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FAITH

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FAITH has ever been the strongest weapon in the armory of the ambassador for Christ. It has in it all the elements of success; and when baptized in love, it makes its possessor a knight-errant for Prince Immanuel.

"Faith is the evidence of things not seen;" it is the vision of the man who is God's seer. It always finds a way of contact with sinners in the name of the Master. Ten thousand miles of travel will not give to the messenger a deeper appreciation of the dire need of activity and zeal in rescuing the perishing than he will realize where he is, if he has the vision of faith. He who is blind to the need of service where he is, will be blind to that need in the darkest land in the remotest corner of the earth. Faith opens the eyes to see the lost and erring who need help everywhere.

Faith triumphs over obstacles that fear flees from. There have been lions in the way ever since the gospel was first preached in Eden, and hindrances have always been many to the progress of God's work. The ambassador for Christ is sent into a lost world to win men to seek after God. We cannot hope that the enemy will cease his opposition to the work of God. Why should he stop fighting against God, when he knows that unless he can stay the progress of the gospel, he will lose his subjects? Satan will *never* cease his attacks; but faith will *always* find a way to promote the cause of the Master. It may be by yielding, or it may be by standing like a Gibraltar; it may be by fleeing to-day, or by braving every danger. Faith will triumph, and men will be won to Christ.

Faith obeys spiritual law, and the spiritual always ultimately triumphs. All the strength the ambassador has lies in his spiritual power, his divine vision. Faith gives this vision. The man of God deals not in carnal things. His message is not finance, nor social reformation, nor legal religion; but he becomes a "voice" in the darkness, calling men to flee from destruction to a place of safety. That place of refuge he knows, and he offers to lead sinners to Calvary.

Faith is inspiration itself. It breathes a note of victory. It is like an electric current that flows along the wires. It is energy and power; it is light and illumination. All our strength comes from faith.

All our force comes from faith. All our power to persuade men to obey God comes from faith.

Faith dried up the impassable waters of the Red Sea, and made a highway for the people of God; faith threw down the walls of Jericho; faith made out of the chosen three hundred of Gideon's host an irresistible, conquering force; faith shut the mouths of the lions when Daniel was to be sacrificed by wicked men; faith made Saul the persecutor a mighty foreign missionary.

Faith does the impossible. When all else has failed, faith takes wing, and shows courage, strength, and the way to victory. Beyond the present, faith sees the Omnipotent, and knows that God will win. But it does more than wait; it marches into the conflict, fearless of all dangers, ready to receive blows as well as to give them.

Every ambassador for Christ should strive to strengthen his faith. Faith will grow when it is fed by action and endeavor. Faith rebuilds itself, not in retirement and ease, but at the front battling for God. Faith may be wounded, but it can never be defeated. What may seem defeat is victory. From the arena, torn with wild beasts; from the dungeon cell, eaten by vermin and dying in prolonged agonies of filth and neglect; from the fiery furnace; from the slow, smouldering flames at the stake; from the bloody guillotine, and the cruel stinging lash, we hear the shout of victory, "I triumph though I die."

Faith was never more needed than to-day. Unbelief is rampant. The religious world is in a state of chaos. The foundations of Christianity are undermined; the defences of the Christian religion are under assault; the Word of God is relegated to the scrap heap as far as its divine inspiration is concerned. More and more is unfolded to our understanding in the sad question of Christ concerning these very days: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

"Never more than to-day were needed men of calm and resolute faith. Brothers, to your knees and to your ranks! To your knees in humblest supplication; to your ranks in steadfast bravery which no foe can cause to quail. Stand forth in courage and in gentleness for the truth. . . . Cherish a tender humanity and a catholic heart. Then take your stand, calm and moveless as the stars."

Reports from the Field

The Cantonese Mission

A. L. HAM

(Synopsis of annual report of the director, Pastor A. L. Ham, at the opening of the workers' conference held in Tungshan, Canton, Nov. 28 to Dec. 3, 1927)

"We have heard with our ears, O Lord, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the days of old." There are times in our experiences when it is well for us to recount the mighty acts of the Lord during the past—the "days of old"—which our elders tell us about. This usually brings courage and faith to us; but many times we fail to see the leading of the Lord in our every-day experiences or those of the immediate past. This report which I am to give extends over only ten months of the present year; yet as we review the past, I feel overwhelmed when I recount the goodness of the Lord to His people and work during that brief period of time. Surely, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore will we not fear though the earth do change; and though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas."

While there have been many perplexities in carrying forward our work during the year, yet it is evident that conditions generally have improved. Now our workers are free to carry on all lines of work, and the sentiment of the masses has undergone a decided change for the better. Especially is this true during the past few months. However, the country is still disrupted by the various quarreling political and military factions, as well as by bandits and pirates in many sections of the country.

District Leaders

For convenience, and to secure close supervision, our territory is divided into six districts, with evangelistic leaders to look after the various interests of the work. This enables us to conduct the quarterly services at most all of the churches and companies throughout the mission each quarter.

