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## ARE WE DRIFTING?

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**D**RIFTING is the easiest way of changing one's location. It may bear one either to or from his desired goal, according to where he wants to go. Drifting is not always bad, nor does it necessarily mean retrogression. If one's due course runs with the current, then drifting, though not the swiftest mode of travel, is certain to bring one nearer to his destination.

Usually, when we say an individual is drifting, we mean that he is going in the wrong direction; and in the case of moral drifting, that he needs to be aroused, or he will be lost in the whirlpool of sin. When we speak of a church or people drifting, we generally mean they are so like those about them that there is little to mark the difference.

In the past, denominational organizations have often drifted from their original purpose and been carried so far in a wrong direction in habits of life and points of faith that they have apparently lost their message and missed their goal. This became true of the early church soon after apostolic times. Paul spoke of conditions in his own day which, when fully developed, meant apostasy and departure from the strait and narrow way. The pages of church history are strewn with the wreckage of multitudes who have drifted into errors of doctrine and practice, till chart and compass were utterly lost.

We must not conclude that the world about us is moving heavenward because it appeals to us, and we think there are good people in it. The "strait" and "narrow" road of which Christ spoke, with but few who choose that way, has not widened into the "broad" road which has so many travelers. When one sees little or no difference between his own life and the lives of those about him, does not that suggest drifting? If the world is on the road to destruction, and the church cannot see any particular difference between the world and the lives of its own members, is not that significant?

This advent movement stands for all that the Word of God teaches. It knows no compromise with sin; its standard of righteousness is the law of God as interpreted in the teaching of the life of Christ. Its aim is to prepare a people clothed, through faith, with the righteousness of Christ, who will await their Lord's second coming in glory and power. Such a people, both in their life and in their work, must live unmoved and uninfluenced by the conditions of sin about them. This people must not drift. They *cannot* drift and fulfill their mission to the world.

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## Note and Comment

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### Keeping Our Hands on the Gospel Plough in Japan

A. Koch

As the facts show that the most economical and successful method of soul-winning over here is by making personal contacts with individuals, much evangelistic work has to be done by circulation of literature and following up of interests. When during the Week of Prayer I helped our little group in Mito, Sister Hasegawa, the worker's wife, told me occasionally, "This sister and that one I met first by canvass, the other one too; also that brother, now earnest in the truth," and so on.

Elder Kuniya lately told us how, during the evangelistic effort in Nagoya, people came to him and asked him if he were the man whose articles they often read in the *Ficho*, the Japanese Signs. Really, literature is not circulated in vain, even when the seed grows slowly and unknown to us.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign, which gave me opportunity to help at Yokohama, Tokyo, Utauomiya, Mito, and Wakamatsu, was followed up at Tokyo church by an evangelistic effort. Every night the chapel was filled. While speaking, I had to ask that the windows be opened in order that the people outside also might be able to hear,—a strange thing in Japan, with its churches famous for vacant seats! The Lord also gave me an opportunity to deliver a lecture on Sun Worship in English before an international audience in the chapel of Tokyo Union Church. A reporter of the *Japan Times* newspaper was present, and asked me at the close of the lecture to supply him with a copy of the manuscript for publication in the *Times*. Almost the full text of the lecture appeared later in a Sunday morning edition as the first inside article.

So we keep our hands on the gospel plough in Japan, confident we shall have a harvest in time. At times we have little hardships, as, for example, while we were canvassing recently in company with a Japanese brother, a drunkard tried to beat us, and spoke many insulting words, and we had to flee from the place; but hardships assure us the more of God's care and love. Great is our joy, after hard work, to see some souls joining the ranks of the toilers of the Lord. A fortnight ago six of our friends at Yokohama were baptized on a cold, stormy Sabbath. Surely there are yet many precious souls the winning of whom will finally prove that our toiling in hope during these "days of small things" is not in vain.

Tokyo, December 26, 1927.

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### Institutional Data

Blanks have been sent out to officers of all publishing, educational, and medical institutions calling for annual statistical data as required by the Home Board. Early returns are anticipated, and it is hoped that progress will be shown along many lines. It is particularly desired that any known new languages in which publications have been issued or in which regular mission work has been undertaken during the past year, be definitely reported through the institutions and union officers.

### Annual Meeting in Borneo

Pastor L. V. Finster reports concerning a month's visit to British North Borneo, that the Lord met with workers and believers in their annual meeting. Ten days were spent in an institute, which seemed helpful to all. Of the work among the Dusuns, he writes:

"We organized our first Dusun church while I was in Borneo. This is the first protestant church organized among this tribe. Some of them seem to be very nice people. I am looking forward to a great work yet to be done among these inland peoples of Borneo. In many ways they prove themselves faithful and reliable."

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### In Amoy

It was a happy privilege to meet once more Brother and Sister B. L. Anderson, of the South Fukien Mission; also Pastor E. E. Carman, of the Sino-American Middle School. The mission properties at Kulangan are being kept in order, and a few minor improvements are being made as funds may permit. A windmill adds to the efficacy of the water system installed.

Mrs. Anderson is personally supervising the girls' school, with about sixty pupils. This school is conducted separately, in rented quarters, pending more settled conditions, when it is planned to have permanent buildings if Providence permit. Many blessings have attended the girls' school through the years, and much has been undertaken and accomplished by way of placing this school on vantage ground, with profitable industries in connection.

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### Itinerating in South Chosen

Pastor E. J. Urquhart, acting superintendent of the Chosen Union Mission, writes in early November of itinerating in southern Chosen. "A short time ago," he reports, "I was permitted to spend a few days with the director of the South Chosen Mission. I found that they were in the midst of their third tent effort and were going to hold still another before the close of the season. They began these meetings in the north of their field as soon as the rainy weather was over, and then moved south, thus finding pleasant weather all the way along. In the extreme south, along the coast, meetings can be held as late as November successfully, as the weather is kept warm by the sea breezes.

"At Tong Young we found that the church elder had raised seven hundred yen among the business men of the place for enlarging and improving our church building there. This shows what can be done by men who are zealous for the truth. The new addition to the church was nearly done when we visited there.

"I was somewhat sorry to hear that the baptisms of the South Chosen Mission would be somewhat under those of last year. However, the good interests at the various tent meetings and elsewhere give promise of a better harvest next year. Brother Pudewell is helping in all the meetings, and is able to do well in the vernacular. Pastor Chung is fully consecrated to his task, and should continue to receive our prayers and our cooperation in the heavy responsibilities we have placed upon him and his associates in South Chosen."

### From Across the Seas

Brother M. F. Wiedemann writes from College View, Nebraska, where he is in attendance at Union College, and is also looking after some publishing interests, that he wishes to be remembered to friends in the Far East. Brother Wiedemann has been in attendance at some meetings while on furlough, including a general home missionary convention held in the Lake Union.

Pastor L. D. Warren, writing from Mount Vernon, Ohio, tells of work in New Jersey, and later of attendance at the seven camp-meetings held the past season in the Columbia Union. The weeks that followed were devoted to an intensive Harvest Ingathering campaign, with success. The winter has been spent in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where Brother Warren has been doing pastoral work in the church, and has had charge also of the Bible department of the academy.

