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PEACEMAKERS

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ONE of the beatitudes uttered by Christ is "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the sons of God."

A peacemaker is one who makes peace. One does not make peace where there is no cause for trouble nor possibility for a misunderstanding. Where no harsh word has been spoken, no irritating act done, no appointed task left undone, one does not have to make peace; but when the reproachful word has been spoken, when the tone of voice, rasping and resentful, arouses indignation; when criticism and derogatory words come like burning fire-brands that set all the passions of resentment aflame, then is the time to make peace.

A MAN who stood at the head of many interests was bitterly attacked in a meeting at which he was presiding. Unselfishly he had worked for the cause of God. But others desired his position and were working for his retirement. One prominent brother attacked certain things that had been done, offering violent criticism, and using severe language. Another and another followed in bitter criticism, until it seemed that for very pity they should have desisted. The chairman said not one word in response. When the meeting was over, I went to him and said, "How could you keep still, unjustly bearing this reproach, and not speak in self-defense?" He replied, "It is far better that I say nothing, and bear this reproach, than by answering to inflame these men, and cause trouble. The unspoken word can do no harm. I'd rather be wrongly accused and bear it, and have peace, than to have trouble, even were I justified." This great man was a peacemaker. He was a noble son of God.

ANOTHER man in a high position of trust grossly misstated facts to incriminate a brother, to whom he openly showed his dislike, and that so directly that none could miss knowing whom he wished to wound. The one attacked fully understood the misstatement and its purpose, but offered not a word of criticism, and made no defense. When asked why he was silent, he replied, "It is better not to speak. To do so would only widen the breach, and we must have peace no matter at what cost of personal suffering." He was a peacemaker.

EVERYTHING had gone wrong that day. The man's nerves were on tension. At last he could stand no more and began scolding in angry tones. His wife was tired, and suffered under the husband's irritability. When he began his tirade in an angry tone of voice, I heard her breathing a hymn of prayer and praise. The husband demanded an immediate answer. I said, "Surely she will retaliate."

But when she spoke, it was in such soft, kind tones, and with a smile so gracious, her husband was moved to immediate apology. His wife was a peacemaker.

OH, these peacemakers are angels of mercy to our poor, distracted hearts! They are like soothing ointment to the aching wound, like sunshine to the darkened soul.

Every Christian is in duty bound to be a peacemaker. Not only should he keep the peace, but he should also *make* peace. Satan's work is to sow discord among brethren. He does it in all sorts of ways—by working through his agents by lying, by telling part of the truth, by telling half-truths, by repeating what has been said in an unguarded moment, by insinuations, by every means that he can devise. The Christian fortifies himself against all these fiery darts and out of it all makes peace. He forgives, he prays, he loves, and will not be a party to strife and division.

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called sons of God."

Note and Comment

A Manuscript on Tithes and Offerings

RECENTLY a manuscript on Tithes and Offerings has been received from Pastor G. W. Wells, in response to a request by the Far Eastern Division Committee for him to prepare something for early translation into various vernaculars used in our fields. This manuscript will soon be in the hands of translators, but considerable time may elapse before it can be fully translated and printed. Meanwhile, let us make sure of continued use of current literature on these questions, in order that all may be kept informed of the privileges and responsibilities and the abundant blessings connected with abounding liberality.

Deferred Until Some Later Date

THROUGH Professor W. E. Howell we learn that his proposed trip to India, to have been taken this summer and early fall, has been deferred, it being impracticable for him to go until at least following the biennial council to be held in Europe the latter part of next summer. This makes impossible his spending the winter of 1927-28 in the Far East as had formerly been anticipated.

Items from the Publishing Department

SEVERAL items of special interest are given in the October issue of *The Far Eastern Promoter*. In Mukden the Harvest Ingathering returns during the first days the church engaged in this work, were upwards of three hundred dollars Mexican; and as the amounts realized were larger than at first anticipated, an ultimate goal of two thousand dollars Mexican was agreed upon.

In Central Sumatra the sales from the Book Depot for the first eight months of the year 1927, totaled *Guilders* 14,605.14, including amounts realized through the sale of their new health book, "Hahipason" (Health and Longevity). It will be remembered that a *Guilder* is the equivalent of forty cents gold. Much of the literature sold in Central Sumatra, is in the Batak language.

The "Big Week" in West Java Mission netted *Guilders* 2,770.00. In Central Luzon Conference, during "Big Week," ten thousand copies of the Tagalog edition of "Story of Jesus" were sold.

In Japan the book and periodical sales during the month of August, totaled \$1,849.22 (gold).

1928 Harvest Ingathering Specials

MATERIAL has been mailed to the Home Board for the 1928 Harvest Ingathering Special. Some portions of our field are not represented, as nothing has been received from those stationed in certain sections. These lacks are being made up in part at the Division offices, through a process of selection of material in hand. It will soon be time to send in material for the Chinese Harvest Ingathering Special published in Shanghai. Any contributions for this will be gratefully received. The Chinese edition of the Ingathering Special has an extended circulation in various portions of the world field, although, in proportion to the English and other editions, it is small, having a circulation of little more than thirty thousand copies per annum, whereas the English Special is approaching the three-million mark.

Copies of the 1927 edition of the Chinese Ingathering Special are still available. Orders should be addressed to Mr. H. W. Barrows, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

Into Central China

A GROUP of three left Shanghai the evening of October 10 for Hankow, in the hope of spending some time in the Central China Union. One of the party was Pastor N. F. Brewer, superintendent of the Union; the others were Pastor W. E. Strickland (director) and Brother H. Romain Dixon (secretary-treasurer) of the Honan Mission. It is problematical whether any can get into Honan at present, but some will endeavor to do so at the proper time, when opportunity affords a way of traveling northward from Hankow.

On the evening of the thirteenth Pastor E. H. James, director of the Kiangsi Mission, sailed for Kiukiang and Hankow.

Three others sailed the evening of the thirteenth; namely, Pastor C. H. Davis, director of the Hunan Mission; W. I. Hilliard, secretary-treasurer of the Central China Union; and Pastor Harold L. Graham, director of the Hupeh Mission.

It is anticipated that the way may open for holding a two-weeks' institute for workers of the Central China Union, at Hankow, the last half of November, in which event Pastor Frederick Lee and Professor D. E. Rebok and Dr. H. W. Miller are to meet with the brethren, if other duties permit, and assist in the institute work.

As the brethren begin to get back to some of the strategic centers, it is our privilege to pray that their labors may be especially blessed during these times of need.

The Fireside Correspondence School

THE attention of all is directed to advantages that will accrue to many of our youth, and incidentally to our mission work in its entirety, through matriculation in the Fireside Correspondence School (Far Eastern Branch) this fall, for faithful study of essential subjects during the fall and winter months. This is particularly true of students in those portions of the China field where school work cannot be followed in the ordinary way because of political conditions prevailing in war-swept areas. Early enrollment is desirable, as this will give opportunity for earnest study in the periods of leisure that many will have during the lengthening evenings of fall and winter. Address inquiries to Fireside Correspondence School (Far Eastern Branch), 31 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

Transfer to Manchuria

RECENTLY a transfer of Brother I. O. Wallace from the Central China Union to the Manchurian Union, has been effected. Within a few weeks Pastor Adlai A. Esteb and family are to be transferred from Mukden to Peking, where Brother Esteb is to serve as Field Missionary Secretary of the North China Union. Brother Wallace will serve in the Manchurian Union in like capacity.

Another transfer that has recently been arranged, is for Miss Djou Ai Hsi from the Central China Union to Manchuria as a church school teacher.

Addresses of Workers on Furlough

Geo. C. Leedy, College Place, Wash., U.S.A.

S. H. Lindt, Union College, College View, Nebr., U.S.A.

J. W. Rowland, in care of Mrs. L. A. Shaffer, Kent, Wash., U.S.A.

C. W. Lee, R. F. D. No. 9, Box 295, Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A.

J. E. Riffel, Otis, Kansas, U.S.A.

H. I. Smith, 1209 Villa St., Mountain View, Calif., U.S.A.

M. F. Wiedemann, 918 South Seventh St., Burlington, Iowa, U.S.A.

L. D. Warren, 565 South Twelfth St., Newark, N.J., U.S.A.

B. Petersen, 1304 East Lexington Drive, Glendale, Calif., U.S.A.

Mrs. A. L. Ham, Centralia, Wash., U.S.A.

H. L. Shull, 213 West Union St., Burlington, N.J., U.S.A.

Eugene Woesner, 437 East Cleveland St., Stockton, Calif., U.S.A.

Reports from the Field

A Growing Interest in Johore

BROTHER C. M. LEE, of Singapore, writes that the number of interested ones in attendance at cottage meetings being held by him each week in Johore, S. S., is increasing. The brother in whose house meetings are held, is working very hard to bring others into the meetings. A Bible Class for English children from four to ten years of age has been formed, and Mrs. Lake is teaching these while Brother Lee continues to labor in behalf of the adults.

Help from the Sea

W. H. BERGHERM

PROVIDING suitable churches for our rapidly growing membership is indeed a problem in the mission field. At the present time we are endeavoring to build about ten new chapels.

In one place on the island of Negros, our brethren have entirely outgrown their meeting place. In casting about for funds and materials with which to build, they prayed earnestly that God would help them that in some way, notwithstanding their poverty, a neat little church might be erected and dedicated to the Lord. That God did send them help in a most unexpected manner, is shown by the following letter written by the elder of the church:

"I am very glad to inform you that the Lord Almighty miraculously answered our earnest prayer while we were trying our best to erect the church we needed so badly. Our dear Lord sent us a very big log which we can saw into lumber to use in His church. The other day one of our faithful brothers who is a fisherman saw a timber floating toward the place where we wish to build our church. Immediately he caught it and marked it with his own name so that no one could claim it. A few minutes afterward many others saw the log, and came rushing to catch it and claim it, but they found the mark of our brother on it. And now the log is given to our church by the brother. The length of the timber is more than fourteen meters, and the diameter is more than three-fourths of a meter. It is newly cut down from the trunk, and it is yet round. Now we have already enough lumber for the church building."