During the year the English church in Hongkong has been reorganized, with officers elected to carry on the work in an orderly way; and two other companies have been organized elsewhere into fully officered churches. These will present a request for acceptance and for the seating of their delegates at this meeting.

We now have nine organized churches, five companies and four out-stations where work is being carried on, making eighteen centers and out-posts where the gospel is being preached. So far during the year thirty-two baptisms have been reported, and there are a number of candidates at several of the stations waiting to take this step.

Special meetings have been conducted at each of the stations by our Chinese leaders at different times during the year. These have resulted in much good, both to the members and in interesting new ones in the truth for this time. We believe our Chinese leaders will do more and more of this work as time goes on, and take added responsibilities and burdens upon their hearts for the work in China.

New Work Undertaken

The work in Hongkong has been revived. A nice chapel room has been rented in a good

location and comfortably fitted up for use in conducting English meetings. Brother and Sister L. W. Shaw are leading out in the work in Hongkong by conducting services Sabbath afternoons and Sunday nights, and by visiting interested ones. Let us pray God to bestow His richest blessing upon the work and workers in Hongkong, so that in this difficult field a strong center of truth may be established.

Macao, with its 160,000 inhabitants, the City of Refuge to so many pioneer missionaries to China, has this year been entered by our mission workers. Early in April of this year Pastor H. B. Parker and family, together with Brother and Sister Hoh Wai Man, Brother Lo Lok Tin, and Brother So Ye Chun, went to Macao to find a location for a chapel. Soon a large, well-lighted, airy building was rented, and in it a series of gospel meetings was conducted.

Circumstances came about in Macao which made it necessary to find a new location for a chapel, and this interruption has hindered the work greatly. Now the new chapel has been repaired and well equipped, so the work there may be carried on in a strong way. Let us remember in our prayers the work and workers in Macao.

At the close of our spring meeting, Brother V. M. Hansen and Brother Ma Siu Lau opened up a chapel on Honam Island, where there was an interest developing. This work has grown until the first little chapel became too small, so a larger place has been secured and put into shape for meetings.

Early in the year we lost our chapel in Kongmoon, so the evangelist moved his family to a nearby village where a call had been made for him to start meetings. A small chapel was rented, and a mission school was started by the evangelist's wife as a means of contact with the people. As a result of this work and that being carried on by Dr. Leung Ping Hang, a good interest has developed at Tong Yuen.

A new interest has sprung up near Sai Kung, in the "New Territories" of Hongkong. In a little village here Brother Wong has a school which he is conducting to the glory of God and for the salvation of the villagers. This brother learned of our truth through reading our literature, and later attended a meeting of the Hakka Mission at Waichow where Professor Grigg was conducting studies on the message. At that time this young teacher gave his heart fully to the Lord and his life to the teaching of this message. He seems to have made a profound impression upon the village where his school is located, most of his students becoming Christians and entering heartily into the Christian school program, where much time is spent in devotional exercises. Brother Wong has met with very cruel opposition from a part of the heathen villagers; but, through the providences of God, the hearts of these opposers of truth have been softened. Brother Fung is fostering the interests there, and we may confidently look for results in souls born into the kingdom of God.

The Bible School at Canton and the Wa On School in Hongkong

In consequence of prevailing conditions in Canton and throughout the province, it was thought best to change the plan for our school work this year. To meet our immediate needs, the Canton intermediate school has been conducting a Bible Institute here at Tungshan and the Wa On higher primary school in Hongkong. There is a satisfactory attendance in both the Institute and Wa On school

Our lower primary schools are being conducted as in the past, and there is encouraging progress being made in most of them. The religious training and devotional exercises, as well as the junior missionary societies, are being conducted in a strong way in these schools.

Departmental Work

The work of the departments is being successfully carried on by the Chinese secretaries. Brother Sham Man Yung is secretary of the educational and home missionary departments, and also leads out in evangelistic efforts at each of the stations. He has been much blessed of Heaven in leadership in these lines of endeavor.

Brother Leung Hing San very efficiently directs the work of the Sabbath school and young people's missionary volunteer departments, and is also the assistant principal of the Bible Institute at Tungshan.

Brother Tom Fung Ki is our field secretary for the publishing department. His report will show that his department and the Tract Society have sold their workers the sum of \$10,942.20 (Mex.) worth of literature during ten months of this year.

Brother Sham organized and promoted the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year; and from reports coming in, the churches and companies have raised \$950 to date by general solicitation, not including the special objects, which will be reported elsewhere.

In this connection I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation given and the efficiency attained by the Chinese departmental secretaries, the tract society secretary, and the office accountants. Surely these workers are preparing for greater responsibility and service in the Lord's work.

