000	47	2037
9	267	92.71	16.77	109.48	84.23	42.00	128.33	1	3000.00	250	4	131
10	2233	461.61	75.16	536.77	942.88	1323.56	2266.44	7	24325.00	1800	23	673
11	1676	1237.04	382.46	1619.50	1884.88	4485.95	6410.89	8	30200.00	1450	13	399
12	339	284.50	62.85	347.35							2	57
13	18304	5651.25	1429.35	7080.60	16555.53	22437.91	43906.91	199	134997.00	25535	170	5690
14	<i>Totals Year 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, given below</i>											
15	16421	4325.90	1003.92	5329.82	6504.63	18895.79	38130.80	157	972881.00	21395	142	4587
16	14049	3672.74	835.79	4508.53	8495.45	24614.60	41155.05	78	41085.00	8840	133	4114
17	12224	3239.38	704.41	4261.37	9661.11	13032.64	24421.73	78	43825.00	10665	141	3934
18	10051	3694.45	748.00	4442.45	8664.88	12221.97	22254.91	61	26468.00	7995	122	3618

Mission for the Year Ending June 30, 1925

All Values in U. S. Gold

Number of Mission	14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not elsewhere listed)	16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD)			18 Tithe Per Capita	19 Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest Gathering and Sustentation Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest-Gathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sabbath-Schools	24 Membership
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)							
1	5	4	87	46	112	\$1620.38		\$1620.38							
2			57	28	203	581.40	5974.84	6556.24		360.65		991.00		173	5579
3	2		21	28	109	774.65	1018.54	1793.19			26.15		138.83	85	3752
4				18	31	447.12	1371.03	1818.15			132.07	131.00	205.92	15	537
5			3	8	34	210.57	169.96	380.53		12.88	12.45		17.10	12	376
6	3	13	11	33	196	870.20	662.73	1532.93		115.14		429.86	11.87	73	2494
7			6	12	42	326.38	203.78	530.16		55.83	.82		9.26	10	390
8	4	12	72	32	212	900.00	950.00	1850.00		330.00				83	3804
9	2		2	10	14	250.22	133.39	383.61		57.45		8.15	5.42	9	352
10			29	18	182	792.58	711.15	1503.73		312.68		27.85	14.00	66	2715
11	2		31	54	123	1561.16	3862.06	5423.22		232.23	28.11	55.29	705.01	52	1751
12				4	14		514.75	514.75		12.71				5	362
13	18	29	319	291	1272	8334.66	15572.23	23906.89		1489.57	199.60	1643.15	1107.41	583	22112
14															
15	11	29	226	271	1028	7294.45	12137.17	19431.62		1613.18	165.80	4205.79	6354.49	513	19478
16	13	42	238	283	1037	6409.23	9972.64	16381.67		246.40	115.33	1090.23	211.86	483	17354
17	14	49	275	245	996	4655.04	8595.11	13250.15		207.03	155.75	391.46	834.13	421	15174
18	17	49	236	307	887	6778.43	7738.26	14516.69		251.77	293.10	510.06	1587.78	395	12435

Number of Mission	39 Number of Intermediate Schools	40 Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	41 Number of Training Schools	42 Training Schools Enrollment of	43 Total Enrollment	44 NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		45 NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		46 Total No. of Teachers	47 Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	48 Expense of Maintenance of Schools	49 Number of Young People's Societies	50 Membership	51 Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	52 Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	53 Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work
						Men	Women	Men	Women								
1			1	287	287	5	4	8	4	21	\$17000.00	\$6500.00					
2			1	230	891	4	4	14	10	32	19100.00	4334.40	69	1681		13.79	31.66
3			1	148	1215	2	2	40	4	48	14061.39	3785.37	31	1160		17.49	7.33
4			1	40	40	2	3			5	3000.00	716.00	4	65			
5	1	12		128	1	1	5	2	8	8	695.00	178.94	8	146	1.76		
6	3	182		544	3	5	37	4	49	16410.00	1245.00	2	162				
7	1	89		276	1	3	9	3	16	5100.00	7.28	3	120				
8	3	281		2318	4	6	76	23	109	30982.00	4808.05	2	85				
9				131	1	1	9	3	13	650.00	365.00	2	36				
10	2	111		784	1	1	28	8	38	2825.00	1030.06	4	303				
11	1	120	1	309	828	4	7	27	5	43	39974.00	226.60	3	108		43.92	
12				57			1	3	4		213.48	2	148				
13	11	795	5	1014	7499	27	36	254	69	386	149797.39	23410.18	130	4014	1.76	75.20	38.99
14																	
15	9	844	5	789	6220	26	30	228	60	344	105853.69	11973.60	87	3441	4.06	16.71	8.87
16	12	835	5	1047	5976	20	32	212	70	334	92063.55	12929.76	81	2738	18.58	11.39	90.79
17	11	823	5	744	5425	22	22	204	55	303	99213.08	10637.70	41	1396			39.36
18	9	686	5	603	4996	23	17	180	47	268	86446.60	12240.37	21	576		14.44	43.28