If we would pray more definitely to the Lord for the things we need, surely many of our needs would be given us by Him who owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

South Fukien Mission Annual Meeting

C. C. MORRIS

AN annual meeting of the South Fukien Mission was held at Amoy, September 7-11, 1927. The mission workers were all present, also a large number of believers. The meetings were all well attended, and an excellent interest was manifested.

The meeting was not long in duration, but the entire time was given over to the spiritual interests of those present. From 6:30 in the morning till 8:30 at night there was a constant round of meetings, with but little time off, except for meals. Matters of business were postponed till after the close of the regular meetings. In the past, such gatherings have usually closed on a Sabbath day, but this time it was planned to close on a Sunday night. We thought at first that it would be difficult to hold the interest during that last day, but with few exceptions the members remained through to the last meeting, which was held Sunday night.

Pastor A. L. Ham, Mr. David Hwang and the writer were in attendance from outside the local mission. Several of the local Chinese workers rendered valuable assistance at the evening meetings. Brother Hwang gave special help in the departmental meetings.

On Sabbath morning, Brother C. Y. Hung, who has labored as an evangelist for many years, was ordained to the gospel ministry. During the afternoon of the same day, nine were baptized in the waters of the ocean, near the mission compound. These were occasions of joy and rejoicing to all who were privileged to be present.

Monday was given to committee work, and visiting of the sick. Thus ended another annual meeting, which we believe the Lord was pleased to bless. May its influences follow on, and result in greater things accomplished in the days to come.

Hong Kong, September 18, 1927.

High Enthusiasm in Mukden

THE evening of October 12 a telegram was received at Division headquarters, reading thus:

"Adventist Shanghai. Manchuria over Ingathering goal. Splendid response local church. Enthusiasm high. Leaving Thursday begin campaign Peking. (Signed) Esteb."

We congratulate Pastor Esteb and the Manchurian brethren and sisters. We have understood through correspondence that the campaign was carefully laid out, fully explained, and closely followed up, with personal supervision.

Good News from Japan

PASTOR V. T. ARMSTRONG, superintendent of the Japan Union Mission, reports telegraphic advices from America that Dr. Getzlaff will be sailing November 7 for Japan.

When writing, Pastor Armstrong was down in the southern part of the Japan field, visiting our companies and churches there. He reported good meetings. Some baptismal services are being held.

As regards institutional work, the publishing sales will probably reach the goal of 40,000 yen, set at the beginning of the year. At the Naraha school a new dormitory has been under way, and will be ready for occupancy before cold weather comes.

Revival Meetings in Shanghai

SINCE the arrival from California of Pastor Meade MacGuire, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference Ministerial Association, a series of studies has been given by him at the Ningkuo Road compound and also at the Yu Yuen Road compound, Shanghai, with particular reference to the times in which we are living, and the privileges and responsibilities that are ours in these days of opportunity. Many spiritual blessings have been attending the preaching of the Word. Groups have been meeting daily for prayer and for interchange of thought; confessions have been made; reconsecrations have taken place on the part of well-nigh every mission worker. One Union group with special problems, spent a day in fasting and prayer, with blessed results. In many ways the Lord has been making plain to us anew the verity of His promises to hear and to help when we seek Him with all the heart.

The spiritual work of the first fortnight, has been continued for another ten days, in behalf of the Mandarin-speaking members of the Shanghai East Church, and also in behalf of the Shanghai-speaking members of the Range Road Church. Some special services are being held at the Avenue Joffre Branch of the Shanghai Sanitarium.

The general theme running throughout the instruction, is The Blessed Life: Its Purity, Peace, and Power. Of all the peoples of this earth, surely Seventh-day Adventists should be earnestly preparing for their Lord's return, and for passing on to others of the precious things of Holy Scripture.

During the meetings we have had many fresh glimpses of the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and Keeper. Through faith we may receive of His righteousness, and be clothed with power divine.

Mission Stations in South China

AT coastal ports where warships are stationed in South China waters--- at Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, and Canton,---our mission families have been allowed to return; but as yet no women and children are permitted to go to interior stations, such as Waichow (Kwangtung Province) and Nanning (Kwangsi Province). Our Waichow families are locating in Canton, and our Nanning families are still in Hongkong. Pastor J. P. Anderson and Dr. H. C. James have been allowed to be in Waichow, and Pastor P. V. Thomas has just succeeded for the first time since last winter, in getting in to Nanning for a brief visit. Only recently (since mid-August) has permission been given for womenfolk and children to live in Canton. Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Coffin, of the Nanning Hospital-Dispensary, have been giving their time largely to a further study of the Cantonese language, as have Brother and Sister Loren Schutt, nurses under appointment for service in Nanning.

The same regulations that keep the women and the children from interior stations in South China, rule in many sections of Central and West China. At present there is no lawful alternative, and our workers are making the best of the situation, notwithstanding their desire to get back to their fields of labor. Much time is given to language study.

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Tent Efforts at Seoul

THROUGH Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, of the Chosen Union Mission, we learn that another tent effort is being undertaken in the city of Seoul, and that Brother H. J. Bass is busily engaged in making final arrangements for the new series. Several Korean workers of experience are connected with this effort, and it is confidently expected that the results will be as encouraging as were the results coming from the public meetings held last fall and winter.

A Correction

THROUGH Pastor F. A. Pratt, director of the Siam Mission, we learn that the evangelistic efforts reported in the July issue of the Outlook as for Siamese in Korat and Bangkok, were in reality held not for the Siamese but for the Hakkas in Korat, and for the Swatowese in Bangkok. Brother Pratt expresses the hope that he may have the privilege of reporting soon a special evangelistic effort in behalf of the Siamese.

The Chosen Union Mission—Biennial Report

CHYOUNG MUN COOK

(Synopsis of the report of Pastor Chyong Mun Cook, director of the Central Chosen Mission, Seoul, during the biennial session of the Union in June, 1927. Translated from the Korean)

WE have received much of the blessing of God during the past two years. The record of advance that has been made can, I believe, be traced to the many prayers of the people of the district, together with their labors and those of the workers under the blessing of God. We praise the Lord for unity and for what has been wrought in His name.

We now have 5 organized churches, 24 companies, and 17 home Sabbath schools. Eleven new places have been opened up during the two-year period. The baptisms for the period were 177, and we now have a baptized membership of 476. Our Sabbath school membership stands at 1,247.

Our workers are as follows: ordained ministers 3, licensed minister 4, Bible women 4, teachers 9, office men 2, and colporteurs 11. We have 6 church schools with 231 students, of whom 97 are from Adventist homes. Our literature sales for the past two years have been 8,990 yen. We have 14 missionary societies with 447 reporting members.

Manchurian Union Sabbath School Report—1925-26

MRS. F. M. LARSEN

(Synopsis of report rendered by Mrs. F. M. Larsen during the biennial meeting, Changchun, May, 1927)

DURING the past two years the Lord has blessed in the Sabbath school work. A gain has been made in nearly every item. The total offerings for 1925 were \$937.93 Mex., in 1926 \$1,116.44, a gain of \$178.51.

The aim of the Sabbath school is to be a soul-saving agency. The Sabbath school does this by teaching us to study the Bible and train our minds. By imparting to our young people a greater knowledge of the Scriptures, interesting them in spiritual things in place of worldly allurements, and in that way helping them to be able to withstand the temptations that come their way, it helps to build character and leads many to impart to others the third angels' message.

From Pastor Geo. J. Appel

A RECENT communication informs us that Pastor Geo. J. Appel and family have decided to spend the fall and winter at College Place, Washington, U. S. A., where they may be addressed (post office box 143). Brother Appel has gone on to the Fall Council, and upon his return will take some work in Walla College, and assist as may be possible in spiritual lines in that district. He reports having attended the Western Oregon campmeeting at Forest Grove, where he found the people deeply interested in China and in mission work generally. During the last Sabbath of the campmeeting over eight thousand dollars gold was given in cash and pledges for mission work.

From Pastor C. E. Weaks

IN communication from Pastor C. E. Weaks, formerly of the Far Eastern division, and now secretary of the publishing department in the European division, under date of June 22, we are informed that the circulation of literature in that part of the world field "is a struggle and a battle all the time." "In some of our fields," continues Brother Weaks, "the opposition is so strong that the colporteurs really know what suffering is. The jails are very familiar places to them, and frequently they are beaten and flogged most unmercifully. I have just received a letter telling of one of our colporteurs who was taken by two priests and a mob, severely beaten, thrown onto the ground, and then the priests trod on his stomach and breast until blood ran out of his mouth. They thought they had killed him; but despite all these things the workers press forward courageously . . . Our sales during the year 1926 were \$1,211,923.84 (gold). Is it not wonderful the way our literature work has progressed during recent years? Surely the words of Sister White are being fulfilled, that the more our literature is circulated, the greater will be the demand.

"Mrs. Weaks and I are very happy in our little home in Berne . . . We have just had a letter from Brother and Sister Milne, telling us they have reached Italy, and will probably be in Berne by the middle of next week. We shall be pleased to get from them some direct word from the Far Eastern field."

From Dr. L. H. Butka

IN a communication received from Dr. L. H. Butka, who is serving temporarily as physician at the Soonan Hospital-Dispensary until permitted by consular authorities to resume his duties as physician-in-chief at the Yen-cheng Hospital-Dispensary in Central China, he writes (under date of August 20):

"We are enjoying our stay here in Soonan very much, and are happy to see the medical missionary work increasing every day. We have had some interesting cases, including some serious ones, and the Lord has blessed us in seeing them all recover.

"The new addition to the Soonan Hospital-Dispensary is nearly finished. This gives us a fine operating-room, treatment-room, kitchen, supply-room, and also a large ward. We can now take care of about twenty-five in-patients.

"Sorry to hear we have lost all our things in Honan—but this is no more than we expected. We especially feel bad about losing all our books; but we thank the Lord for the preservation of our lives."