Church Properties and Building Enterprises

So far this year \$3,102.62 (Mex.) has been paid for the purchase of local church properties, and the sum of \$6,561.79 (Mex.) has been used for the erection and equipment of the new treatment-rooms and dispensary building at Fatsan. This does not include some money which was donated for certain articles of equipment.

With the above mentioned funds we have secured a valuable property at Im Po at a cost of \$2,332.70. The well-located property at Yuen Tam was purchased at a cost of \$544.93. The year's payment on the purchase price of the Chow Sam property of \$225 has been paid. For special enterprises the sum of \$1,518.10 has been raised in the field by donations and the sale of the "Signs" Special.

Our Needs

We realize that accomplishments during past months are due to the blessing of God. We thank Him for His providences in leading us; but in a special way do we now seek Him for guidance in the future. We do need His Spirit and power in our efforts to save souls; we need His protection from dangers which surround us on every hand; we need His love for perishing souls and His patience in bearing with the weak and erring; we need His sympathy and enduring confidence in shepherding the flock entrusted to our care. We need to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, knowing that all other needs will be supplied according to His infinite wisdom and power.

Our temporal needs are many and our spiritual needs are legion; therefore I say to you, in the words of the apostle Paul, "And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Amen.

The Ministerial Association

The Ministerial Reading Course for 1928

FREDERICK GRIGGS

AN outstanding purpose of our ministerial reading courses, is to place as far as practicable within the reach of our workers the best books possible to help them to gain a knowledge of God-given ways and means worked out in the experiences of men of God, and thus to enable them to reach the precious souls all about them. It is with much thought and prayer that these books are selected, and we feel that our workers should avail themselves of the help placed before them, and we are sure they will wish to do so.

The reports we are receiving from those who have completed the 1927 Reading Course lead us to think that we shall have a full membership—"Every Worker a Reader"—in this 1928 course. We are further encouraged to think this in view of the excellent books which make up the course.

The English course is as follows:

(1) *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 3*, by Mrs. E. G. White.

In making this book the first selection in the course, the committee has been governed by the many suggestions received from workers indicating desire that due prominence be given to the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy in reading course study. This inspired instruction contained in Volume 3, came to the remnant church during the memorable twenty-year period of 1880 to 1900, and is especially applicable for reading course study during 1928.

(2) *Every Member Evangelism*, by J. E. Conant.

This book affords a most timely and excellent message for Seventh-day Adventist ministers and workers in all lines. It sets forth and furnishes a stirring incentive to personal work on the part of every individual professing the name of Christ.

(3) *Power Through Prayer*, by E. M. Bounds.

A book which especially appeals to preacher and teacher, evangelist and intercessor. Its content is true to title,

inciting to the realization of greater power through prayer. It is a most inspiring volume.

(4) *Abide in Christ*, by Andrew Murray,

The name of the author is sufficient recommendation for this deeply inspirational book, which affords a brief chapter-a-day study for thirty-one days

(5) *The Progress of World-wide Missions*, by Robert H. Glover, Missionary.

This book is the preacher's encyclopedia on the history of Christian missions, and furnishes a broad basis upon which to emphasize the marvelous providences of God in preparing the world for the third angel's message. A special feature of value is the broad scope of the book furnishing specific information on every part of the world field. Dr. Glover's vision of the present missionary outlook is fully in accord with our aims and purposes. He states: "A mighty spiritual revival in the Church of Christ is the fundamental need of the hour. It is the only thing that will avail."

Reading Course for the Chosen Union:

Patriarchs and Prophets, by Mrs. E. G. White

Quiet Talks with World-Winners, by S. D. Gordon

Reading Course for the Malaysian Union (Ma'ay):

Daniel *Tafair Indjil Lockas*
Gospel Workers *Pertandaan Zamau*
Warta Garadja

Reading Course for the Malaysian Union (Dutch):

Rise of the Dutch Republic
Teekenen des Tijds (Holland Signs)
(A third item to be named later)
(One of Sister White's books)

Reading Course for the Chinese:

The Apostolic Age, published by the Association Press; cloth \$1.20; paper, \$0.80.

The Life of Victory, by Meade MacGuire.

The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life, translation by Mrs. Mary Kwoh; R. T. S. for China; \$0.15.

The Educator.

The Courses in Russian, Japanese, Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuan, Panayan Visayan, and other languages will be announced later.

Many of our workers have shown their interest in their work, and their appreciation of the purpose of the Ministerial Association to assist them in their work, by registering for the Ministerial Reading Courses in the past. Many have finished, and others have not. We hope this year that all will register, and as was said of General Grant, "get their teeth in" so that nothing can shake them off.

We would like to have every worker in the Far Eastern Division a member of the 1928 Reading Circle. If you plan to join us this year please drop a card to the Ministerial Association, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. If you wish us to order the Reading Course books sent to you, be sure to state this on your card, otherwise we will not order them. Also if you wish the "Testimonies" Volume 3 included in your order, state this. The combination order *does not include* the "Testimonies" Vol. 3, as nearly every worker has this book.