Biennial Session—East China Union, Shanghai, Sept. 4-12, 1925

The East China Union Mission

(Synopsis of the report rendered by Pastor J. G. Gjording, superintendent of the East China Union, at the opening of the biennial session, Shanghai, Sept. 6, 1925)

We have gathered at this time to seek God and to transact business pertaining to His sacred work in East China. The blessings of life, of health, of liberty to worship God, of daily spiritual strength, that have come to us from God's beneficent hand since we were last assembled in executive session, surely bring grateful and reverent praise from every heart.

The trials and difficulties through which we have been passing the past year or two, have led us to realize more fully than ever before the deep-seated faith of our fellow believers, whose unswerving loyalty amid civil strife has brought great prosperity to the cause of God and joy to our hearts. More and more we must plan on placing large responsibility on those who are growing in grace and in a knowledge of truth in these fields.

We rejoice in 536 new members baptized into the faith during the last eighteen-month biennial period (for it is only about eighteen months since we were together in Nanking in Union session). At the beginning of the biennial period under review our baptized church membership was 944; at the present time it is 1,465,—a net gain of 521, or fifty-five per cent. Almost 100 per cent. of the baptisms have been applied on the membership gain. This is a marked improvement; for in our last report we could apply only 69 per cent. of the baptisms to the net gain. We rejoice in having almost reached the membership goal fixed at our last general meeting, of 1,500 baptized believers; and inasmuch as we still have four months of the time allotted (to Dec. 31, 1925) for the attainment of our named goal, we have every prospect of reaching and even passing it. If present indications can be made a reality, we should have fully 1,600 church members in the East China Union by the close of the present year. What shall we set as our soul-winning goal for the coming biennial period?

In our field we have 9 ordained ministers, 14 licentiates, 54 licensed missionaries, 24 Bible women, 33 colporteurs, 38 teachers, 10 office and other helpers—a total of 182, which is an increase of 39 over the previous period. The largest gain has been in the number of colporteurs.

For the eighteen months tithes and offerings have amounted to \$30,162.14 Mex., as follows: Tithe, \$18,684.42; Sabbath school gifts, \$6,296.75; general and specific offerings, \$5,684.97. These figures represent small gains over corresponding periods in former years. While grateful to God for what has been received, we feel confident we can do far more, and are determined to help our brethren and sisters to learn to abound in liberality.

Undoubtedly the greatest blessing that has come to us is the call to a spiritual revival and reformation, the effects of which are already visible in the increased number of souls won to Christ during the past four months. It is surely to the glory of God that we are able to report for the past eighteen months a net gain in church membership in excess of the net gain for the preceding five years. Perhaps one of our greatest needs during the coming biennial

term, is our need of more prayer, more zeal in soul winning, more of the power of God with us in our labors, in order that we may get out of the "hundreds" class and into the "thousands" class in gathering a harvest of souls for the Kingdom.

We need to make our Sabbath schools greater soul-saving agencies; we need to lend to the Sabbath school work our entire support.

We need to make our educational work more productive in soul-winning. And we need to conduct Bible schools for the further training of our workers. We believe that if our school teachers could be drafted into evangelistic service during the summer season, this plan would result in lasting benefit to all concerned. We need to recruit for colporteurs; and we need to carry upon our hearts the colporteur-evangelists already in the field. We need a physician who can make regular trips through the fields and establish a chain of simple treatment-rooms in connection with our chapels. We need an army of consecrated nurses to locate in our large centers to care for the sick and to do general medical missionary work. And we surely should have at least one medical dispensary in each of our provincial missions.

As ministers and Bible workers and church elders, we need to enter into our chambers and wrestle with God for the souls of men and women lost in sin. We need to avail ourselves of the advantages afforded by the recently formed Ministerial Association. We need to give close study to the problem of bringing a knowledge of the third angel's message to the thousands of villages in the rural districts of our field. The few attempts already made along this line, reveal the fact that this is one of the most effectual methods of building up substantial constituencies.