A Persecutor now Preaching the Doctrine

L. V. FINSTER

IN the northern part of the Celebes where one of our native workers was holding a meeting, a deacon of the Protestant church came one night to the cottage meeting, and with a long sword kept waving it over the heads of our believers for nearly an hour, threatening their destruction. Our brethren did not answer him back, and when he had finished they quietly left and went to their homes. The man however, soon became convicted of his sins. He visited our worker and desired to know more about the truths that were being preached.

While visiting in a town where we were holding meetings, this man came boldly to our meeting and listened very attentively. After a few days he came to our annual meeting and attended most of the services. He is now telling to others that this is the truth of God and has done much to help the work in his town. He has offered to give us land upon which to build our church, and is now more than occupied in telling to interested inquirers the truth for this time. Surely the same God that changed the heart of men in early time is with us to-day, and is working similar miracles of grace.

The Fengtien Mission

A. KOVSHAR

WITH the help of God we are working away here in the Fengtien province of Manchuria; and He is blessing the work. A few weeks ago I had baptism in Chinchow, where seven souls were added to the church. Five more are preparing to enter the church in the autumn. Last Sunday four souls were baptized in Mukden, and I believe we shall have ten or twelve more in the fall. From the Changtu station I learn that they have a few prepared for baptism, and to-day I learned from Tiehling that seven or eight are prepared there. Liaoyang and Haicheng will give us about twenty new members during the remaining portion of the year. A few weeks ago we received an invitation from Bamiencheng, where a few are studying the message, to send them a worker. A Chinese evangelist was sent to this place hitherto unworked. He spent a few days there, and wrote back of an earnest desire on the part of three to unite with us. And from many other places we receive Macedonian cries, and believe that in the near future God will give us great success in the Fengtien Mission, to the praise of His Glory.

Mukden, July 26, 1927.

The Sabbath School Department

Report of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department

for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1927

Conference or Mission	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Senior Division	Youth's Division	Primary Kindergarten	Cradle Roll	Twelve Sabbath-- Offering	13th Sabbath Offering	Offerings-- Total
Central China	72	1954	1422	1515	231	176	25	276.47	75.51	351.98
Chosen	105	4784	3742	2005	996	1608	175	727.16	70.04½	797.20½
East China	82	2663	1983	2041	569	53		498.26	86.70	584.96
Japan Union	20	564	395	432	10	109	12	461.05	254.26	715.31
Malaysian Union	73	2679	2424	942	287	282	3	1171.28	648.04	1819.32
Manchuria	12	346	335	202	121	19	4	110.74	20.58	131.32
North China	14	398	326	244	76	43		111.00	10.50	121.50
Philippines	229	7795	5972	4732	1932	1131		1579.82	408.71	1988.53
South China	91	2957	2149	1658	812	427	33	558.00½	97.10½	655.11
Sungari-Mongolia	10	480	410	398	60	99	3	402.20	85.46	487.66
West China	20	375	416	311	60	4		138.17	16.09	154.26
Total	728	24995	19574	14480	5154	3951	255	6034.15½	1773.00	7807.15½

MRS. I. H. EVANS, Secretary of the Division Sabbath School Dept.

Additional Facts Concerning the Spice Islands

L. V. FINSTER

THE early history of the Spice Islands is imperfectly known, but from the old ballads and folklore, and from Chinese annals of early visits to these parts, some connected historical events can be located.

The spice trade must have been a very ancient business, as it seems to have been well established in the days of Solomon. Cloves, which grow only in the Moluccas (another name for the Spice Islands), were known in Rome in the first few centuries after Christ. Even to-day, many words and letters in these islands and in the islands to the east, are the same as were used in ancient Phoenicia. There must have been a very early connection between this part of the world, and Europe and Asia Minor.

The returning Crusaders had learned the use of many of the Eastern luxuries, as perfumes and spices, and soon the demand was enormous, and the business one of the most profitable in the world.

The Spice Islands attracted the attention of the merchants of Spain, especially after Magellan's trip around the world. From that time on, many battles were fought for their possession, as the numerous old forts seen to-day in all these islands, testify. The Spaniards, Portuguese, English, and Dutch have all held sway here. The influence of the Portuguese colonies has left a decided impression on the peoples of these islands. Many still carry Portuguese names, and with not a few of the people the features closely resemble that nationality. The present generation have bright, keen minds.

The West Chosen Conference

NE KEUN OK

(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor Ne Keun Ok, president of the West Chosen Conference, during the Union Session held in Seoul in June, 1927)

FIRST, I wish to thank God for the mercies extended to both laity and workers during the two years that are closing, and also for the advances that have been made in the West Chosen Conference during this period.

We now have 11 organized churches and 31 companies, having added 9 during the past two years. Our Sabbath

school membership two years ago was 1,932 and now it stands at 2,132, while our church membership is now 698. One hundred sixty-five have been baptized during the two-year period. We have 15 church schools with 468 pupils. 251 being the children of our church members.

The workers of the West Chosen Conference now consist of two ordained ministers, seven licentiate, two office men, one resident canvasser, and two Bible women. During the past two years we have received 17,725.96 yen in tithes.

At present there are many places in the field where new interests have sprung up and are calling for help. These give promise of future progress. Still, with our limited number of workers, we shall be unable to answer these calls unless some of our older organized churches be willing to look after the work in their districts, thus releasing workers to answer calls.

I pray and believe that the work in the West Chosen Conference will make rapid progress during the new biennial period upon which we are now entering.

New Roads Join French Indo-China and Siam

According to information received by the American Express Travel Department, Manila, from the Royal State Highway department of Siam, motor roads between French Indo-China and Siam are now connected, and overland travel from Saigon to Bangkok, by way of Pnom-Penh and Angkor is quite easy.

The present system enables one to leave Saigon either on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 5:30 a.m. by motor bus and arrive in Pnom-Penh on the same day at 12:30 p.m. The charge is Pesos 13.10. Hotel accommodations in Pnom-Penh are very good and the charge is Pesos 14.30 a day for board and lodging. Pnom-Penh is the capital of Cambodia. From this place one may travel to Aranya Prades either by way of Angkor or Battambang. The bus fare between the two cities is Pesos 19.00.

Private motor cars can be hired at Angkor to travel to Aranya Prades, arriving there within six hours, for Pesos 145.00. From Aranya Prades there is a daily train to Bangkok. The first-class fare is Pesos 11.00.—*Hongkong Telegraph, Sept. 13, 1927.*

Results in the East Visayan Mission

FROM correspondence with Pastor G. Hugh Murrin, director of the East Visayan Mission, Cebu, P. I., we select the following word of cheer written by him under date of August 8:

"Our work in the East Visayan mission is beginning to look promising, although our baptisms for the first half of the year were only 208. We are working and praying toward the end of having that many to report for the third quarter, and the same for the next. With present prospects realized, we should be able to report at our next annual meeting in April, 1928, a baptized membership of 2,000.

"The Lord is doing some wonderful things here. A few of our members emigrated to Gataingan, on the island of Masbate, from Daan Bantayan; and because of their missionary spirit we have already baptized ten in Masbate, and I am now planning another trip for September to baptize twenty-two more who are now keeping the commandments of God. Masbate is a territory hitherto unentered.

"At the present moment I have before me thirteen baptismal services to be performed during August and September. The latter month will be an especially busy one, with eight baptismal services in prospect.

"For my own information I have arranged a little questionnaire for candidates for baptism; and the information gathered thus far reveals the facts that out of 103 baptisms, 69 were first interested in the truth by church-members, 29 by workers, 4 by colporteurs, and 1 by tent. Sixty-seven of these studied the doctrine with workers, and 36 with members; while ninety per cent. were prepared for baptism by workers.

"It is our intention to spend all the time possible with the churches, endeavoring to inspire them to greater missionary activity."

BORN to Pastor and Mrs. T. T. Babienco, in Harbin, Manchuria, on May 11, 1927, a daughter, Helenj Theophacles.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra L. Longway, in South Lancaster Massachusetts, on July 23, 1927, a son, Ralph Ernest.

BORN to Professor and Mrs. Vernon E. Hendershot, of Singapore, August 30, 1927, a daughter, Verna Joyce.

Opposition in Bicol Territory

A COMMUNICATION from Pastor W. B. Riffel, of Legaspi, Albay, P. I., tells of the launching of their third series of tent efforts. In this series four companies at the outset met with considerable opposition. On the third night of preaching an attempt was made in the night to hinder the evangelists from holding further services. To this end, enemies cut down the tent, after having made fifty holes in the tent with their *bolos* (long knives). The evangelist patched the tent up and again erected it, and at last reports the tent was still up and the preaching was continuing, notwithstanding many annoyances. The courage and persistency of the workers is now being rewarded through a lessening of opposition. Some have become interested, and it is anticipated that a company of believers will be raised up as the result of the meetings being held, notwithstanding continued opposition.

In another communication Brother Riffel reports that during the past year the church membership in the Bicol Mission, over which he is director, has doubled.

From Pastor W. J. Harris

THROUGH a communication sent from the headquarters of the Chicago Conference under date of August 26, we learn from Pastor W. J. Harris that the first few weeks of the furlough of himself and family were spent at Baraboo, Wisconsin, near the home of Mrs. Harris. Brother Harris has been assisting in Harvest Ingathering Campaigns in the Chicago and Illinois Conferences, and is planning to spend the winter in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he may be addressed at 275 Garfield Avenue.

The Siamese Anti-Narcotics Special

FURTHER communications from Siam bring us the news of the brethren there having sold to date about fifteen thousand of the Anti-Narcotics Special Magazine, published in the Siamese language, at Bangkok. Pastor Pratt writes: "The printers cannot get these specials off the press fast enough to supply us. We plan to use at least twenty thousand copies before we finish. We have been truly blessed in this circulation of the magazine, and thank God for the success attending the effort."

"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them"

J. J. STRAHLE

IN the interior of Borneo there are many different tribes known as the Dyaks. Each tribe of the Dyaks is called by a distinctive name. A year or so ago our mission opened up work among one of the Dyak tribes known as the Dusuns. God is greatly blessing the work our brethren are doing for this people.