Let us "be diligent in study, earnest in the acquirement of knowledge, never wasting an hour." Let us resolve to read these splendid books this year.

In the City of Honam

BROTHER V. M. HANSEN, of the Cantonese Mission, in are port of the work in Honam the past year, prepared for presentation during the recent annual meeting of the Cantonese Mission held early in December, writes:

"Our work in Honam had its beginnings in a series of Bible readings at the home of a Chinese inquirer, who invited in his neighbors and friends. Later a chapel was opened, and a series of meetings was held for three weeks, Brethren Sham, Hong, Woo, Leo Taak Meng and Leung Hing Sun assisting when other duties permitted. Literature was used in connection, and house-to-house visits helped. The average attendance was about forty. We now have eleven Bible readings a week in the homes of interested ones. Sixty subscriptions to the Chinese *Signs* are delivered personally month by month.

"Recently we moved into a more commodious chapel, seating nearly one hundred. Our prospects are bright. Already those in attendance regularly are beginning to give, the offerings for the second and third quarters of 1927 being \$96.09 Mex. in the Sabbath school; \$18 "Big Week," \$60 Harvest Ingathering. We solicit the prayers of God's people, that many souls may be won in Honam."

All values in U. S. Gold

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
AN ITEMIZED STATISTICAL SUMMARY --- INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS --- FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1927

Union Missions and Provincials Missions in the Far Eastern Division	Baptized Membership Sept. 30, 1927	Baptisms July to Sept. 30, 1927	Net GAIN during three 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 Foreign and Native	NATIVE TITHES Receipts July to Sept. 30, 1927 (gold)	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings, July to Sept. 30, 1927 (gold)	No. of Church Schools	Enrollment Church Schools	Total Literature Sales - Book and Periodicals, July to Sept. 30, 1927	No. of Y. P. M. V. Societies	Membership of Y. P. M. V. Societies	Harvest Ingathering Receipts July to Sept. 30, 1927
PHILIPPINE UNION	8,981	366	343	21	34	75	142	24	316	340	\$ 7,017.36	207	7,687	\$ 1,844.80	23	856	\$ 13,752.86	26	719	\$
Northern Luzon Mission	1,427			3	4	14	15		51	51	586.14	37	1,264	236.69	4	161	1,361.69	11	408	
East Visayan Mission	1,548	152	152	3	3	13	35	1	59	60	811.55	23	1,273	193.97	2	104	1,680.07			
West Visayan Mission	2,550	120	100	3	6	15	20	2	46	48	1,635.22	55	2,020	341.34	4	162	611.50	15	311	
Central Luzon Conference	3,308	75	72	6	13	12	60	1	109	110	3,818.60	84	2,963	1,025.63	11	174	7,515.31			
Southern Luzon Mission	148	19	19	2	3	3	11	2	19	21	165.85	8	167	47.17			2,383.17			
Union Mission				4	5	18	1	13	32	50					2	255	201.12			
CHOSEN UNION	1,680	124	-36	13	31	79	32	22	162	184	1,101.42	107	4,834	723.45	32	1,262	2,512.87	31	1,332	12.50
West Chosen Mission	674	35	-24	2	9	35	7		48	48	439.95	44	2,200	375.91	17	468	580.29	16	601	
Central Chosen Mission	488	89	-12	3	7	19	10		35	35	316.14	30	1,320	195.99	7	299	721.46	7	346	
South Chosen Mission	429			2	10	10	15		40	40	237.83	26	953	128.71	5	197	966.12	6	237	
Union Mission	89			6	5	15	1	22	39	61	107.50	7	361	22.84	3	298	245.00	2	148	12.50
JAPAN UNION	526	14	1	14	13	9	12	24	34	58	2,733.47	20	595	654.54	2	51	5,951.75	10	150	918.84
Kyushu Mission	42	3	1	1		1	2		4	4	158.63	3	39	64.00			574.12			125.40
Chugoku Mission	76	3	1	2		2	1	1	4	5	280.17	3	69	115.72			445.65			97.34
Kansai Mission	128	4	1	3	2	1	3	1	8	9	212.96	5	148	89.58			850.92			291.25
Kanto Mission	233	2		1	6	1	3	1	10	11	1,884.21	6	290	312.48			1,789.06			402.35
Tohoku Mission	21		-3	1	1				2	2	38.90	1	17	23.12			350.20			2.50
Hokkaido Mission	26	2	1		2		2	1	5	6	99.35	2	32	49.64			1,941.80			
Union Mission				6	2	4	1	20	1	21	59.25				2	51		10	150	
MANCHURIAN UNION	375	78	78	3	6	17	14	12	28	40	172.35	12	381	135.26	5	74	1,680.07	2	26	1,168.57
Fengtien Mission	271	50	50	1	3	11	9	5	17	22	133.85	8	233	82.24	4	47	1,201.32	2	26	653.36
Kirin Mission	104	28	28	1	2	5	4	4	11	15	38.50	4	147	53.02	1	27	478.75			515.21
Heilungkiang Mission																				
Union Mission				1	1	1	1	3		3										
CENTRAL CHINA UNION	1,719			13	26	69	7	33	114	147	522.60	64	1,688	304.42	11	220				
Honan Mission	656			4	7	20	6	10	41	51	245.25	17	700	156.49	5	80				
Hunan Mission	506			2	8	18		4	33	37	136.05	22	375	70.98	2	50				
Hupeh Mission	375			3	2	15		2	23	25	94.50	15	422	31.33	2	25				