Pastor Geo. J. Appel is in College Place, Washington, taking special work in the college.

Pastor J. E. Riffel is also in College Place, Washington, in attendance at the Walla Walla College.

Pastor W. J. Harris has spent the winter in Battle Creek, Michigan, with friends, and is pursuing some studies while there.

Pastor and Mrs. B. Petersen, after a busy few months on the Pacific Coast visiting many churches and attending conferences and conventions, went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the Fall Council, and later may go to Scandinavia, where Brother Petersen hopes to meet his aged father, whom he has not seen for about twenty years.

Brother Eugene Woesner has been spending the fall and early winter in California, but is returning in time to be with us at the spring meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee, appointed for mid-February in Shanghai.

Pastor S. H. Lindt writes from College View, Nebraska, of profitable months in the Bible Department of Union College, where Professor W. W. Prescott is in charge of ministerial training. Brother Lindt may attend a convention of Bible and History teachers, appointed by the General Conference for mid-summer, in Broadview, Illinois, prior to his return from furlough.

Pastor T. T. Babienco was in attendance at the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee, and has been visiting some churches of Russians and Germans in the States and Canada.

Pastors P. Drinhaus, A. H. Zimmermann, and F. J. J. Dittmar are on furlough in Germany, and their general address is Grindelberg 15A, Hamburg, Germany.

Professor B. F. Gregory is planning to be in attendance at a special teachers' institute in California early the coming summer before sailing for another term of service in the East China Union.

Brother R. M. Milne is now visiting various churches in the East Canadian Union during the closing portion of his furlough period.

## GENERAL ARTICLES

### The Courage-Makers

Norma Youngberg

In days like these, when hearts are tense

With fear and hurt and dread,

How sweet to find some note of cheer,

Some precious balm to spread

Upon the aching hurts of those

Beside us in the way.

God grant us in a time like this

Courageous words to say!

There's grump and gloom and fret enough

And thorns for all to glean,

But optimistic courage-songs

Are few and far between.

There's nothing like a song and smile

To put the "blues" to rout,

Let's reap a crop of courage from

The gloom that's round about!

The gracious God, who in His might

Formed both the world and you,

Has grace and skill and love enough

To see us safely through.

God bless the noble souls who find

A rose for every thorn,

A star to light the darkest night,

A song for each new morn!

Singapore.

### An Important Announcement

In a letter just received from the office of the Ministerial Association at Washington, D. C., an announcement was made which is of importance to all our workers. We will quote from this letter as follows:

"Authorization was given by the recent Autumn Council to supersede the mimeographed bulletins of the Association by a printed medium named *The Ministry*.

"There will be many obvious advantages. A modest paper will be more permanent, dignified, adequate. The pastor can see what the evangelist, the Bible worker, the Bible teacher, the chaplain, and so forth, is getting,—and *vice versa*. The evangelistic problems of the world mission field will receive due attention; for every able-bodied worker is subject to draft. The plans and progress of ministerial training in our colleges will have their proportionate attention. The special leaflets will hereafter be largely superseded by strong, uplifting messages by our world leaders. And our various round tables can be conducted in abbreviated, but improved form. In addition, many helpful, practical features hitherto impossible, will now be possible.

"It is fundamental for us to try to make our approaching printed medium, *The Ministry*, that which will supplant these various separate items such as our mimeographed bulletins and the leaflets mentioned, and bring into one compass the greatest and strongest help that this whole movement can produce to lift the spiritual tone of the ministry, to develop our mental and intellectual side, and to increase our efficiency in soul-winning.

"A nominal subscription price will be charged for this little medium (fifty cents gold per year has been mentioned as the probable charge).

We hope to begin the new plan with the new year.

"Now two requests: Pray, Comrade in service, that God shall markedly lead in each step of this forward move. Further let us have the benefit of your suggestions for guidance in the conduct of this Association medium—principles, features, cautions, suggestion, or actual material. Let us march forward in Christ's strength and wisdom for a greater ministry for Him."

All of us as workers in these great heathen lands—strongholds of Satan—realize the need of more efficiency and more spirituality in our lives and work. Sister White has said that the workers in the cause of God are the special objects of Satan's attacks; and while we are at the same time the special objects of God's love and care, yet we surely need to make use of everything He sends to us that will not only help us in building strong spiritual lives ourselves, but will also enable us to assist others in this work, and will give us the wisdom to bring Christ to those who know Him not, and so to reveal Him in our consecrated lives that they will long for Him, seek Him, take Him into their hearts, and live for Him.

We as workers in the Far Eastern Division will no doubt rejoice at the advent of this new paper put out especially for workers, and will all wish to avail ourselves of *The Ministry*.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF  
THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION

### Schools for the Dusuns and the Muruts

L. B. MERSON

OUR schools for the Dusuns are doing very well. Our new school farther up towards Mount Kinabalu, at Tenghilan, opened with thirty boys in attendance. More will come later.

We have tried for years to get official permission to work in a section lying beyond the end of the railway line, over the range of mountains back of Jesselton, for the Murut tribe. This year we have permission to place a worker in that section. We believe great things are in store for us in the interior of Borneo. Our school in the Murut district opened with thirty-five in attendance, and soon several more came into the school, making forty-five for our Battak teacher to instruct. The tuition charges are sufficient to cover the cost of the teacher's support. The Muruts are fine people.

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### A Knowledge of Holy Scripture

IN an address filled with words of courage and of far-sighted vision, Miss Mildred Cable, of the C. I. M., addressed those in attendance at the C. I. M. Annual Meeting at Queen's Hall, London, last October; and this is her word concerning the importance of every worker's gaining a full knowledge of Holy Scripture:

"Far from the missionaries' work not being needed in China, there is a great demand for pioneers and teachers, and I unhesitatingly say that whatever the qualifications held by missionary volunteers are, none of these can compare, for a single moment, with a thorough knowledge of and belief in the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make men wise unto salvation. This is the immediate contribution required by the Eastern Church from the Western."

### Deliverances in Canton City

PASTOR A. L. HAM writes of continued deliverances coming to our brethren and sisters who reside in the city of Canton, where so much trouble has been rife of late. The faith of our church members there has been severely tested, but the providences seen have greatly strengthened their faith, Brother Ham reports. This is an experience that others of our brethren and sisters in China are having in districts where trials and persecutions have been coming to us as never before. Satan can make many efforts to hinder the onward progress of God's cause in this earth, but his every effort is turned by Heaven into that which brings strength and confidence to those who are preparing for the Kingdom of glory.

### Book Displays

More and more at annual provincial meetings tract society secretaries are making attractive book displays. At the recent annual conference of Central Luzon, Brother Ponce, the tract society secretary, arranged a display of our denominational literature in the basement of the Manila church. The office was crowded during intermission, and at other times when the brethren and sisters were free to look over the display, and record sales of literature were made during the few days the brethren were together in conference session. A similar display was shown at Tayug, Pangasinan, during the annual meeting of Northern Luzon Mission, held during the closing days of the year.