A certain Dusun who was quite well educated had left his home and worked for various peoples. He had become very wicked. On one occasion he said that he had learned all the bad things that could be learned in this world. He had been striving for something to satisfy his desires, so had tried everything in this world. He said, "I have been looking everywhere for something that would satisfy me, but it has all been in vain." At last he came back to his old home. To his surprise he found the Seventh-day Adventists carrying on work for his people. As he studied the truths taught by our missionaries from the Bible, his heart was touched; a new experience came into his life, and he longed to become baptized. Elder Mershon said to him, "You study some more, so you will understand thoroughly the step you are taking." The man said, "All right." Some time later the man came again and asked to be baptized. Elder Mershon said to him, "When you become a follower of Christ, you may have to endure hardships; and if one is a true follower of Christ, he will carry this message to others, first taking it to his own home, then to his friends, and then to the immediate community." He said, "That is just what I want to do."

After the man was baptized, he went to his home. Before many days the man brought his own family, saying, "I have won these, my own, to the faith." Later on he came again, bringing some of his friends whom he had won to Christ; and now he is proclaiming this truth to the people in the surrounding community.

Truly this is a most remarkable experience. A Dusun from the interior of Borneo, who was considered the most wicked man in the country, is now transformed through the mercy of God, and is actively engaged in winning his

own people to the Advent movement. We praise God for His wonder-working power. May our own hearts be stirred to emulate this good example of our Dusun brother of Borneo.

From Brother Geo. Hmelevsky

A RECENT communication from Pastor GEO. Hmelevsky informs us that he is located at 1605 Turk Street, San Francisco, U. S. A., and that he is busily engaged in holding meetings in San Francisco in two places, and at one place in Berkeley, in behalf of Russian-speaking people in those centers. A goodly number are reported as interested.

Evangelistic Efforts in Bangkok

ON the night of August 28 an evangelistic effort in Bangkok in behalf of the Hakka-speaking people residing there was opened, and a few days later Pastor F. A. Pratt reported that it was not possible to seat all that were coming. He requests that this effort be remembered in our prayers. Another effort in behalf of the Swatowese-speaking people of Bangkok is being conducted simultaneously with that for the Hakkas.

Announcement of Marriage

On Wednesday afternoon, September 7, the friends of Pastor G. Hugh Murrin, director of the East Visayan Mission, assembled by invitation at the home of Professor and Mrs. J. P. Fentzling at Pasay, Manila, to witness the marriage of Brother Murrin to Miss Mabel Rebecca Shaffer, recently from the States. Professor Frederick Griggs officiated. Among those present were Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Rowland and children, of Singapore. Mrs. Rowland is a sister of the bride, and had stopped in Manila while enroute to the States on furlough. Brother and Sister Murrin have returned to Cebu, where they will reside. Our best wishes follow Brother and Sister Murrin as they unite with the faithful band of Filipino workers in extending to many sections of their island field a knowledge of the message for our time. c.

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

AN ITEMIZED STATISTICAL SUMMARY -- INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS -- FOR HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927

All values in U. S. Gold

Union Missions and Provincial Missions in the Far Eastern Division	Baptized Membership June, 1927	Baptisms January to June, 1927	Net Gains during six months Minus sign - LOSS	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	No. Licensed Missionaries	No. Colporteurs	Total Number of Foreign Laborers	Total Number of Native Laborers	Total Number of Laborers, Both Native and Foreign	NATIVE TITHE Receipts January to June, 1927 (Gold)	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings, January to June, 1927	No. of Church Schools	Enrollment Church Schools	Total Literature Sales - Book and Periodicals, January to June, 1927	No. of Y.P.M.V. Societies	Membership of Y. P. M. V. Societies	Harvest Ingathering Receipts January to June, 1927
PHILIPPINE UNION	8,638	855	740	23	36	73	134	27	306	333	\$ 12,641.53	229	7,795	\$ 3,724.95	18	983	\$ 51,904.86	68	1,797	\$
Northern Luzon Mission	1,427	172	97	4	4	14	19	1	52	53	1,318.73	36	1,245	378.47	4	161	21,639.06	10	408	
East Visayan Mission	1,396	211	211	3	5	12	32	1	57	58	2,368.86	50	1,310	604.42	2	104	9,440.10	13	252	
West Visayan Mission	2,450	140	120	3	6	15	11	2	41	43	2,659.35	53	1,864	611.64	4	162	4,446.35	15	407	
Central Luzon Conference	3,236	303	283	7	13	12	60	1	105	106	6,053.35	84	3,233	2,019.34	6	144	13,942.95	30	730	
Southern Luzon Mission	129	29	29	2	3	3	11	2	19	21	241.24	6	143	111.08			2,336.40			
Union				4	5	17	1	20	32	52					2	412				
CHOSEN UNION	1,716	5	-36	12	34	77	32	25	163	188	2,271.05	105	4,784	1,571.35	33	1,177	7,362.66	31	1,019	6.00
West Chosen Mission	698			2	9	19	7		48	48	927.95	42	2,200	704.05	17	468	2,306.04	17	468	4.50
Central Chosen Mission	500		-39	3	6	13	10		35	35	659.75	30	1,310	523.38	8	248	1,859.34	8	337	
South Chosen Mission	429	5	3	3	8	16	13	3	37	40	465.93	26	914	283.77	5	178	2,934.16	6	214	1.50
Union Mission	89			4	10	28	2	22	43	65	223.42	7	360	60.15	3	283	263.12			
JAPAN UNION	525	23	23	14	10	9	12	24	34	58	2,689.00	20	564	1,369.02	1	45	9,355.29	10	121	8.00
Kyushu Mission	41			1	1	2		4	4	4	185.41	3	38	92.66			373.97			8.00
Chugoku Mission	75			2	2	1	1	5	6	6	646.42	3	61	235.84			432.22			
Kansai Mission	127			3	2	1	3	1	8	9	441.80	4	149	252.03			947.43			
Kanto Mission	233	23	23	1	3	1	3	1	7	8	1,170.53	7	274	703.48			1,779.94			
Tohoku Mission	24			1	1				2	2	36.78	1	13	35.43			25.15			
Hokkaido Mission	25			1	2		2	1	5	6	124.11	2	29	49.58			332.80			
Union Mission				5	2	4	1	20	3	23	83.95				1	45	5,463.78	10	121	
MANCHURIAN UNION	297		-6	4	5	18	14	12	29	41	341.81	12	346	278.95	5	91	2,049.51	3	77	
Fengt'an Mission	221		-6	1	3	11	9	5	17	22	197.68	8	197	167.47	4	57	1,341.09	2	43	
Xirin Mission	76			1	2	6	4	4	12	16	144.13	4	149	105.93	1	34	708.42	1	34	
Heilungkiang Mission														5.55						
Union Mission				2		1	1	3		3										
CENTRAL CHINA UNION	1,719			12	28	69	1	31	142	173	1,116.42	68	2,119	630.64	6	135	394.50	1	100	96.00
Honan Mission	656			4	9	19		8	63	71	394.50	25	1,058	173.29	4	40	394.50	1	100	75.00
Hunan Mission	506			2	8	17		4	36	40	257.05	22	402	112.87						
Hupeh Mission	375			2	3	15		2	26	28	259.40	15	459	191.02						21.00
Kiangsi Mission	108			2	2	9		4	13	17	133.10	6	200	127.31	2	95				
Szechuan Mission	74			2	4			2	4	6	38.95			26.15						
Yunnan Mission				2	5	1	11		11	11	33.42									
NORTH CHINA UNION	362	14	12	6	9	23	15	9	48	57	486.42	14	398	285.20	6	165	2,545.48	8	181	4.50
Shantung Mission	185		-4	1	6	10	7	4	20	24	225.51	9	151	104.75	3	65	1,284.17	2	62	