Union Mission				2	6	5	1	13		13									
NORTH CHINA UNION	374	12	12	6	11	23	15	16	40	56	241.37	15	543	97.78	9	200	1,594.43	6	119
Shantung Mission	185			1	6	10	6	4	19	23	130.26	10	303	41.74	6	120	929.03		
Chihli Mission	189	12	12	4	3	7	8	4	21	25	105.41	5	240	56.04	3	80	665.40	6	119
Union Mission				1	2	6	1	8		8	5.70								
SOUTH CHINA UNION	2,510	61	41	17	65	91	23	36	239	275	1,046.95	87	2,570	665.45	26	984	4,264.85	11	380
Cantonese Mission	437			5	22	25	6	10	65	75	320.49	18	443	232.08	8	230	1,215.35	8	230
Hakka Mission	889			2	10	18	1	4	31	35	186.82	25	630	137.22	3	97	244.60		
Kwangai Mission	173	14		1	3	15	7	6	34	40	63.80	9	193	49.22	1	16	1,082.48		
North Fukien Mission	313	10	4	1	16	10	1	4	40	44	171.35	14	486	50.25	4	222	446.14	1	60
South Fukien Mission	357	37	37	4	4	8	2	4	36	40	172.81	10	443	92.61	5	360	574.88	1	60
Swatow Mission	341			3	10	11	4	4	31	35	131.68	11	375	104.07	4	59	700.90	1	30
Union Mission				1	4	2	4	2	6										
WEST CHINA UNION*	229			4	6	21	7	14	27	41			20	375		2	28		
East Szechwan Mission	115			1	1	9	1	2	12	14			9	220		1	19		
West Szechwan Mission	54			1	1	4	1	2	5	7			4	79		1	9		
Tibetan Mission	5				2	2		4	1	5			1	6					
West Kweichow Mission	52			1		3	2		7	7			6	70					
Union Mission	3			1	2	3	3	6	2	8									
EAST CHINA UNION	1,811	41	44	15	14	63	9	21	89	110	1,440.93	78	2,728	555.73	17	576	1,685.26	9	190
Anhui Mission	471		2	7	1	16		4	28	32	250.64	14	381	42.52	8	81		5	81
Kiangsu Mission	971	41	42	3	9	19	6	2	33	35	1,091.17	28	1,481	478.40	5	340	1,662.67	3	105
South Chekiang Mission	369			1	4	22	3	5	26	31	99.12	36	866	34.81	4	155	22.59	1	4
Union Mission				4	6			10	2	12									
DIVISION HEADQUARTERS				10	3	50	1	54	116	170					3	99			
MALAYSIAN UNION	2,391	163	101	24	35	94	80	57	218	275	5,185.95	77	2,605	1,760.91	35	1,804	25,794.50	7	146
British North Borneo	181			1	3	5		2	11	13	136.71	9	151	66.01	8	246	34.91		
Celebes	455	41	30	2		14	6	2	20	22	511.20	13	693	127.88			2,402.91		
Central Sumatra	86	28	28	1		1		2	7	9	93.24	7	296	38.69	2	143	5,331.52	2	40
East Java	337	18	28	4	9	10	18	8	46	54	1,142.71	6	286	273.46	4	363	7,680.40	2	40
Malay States	179			1	5	5	12	4	24	28	209.49	5	205	78.75	3	111	2,297.60		526.88
North Sumatra	70	10	8	1	2	2	2	2	6	8	185.79	6	83	59.69			981.15	1	8
Siam	98	3	3	2	3	7	7	4	20	24	197.13	4	128	102.34	2	80	2,267.16		32.25
Singapore	233	1	-53	1	4	5		2	12	14	1,157.98	7	217	392.90	1	35	1,025.33	2	58
South Sumatra	103		-3	1	1	4	2	2	9	11	168.19	3	96	87.31	3	94	577.21		
West Java	649	62	60	2	3	16	11	4	32	36	1,383.51	17	450	533.88	9	519	3,196.31		219.24
Union				8	5	25	22	25	31	56					3	213			
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION	441	4	1	2	8	22	1	4	20	24	721.39	10	455	440.23	1	52	368.01	5	116
DIVISION TOTALS, Sept. 1927	21,037	863	585	142	252	613	344	317	1,403	1,720	\$ 20,183.79	697	24,461	\$ 7,182.57	166	6,206	\$ 57,604.60	107	3,178
" " " 1926	18,528	967	792	122	242	517	365	315	1,474	1,789	16,950.87	677	24,890	7,095.96	194	7,449	54,644.49	141	4,119
" " " 1925	16,315	793	808	132	216	492	316	309	1,320	1,629	15,108.16	610	23,518	5,895.07	197	7,928	53,003.04	149	4,140
" " " 1924	14,124	677	703	110	195	404	233	283	1,033	1,316	12,282.69	530	19,938	5,475.46	162	6,306	32,157.44	108	3,884
" " " 1923	12,077	318	415	110	194	389	209	286	999	1,285	9,821.65	487	17,120	5,295.70	133	5,721	32,612.87	71	2,647
" " " 1922	10,729	405	383	91	204	328	214	283	1,042	1,325	8,578.64	444	15,513	4,537.54	145	5,386	31,850.91	44	1,713