## Reports from the Field

### Glimpsing Honan Anew

During these months of revolution and continued warfare, when our workers are endeavoring to get back into the interior for a few days at a time, while lulls in military campaigns permit of making journeys inland to points that later on are to be reoccupied by us if the Lord permit, stories of such journeys have an especial interest. Pastor W. E. Strickland, director of the Honan Mission, writes of a visit made early last October to Yencheng, now occupied once more by soldiers, but vacant for a little while at the time Brother Strickland took advantage of the opportunity to get in.

"Brother Hilliard and I made a flying trip up to Yencheng, Honan, last week," Brother Strickland writes. "We were treated very well by every one along the way. The common people are as anxious as ever to have the foreigner around; and were it not for certain influences still at work, I believe that we could all return to our station at Yencheng.

"We left Hankow Sunday morning, and arrived in Yencheng Monday night about half past ten. We immediately went over to the compound, and spent the night in one of the Chinese homes, thinking that the soldiers were still occupying all of the upper compound. However, next morning we learned to our joy that the soldiers had all moved out the day before, and so we were at liberty to look over the place without hindrance. We found things very badly torn up. All of the buildings had been thoroughly looted. The only things left were some parts of dressers and some stoves and beds. Every room had been completely emptied of anything that was worth carrying off. In the case of the school dormitories, the buildings are damaged beyond repair, and will have to be rebuilt from the foundations. Extensive repairs will have to be made on all the hospital buildings, and on the foreign dwelling-houses, before they will be usable again.

"The office files and tract society stock had all been taken from their cases and shelves, and dumped into one room. Vouchers had been torn from their holders, and strewn all over the floor; and the tracts and pamphlets and books had been torn and scattered about without regard to value or use. It is no exaggeration to state that these mission office papers, tracts, Bible portions, vouchers, books, and pamphlets, were over knee deep all over the floor. While there, we endeavored to salvage as much as possible, spending long hours in gathering up and sorting that which was of value; but when we had to leave, we were still within a foot, at least, of the floor. Since our departure some of our Chinese associates have completed the work of the resorting and rearranging the stock, and of saving as many of the vouchers

as can be gathered up and put into order. Much has been stored in boxes securely covered and nailed up and carried to places where we hope at least a portion of that which remains may be saved from ruthless hands bent on destruction.

"On our way back from Yencheng, we stopped off over the Sabbath at Kikungshan, and found everything up there peaceful. The buildings and contents have not been touched, and all the Kikungshan homes need is a few minor repairs and some repainting."

Pastor Strickland has now gone back to Hankow, to be as close as practicable to workers in Honan Mission, and will make his headquarters temporarily at the Wang Gia Dun mission compound outside the city of Hankow. A section of an army is again occupying our Yencheng mission premises, and it is uncertain when we shall have the use of the buildings uninterruptedly. It is hoped by the brethren that affairs will take a decided turn in our favor with the coming of the early summer months, and that in due course we shall find ourselves fully established and in running order at the Yencheng station, with its intermediate training-school, its hospital-dispensary, and its other varied mission activities the influence of which extends to every *hsien* of the province.

### Itinerating in South Fukien

B. L. ANDERSON

ON my last itinerating tour among the churches and companies, we had some good experiences. The meetings held were well attended, and an excellent spirit prevailed. At one of the churches the members desire to replace their present chapel building by reconstructing on a larger scale, thus gaining better and more convenient quarters. Some have donated money, others have pledged one or two months of work, and still others will give their labors from start to finish during the process of tearing down and rebuilding. The evangelist in charge has promised to give fifty dollars, which represents nearly two months of salary. The Bible woman laboring at the same place, has already handed in to the mission treasury a like sum as her contribution. The total cost of the enlarged structure will be about two thousand dollars. Members of some of our other out-stations are lending a helping hand.

While on our itinerating tour, we met with no adverse experiences, although the country is full of bandits.

One motor-car not far ahead of us was held up and all passengers relieved of their possessions, one man losing \$2,000. Later, at our Hui-an station, we took time to itinerate among surrounding villages, visiting our church members. After passing through one village, we sat down by the roadside to get the sand out of our shoes while resting a little; and during the time we were thus engaged, some persons made a circuitous detour to observe who we were and what we might be doing. On observing their manouevrings we at once hurried on, and an hour later learned that some parties passing the village where we rested, had been held up and relieved of their money. And still later, while at Tsoan-chow station, we learned of another motor-car whose passengers had been robbed of over \$3,000. We are grateful to the Lord for His overruling providences in our behalf.

### A Week in Foochow

IT was my privilege to spend the closing days of the old year in Foochow, and to meet twice daily with the teachers and students of the intermediate school conducted within the walls of the inner city. We studied together some of the fundamentals of our faith, with particular reference to our personal relationships with the Lord Jesus and with our Heavenly Father.

Professor H. N. Quade is the principal of the Foochow school. The faculty is an excellent one.

Pastor V. J. Maloney, the director of the North Fukien Mission, is of good courage. The membership of a year ago has been held, notwithstanding anti-Christian and other adverse influences so prevalent the past few months. Some of our members have suffered persistent persecutions. One of our evangelists is even now in a Foochow prison for his faith, having been arrested at a country station, thrown into gaol, and later transferred to the provincial capital for final sentence. The chief magistrate of the city is in a quandary, as he finds naught against the evangelist, yet dare not offend the labor union influences of the *hsien* (county) sending the accused to Foochow for punishment. What the outcome may be, we know not; but the church members are praying daily for our brother's deliverance.

## Fruits for the Kingdom

G. HUGH MURRIN

AS A testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit in the far-away island of Mindanao, Philippine Islands, I wish to write of a unique baptismal service held there on the 19th of November, 1927.

On the 12th of that month I left the mission headquarters at Cebu by steamer, in company with Professor F. L. Chaney, and my translator, Brother Arranguéz, arriving at Iligan, on the northern coast of Mindanao, two days later. From this place we went by auto over the government road, to Camp Keithley, an old U. S. Army post, dating back to the days of American occupation, which is now the provincial governor's headquarters. Leaving this post, we traveled again by steamer over the beautiful, placid Lake Lanao, which lies 2,000 feet above sea-level, and extends in a southerly direction for twenty-four miles, surrounded by the verdant Lanao hills and mountains, the contour of which is reflected on its placid waters, together with the vivid blue of the Oriental sky, with its relief of silver-lined clouds.

After a delightful sail of seven hours, we reached Ganasi, where the constabulary officers entertained us, and supplied saddle-horses for our twenty-mile ride down to the southern coast of Lanao.

Brother Frank R. LaSage met us at Ganasi, and with several *cargadors* led us down over mountains and through forests by a winding trail to his coconut plantation, situated on the Baras River.