Shensi Mission	74			2	4		2	4	6	38.95			26.15								
Yunnan Mission				5	1	11			11	33.42											
NORTH CHINA UNION	362	14	12	6	9	23	15	9	48	57	486.42	14	398	285.20	6	165	2,545.48	8	181	4.50	
Shantung Mission	185			4	1	6	10	7	4	20	24	9	151	104.75	3	85	1,224.17	2	62		
Chihli Mission	177	14	16	4	2	9	8	5	28	33	252.01	5	247	180.45	3	80	1,251.31	6	119	4.50	
Union Mission				1	1	4					8.90										
SOUTH CHINA UNION	2,469	19	-2	16	63	92	28	36	241	277	2,178.62	91	2,957	1,214.77	24	1,093	8,495.16	8	472	107.00	
Cantonese Mission	437	19		5	21	25	6	10	63	73	722.51	17	466	501.65	9	342	3,862.40	6	342		
Hakka Mission	889			2	10	18	3	4	32	36	332.43	22	810	215.44	3	97	402.00				
Kwangsi Mission	173			1	3	15	6	6	34	40	105.31	9	105	78.22	1	16	1,063.07				
North Fukien Mission	309		-2	1	16	10	1	4	40	44	322.78	10	508	59.33	4	234	1,200.66	1	70		
South Fukien Mission	320			3	4	8	2	4	36	40	558.10	12	703	153.99	6	387	1,089.16	1	60		
Swatow Mission	341			3	9	12	8	4	34	38	110.84	21	365	166.14	1	17	877.87			107.00	
Union Mission				1	4	2	4	2	2	6	26.65										
WEST CHINA UNION	229	39	44	4	6	21	7	14	27	41	317.29	20	375	270.97	2	28	586.05				
West Szechwan Mission	115	18	12	1	1	9	1	2	12	14	171.18	9	220	135.48	1	19	468.10				
West Szechwan Mission	54			3	1	1	4	1	2	5	7	62.15	4	79	63.37	1	9	88.95			
Tibetan Mission	5				2	2		4	1	5	2.00	1	6	13.07							
West Kweichow Mission	52	21	29	1		3	2		7	7	43.80	6	70	11.05			29.00				
Union Mission	3			1	2	3	3	6	2	8	38.16			48.00							
EAST CHINA UNION	1,767	2	2	14	14	61	20	16	107	123	1,084.60	82	2,663	1,371.16	21	716	1,277.22	6	249	2.50	
Anhui Mission	469	2	2	7	1	16	12	2	42	44	18	298	258.76	11	250		2	129			
Kiangsu Mission	929			3	10	19	5	3	37	40	1,031.46	30	1,343	1,034.67	5	311	1,264.09	3	80		
South Chekiang Mission	369			1	3	21	2	4	28	32	53.14	34	932	77.73	5	155	13.13	1	40	2.50	
Union Mission				3		4	1	7		7											
DIVISION HEADQUARTERS				10	3	50	1	54	116	170					2	145			1	13	
MALAYSIAN UNION	2,290	166	127	23	35	83	54	51	180	231	8,875.75	73	2,679	3,193.27	30	1,643	23,030.90	8	216	5,454.20	
British North Borneo	181	4	4	1	3	5		2	11	13	247.27	8	153	161.20	8	246	258.57				
Celebes	425	51	50	2		11	5	2	16	18	1,365.18	11	590	328.19			3,869.47				
Central Sumatra	58			1		1		2	7	9	118.82	7	280	58.14	2	136	619.46	2	40		
East Java	309	27	14	4	8	9	5	6	23	29	2,083.07	7	317	534.29	4	437	4,332.69	1	30	142.20	
Malay States	179	1	1	1	6	6		6	15	21	369.41	5	220	201.68	3	118	1,158.33			2,885.00	
North Sumatra	62	7	10	1	2	1	3	2	7	9	452.58	5	86	155.57			3,318.56	1	8	201.28	
Siam	95			2	3	3	6	4	15	19	230.71	4	123	129.35	2	80	1,199.98			221.99	
Singapore	286	17	23	1	5	5	2	10	12		1,182.84	8	295	612.89	1	25	2,108.13	2	58		
South Sumatra	106	6	8	1	1	3	2	2	6	8	301.53	3	113	167.76	1	21	1,369.46			43.45	
West Java	589	53	17	2	4	17	9	4	32	36	2,524.34	15	502	844.20	6	367	4,060.44	2	80	1,960.28	
General				7	3	22	24	19	38	57					3	213	735.81				
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION	440	97	76	1	7	24	1	3	24	27	1,478.80	10	480	970.77	1	60	1,767.99	1	53		
DIVISION TOTALS, June, 1927	20,452	1220	980	139	250	620	319	302	1,417	1,719	\$ 33,487.29	724	25,160	\$ 14,881.05	149	6,281	\$ 108,769.62	145	4,298	\$ 5,678.20	
" " " 1926	17,736	1585	729	133	248	557	290	321	1,472	1,793	31,752.95	647	25,239	13,386.61	210	8,311	85,268.08	132	4,234	2,437.28	
" " " 1925	15,605	1075	761	123	236	435	277	291	1,272	1,563	29,377.21	583	22,112	13,254.11	186	7,499	76,686.26	130	4,014	3,392.09	
" " " 1924	13,352	1339	507	107	200	393	220	271	1,028	1,299	23,042.99	513	19,478	10,332.81	156	6,220	68,768.57	87	3,441	6,354.99	
" " " 1923	11,662	1116	708	105	187	373	247	283	1,037	1,320	18,635.42	483	17,354	8,883.54	150	5,976	64,471.29	81	2,738	5,921.68	
" " " 1922	10,346	888	606	90	198	321	202	245	996	1,241	16,853.03	421	15,174	8,384.78	157	5,425	53,330.04	41	1,395	3,753.41	
" " " 1921	8,648	923	943	92	200	343	168	307	887	1,194	17,049.46	395	12,435	9,004.29	136	4,996	49,800.31	21	576	1,315.64	

The Far Eastern Division statistical record for the half year, January 1 to June 30, 1927, reveals some progress, particularly in fields outside China. The revolutionary strife now involving vast areas, lowers our general average of advance in membership by fully twenty per cent. However, the funds raised are in excess of amounts received during corresponding periods of previous years. The membership totals for China are to be reduced somewhat, doubtless, at the time workers may be privileged to visit once more our various chapel centers in fields where losses not yet reported have already been sustained. Because of this, the present apparent net gain of 980 baptized believers during the six months under review, will be lessened in harmony with later findings when full reports can be forthcoming. Those in charge of various provincial missions thus involved, report encouraging evidences of the Lord's protecting care, and of the constancy and devotion of many a loyal soul keeping true under stress of continued contumely and persistent persecution. God's children everywhere should continue in earnest intercessory prayer that Heaven's purpose may be speedily fulfilled in gathering out from China and from all other lands those who can be led to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and as the Keeper of their souls. c.

Quarterly Statistical Report—Far Eastern

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		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13		
							ORDAINED MINISTERS		LICENSED MINISTERS		LICENSED MISSIONARIES		BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10)			BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS		
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	
1	Philippine Union	6	190	126	8638	512	10	13	2	34	15	58		22		1	133	
2	Chosen Union	3	44	20	1716	2	3	9	8	26	14	63		3		1	31	
3	Japan Union	5	14	12	525	23	5	9	2	8	5	4		2	12	1	11	
4	Manchurian Union	2	11	9	297				2	3	6	12	3	1		1	13	
5	Central China Union	5	63	35	1719		5	7	10	18	16	53		15		1		
6	North China Union	2	11	5	362	11	3	3	3	6	8	15	1	3			15	
7	South China Union	8	92	40	2469	19	10	6	6	57	20	72		19		1	27	
8	West China Union	4	10	4	229	19	3	1	4	2	7	14		1		1	6	
9	East China Union	7	71	38	1767	2	6	8	1	13	9	52	1	25		1	19	
10	Division Hdqrs.	1					9	1	3		42	8				1		
11	Malaysian Union	12	52	33	2290	85	19	4	4	31	26	57	2	4		2	52	
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission	1	9		440	78	1		1	6	2	22	1	1			1	
13	TOTALS, 2nd Quarter 1927	56	572	322	20452	751	78	61	46	204	190	430	8	96	12	11	308	
14	<i>The totals given below for second quarter of preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i>																	
15	Totals, Year 1926	48	464	285	17736	983	80	53	44	204	186	371	6	93	11	12	279	
16	Totals, Year 1925	46	377	259	15605	829	76	47	41	195	164	271	4	78	9	13	264	
17	Totals, Year 1924	42	358	237	13352	925	69	38	41	159	151	242	3	80	8	1	203	
18	Totals, Year 1923	46	338	234	11662	838	65	40	48	139	157	216	2	80	11	3	244	

25 Number of Mission	26 Average Attendance S. S.	27 S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	29 Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	30 Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	31 Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	32 Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	33 No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	34 Estimated Value	35 Approximate Seating Capacity	36 Number of Church Schools Conducted	37 Enrollment Church Schools	38 Number of Intermediate Schools
1	5972	\$ 1579.82	\$ 408.71	\$ 1988.53	\$ 3523.17	\$ 32122.02	\$ 35645.67	118	\$ 38050.00	14745	17	161	
2	3742	727.16	70.04	797.20	2059.96	1771.45	3847.29	69	26806.00	7525	32	1047	
3	395	461.05	254.26	715.31	920.80	2970.45	7783.02	7	19500.00	950	5	91	
4	335	110.74	20.58	131.32	425.34	805.02	1230.38	2	7250.00	400	6	135	
5	1540	246.93	51.06	297.99				18	12262.00	2150	6	165	
6	326	111.00	10.50	121.42	1193.15	397.99	1591.14	2	11500.00	800	21	799	
7	2499	557.94	97.10	655.04	3914.46	1632.60	5547.06	18	15075.00	3660	2	28	
8	416	138.17	16.09	154.26	131.60	203.30	334.90	1	3000.00	1750	18	641	
9	1983	488.77	99.31	588.08	610.85	227.44	838.29	8	25100.00	1750	1	15	
10											1	15	
11	2424	1171.28	648.04	1819.32	3973.81	10501.93	15970.36	9	46850.81	2225	29	1580	
12	410	402.20	85.46	487.66	374.57	745.13	1119.70				1	60	
13	20042	5995.06	1761.15	7756.13	17127.71	51377.59	73907.33	252	205393.81	34205	138	5232	
14	<i>Totals, second quarter Year 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923 given below</i>												
15	20401	5459.27	1277.31	6736.58	11664.87	23779.23	40011.60	233	178447.00	32885	194	6961	
16	18304	5651.25	1429.35	7080.60	16555.53	22437.91	43906.91	199	134997.00	25535	170	5690	
17	16421	4325.90	1003.92	5329.82	6504.63	18895.79	38130.80	157	97288.00	21395	142	4587	
18	14049	3672.74	835.79	4508.53	8495.45	24614.60	41155.05	78	41085.00	8840	133	4114	

Division Mission of S. D. A.—Second Quarter 1927

Mission for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1927

Number of Mission	All Values in U. S. Gold														
	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 Ingathering, and Sustentation Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sabbath-Schools	24 Membership Sabbath-Schools
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)							
1			46	27	306	\$ 834.41	\$ 7227.75	\$ 8062.16							
2	2	6	22	25	163	630.67	1222.30	1852.97		\$ 41.78					
3				24	34	475.72	1399.11	1874.83		163.64		\$ 4.00	469.15	105	4784
4			9	12	29	237.86	150.05	388.81			8.58	8.00		20	564
5	2	12	6	31	142	728.86	525.04	1253.90		71.80				12	346
6			9	9	48	348.13	285.88	634.01		76.93				14	398
7	5	18	52	36	241	1050.91	1060.51	2111.42		410.31	1.89	100.00		91	2957
8	1	1	2	14	27	306.37	201.36	507.73		46.06	.98		2.65	20	375
9			3	16	107	225.55	506.78	732.33		140.79				82	2663
10	8	27	80	54	116	2823.40		2823.40							
11	2	3	34	51	180	1395.23	4870.73	6265.96		329.71	211.48	2634.67	453.24	73	2679
12		2		3	24	337.38	904.14	1241.52		205.21	162.54			10	480
13	20	69	263	302	1417	9394.49	18353.65	27749.04		1486.23	385.57	2746.67	955.30	724	25160
14															
15	24	47	359	321	1472	8227.78	16954.84	25182.62		1468.27	482.74	1733.97	566.93	647	25239
16	18	29	319	291	1272	8334.66	15572.23	23906.89		1489.57	199.60	1643.15	1107.41	583	22112
17	12	29	226	271	1028	7294.45	12137.17	19431.62		1613.18	165.80	4205.79	6354.49	513	19478
18	13	42	238	283	1037	6409.23	9972.64	16381.67		246.40	115.33	1090.23	211.86	483	17354