*Because of the war in China, fields starred have been unable to send in full reports, and the figures of the previous quarter are given for membership, etc.

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 BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10)		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS		
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	
							1	Philippine Union	6	190	139	8981	366	8		13	2	32
2	Chosen Union	3	46	20	1680	124	4	9	4	27	14	65		6		1	32	
3	Japan Union	5	14	12	526	14	5	9	2	11	5	4		1	12	1	11	
4	Manchurian Union	2	11	9	375	78	3		3	3	6	11	1	1		1	13	
5	Central China Union	5	68	35	1719		6	7	10	16	17	52		15		1	6	
6	North China Union	2	11	5	374	12	3	3	5	6	8	15		3		1	14	
7	South China Union	8	95	40	2510	61	10	7	6	59	20	71		19		1	22	
8	West China Union	4	10	4	229		3	1	4	2	7	14		1		1	6	
9	East China Union	6	67	37	1811	41	7	8	1	13	13	50	1	24		1	8	
10	Division Hdqrs.						9	1	3		42	8				1		
11	Malaysian Union	12	58	34	2391	163	20	4	6	29	29	65	2	4		2	78	
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission	1	6	3	441	4	2			8	2	20	1	1			1	
13	TOTALS, 2nd Quarter 1927	54	576	338	21037	863	80	62	46	206	179	434	5	94	12	12	332	
14	<i>The totals given below for Third quarter of preceding years reveal the growth year by year.</i>																	
15	Totals, Year 1926	46	494	287	18528	967	78	54	42	205	182	390	8	92	12	13	352	
16	Totals, Year 1925	49	351	261	16315	793	80	52	42	174	174	318		73	10	13	303	
17	Totals, Year 1924	43	385	210	14124	677	73	37	39	156	160	244	7	72	10	16	217	
18	Totals, Year 1923	46	342	235	12077	318	71	39	43	151	162	227	1	66	9	3	206	

Number of Mission	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	39	
	Average Attendance S. S.	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools Conducted	Enrollment Church Schools	Number of Intermediate Schools	
1	6669	\$ 1444.08	\$ 400.72	\$ 1844.80	\$ 1710.24	\$ 12042.62	\$ 13752.86	120	\$ 39050.00	14945	17	583	5	
2	3848	638.85	89.60	723.45	1475.71	1032.33	2512.87	70	26956.00	7625	31	1117		
3	445	486.04	168.50	654.54	804.25	5147.50	5951.75	7	19500.00	950	1	6		
4	328	97.56	37.70	135.26	1498.50	348.77	1680.07	2	7250.00	400	5	74		
5	1471	228.62	75.79	304.42				18	12262.00	2150	11	135		
6	377	78.23	19.55	97.78	1118.35	436.45	1594.43	2	11500.00	800	8	165		
7	2140	561.05	104.40	665.45	1434.54	1747.83	4264.85	18	15075.00	3660	23	791	3	
8	416							1	3000.00		2	28		
9	1868	425.64	130.09	555.73	1127.30	557.98	1685.26	9	51200.00	2400	15	501	2	
10											1	21	1	
11	2389	1269.02	491.89	1760.91	4160.55	20593.40	25794.50	9	49614.55	2250	34	1741		
12	413	354.41	85.82	440.23	109.19	258.82	368.01				1	52		
13	20364	5583.50	1604.06	7182.57	13438.63	42165.70	57604.60	256	235407.55	35180	149	5138	11	
14	<i>Totals, Third quarter Year 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923 given below</i>													
15	20355	5612.28	1483.67	7095.96	23308.27	24309.71	54644.49	237	184909.08	33040	182	6198	10	
16	19317	4672.13	1222.94	5895.07	17302.66	30471.68	53003.04	210	175283.50	27780	180	6282	12	
17	16320	4288.40	1187.06	5475.46	9032.72	17910.84	32157.44	163	107443.04	21920	148	4691	9	
18	13732	4217.81	1077.89	5295.70	8522.94	16559.64	32612.87	91	47840.00	12590	127	3783	1	