Brother La Sage was reared a Seventh-day Adventist by a godly mother, but, like so many others, allured by the world, lost sight of the truth until about two years ago, when he witnessed a "killing" scene by Moro outlaws, which so impressed him that his mind turned once more to God in a very pronounced and remarkable way. From that time on he began to keep the Sabbath, and to send a faithful tithe to the old home church where his dear mother attended for so many years. Recently he has been paying his tithe into our mission, which is of such a substantial amount that it adds materially to our funds for caring for the needs of this far-flung field.

It was with extreme joy that I led this brother, his clerk, Pedro Aninon, and the clerk's dear little wife, into the waters of the Baras. The baptismal service was witnessed by a group of twenty Moro men under the leadership the Sultan of Baras. The peculiar feature of the occasion was the fact that Brother La Sage is the first white man, Brother Pedro the first Filipino who speaks the Moro language, and his wife the first Moro woman, to be baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist, in the Philippine Islands.

Before the baptism, Professor Chaney, through an English-speaking Moro, explained to the Sultan and his men the meaning of the ordinance they were about to witness, and as he spoke I prayed that the words and service would enkindle a spark in the hearts of each one, especially the Sultan and Francisco, the translator, that the Holy Spirit could fan into a living flame. Will you join me in prayer that the Spirit may make His abode in these darkened hearts?

Brother La Sage is greatly beloved by the Maranao Moro people because of his methods of dealing with them, and is looked up to by them as their protector and adviser, and his influence over them is such that we may expect further results from his labors. He has great hopes that his wife, who also speaks the Maranao language, and is greatly beloved by this people, will soon unite with him in the faith.

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## From Manchuria

PASTOR R. M. COSSENTINE, acting superintendent of the Manchurian Union Mission, reports that through the blessing of the Lord progress has been made during the months on the construction of a main building for the Manchurian intermediate school, and also dormitories for the boys and girls. Brother Shih Du Hsin has been doing good work, and is assisted by various ones.

Brother Cossentine tells of earnest work being undertaken by Brother I. O. Wallace, the field missionary secretary, in an effort to gather in men for colportage and giving them a training that will result in a considerable number of books and papers being placed during the year upon which we are entering.

## The East and West Java Annual Meetings

L. V. FINSTER

THE annual meeting in East Java was convened November 8 with the usual delegates and workers in attendance. The Lord has richly blessed the work in this field during the past year in many ways. It is hoped that this mission will fully reach its goal of \$50,000 for the year in literature sales. The colporteurs have been greatly blessed, and we are glad to see such a large amount of literature being placed in the homes of the people. The tithes also show a good, substantial increase over that of last year. The number of baptisms is not so large, but a good, strong work is being done.

During this meeting, an earnest request for a worker, signed by fourteen people, was received from South Borneo,—that great unentered field. It was decided to send two of our native workers. This is most encouraging. From another town in Java also, a request for a worker was received, and it was voted to send help to open up the work in this new place.

In West Java I think we had the best meeting that has ever been held in this field. The attendance was large, and our brethren seemed to take a deep spiritual interest in everything that was done. It was encouraging to note that for the first ten months of the year the tithe has increased one-third over that of same period for the year before. This is excellent. Their book sales also will run between \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the year. At the present time Brother Eelsing is holding a large, public effort at Bandoeng, where from 250 to 300 Dutch-speaking people are in attendance. This promises to bring some excellent results, as already they have 140 names of families that desire Bible readings. Let us pray that God may, by His Spirit, bring a rich harvest at this place. The work among the Malay people has also been greatly blessed, and a large number are coming from Mohammedanism. For the first ten months 115 baptisms were reported and 50 more were hoped for before the close of the year. Our brethren in Java surely need the prayers of every child of God as they meet the great problem of mission work among the Mohammedans.

## Week of Prayer in Kowloon

IN a suburb of Kowloon known as Sam Shui Po, it was our privilege to meet twice daily throughout the Week of Prayer with teachers and students of the seven-grade school conducted there during these months when it is so difficult to continue similar school work uninterruptedly at our Canton training center. The students paid close attention. The teachers lent their influence and their help in a hearty and prayerful effort to win the youth to full allegiance to the Lord Jesus; and during the services a baptismal class of nine was organized. The evening meetings were held with brethren and sisters of the chapel conducted close by the school, in the same part of the city.

The Kowloon school serves youth from the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Three languages are represented—Cantonese, Hakka, Mandarin.

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## China Inland Mission Statistics

FROM the Annual Report of the China Inland Mission, we learn that at the close of the year 1927 there were 270 main stations, 1,916 out-stations, 1,200 missionaries, 43 Chinese pastors, 1,487 other paid Chinese helpers, and 2,462 more helpers (chiefly Chinese) who were either self-supporting or paid wholly by the Chinese church-members locally. From the beginning of the C. I. M. until the close of 1927, there had been 113,672 baptisms; and of these 67,472 were still living and in fellowship. There were 1,222 organized churches. Medical work was represented by 6 hospitals, 89 dispensaries, 21 opium refugees, 15 orphanages. There were 595 educational institutions, chiefly primary schools, and not including any Sunday-schools; and in these day-schools there were 736 teachers, 4,621 Chinese boarding students, and 9,215 day students. In the entire C. I. M. there were 12,859 Sunday-school scholars.

It is interesting to note that while in stations, out-stations, and baptized believers, the figures are nearly ten times as many as in our denominational mission work, yet the number of Sunday-school scholars is only a little more than our Sabbath-school members, who totaled 10,314 for China and Manchuria at the close of last December. The schools in our mission (educational institutions) numbered 102 in China, with 3,348 pupils,—about a third as many as in the C. I. M. Our Chinese ordained ministers numbered 27—as against 43 in the C. I. M.

## For the Swatow Church

PASTOR AND MRS. S. A. NAGEL, of the Swatow Mission, had planned to spend the month of December itinerating with some associate Chinese workers among churches in country districts. However, the brigandage now rife, together with shifting of army units and consequent unrest, led consular authorities to refuse to allow their nationals to go into the interior from Swatow. This led Brother Nagel and his associate workers to undertake, instead, spiritual meetings in behalf of members of the local church. For two weeks prior to the Week of Prayer, special services were held; and these were continued during the larger portion of December. God added His blessing. Several who had backslidden were reclaimed. The year's work was closed by much house-to-house visitation, in an effort to win yet others who once loved this message and sacrificed in its behalf.

Some gains have been made by this earnest labor on the part of our Swatow workers. It was the privilege of the writer to pay a brief visit to these workers near the close of the year, and to learn of their devotion at this time when Satan is trying to discourage and destroy. In every place where we can give help to church-members and strengthen faith in the fundamentals, we should take advantage of such opportunities; for the church of God on earth is His peculiar treasure, and is worthy of most careful and vigilant shepherding.

In Swatow Mission, as in a few other sections of the China field, there have been some losses in net church membership during the past year. This is one of the regrettable yet seemingly inevitable outcomes of the revolution of sentiment and teaching now sweeping over China. However, that which causes defection with some, only strengthens the faith of others; and in a few places there have been gains. Many individual Christians in China have stood nobly for the true faith, and have grown in grace and in understanding because of the adverse experiences through which they have been passing. This is most cheering to those who have come to this land to labor for these people. God is at work, and His church in China will eventually triumph. Let us continue in faith, putting confidence in those who are striving to attain, and revealing love to sinners who are yet to become monumental evidences of God's power to save to the uttermost those who choose to serve Him.