Number of Mission	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	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	312									983
2		1	130	1177	1	1	48	6	56	25176.33	5290.95	31	1019			.94	
3		1	45	45	2	1	2		5	30000.00	3506.00	10	121				
4			91				2	3	5	645.00	167.71	3	77			1.90	
5			135				3	3	6	9300.00		1	100				
6			165				3	2	5	600.00	110.86	8 ¹	181	.25		9.38	
7	294		1093				4	7	37	20	68	31572.00	2810.00	8	472		
8			28					2	1	3							
9	75		716				1	2	35	9	37	500.00		6	249		
10		1	130	145			8	8	8	3	27	83000.00	9906.67	1	13		
11		1	63	1643			3	4	32	26	65	70269.36	4715.62	8	216		12.20
12			60				2	4		6		371.75		1	53	23.10	4.14
13	369	5	680	6253			25	35	181	87	328	225162.69	27143.85	145	4298	23.35	19.95
14																	
15	698	5	652	8311			29	35	276	101	441	263184.12	28970.13	132	4234	9.88	45.94
16	795	5	1014	7499			27	36	254	69	386	149797.39	23410.18	130	4014	1.76	75.20
17	844	5	789	6220			26	30	228	60	344	105853.69	11973.60	87	3441	4.06	16.71
18	835	5	1047	5976			20	32	212	70	334	92063.55	12929.76	81	2738	18.58	11.39

Progress in Many Lands

Baptisms among Mohammedans

L. V. FINSTER

IN the Mohammedan world there is a form of devotion known as *Poasa*, which is observed by shutting one's self up into one's room for a month, and by fasting and prayer entering upon an exceptionally holy state of life.

One Mohammedan who has recently renounced his faith in Moslemism, had twice carried out the rigorous *Poasa*, and thus through much fasting and praying had brought to himself fame among his fellow men as one who had advanced far in the virtues of the Mohammedan religion.

Notwithstanding his devotions, he had not attained the peace of heart for which he longed. He was in this unsatisfied state of mind when Christian truth, as presented by one of our evangelists, was first heard by him; and as he studied into Christianity, he finally became convinced that Jesus Christ was indeed our sacrifice for sin; and when He fully understood his need of the atoning merits of his crucified and risen Lord, he knew that he must become a Christian. His decision aroused the anger of his wife. Her relatives demanded of her that she leave him at once. For a time it seemed as if the family might be disrupted; but through tactful effort the man who had found precious Bible truth, won his wife to personal recognition of the Lord Jesus as her Saviour too. Repeatedly they have been threatened, but as yet their lives have not been taken.

It was a great joy to me, as well as a happy occasion to the family, to have the privilege of leading them into the waters for baptism, in order that they might thus show forth their faith in the Lord Jesus as their sacrifice for sin. As I looked into their faces, and saw the joy and happiness that had come to them through the realization of sins forgiven, I felt a new burden, and was "pressed in the spirit" to carry the peace of heaven to the Mohammedan world, in which we find so many earnest people who are longing for the spiritual rest that can come to them only through acceptance of Christ as their sin-pardoning Saviour.

A few days after this experience, I had the privilege of baptizing three other former Mohammedans at another place. These have fully accepted the essential teachings of Holy Scripture, and took their position to serve the Lord Jesus henceforth. As I was about to leave by train the next morning, several of the brethren

who had been baptized, including the three former believers in Mohammed as mentioned, bought tickets for a station about half an hour's journey down the line. I supposed they were traveling on business, but was soon informed by them that they were planning to accompany me a short distance, and to wish me Godspeed as I went on to other work. When we parted, tears were in their eyes.

We as a denomination owe to the Mohammedan world a knowledge of the special message from Heaven that we love so dearly. We are debtors not only to the heathen and Catholic world, but also to the great Mohammedan world. Until we discharge this obligation, Christ cannot come. May the prayers of God's children ascend unto the "Lord of the harvest" that He shall raise up laborers to carry His message to the millions still in the darkness of Islam's deceptions.

Sungari-Mongolia

MAX POPOW

WE are pressing on with the work that has been entrusted us of the Lord. Last month I visited all our churches and groups of believers in the Sungari-Mongolian Mission, and baptized five persons; and yesterday ten more were baptized. I rejoice that through the Lord's blessing these have been brought into the fold; but the results are so meager as compared with multitudes perishing without Christ.

During the year 1927, to date, we have baptized ninety-two; and now we enter upon our winter's work of seeking those who are in need of a Saviour. Pray for us, that the Lord may give great success.

In the North China Union

C. L. BLANDFORD

On the last Sabbath of the quarter we held in Tientsin a baptismal service, during which twelve received this rite. Some who were baptized were members of a family from which others had already been received into fellowship. One of those recently baptized is a graduate of the University of California—an electrical engineer.

Yesterday eight were baptized here in Peking. We are expecting to have several baptisms before the end of the year. It was my hope to start for Kalgan to-day, but there is trouble again in the north, and the railway line is cut. I shall be leaving this week for a few days in the country near Tientsin.

Peking, China, October 2, 1927.

Report of Opening Exercises of the Far Eastern Academy

ON Sunday night, September 18, the opening exercises of the second year of the Far Eastern Academy were held in the Ningkuo Road mission chapel; Pastor Frederick Lee presiding. The congregation united in singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Professor Charles Larsen offered prayer. Brethren J. Henry White and Herbert C. White rendered a duet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

The evening was a time of general rejoicing, and of reviewing the present status of the school and its future possibilities. Pastor Frederick Lee, secretary of the school board, outlined plans that have been made for strengthening the school and making the year's work profitable to all in attendance.

The students who have come in from various fields are now comfortably housed in the new Academy building, and many of the furnishings for the class rooms have already been installed.

Professor and Mrs. Harry H. Morse have come to our help, they having been released by the Washington (D. C.) Missionary College for this purpose. Brother Lee introduced Professor Morse, who expressed his joy in being associated with others in educational work in the Far East.

The congregation was favored with a special song by a mixed quartet made up of Pastors N. F. Brewer and E. H. James, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Frederick Lee.

The closing addresses were given by Professor S. L. Frost, who welcomed the teachers, new and old, and the students who have come to attend; and this welcome was heartily seconded by Professor Frederick Griggs, whose address included some reminiscences of earlier experiences in school life.

The congregation united in singing the hymn, "Higher Ground."

The exercises of the evening emphasized anew the importance of the Far Eastern Academy as an essential factor in behalf of the youth of our missionaries throughout the Division field.

From our Foochow Station

PASTOR V. J. MALONEY, director of the North Fukien Mission, with headquarters at Foochow, China, has been writing during the summer of continued labors on the part of himself and his associates, notwithstanding considerable anti-Christian and anti-foreign propaganda. In the providence of God, his area has been more or less free from active fighting, excepting as occasionally there has been a serious outbreak. There have been some baptisms this year in his territory.

Hongkong Headquarters

THE first work undertaken in China by our Home Board, was in Hongkong, where Father Abram La Rue went when given the privilege of undertaking self-supporting work "in some island of the Pacific Ocean." Much that was begun so well, was transferred to other centers of activity,—to Canton, Waichow, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Nanning. But Hongkong still remains a center, and will always be a strategic point in connection with our missionary advance. For years it has been the headquarters of the South China Union Mission. Hitherto we have occupied rented quarters on both the Victoria and Kowloon sides of the Crown Colony.

A few years ago certain funds were granted by the Home Board for a mission property at the South China Union headquarters, where those who must reside at this center, may dwell and have their offices, and where passers-by enroute to other fields, can at times be accommodated with lodgings. The price of land has been high, and purchase has been deferred. In recent months prices have decreased; and in the providence of the Lord some special opportunities to secure property came to the notice of Pastor C. C. Morris, the Union superintendent, and his associates. Investigation was made of these possibilities by a special committee, and authorization was given for the purchase of a plot of ground on Hongkong Island, about ten minutes by "bus" from the center of the down-town business section. The property is on the main highway running from the Hongkong Hotel to Repulse Bay, and has an elevation of about five hundred feet above sea-level. It is almost immediately above "Happy Valley." The location is in many respects a desirable one, for residence and office purposes, and the price of the land was reasonable, being only a small fraction of its former valuation. Building plans are being perfected, and thus the South China Union headquarters will soon be permanently located. Their address remains the same, as their mail is placed in a box at the general post-office (P. O. Box 310. Hongkong).

Opposite a narrow channel lies the peninsula known as "Kowloon," where in rented quarters a church school of seven grades is being conducted by several well-trained teachers. Not far away, in the district known as "Sam Shui Po," is a rented chapel. On Kowloon peninsula there are nearly half as many inhabitants as on Hongkong Island, and a large work is opening before us in that section. On the Hongkong side is a city chapel, where services are held regularly, under the auspices of the Cantonese Mission. Brother Lyman W. Shaw is in charge as local pastor.

Tent-Meeting in Batavia

L. V. FINSTER

ONE of the most orderly and well conducted tent meetings ever held in this Union is now in progress in Batavia.