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

Mission for the Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1927

All Values in U. S. Gold

Number of Mission	14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not elsewhere listed)	16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD)			18 Tithe Per Capita	19 Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work exclusive of Harvest In gathering 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)								
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)								
1			52	24	316	\$ 912.88	\$2017.36	\$ 7930.24		\$ 98.94	\$ 157.00		50.00	207	7687	
2	2	5	22	22	162	678.05	1101.42	1779.47		518.77		\$ 12.50	353.48	107	4834	
3				24	34	557.19	2733.47	3290.66				918.84		20	595	
4			9	12	28	246.60	172.35	418.95			11.53	1168.57	7.63	12	381	
5	2		5	33	114	647.73	522.60	1170.33		46.58				64	1688	
6				16	40	249.64	241.37	491.01			7.50			15	543	
7	5	18	52	36	239	49.25	1046.95	1096.20		92.89	15.77	14.75		87	2570	
8	1	1	2	14	27									20	375	
9			5	21	89	3670.72	1440.93	5111.65		166.42				78	2663	
10	8	27	80	54	116	2444.17		2444.17								
11	2	3	40	57	218	804.82	5185.95	5990.77		524.64	77.68	864.97	1008.05	77	2605	
12		1		4	20	284.36	721.39	1006.25		114.22	135.06			10	455	
13	20	55	267	317	1403	10545.91	20183.79	30729.70		1562.46	404.54	2979.63	1419.17	697	24461	
14																
15	24	72	290	315	1474	8363.93	16950.87	25314.80		4002.62	306.10	9582.59	728.86	677	24890	
16	25	44	312	309	1320	8614.93	15108.16	23727.09		3941.59	153.44	2959.40	809.74	610	23518	
17	16	25	207	283	1033	6595.05	12282.69	18877.74		1064.29	414.17	6193.15	980.28	530	19938	
18	15	37	222	286	999	5152.19	9821.65	14973.84		463.03	52.27	346.56	411.86	487	17120	
38	40	41	42	43	44		45		46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
Number of Mission	Enrollment of Intermediate Schools	Number of Training Schools	Enrollment of Training Schools	Total Enrollment	NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		Total No. of Teachers	Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Maintenance of Schools	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work
					Men	Women	Men	Women								
1	28	1	245	856	4	8	9	22	43	\$ 1100.00	\$ 264.29	26	719			
2		1	145	1262	1	1	48	6	56	25604.45	3532.50	31	1332			1.33
3		1	45	51	2	3	2		7	30000.00	3506.00	10	150			
4				74		4	2		6	575.00		2	26	60.50		3.33
5				220	1		12	1	13	9300.00						
6		1	35	200	1	2	8	3	14	11000.00	47.81	6	119			
7	193			984	3	6	32	27	67	31572.00	30680.00	11	380			
8				28			2	1	3							
9	75			576		1	25	9	35	3800.00		9	190			
10	8	1	66	99	6	9	4		19							
11		1	63	1804	4	3	34	29	70	71156.78	5308.43	7	146			4.00
12				52	2	2					287.07	5	116	4.14	3.38	
13	304	6	599	6206	24	39	178	98	333	184108.23	16014.10	107	3178	65.83	3.38	8.66
14																
15	572	5	679	7449	31	37	231	108	407	255317.02	26199.70	141	4119	14.38	20.06	132.75
16	763	5	883	7928	30	35	276	79	420	129905.54	26708.26	149	4140	43.20	35.28	115.43
17	645	5	970	6306	25	34	231	61	351	121940.12	16244.20	108	3884	21.35	2.27	45.96
18	867	5	1071	5721	24	31	213	65	333	104461.70	12168.58	71	2647		123.67	6.00

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We wish all our readers a Happy New Year, replete with the blessings of Heaven.

The annual spring meetings of the Far Eastern Division Committee are appointed for February 19-24, 1928, at Shanghai, with the understanding that constituency meetings of the Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House, the Shanghai Sanitarium, and the China Theological Seminary are to be held February 16-19, as formally announced in another column of this issue.

We trust that all have shared in the privileges of the Week of Sacrifice for 1927. Any who may have been delayed in this matter, may yet place their offering in the mission treasury prior to the closing up of the books for the year now passed. Extraordinary sacrifices are being made by many thousands of our associate workers in all parts of the world. In a peculiar sense the brethren of the Far East are beneficiaries from this offering being made. Let us personally make sure of coming behind in no good gift ourselves.

On New Year's day the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital opened the doors of its new home along the Rubicon, and several hundreds visited the institution for the first time. The dedication is to take place at the time of the spring meeting of the Division Committee in February.

Many reports from the field, already in type, must be held over until our next issue, because of space given this month to statistical returns for the third quarter of 1927. In various places our brethren have been having fresh evidences of the Lord's power to transform hearts and to prosper His work notwithstanding multiplying difficulties and hindrances.