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## Macao

ALMOST directly west of Hongkong, forty miles away, lies the Portuguese colony of Macao, ceded by China to Portugal in the year 1557 as a base from which the Portuguese might engage in commerce with the merchants of Canton, eighty miles to the northward.

Macao is in reality a narrow peninsula, formerly about 1,250 acres in extent (and since increased by reclamation to 1,750 acres), together with the islands of Taipa and Colowan lying to the south. Three other islands have been claimed by the Colony, but the title is still in dispute: these are Don Juan, Montanha, and Lappa Macao proper has a population of about 160,000, made up principally of Chinese. On the islands are about 10,000 more. The Portuguese are relatively few in number, and have brought in some others, chiefly for policing the Colony and for maintaining a garrison.

Seventh-day Adventists entered Macao less than a year ago, early in 1927, sending Pastor and Mrs. H. B. Parker there, in association with Evangelist S. C. Ha and wife and some colporteurs. A special effort is now in progress, meetings being held for the general public in the rented hall that has been fitted up for preaching services. The colony of Macao is one of the places hitherto unentered, that is now being worked as a result of receiving special grants from the Home Board for developing new work in territory not yet opened by us for regular mission work.

Pastor Parker and his associates request the prayers of our brethren and sisters in behalf of Macao, that a strong church may be raised up in that center. Macao was the scene of Morrison's labors more than a century ago; and the church in which Dr. Morrison conducted services, still stands, a monument to the patient industry and the unflinching faith of the pioneers. Another monument of earnest missionary endeavor of former times, is the facade of the St. Paul's Cathedral, the foundation stone of which was laid in the year 1602, and the noble ruin of which edifice inspired the writer of the hymn,

"In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime."

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## The Siamese Annual Meeting

L. V. FINSTER

THE Siamese annual meeting was held this year in the early part of December, when the weather had become quite cool and refreshing. Nearly all the delegates and workers were present, and a good spiritual influence pervaded all the sermons. Our brethren were quite faithful in their attendance, and took an active part in all the proceedings. At the close, seven dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. This seemed to bring great courage and rejoicing to the hearts of all.

During the past year wonderful success has attended our workers in Siam in getting out Siamese literature and circulating it among the people. A few months ago an edition of 10,000 copies of a magazine was printed, with the thought that this would be an ample supply to cover the field; but those were sold in a very short time, and another 10,000 edition printed. At the time of the meeting these were practically all sold. The medical book in Siamese was just off the press and was meeting a ready sale. The Siamese are a reading people, and they eagerly grasp anything that brings information to them. It is encouraging to know that three of our Siamese brethren will make scholarships and come to Singapore school for the following year.

At our baptism one candidate was a Siamese. We are glad to have a beginning made for the Siamese, and we hope that in the near future we may see many turning from Buddhism and accepting Christ. Plans were laid at our meeting for an intensive campaign along evangelistic lines for the year 1928, and it is earnestly hoped that we may see a large ingathering of souls during the coming year. Our workers returned to their field with new courage and determination to bring this last message to those who have never heard.

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## Children's Stories

THE approach of the 1928 Big Week is leading some of the publishing house managers to plan carefully for special literature to use during that time. In the Philippines, work has already begun in the editorial department on a booklet of children's stories, to be ready in various Philippine dialects during the coming Big Week.

## The Central Luzon Conference

FREDERICK GRIGGS

THE 1927 annual session of the Central Luzon Conference was held in Manila December 6 to 10. It was a large meeting, as the conference now numbers nearly 3,500 church members, and there was a good delegation from all the churches.

God has blessed this conference during the first eleven months of the year with 528 baptisms. All the reports rendered were for eleven months only. November 30 the membership was 3,420. At this time there had been a membership gain of 477, having lost 51 by death and apostasy. Seven new churches were taken into the conference. A very encouraging feature of this increase of membership is the fact that many of the converts have been the result of the work of the lay members. A number of the churches have conducted public evangelistic efforts unaided by the regular conference workers. The home missionary spirit seems to be strong, not only in this conference, but throughout the union.

The tithe report showed an increase of pesos 1,967.40 over the first eleven months of 1926. The mission offerings also showed a good increase.

Altogether the meeting was of great encouragement and strength to all. A spirit of union and brotherly love prevailed. Elder R. R. Figuhr was re-elected president. The Bible studies given by Elder Meade MacGuire were of decided spiritual benefit. There was a spirit of seeking God that gave a hearty reception to the ministry of the word. It was truly an inspiration to speak to the audience, which often filled the spacious church to overflowing. Surely God is getting honor to His name in the increase and strength of His cause of truth in the Philippine Union Mission.

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## Into Many Languages

SEVERAL standard books are gradually being gotten into the important languages and dialects in use. Latest reports bring to us word of an Ilocano version of "Great Controversy," and a Pangasinan version of "Health and Longevity," both of which are to be ready for distribution early in 1928.

## At Waichow

DURING November, and again in December, it was my privilege to have a little time at Waichow, the headquarters of the Hakka Mission, in charge of Pastor J. P. Anderson, with whom are associated the Drs. H. C. and Ethel James and Mrs. Ethel Edwards Anderson, with a goodly number of Chinese workers who have grown strong for service with the passing years. It was an especial pleasure to meet once more Pastor Lo, our Chinese ordained minister among Hakka-speaking people. Brother Lo, is at present suffering from tuberculosis, but has a fair prospect of ultimate recovery, thanks to a regime of rational therapy now being followed, with the added blessing of the Lord.

The Waichow station was established more than fifteen years ago. A commodious church building is on our grounds just outside the small gate of the city wall, but at this time the membership is running low, because of long-continued political upheavals, with resultant sieges of the city and adverse conditions, leading many to emigrate to other lands.

In the fall of 1922 the Drs. James united with the Hakka Mission staff, and entered upon medical work in Waichow city. The small hospital-dispensary has as yet no permanent home, but some funds have been set apart to cover in part the cost of perfecting this medical unit for a great district round about. Temporarily the rented quarters and improvised facilities are commandeered by "The Ironsides," a famous division of the Chinese army that has recently taken its position once more along the East River of Kwangtung Province. Their occupation of all mission properties of our Waichow station, including the foreign homes and furnishings thereof, and the dispensary and hospital and all connected therewith, has made impossible for the moment any occupation of the premises by our own workers. Conditions of this sort are not usual at Waichow, this being the first time that all our properties have been taken over thus by military order. Our brethren there have suffered the horrors of local sieges running for many months at a time, but hitherto have been permitted to remain in their mission homes. Now they have had to go to Canton for a season; and even Canton has been far from remaining a peaceful habitation.