Our greatest need, we believe, is the need of spiritual power, and of a larger vision of the work in this field. With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to make Christ real to us, we may be fitted up for the execution of that larger vision. In love we shall be willing to lay all upon the altar, and become all things to all men, that the honest in heart may be saved. To this end shall we not consecrate our all to the Master, in order that His way may be accomplished more perfectly through us during our next biennial period, and also in order that we may be led to aspire to attain a goal of a thousand souls a year in the East China Union? Faith in God, more earnest praying, harder working, will bring these results about. Shall we not covenant to go all the way with our Lord, that He may completely dominate the whole life?

J. G. Gjording.

Treasurer's Report—East China Union

(As rendered by Brother M. C. Ackley, secretary-treasurer, at the fourth biennial session, Sept. 7, 1925)

It is a high honor to be associated with so many of like precious faith. As we look at the chart which shows the increases in membership in the three provinces of the East China Union, together with the total from 1919, when the Union was organized, to the present date of Aug. 31, 1925, it makes us glad to see that the Union has gained every year. Beginning with

a membership of 629 and gaining 15 for the first year, there has been a gradual increase each year until the eight months of this year we have had a net gain of 364 members, making a total for the Union of 1465. You will please notice that in the Kiangsu Mission alone, on Aug. 31, 1925, the membership of 845 was more than the total for the whole Union on Dec. 31, 1922. Prospects are good for the doubling of our membership of Dec. 31, 1922, at the close of this present year, reaching a total of nearly 1,700.

For the first eight months of this year Anhwei shows .96 new baptized believers for each worker, Kiangsu shows 3.71 for each worker, and Chekiang 1.84 persons, the average for the Union being 2.17.

As regards the percentage of self-support of the three provinces and the average for the whole Union, the best showing comes in 1920, when the average for the Union was 42.4 per cent of self-support; but from that time on the percentage falls to 30.2 per cent, which is the average for the first six months of this year. This average will undoubtedly be higher by the close of this year on account of the Harvest Ingathering and annual offering yet to be received.

There has been a steady gain in the amount of tithes received by the provinces.

Let us all unite in combining all our energies and powers in seeking God for the last home stretch in the finishing of the work of God for all peoples.

M. C. Ackley.

Sabbath School Work in the East China Union

(Report of Mrs. Florence E. Wood, secretary Sabbath-school Department of the East China Union Mission, at the biennial session, Shanghai, September 4-12, 1925)

During the year and a half ending June 30, 1925, to which time our last statistical report was made, 827 members were added to our Sabbath schools in this Union, making a total membership of 2,854, as compared with 2,027 reported at our last biennial session. Of the above number, 129 were added to the schools in the Anhwei Mission, 73 to the schools in the South Chekiang Mission, and 625 to those in the Kiangsu Mission. Although little more than two months have elapsed since our last report was made to the Far Eastern Division, the figures given at that time are already far out of date, for during the present quarter 3 additional schools have been organized in Anhwei, 2 in South Chekiang, and 6 in Kiangsu. When these schools are added to the schools in operation June 30, the total number will be 78, or seventeen more than we were able to report at our last Union meeting. No doubt these new schools will also materially increase our membership.

Although growth in Sabbath school membership is largely dependent upon the growth of the general work throughout the field, yet much can be done by well directed effort on the part of the Sabbath school department to hold and increase the membership of the schools already in operation. A general campaign with this object in view, beginning soon after the close of this meeting, and continuing until the end of

the year should bring our membership at that time up to at least 3,500. We believe this is a conservative estimate of what may be done. We wish to express appreciation of the faithful work done by our Sabbath school officers and others in promoting this feature of the Sabbath school.

We should not only strive to increase our membership, however, but we should also labor to bring our schools up to a higher standard. To this end we should endeavor to keep before them the four other goals recommended by the General Conference Sabbath school department. During this biennial period, 3,448 Cards of Honor with the blue seal have been issued, which shows that many are individually reaching the goal of perfect attendance.

The daily study goal is gradually assuming its rightful place in our Sabbath school work in this Union. During the year and a half, 679 cards with the red seal were issued. We believe that there is now and will continue to be a steady increase in the number of those who will "set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath school lesson" in harmony with the instruction of the Lord. During at least a part of the last school year, the Sabbath school lesson was studied in connection with the daily worship hour in both dormitories of the Shanghai Missionary College, and we hope

this good work may be continued throughout the coming year. At our Range Road Church, in Shanghai, approximately fifty members are following the daily study plan, and many of the smaller schools have a good list of members who reach this goal every quarter.