From the beginning the attendance has been excellent. For weeks only a small part of the people could get into the tent. The attention is good, and there is a quietness prevailing seldom seen at such a large open air meeting. Den Heer Pattison, who is conducting the meeting, speaks each evening for 30 to 40 minutes, and then switches on his light and shows a few pictures illustrating the subject of the evening. This plan seems to work well, as it gives him a chance to emphasize again the important parts of his discourse. At the time the writer visited the meeting, some twelve or fifteen had signified their desire to obey this truth. Many more are interested. Let us remember before the throne of God those who are listening to the truths for this time.

Baptismal Service at Palembang

PASTOR B. JUDGE, director of the South Sumatra Mission, sends us a photograph showing the first baptized Sabbath keepers in the City of Palembang, a strategic center in South Sumatra. Palembang is growing in importance, having recently been linked with the outer world by a well-equipped railway line running southward to the lower coast, from whence one may easily cross to Java. Pastor Judge further reports a recent visit to the Nias group of islands, on the west coast of Sumatra, where some have been at work canvassing for the Arabic-Malay edition of "Health and Longevity" and for some of our smaller literature in the Nias tongue.

The Industrial Department of Malaysian Union Seminary

THROUGH Pastor Vernon E. Hendershot, headmaster of Malaysian Union Seminary, Singapore, we learn that success is attending their effort to introduce the manufacture of school desks, tables, and steel-frame spring beds in their industrial department, with student labor. Brother J. A. Guild, temporarily transferred from China Theological Seminary to Malaysia to serve as teacher of these trades, has been preparing the essential machinery and equipment for the manufacture of some of these articles of furniture that should find a ready sale, and writes that the prospects are excellent for finding a market for that which can be made.

"Be Ye Separate"

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THERE are a good many political refugees in Shanghai at the present time. These persons are not here from choice, but are continually looking for the time when they may return to their native land, and for a way by which they can do it. They are in Shanghai, but not of Shanghai. These people are distinguishable by their dress, their food, their language, and their close associates.

Christians are to be in the world, but not of it. Christ has ordained that they are to be His witnesses. They are to tell others of the sacrifice of love which He has made for all. They are to make manifest the power by which men may live in the spirit of heaven while here upon earth. The Christian is a missionary; he has been sent of God.

The separation from the world which Paul enjoins is to be distinct and definite—so much so that the world often considers the Christian odd and peculiar. God says that His people are peculiar; but this oddity and peculiarity is not something from without: it comes from within. It is the expression of motives and purposes that are as far removed from the motives and purposes of the worldling as is the east from the west. The missionary, like the real Christian, does not seek to be odd or peculiar for the sake of oddity or peculiarity. He is so simply because he cannot help it. His motives, his affections, make him so. Water is lifted from the sea to the sky because of a law of nature. The bird sings his morning and evening hymn of joy because it is a law of his being. Likewise does the follower of Christ show forth the works of Him who hath called him, as a natural expression of his heart's affection.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32). The separation from the world is nothing more nor less than freedom from its bondage. The free man is the happy man. He has every reason for happiness. He is not only free, but he has been made a king and a priest unto God. His citizenship is not here on earth, but in heaven, and his happiness and peace overflow and bring to others a longing for the same experience. Separation from the world is not undesirable; it does not make one discontented. It does on the contrary make him desirous of bringing others into his happy estate. One can be a real missionary only as he is separate from the world. And when one's love for Jesus separates him from the world, he is a real missionary. This separation from the world is a result of constant communion with Christ.

Scattering The Printed Page In Troubled China

JOHN OSS

WHEN I returned to China little more than a month ago, I was glad to find that some of our colporteurs were still in the field selling literature in spite of troublous conditions. I at once felt it would be well to get these men together for an institute, to discuss the problems confronting our work.

After consulting with Mr. Dzeng, our Kiangsu field missionary secretary, we decided to hold an institute for our regular colporteurs and for such recruits as we could get to attend the meeting. The place chosen for the institute was Hangchow, the capital city of Chekiang. We did not know whether it would be possible to conduct the meeting at the time chosen or not, as the Nationalist Army had been conducting a school in our chapel where we expected to gather; but the Lord prepared the way for us, and their school closed a short time before the scheduled time for the institute to open. However, shortly after the school closed the military authorities, knowing that the building was vacant, sent some officers to make arrangements to billet soldiers there. The evangelist protested against this, and said that plans were all laid for holding our meeting, and that he could not allow these soldiers to occupy the chapel. After much arguing they left, and did not return. We feel grateful to the Lord for opening the way for us, and were assured anew that His richest blessing would attend our meeting.

Our institute was conducted somewhat differently from the usual colporteur gatherings, and we spent much time in devotion, prayer, Bible study, and round table discussion on how to meet the new problems that have arisen as a result of the present crisis. A strong anti-Christian feeling is existing in many places, making the work of the evangelistic colporteur very difficult.

It was a real inspiration to meet the men again with whom I had been associated in labor for the salvation of souls. There were six regular colporteurs present. Several of these have kept at their work throughout the civil strife, and had interesting experiences to relate of God's guiding hand. Three of the older colporteurs each brought back one man to enter the work. Two more also came, making a total of eleven. It takes real stamina to face an unsympathetic public, many of whom are hostile to Christianity, with the message for this hour. I could not help but notice the change that had come over the men. The timid had become bold and the weak strong.

One brother told of how he had sold nearly thirteen hundred dollars

(Mex.) worth of literature in 1926, and seven hundred and fifty dollars (Mex.) worth thus far this year in spite of the trouble. He related how in one day he had been accused of being an agent of both communism and imperialism, and how he had met the opposition of an official who had tried to stop his work. In spite of all this he had gone forward, and had had wonderful success. This brother set his goal for one thousand dollars (Mex.) worth of literature sold during the next four months.

Another brother told of trials encountered, and how he prays five times a day, and how the Lord has blessed him in interesting several in the truth, as well as in selling literature.

Still another told of a place where he had done colporteur work, and where there were more than ten people interested in the truth and who desired to be further instructed in the message,—all as a result of his work.

China is experiencing rapid changes. It is hard to believe that China, long known as the sleeping giant, could awaken so quickly. We have been absent from China only a little more than a year, and during this time there has been much change in the political and in many respects the economical situation in most of the country south of the Yangtze river.

The present is an age of propaganda and publicity. The growing tide of Nationalism and the intellectual awakening are breaking up latent forces long bound. Posters of all kinds, and walls covered with brilliantly colored characters, reveal the agency so often used. Without doubt the literature used by the Nationalist movement has been more effective than its sword.

After the institute we followed the apostolic plan, and sent the colporteurs out two by two to continue their work. They were filled with courage, and planned by the help of God to do big things. We trust that the prayers of God's people will go with these valiant soldiers of the cross as they continue their work. Conditions are uncertain, but God's work cannot fail, and we are greatly encouraged to see it going forward even in war-torn China.

Shanghai, October 7, 1927.

Delayed by an Accident

BROTHER E. L. LONGWAY and family, on furlough, have been delayed a few weeks because of an accident that was suffered by their son, Delbert, who had the misfortune to have his foot caught between a radiator and a window sill in such a way as to break one of the bones in his right leg. The family are now booked to sail on the 8th of November from San Francisco.

Shanghai School of Mandarin Studies

INVITATIONS were extended recently to a large group of friends, to attend the opening reception and commencement exercises of the Shanghai School of Mandarin Studies, at 31 Ningkuo Road. The reception was held the evening of October 1; the commencement the evening of October 2. Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, the principal, presided during the commencement exercises, and Professor Frederick Griggs led out in portions of the program given at the reception. Both evenings brought profit and joy and inspiration to all in attendance.

The full course of the Shanghai School of Mandarin Studies embraces five years of language work. One of those who received diplomas, was Professor D. E. Rebok, who has completed all required studies and electives of the entire five-year course. Several received certificates granted for the satisfactory completion of everything required during the first two years,—Brethren S. L. Frost, P. E. Quinby, G. L. Wilkinson, H. R. Dixon, K. H. Wood. Some of these have also completed nearly all the third-year work, and a considerable portion of the fourth year also, but still lack some of the electives. Upon their completion of all requirements in these higher courses, they will receive due recognition for the work covered.

Among those who were granted certificates for the completion of everything required during the first year, are several who have practically completed the second year and in some instances much of the third and sections of the courses in the fourth; these also will soon be certificated in harmony with the results of final examinations. This list of those who have passed by the first year into the larger fields of advanced years, are W. P. Henderson, I. O. Wallace, A. N. Bierkle, Mrs. F. A. Landis, R. H. Hartwell, Mrs. M. I. Lee, H. W. Miller, W. E. Strickland, L. E. Reed, B. C. Clark, Miss Tillie Barr, Mrs. W. I. Hilliard, Mrs. H. R. Dixon, Mrs. E. H. James.

Several of these names are to appear soon in the lists of those who have completed the second year and in some instances the third.

The music included congregational singing, and a special song by Central China men. The diplomas were presented by Mr. Gia Fuh Tang, the Chinese headmaster.

The work of the new school year is already under way, considerable numbers having joined the beginner's class, while several are pursuing work in the second, third, and fourth-year courses. Professor Scharffenberg has been working enthusiastically; and he and his associates, in particular Professor D. E. Rebok and Mr. Gia,

have striven to exalt the standards and to hold for thoroughness in every course offered. Lessons have already been completed to use for the daily guidance of those who enroll as members of the Correspondence School in this department of its extended work.

Land Purchase in Philippines

THE friends of our institutional work in the Philippine Islands will be pleased to learn of the purchase of a tract of twenty-six hectares northeast of Manila, in a pleasing country district where there are many natural resources. It is planned that a center of training and influence be established in a country atmosphere through the early founding of a small yet complete hospital-dispensary with provision for nurse-training; and also by the transfer to this site of the Philippine Junior College at such time as preparations can be effected for such transfer. It is hoped that the medical missionary work can be gotten under way within a year or two at latest; the transfer of the school may require three or four years, as funds must be raised for buildings and facilities, and meanwhile the school is to continue in its present location—a lovely spot, but a little too near the heart of the rapidly growing section of the city in which the school has its present home. It is anticipated that the constituencies of believers in the Philippines will make many sacrifices in order to raise sufficient money to make possible the proper launching of the medical missionary enterprise, and later to assist in preparing housing space and facilities for the school at such time as it may later need to be removed.