## MISCELLANY

### Occupying a Field Hitherto Unentered

In commenting on beginnings of the message in Mindanao, the great island lying in the southern portion of the Philippine archipelago, Pastor G. Hugh Murrin, director of the East Visayan Mission, recalls some personal experiences in opening the island. Of these he writes under date of November 9: "I recall that in 1921, while at our annual meeting in Manila, Dr. and Mrs. Fattebert aroused my interest in Mindanao by their enthusiastic accounts of their work in Misamis. In the early part of 1922 a number of our Magallon, Occidental Negros, brethren, headed by Tiburcio Singuillo, migrated to Sindangan, Zamboanga, to take up homesteads. The latter part of the same year I received a request from Brother Singuillo for a worker to prepare a number of interested ones for baptism. Just about the same time Brother A. N. dela China was suffering from an attack of tuberculosis, and the union voted to send him to Baguio, but when he heard of the interest at Sandangan, he asked to be sent there instead. As a result of his work, the union voted that I go there in response to a request for a baptismal service. I baptized twenty-one and organized the Sindangan church with a membership of twenty-nine, if I remember correctly. Brother Singuillo has remained there ever since and has long been the local elder of the church. These various experiences so inspired me that I made a request to be transferred to Mindanao, but the union did not see light in granting the request. My burden for the work there has not abated in the least, and I am now planning and working to the end of seeing every province entered within the next year, the good Lord continuing to bless.

"Last March we sent seven workers into Mindanao, with Pastor Kintanar as leader. At a recent committee meeting we voted some additional help, sending Brother Ruperto Somoso to Cabaootan, Agusan; Brother Mamerto Yoric, a very capable worker, as provincial supervisor of Bukidnon with headquarters at Malaybalay; Brother Alberto Caberdo at Malabong, Lanao; and finally Pastor W. L. Rodriguez to open up the work in the province of Zamboanga with headquarters at Zamboanga City. With this arrangement carried out, we still have the provinces of Surigao, Davao, and Cotabato unentered, but we hope to get into these sections next year if we can finance them.

"You know from our statistical reports for the first three quarters of 1927 that our baptisms totaled 360. For the month of October we had an addition of an even 100, and expect to do as well for this month and next.

"Of the total baptisms for the first three quarters, Mindanao has given us 71, and I am visiting Mindanao again this week where I expect to baptize about 25 more. After this work has been done Mindanao will have passed its record of last year, with a month and a half still to account for."

### Found in the "Promoter"

Some excellent stories of progress and of providential leading in connection with the distribution of denominational literature in the Far East, have been appearing of late in *The Far Eastern Promoter*, the mimeographed sheet issued monthly by the publishing and home missionary department. We venture to draw from various numbers that have appeared during 1927, the following incidents that reveal the spirit of courage and of determined advance actuating those connected with the literature ministry.

*Coportage in country districts in China:* Pastor J. J. Strahle, the secretary of the Far Eastern Division publishing department, reports that colporteurs in the North China and Manchurian Unions are "actually canvassing the country districts," which a few years ago was regarded as an impossible proposition because of the very few who could read in such districts. In some country districts where the colporteurs went, writes Brother Strahle, "our colporteurs were able to take twenty subscriptions in a few hours to the *Signs Magazine*. In the smaller villages only one or two subscriptions were taken because of the illiteracy. Our colporteurs discovered to their joy that they could stay with the head families of the villages when the day's work was done. It was a revelation to our colporteurs, for in city work they had to stay at the inns,--most unsatisfactory places for them. . . . In conversation with some of the colporteurs, I learned that they were having the best spiritual experiences they had ever had. They related that the people in the villages welcomed them, and were most happy to receive them. No one had ever been there to visit them with Christian literature."

Brother Strahle further tells of an interview he had in Manchuria with Brother Nu, a colporteur who had visited two hundred small villages in one Manchurian *hsien* (county), averaging about four subscriptions to the *Signs* each day. Every day he walked from ten to twenty miles. It had taken Brother Wu one year to complete his work in this *hsien*.

*A surprised chairman of a Chamber of Commerce:* Pastor Adlai A. Esteb, leader of colportage forces in the North China Union, told the following story during the biennial session in Changchun:

"A colporteur, while working in a certain town, canvassed the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. The official was much opposed to our work, and reprimanded our colporteur, and told him he should not take any orders in that town. "The official declared that if the colporteur were to take even two orders in that town, he would order five himself. The courageous colporteur replied, 'This is not my work, but the Lord's, and He will prosper me.' However, our colporteur was quite discouraged that night. It was getting late in the evening, and he was meditating over the situation, when a man came in, inquiring for him. The innkeeper was asked whether there were a man stopping with him, who was selling the *Signs of the Times Magazine*. Our colporteur stepped forward and said he was the man. The inquirer then said his master had sent him to inquire for a man selling the *Signs*, and to extend an invitation to come to his home at once. Our worker went, and this is what he heard:

"Young man, I have called you here to see you and to find out what sort of person you are.

To-day the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce called a meeting, and told us you were in town canvassing for the *Signs*. He further said that none of us should order your magazine. I have called you here to see if the work you are doing is good, and if you are honest."

"Our colporteur fully explained his work. They had a good visit together. Then the man told him he would order his magazine; for he believed that our worker was honest, and that the work he was doing was very good. Furthermore, he gave him introductions to many of his friends. These introductions yielded to our colporteur twenty-seven subscriptions. He worked on with splendid success, filled with courage and gratitude. . . . He took seventy subscriptions. Finally, as he was preparing to leave, he thought of the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. He decided to return and tell him how his Lord had blessed him. He went and saw the official, and told him what had been done. The chairman seemed much surprised, but said, 'Well, I said if you got two orders I would take five, and so I will keep my word.' Surely God did not fail our courageous colporteur, but wonderfully worked for him in a time of need."

### Progress in Malaysia

Brother E. J. Johanson, secretary-treasurer of the Malaysian Union Mission, in his circular report concerning statistical returns for the third quarter of 1927 in Malaysia, calls attention to several items of increase, one of which is the tithe receipts from sources other than foreign laborers--\$2,698.48 gold in excess of the amount received during the first nine months of the previous year. The increase in membership must be taken into the account when thinking in terms of an increase in tithe, and when close comparisons are made, as Brother Johanson points out in his summary, the tithe receipts are in reality a little less per capita than for the former period the previous year. However, six of their ten local missions reported excellent returns in tithes from new members. Their Sabbath school department enjoyed an increase for the nine-month period of \$944.40 gold. The literature sales were \$15,178.43 gold in excess of the amount reported for the nine months of the year before. This is a most excellent showing for the publishing department. Steady development was revealed in the mid-summer offering total, the missions extension fund, the church school enrollment, and the growth in church membership. Two hundred twenty-eight church members (net) had been added to the rolls during the first nine months of 1927.

### From Pastor Meade MacGuire

Some cheering notes have been received from Pastor Meade MacGuire, who is spending several months in the Philippines, meeting with many groups of workers, and attending various annual and other gatherings of the brethren and sisters. He reports a deep interest in spiritual truths, and is encouraged by what he finds in various parts of the field. Brother MacGuire wishes to be remembered to various members of the Far Eastern Division family in the lands where our associate workers are laboring.