Our Sabbath school offerings for the year and a half amounted to \$6,290.41 Mex. which is 577.16 more than our offerings for the similar period previous to the time covered by this report. Of this amount \$254.24 were Birthday offerings. The General Conference has recently launched what is known as the "Investment Fund" as a means of further increasing our Sabbath school offerings. We hope our people in this field may accept the plan with enthusiasm, and we believe it will bring similar returns to those in the United States and other places where it has been adopted.

As is sometimes the case with things which are new, some of our schools have been slow to undertake the Training Course work for Sabbath school officers and teachers, but sixty-eight members enrolled to take this course, and the examination papers of practically one-third of this number have already been received. As a general rule, the schools which show the greatest progress are those which respond the most quickly to any new plan which is advanced by

the department. We hope that many more will fall into line when the next training course begins, and endeavor to obtain from it all the help possible in doing really efficient work in this important department of the Lord's work.

The larger schools throughout the Union as well as many of the smaller ones are working on the memory texts recommended by the Division Sabbath school department. Although we have encouraged our schools not to attempt to finish this work quickly, but rather to work at it steadily that those who learn slowly may keep pace, yet quite a number have already finished memorizing these texts and received five-star certificates.

The object of the remaining goal, "Personal Work for Every Pupil" is expressed in the following extract from the Testimonies: "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ." That the Sabbath school department of the East China Union may fill this place in the work of the third angel's message is the one great object for which we are laboring. We have faith to believe that when our Lord returns, many "from the land of Sinim" will have a place in His kingdom as a result of the work of our Sabbath schools in this Union.

Florence E. Wood.



A large party of workers for various portions of the Far Eastern Division field reached Shanghai by the *Empress of Russia*, September 8, 1925. Several of these have come as the result of arrangements entered into by the Home Board during the Fall Council of 1924, when Professor Frederick Griggs and Dr. H. W. Miller were appointed Field Secretaries for the Far Eastern Division. Some of those appearing in this group are returning from furlough. Every member of the Far Eastern Division Mission welcomes these friends and associate workers.

Back row, left to right: Dr. H. W. Miller, Willis Miller, Ernest Hurd, H. P. Evens, Mrs. Evens, Otis Erich, Mrs. Erich, M. P. Knowles, Mrs. Knowles, Miss Ruth Stickney, Dr. Donald Griggs, Mrs. Griggs, Pastor Frederick Lee, Prof. Frederick Griggs;

Second Row: Mrs. Hurd, Mrs. Frederick Lee, Mrs. Frederick Griggs, Mrs. H. W. Miller, Miss Maude Miller, Mrs. Theo. Wangerin and daughter;

Front Row: Vina Hurd, Milton Lee, Mary Lou Lee, Dorothy Lee, Clarence Miller, a visitor, Anna Lee.

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Pastor I. H. Evans left Shanghai September 22, in company with Pastor L. R. Conradi, to fill a series of appointments in Japan, Chosen, and North China, closing with the China Missionary Training College dedicatory exercises scheduled for November 6-8 at Chiao Tou Dien, Kiangsu.

On September 25 Professor Frederick Griggs and the Division Secretary sailed for the Philippines, where meetings are to be held in various places.

On the 21st of September Brother H. R. Dixon, of Changaha, sailed for the States. His address for a time will be Yuma, Colorado, where Mrs. Dixon and the children are living.

On September 28 Brother H. A. Anderson, of Manila, passed through Shanghai with his daughter, enroute to the States.

September of 1925 will long be remembered as the month when those connected with the old Shanghai Missionary College made the transfer of the college and of themselves and families from the Ningkuo Road compound to the new college site at Chiao Tou Dien, Kiangsu Province, about two hundred miles northwest in the interior. Earnest work has been done to make possible the carrying of full work from the very beginning of the school year. Those who have made this transfer include the following teachers and their families: D. E. Rebok, H. L. Shull, J. A. Guild, C. A. Carter, F. A. Landis, S. H. Lindt; also Miss Ida Thompson.

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"Thy People Shall Be My People"

"We have come here to enter heart and soul with you into your problems and your work, and to be one with you," declared Professor Frederick Griggs, field secretary of the Far Eastern Division, to the brethren and sisters assembled in the biennial session of the East China Union at Shanghai September 9. Brother Griggs was speaking in behalf of the group of workers who had come over with Dr. H. W. Miller and himself to unite with us in labor. "Thy people shall be my people," he continued; and these words, first uttered by Ruth to Naomi in days of old, were repeated as the avowed purpose of all who have come to join us. As translated in the Mandarin version of the Bible, Ruth's noble declaration reads, "Thy country shall be my country, and thy God my God." How true it is that the children of the Kingdom blend as one, wherever placed in this world of many lands! And how blessed the privilege of sweet fellowship with believers of like faith from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people!