The Law of Apostasy in Islam

DR. SAMUEL M. ZWEMER completed in 1924 a manuscript for a volume entitled, "The Law of Apostasy in Islam," in which an attempt is made to answer "the question why there are so few Moslem converts," and in which also are given "examples of their moral courage and martyrdom."

Our workers in Malaysia, who report several score of Moslem converts every year, are beginning to report also some martyrdoms suffered by these faithful souls because of their renunciation of their faith in favor of the Christian religion. Pastor L. V. Finster, superintendent of the Malaysian Union, reports:

"Already we have had several who have left Allah for Christ, who have been poisoned or put out of the way by different means. Not long ago one of our Sabbath school secretaries who had been a Mohammedan, came

home from the Sabbath meeting feeling well. She ate her supper, but soon was taken violently sick, and died in a few hours. There was no question but that poison had been administered to her.

"Not long ago a man left the ranks of Islam, and had taken up colportage work. His wife did not follow him. Scrapings from dried bamboo were put into his food, and in a few months these so pierced his intestines as to cause his death.

"One of our leading workers, Brother _____, was at one time a Mohammedan. His life has been threatened many times.

"Brethren, remember these workers as they try to carry this last message of truth to followers of Islam."

Itinerating in Shantung

BROTHER L. H. DAVIES, director of the Shantung provincial mission, has entered upon an extended itinerary in northern Shantung this fall, taking with him two of the Chinese field men.

Obituary

DEANE ALDEN PHILLIPS, only child of Elder and Mrs. J. Phillips, was born in Rangoon, Burma, August 5, 1926, and died in Hongkong, September 13, 1927, while returning to America with his parents on furlough. From birth he was a patient sufferer with heart trouble. Hopes were entertained that upon arrival in the more bracing climates of the homeland he would improve in health; but a cold, caught in Singapore, developed into bronchopneumonia in Hongkong, where he was taken to the Matilda Hospital on September 10. Here the medical staff showed every kindness, and did all that was humanly possible for his recovery. Though he made some improvement for a while, the congestion of the lungs proved too heavy a burden upon his little heart, which beat its last at 5.30 a.m. September 13. The parents bow in resignation, believing that God will give a glad reunion in the resurrection morning, a little time hence. A message of comfort was spoken by Professor Frederick Griggs, who, with the assistance of Elders C. C. Crisler and J. W. Rowland, conducted the funeral service, and kind brothers and sisters resident in Hongkong ministered to our every need. Interment took place in the Happy Valley Cemetery, where lie Brother La Rue and others awaiting the coming of Jesus. Hasten on, glad day!

J. PHILLIPS.

Obituary

EDWIN BYE was born in Sognedalen, Norway, November 22, 1888, and died at Beaumont, California, June 25, 1927. He came to America with his parents at the age of eleven. He lived for a time in Wisconsin, and later in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he embraced present truth under the labors of Elder L. H. Christian. He financed himself through the Hutchinson Seminary as a colporteur. Upon the completion of his school work, he labored for four years in the Minnesota Conference. In 1916 he was called to labor in China, where he spent six years in the Manchurian field in clerical and evangelistic work. He was obliged to return to the United States because of impaired health.

Brother Bye leaves to mourn his wife and two little daughters, besides his father and mother and four sisters.

On the Sabbath when his death occurred in the afternoon, he was to have preached in the Beaumont Church, and studied his sermon the evening before. His notes for the sermon were in his Bible. We believe it can be said of Brother Bye that he loved the Lord, and was energetic and faithful in his work to the last. It was a constant disappointment to him that health conditions would not allow him to be actively engaged in the work.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Hare, chaplain of the Loma Linda Sanitarium. Brother Bye was laid to rest in the Beaumont Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.

P. E. BRODERSEN.

Death of Erik Dahlsten

THROUGH correspondence from Mrs. F. L. Larsen, Sabbath school departmental secretary of the Manchurian Union, it has been learned that Erik Dahlsten, the son of Brother and Sister Nils Dahlsten of the Kirin Mission, has died of dysentery, at Changchun, Kirin Province, Manchuria. As nearly as can be learned, the funeral services were held on Thursday, the 29th of September.

Brother and Sister Dahlsten have the sympathy of their associates throughout the Division in this bereavement. At last accounts, their little daughter was still suffering from dysentery, which has been epidemic in the Changchun compound, it seems, this fall; but she is thought to be out of danger.

A CABLEGRAM from the Home Board announces the death of the father of Pastor C. L. Blandford.

Far Eastern Division Outlook

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Arrival of Recruits

ONE new family for China; namely, Brother and Sister Claude B. Miller, reached Shanghai per s.s. "*Siberiamaru*" the afternoon of September 22, in company with Pastor and Mrs. Meade MacGuire and Miss Ida B. Thompson. Miss Thompson returns from furlough. Brother and Sister MacGuire go on to the Philippines for special work for a year or so, following a month spent in Shanghai en route. Miss Thompson remains in Shanghai until such time as the way may open for a return of China Theological Seminary students to Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu Province. Brother and Sister Miller are listed for West China, and have already begun the study of Mandarin in the Shanghai School of Mandarin Studies.

The Church Papers

DURING the provincial meetings to be held this fall, special efforts may be made to secure subscriptions from church members to our denominational periodicals in the various vernaculars. To this end, it would be well to appoint some one early to look after this matter in a systematic manner,—either the tract society secretary or one of his assistants, or possibly some one else who has special gifts in helping others to understand the value of these essential elements of Christian growth.

The Statistical Reports for Second Quarter, 1927

IN the center pages will be found statistical reports, giving full records of figures received from Unions for the second quarter of 1927, and a general summary (the table on pages 8, 9) covering the first six months of the year. Beneath the summary is a statement regarding net results. Comparative figures are given for like periods of former years.

Many secretaries have contributed to the completion of these tables giving an approximation of our status in mid-year of 1927. It is not easy to secure information from war-zones in China; and some Unions, notably Central and East and South China, have had to give a few estimates. Especially is this true of the church membership, which is said to be actually less than the total number reported for two or three of the Unions. As soon as the facts can be learned, adjustments will be made.

Division Notes

A visit to Union headquarters at Hongkong, Manila, and Singapore has recently been made by Dr. H. W. Miller in the interests of medical and other general work. The Doctor reports that excellent progress is being made by Dr. J. E. Gardner in the Mission Clinic at Penang, S. S., and of plans for the expansion of that work as soon as it can be placed on a permanent basis through the purchase of land and the erection of a suitable building.

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Professor and Mrs. Frederick Griggs left Shanghai the morning of October 12 for meetings in South China and the Philippine Union, their first stop being Foochow. Brother P. D. Cheng accompanies them as far as Swatow, and will represent publishing house interests at the Foochow and Swatow meetings. The appointment for the North Hakka meeting at Hinnin has been cancelled, owing to disturbed conditions in that district. If present plans carry, Professor and Mrs. Griggs will be reaching Manila in time for the annual meeting of Central Luzon Conference, scheduled for early December.

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Professor S. L. Frost is to leave Shanghai the latter part of October for a teachers' institute in Singapore, S. S., following which Brother Frost is to spend further time in the Malaysian Union and elsewhere as time may permit until the opening of the Spring Council in mid-February.

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Pastor J. J. Strahle has spent upwards of a month in South China and the Philippine Union, and is now passing on to the Malaysian Union.

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Pastors M. C. Warren and A. E. Hughes, and possibly some others, plan on sailing for Chungking, Szechwan, in mid-October.

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Brother H. W. Barrows, Division treasurer, has informed us that he will probably be arriving in Shanghai about November 3. Pastor Evans may be reaching Division headquarters by early December.

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Arrangements were perfected during the month of September for the Shanghai School of Mandarin Studies to be conducted at 31 Ningkuo Road; and many of those in attendance, together with several families who are temporarily in Shanghai from the interior, are housed in the old Shanghai Missionary College compound, and along Ningkuo Road, and in some rented quarters in the city.

A Day of Fasting and Prayer October 22, 1927

A CABLED message has been received at Division headquarters from the brethren assembled in Fall Council at Chattanooga, Tenn., U.S.A., reading:

"Adventist Mission, Shanghai. Council unanimously names October twenty-two for prayer fasting behalf crisis China. North America (and) Europe invite brethren China (and) Far East join. Our hearts are with you. (Signed) Autumn Council."

These words thrill our hearts. At the time of their receipt, we were considering the advisability of observing in Shanghai Sabbath, the eighth of October, as a day of fasting and prayer; but upon learning of the continent-wide plan in America and Europe, we planned in harmony with the invitation extended us, and immediately sent out the word to the more distant parts of the Far Eastern field. Pastor Frederick Lee and his associates at the Press have prepared a *special* to accompany the current number of the Chinese church paper, and in this the plan for observing October 22 as a day of fasting and prayer, is set forth, with a few brief words of exhortation and of cheer from some of the brethren. Surely we have every reason to make the most of this opportunity for united communion before the throne of grace.

Tuesday, the fourth of October, was set apart by the brethren and sisters of the West China Union who are now in Shanghai, as a day for fasting and for seeking the Lord for clear light regarding duty—whether to be content to remain in Shanghai during the fall and winter, or whether to expect special providences whereby the way for an early return to the West might be opened. The day thus observed is one long to be remembered by all who shared in its privileges. Clear light came, and many hearts were rejoiced over Heaven's willingness to make matters plain.

Too often we are forgetful of the infinite resources at our command through the medium of earnest, believing prayer. The prayer of faith brings Heaven near to earth, and light illumines our pathway. Providences are brought to bear upon conditions wholly beyond human power to control, and barriers are broken down. The plans of Satan to hinder are thus frustrated, and God is honored as His children look to Him in faith.

Let us all enter upon the appointed day of fasting and prayer, determined to share in the blessings that will surely be granted in rich measure to those who choose to believe and to receive.