**From a Storm Center of the Revolution**

From Hupeh, designated by some residing there as a "storm center of the Revolution," Pastor H. L. Graham, director of the Hupeh Mission, writes:

"The people who a few months ago were crying through the streets, 'Christianity is but the advance guard of imperialism,' have now eaten their fill of radicalism, communism, and similar propaganda. Missionaries are again welcome, and there is now no organized resistance to the preaching of the word. The new Nationalist general is ruling Hankow with a rod of iron. The unruly elements have been crushed. Many places in the interior, however, are still in the hands of reactionaries, undisciplined military forces, or bandits, who are making life for the peasants hardly worth the living. We read that Hankow is sending out armies to clean up these districts. It is to be hoped that they succeed; for not until then will it be possible for us to itinerate freely among our churches.

"I started out a few weeks ago to visit five of our churches in central Hupeh. The second night out a robber band descended on the customs station just a few yards from where we were anchored. The next evening we were anchored at Liu-chia-ke. The night following our departure bandits sacked the town. After leaving the boat and going overland, we found that large bands of bandits were roving over the country in broad daylight. My trip was cut short; for our workers and believers united in urging me to return quickly to Hankow lest I be kidnapped for ransom. On my return to Hankow from this trip, and while enroute to our compound, I was caught in the raid on Soviet communists, pulled out of our car, and marched through the streets like a common criminal to the military headquarters. Forty rifles aimed at one's heart, constitute an incentive to march briskly along and no questions asked.

"After a period of nearly one year, during which time it has been impossible to do anything constructive, we find to-day that the work is moving forward in several departments. We thank the Lord that we could baptize twenty-five persons in the month of December. This number would have been increased had it been possible to reach other stations. The evangelists are of good courage, and the prospects are for a goodly harvest of souls during 1928.

"The colporteur work has picked up from nothing per month to the place where two or three hundred Signs subscriptions are being taken every month. Brother E. L. Longway is right behind things, and has already sold seven or eight thousand anti-narcotic specials to officials in Hankow. After the Chinese New Year he will organize and lead a band of colporteurs out into the field, and endeavor to place Hupeh and Central China in their proper place on the literature sales reports.

"During the disorders last spring and summer, it became impossible for foreigners or Chinese general workers to visit many of our out-stations. Consequently, many of the churches suffered for lack of leadership and direction. This experience revealed a weakness in our local organization. To overcome this, we are reorganizing the old churches, where all the responsibilities have rested on

the mission-paid workers, and for the first time have been organizing still other companies that have been a part of the so-called 'provincia church.' In every instance heavy responsibilities have been laid upon local elders and deacons. In so doing, it was found possible to release six of our evangelists from as many stations. These are being sent out, two-and-two, into three new places, to open new work. The work in their old stations is being carried on by the newly appointed local leaders, with the help of a mission-paid district evangelist who will have several such churches under his care.

"During the greater part of 1927 Christian chapels in Central China have been the objects of special attacks. Our workers now for the first time are willing to start new work minus the usual rented chapel, full complement of furniture and fixtures, lacquered signboards, and similar arrangements. They are going; out two-and-two, will live in their own rented homes, preach the gospel from house to house and, as they find a number of those who desire to study deeper into the Truth, the workers will ask them to provide a place of meeting for themselves. We believe that the methods of gospel promulgation enumerated will be as productive of results as in olden times. If these workers are successful in raising up strong churches,—and our prayers are with them to this end every hour,—it will be the beginning of a new era in our mission work in Hupeh.

"The losses in membership during 1927 have been large, due in part to the intense persecution and the invidious propaganda which undermined the faith of many of our youth. In nearly every instance where members joined the army, the political bureaus, the labor union staffs, etc., they became active and violent opposers of the faith they once professed. In every case, the local churches themselves, after efforts to win these wanderers back, have recommended that these names be dropped.

"We know you will unite with us in praying that the Lord will bless, and give us a good year in 1928.

"(Signed) H. L. Graham."

**A New Effort in Honam**

Honam is a city opposite Canton, on the other side of Pearl River. Brother V. M. Hansen, writing from Canton since the serious disorders that marked the closing weeks of the old year in that city, tells of plans perfecting for beginning a new series of gospel meetings in Honam immediately following Chinese New Year. "We are planning big things for this year," Brother Hansen writes. "Our part is to be faithful, putting in full time, and watching every opportunity to come into touch with those who are honest in heart; and the Lord will do His part. I am determined by the Lord's help to make this the best year I have enjoyed in the China field."

May the Lord continue to add His blessing. Brother Hansen, in going to his work day by day, must traverse the main arteries of Canton city itself, in order to get to the ferry crossing to Honam. The local evangelist in charge lives on the Honam side, in an apartment above the chapel.

**Workers from Europe**

Word has been received from Pastor W. K. Ising, secretary of the European Division, informing us of the appointment of Brother Karl Schroeter and wife, of the Central European Union, and Brother Erich Aurich and wife, of the East German Union, for service in the Far East. They are booked to sail from Hamburg February 5 per s. s. "Adolf von Baeuer," and should be reaching Shanghai about March 24. These workers have already had some years of experience in soul-winning work in the European Division. It is a great pleasure to learn of their appointment.

**Let Your Light Shine**

John Osa

I am sitting on the doorstep of our little chapel at Pingyang, in the southern part of Chekiang province in China. We have had a busy day, holding meetings, and visiting church members and those interested in the gospel story. Now that the day is over, I have come out of doors to take a retrospect, and to meditate on the handiwork of God.

Just across the small valley in front of our little house of worship, is a large mountain rising like a massive pyramid. The shades of night have fallen upon it, and I can hardly detect the summit as it protrudes into some pasturing clouds. Up near the top is a light shining brightly; and I am reminded of the words of Jesus: A city that set on an hill cannot be held. . . Let your light so shine before men, that they see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven."

It is through works that the Christian shines. The Saviour does not say, "Make your light so shine," but, "Let your light so shine." As I see light shining out from the lonely home on the mountainside, I imagine the humble peasants about their usual evening work. The light amid which they are living is shining out far and wide. So it is with the Christian whose life is hid with Christ in God. His every-day life is a constant witness for the truth he holds. His life is a testimony of Christ's saving power.

As we were visiting the members of this church to-day, the evangelist led us to a home on the top of a large mountain some ten li (about three miles) into the country. As we neared the top, I asked how the truth had reached the people living in this isolated place; and I learned that a certain Brother Djao had let his light shine among friends, neighbors, relatives, with wondrous results. First, he studied the truth with a relative living on the mountain; and this man, accepting the message, in turn began working for his relatives and friends in the little village below, following his own baptism. Yesterday he had the privilege of seeing one of his younger brothers baptized.

It is an inspiration to meet the people of this village. The one who brought the villagers a knowledge of present truth, is a real missionary. Several are definitely studying. During our short visit, the suggestion has been made that the village temple be converted into a Christian chapel, where all could worship the true God.