The Amoy Middle School

School work is continuing at Amoy, the boys having their classwork in the main building by the sea, and the girls being housed in rented quarters on the hillside above, their school being entirely separate. Pastor and Mrs. B. L. Anderson are planning for the school in various ways, and are rejoicing over being able to keep it open during this year of trouble for many of the educational institutions in China. Pastor E. E. Carmen and several Chinese teachers are associated in the management of the school, and are giving of their best for its steady development.

Statistical Report—3rd Quar., 1927

Once more the faithful work of many secretaries has made possible the presentation of quarterly summaries for another three-month period, carrying us down to the close of September, 1927. The figures by Unions are given in detail on pages six and seven of this issue, and a general summary, which includes every provincial mission, as well as the Unions, is given on pages four and five. Comparative totals at the foot of each column reveal progress year by year. Baptisms for the third quarter just passed, were 863, which is 104 less than for the corresponding quarter the preceding year. The net gain in church membership for the Division during the third quarter was 585, which is 107 less than the net gain during the corresponding quarter of 1926. The native tithe receipts for the quarter are about fifteen per cent, more than for the third quarter of 1926—an encouraging item. Good gains should be noted also in the Sabbath school offerings and in literature sales. Had a report been received from the West China Union, temporarily cut off by war conditions, the gains noted would have been augmented somewhat, as progress is being made in that part of the field.

Commendable increases in church membership have been made during the third quarter of 1927 in various portions of the field:—the East Visayan Mission leading (152), West Visaya standing second (100), Central Luzon third (72), West Java fourth (60), Fengtien fifth (50), Kiangsue sixth (42). Net gains of more than twenty were made during the quarter in still other provincial missions, including Central Sumatra, South Fukien, Kirin, East Java, Celebes. On September 30, 1927, the total church membership of the Far Eastern Division was reported as 21,037.

One item of interest to which we call special attention is that of the total laborers, standing at 317 foreign (including wives of workers), and 1,403 native (including 332 book and periodical colporteurs and some other self-supporting workers, and numerous institutional employees).

The secretaries throughout the Division are now busily at work gathering in the reports for the final quarter of the year, and for the annual summary in time for publication if possible by mid-February.

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Do you verily believe that you have a mission field right at your door? There is no avenue to hearts more open to the wise and humble-minded Christian worker than the way of the children's feet. Are you one of the parents who are taking advantage of this help which the Home Commission is giving for the better building of Christian homes? "The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other. . . . The success of the church depends upon home influences." —*Ministry of Healing*, page 349.

Parents' Lessons for 1928 will contain studies for parents upon four ages; namely, babyhood, childhood, preadolescence, and adolescence. Write for full information to *The Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, D. C.*

Notice—Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee

The annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee, usually spoken of as "The Spring Council," is appointed for February 19-24, 1928, at the Division office, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China. The first meeting is called for 8:00 a. m. Sunday, February 19. Members of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee are expected to be present in time for the opening meeting.

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

Notice—Annual Constituency Meeting of the China Theological Seminary

(China Missionary Junior College)

The regular annual meeting of the Constituency of the China Theological Seminary will convene at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China, on Thursday, February 16, 1928, at 10 a. m., for the transaction of any and all business which may be deemed for the good of the school. A full attendance of the Constituency is urged.

I. H. Evans, *President*
D. E. Rebok, *Secretary*

Notice—Annual Meeting of the Signs of the Times Publishing House

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House is called for February 16, 1928, at 2:00 p. m., in the School Chapel. At this meeting the financial report of the institution, together with report of the manager, treasurer, superintendent, and editor, will be presented.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE

W. P. Henderson, *Manager*
Frederick Lee, *Secretary*

Notice—Annual Constituency and Board Meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital

Notice is hereby given of the annual constituency and board meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, called to convene at Sanitarium, 150 Rubicon Road, Shanghai, China, at 10:30 a. m., February 19, 1928, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted.

The Constituency of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital includes (1) The members of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee; (2) all accredited Seventh-day Adventist physicians in the Far East; (3) seven others, as appointed by the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee.

(Signed) I. H. Evans, *Chairman*
G. S. Luther, *Secretary*

Obituary Notice

HONG.—Pastor S. H. Hong was born at Kangsu, Korea, December 10, 1891, and died at Soonan, Korea, December 16, 1927. Pastor Hong was baptized by Pastor C. L. Butterfield in 1909. After graduating from our Training School, he taught school two years, entering the ministry in 1915. He was ordained in 1925. Pastor Hong was considered one of our best evangelists, his last public effort being a tent meeting conducted in the city of Pyeng-yang, where he was residing when taken with typhoid, of which he died. He leaves to mourn a wife and four children. The Chosen Union sustains a great loss in the death of this faithful worker.

Edward J. Urquhart.