Statistical Report for the Second Quarter of 1925

The work of the second quarter of 1925 in the Far East is revealed in statistical form in tables appearing on pages 6-7, 8-9. Perhaps the most outstanding net gain is that of baptized membership, which totals 808 for the quarter, bringing our baptized membership for the entire Division field to 15,605 on June 30, 1925. These figures do not include any gains made during the second quarter in the South China Union or the Sungari-Mongolian Mission. As reports from these two fields did not reach us in time for inclusion in this statistical summary, the figures which appear are estimated. In every Union efforts are being made to bring to a large number a knowledge of the Lord Jesus during the present year.

On August 31, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Henry White, of Tsinan, Shantung, a son, Donald Lacey.

First Lithuanian Missionary to China

When Brother and Sister A. N. Kovshar, formerly of the East Siberian Union, were transferred to the Manchurian Union for labor among the Chinese after a study of the Mandarin language, Brother Kovshar called our attention to the fact that in responding to our call he thus became "the first Lithuanian Seventh-day Adventist missionary to China." We are glad to welcome Brother and Sister Kovshar into this circle of seventy families making up the foreign section of our China workers; and we believe that with Heaven's blessing they will gain the hearts of the people among whom they have come to labor.

Sales of Chinese Books and Tracts

A detailed list of sales of Mandarin and Wenti books and tracts published by our Shanghai House, reveals an increasing demand for some of the pamphlets containing a hundred pages or more. Of these, during the first six months of 1925 "Christ our Saviour" led with a total sale of 8,055; "Steps to Christ" was a close second, with a sale of 6,604. Of the larger subscription books, "Our Day" led during the first six months of the present year, with a total sale during that time of 4,314 copies. During the same time, 3,624 copies of "Health and Longevity," 774 copies of "Beginnings," 860 copies of "Great Man of Western Asia," and 1,037 copies of "Hymns of Praise" were sent out. The total number of tracts sold during the six-month period under review, was 216,414; of "broadsides," 46,100.

"Woe Is Me if I Preach Not"

"Recently," writes Brother Tito P. Atiga, field missionary secretary of Northern Luzon Mission, in *Echoes from the Ilocano Field*, "I asked the Mission committee to let me go and attend to the interest created by the colporteurs in the town of Balacan. Though loth to release me from regular work, they finally granted my request, and I went to Balacan and opened a series of meetings, and was joined later by Sister Rosa Limos and Brother Demetrio Cejalvo. There were many temptations, and the enemy fought hard against us. In the midst of the series, we were visited by pastors of the . . . Church, who tried to discourage the people; but the Lord helped us maintain the confidence of our hearers. Finally, at the time of decision, twenty signified their desire for baptism after receiving further instruction. One of the candidates, however, weakened in his hold on truth, and he influenced others to withdraw; and as the result, only six finally met all the requirements. Brother Juan Afenir baptized these. Two of them were the direct fruit of selling our books and papers. Others will follow as soon as they can be prepared. Let us take courage, brethren, and do our best to bring the silent messengers into the homes of the people: for the Lord will add His blessing. Colporteur work is a pioneer agency of our message. Don't you want to be a pioneer?"

Arrivals and Departures

In addition to the large party named at the foot of page 11, recent arrivals in the Far East include Pastor L. R. Conradi, general field secretary of the Home Board, who comes from Hamburg to the Far East to visit many of our stations during the fall and winter; Pastor and Mrs. John Effenberg from Central Europe for Szechwan; Pastor and Mrs. F. A. Pratt and children returning to Siam from furlough; H. N. and Mrs. Quade for Foochow. The coming of these workers brings added courage and is a cause of great rejoicing. The workers are quickly finding their way to their assigned stations. Several are taking up language work.

The East China Union Session

Two reports rendered during the East China Union biennial session recently held in Shanghai appear on pages 10 and 11 of this issue. The meeting was well attended, and an excellent spirit was revealed throughout. More reports are promised for our next number.

Early in September Brother and Sister T. T. Babienco, of the Sungari-Mongolian Mission, suffered the bereavement of their infant daughter, who, after an illness of twenty-six days, passed away, a victim to whooping-cough. "A great sorrow has come to us, but we trust in the Lord," Brother Babienco writes. Our prayers, in which every member of the mission family will join, go out in behalf of our stricken fellow-workers, that He who has permitted this loss may minister comfort and sustaining grace to the hearts that sorrow. "Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. . . . Thy children shall come again unto thine own border."