The spirit of Christ is working with the hearts of men. Let us cause our lights to shine in giving this wonderful truth to others. As we do this, God will bless each of us with a harvest of souls as a result of our personal efforts.

Pingyang, Chekiang, Oct. 27, 1927.

### From Pastor R. R. Figuhr

Of the annual meeting of the Central Luzon Conference, held early in December in Manila, P. I., Pastor R. R. Figuhr writes:

"I believe the Lord met with us and blessed us richly. Brother MacGuire was with us throughout. He was assigned the first two hours of each morning, from eight to ten o'clock. The brethren, we feel, were greatly benefited by his very helpful studies. Professor Griggs was with us the last two days. The brethren were all glad to see him.

"We had a full house. Every year our problem of handling the brethren in attendance, becomes a greater one than before. We must do something to enlarge our Manila church, or else find some suitable place out in the provinces. Thus far we have been unable to find anything away from here that will seat all the people who come, so we continue in our own church here. Possibly we might run some balconies above the main auditorium, thus adding to our present capacity.

"A workers' meeting preceded the conference session. Brother MacGuire led out in giving studies, and the workers appreciated these. After conference we had yet another day with the workers, and in this Brethren MacGuire and Griggs took part.

"Our baptisms for the first eleven months were 529. During our meeting we baptized 12, making our baptisms 540 to date, and more are in prospect for the closing weeks of December. Our baptized church membership at the end of November, 1927, was 3,430. Seven new churches have been established. A number of chapels of strong materials have been erected. Our tithes show an increase of nearly 2,000 pesos. Our home missionary work has shown encouraging progress. It seems that in book sales we may fall a little behind the previous year. This may be due partially to the working systematically of one of our harder portions of the territory this year—Batangas.

"The delegates and others in attendance manifested an excellent spirit. We heard no grumbling. Every one seemed happy and courageous. I think the same is true of our workers. They have worked hard, and have revealed a splendid spirit of co-operation. Two were ordained during the conference. One of these, Brother Santos, has been working in the Tarlac district. He presented to the conference a new church of twenty-six members this year. This church was brought out in the city of Tarlac; and now Pastor Santos has gone back to conduct a second tent effort in that city, as it is a very large place. As soon as he can complete his work there sufficiently to leave, he will go on eighteen kilometers to the town of La Paz, from which place a most urgent call has come for meetings. Tarlac and La Paz are in the Pampanga language area. This past year three new churches have been raised up in this language area, and the total number of our Pampanga-speaking believers has reached about two hundred. We have some workers of considerable experience among these people, and expect to see the work develop rapidly. Colportage of large and small literature is going on steadily in the Pampangan language area, and we have a separate assistant field missionary serving there.

"Immediately after our conference meeting, we made up the schedule of our tent efforts for the incoming year. As planned at present, we have ten strong companies going out. These

are all responding to urgent calls. We are getting an early start, and for this reason we should have the best year we have ever enjoyed in this field. Last year we lost a good month—February—because that month was all taken up with our annual meetings of the local and union conferences. But notwithstanding the loss of that month, our workers held twenty-four tent efforts in all, besides a number of smaller efforts, some of which yielded good results. The brethren and sisters in the churches co-operated more than ever before, bringing many to a knowledge of saving Bible truth; and much was done by the colporteurs. We believe God is now calling us to greater endeavor and deeper consecration than ever before."

### Bidding Workers God-speed

More and more frequently of late it is our privilege to bid workers God-speed as they take ship or train for points in the interior of China. Several have gone into Central and West China. Recently Pastor W. E. Strickland and Brother H. Romain Dixon left for their second trip to Hankow and into the Honan province, the last lap of the journey into Honan to be undertaken as soon as conditions in that province may seem to warrant their return once more. Pastor H. L. Graham, on his next trip up the Yangtze, plans on visiting if possible five stations of the Hupei Mission that are close to the river. Brother A. N. Bierkle, now in Hankow, will proceed to Changsha, Hunan, on the occasion of Pastor C. H. Davis's next visit to that center. Brother Davis has just come in from a few weeks in the Hunan province, and reports many encouraging experiences. The brethren there have suffered hardships and have lost of their earthly possessions; but their faith has been strengthened, and they are doing all they can to build up the church and to bring many into fulness of spiritual blessing. Pastor Geo. L. Wilkinson, director of the South Chekiang Mission, just in from a visit to all stations in his field, brings similar word concerning the faith and constancy of brethren and sisters in the Wenchow language area.

### From Pastor T. T. Babienco

"I left home on the eleventh day of October," writes Pastor T. T. Babienco, on furlough, while in the Western Canadian Union visiting among churches. "I have visited Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, and now I am in Saskatchewan visiting Russian, Ukrainian, German, and English churches. I have yet to visit churches in Alberta, California, and Virginia; then I return to our temporary home at Islington, Ontario, Canada, (Box 46) where mail may be addressed to us. I hope to get back to Islington by the twentieth of March. On this tour I am kept very busy, holding meetings daily, and oftentimes more than one meeting, besides visiting at the homes of the brethren. I like to tell the story of how God is working in different lands, and bringing many to a knowledge of Himself. I find our churches over here of good courage, and willing to do more than ever before for missions.

"My folks at home are keeping well. The children are in English school this year—an excellent opportunity for them. My Christian regards to all the brethren."

### Our Ma'ay Missionary Paper

M. E. Diredja

A few incidents connected with the circulation of our Malay *Signs of the Times*, published in the vernacular from our Singapore office under the name of *Pertandaan Zaman*, have come to our notice, and we pass them on in evidence of the influence of the printed page upon the minds of those who are seeking for the light of Bible truth for our day:

A brother in Minahasa, in northern Celebes, writes: "For two years I preached the gospel in Kakas, Loementoet, Amoerang, Romboken, and Langoan. Companies of believers were organized in each place, with the exception of Langoan, where during the entire two years no one seemed to respond favorably toward the truths proclaimed. Now I find that the circulation of *Pertandaan Zaman* in Langoan has had large influence, and several have been brought by this medium to the point of full obedience to the teachings of Holy Scripture."

One of the workers in Ambon (not far from New Guinea) writes: "The influence of the *Pertandaan Zaman* I have likened to the power of the German 42 c. m. gun which blew up the Belgian fort during the World War. In our community men and women are being warned by well-meaning but mistaken teachers not to buy Seventh-day Adventist literature—especially the *Pertandaan Zaman*. The more insistent the warnings, the more eager the people seem to read and the more ready are they to accept its teachings."

Recently one of our readers was influenced through the paper, to give up the tobacco habit and the use of intoxicating drinks.

A sister in Bantik, Medado, testifies to her conversion through reading the *Pertandaan Zaman*. She has in turn been instrumental in bringing her father to the place where he has yielded his heart fully to the Lord. They were baptized together, and now the father is doing Bible work, bringing the truths of Holy Scripture to the knowledge of hungry souls.

A reader in Balige, Sumatra, in renewing his subscription, urges that all numbers be supplied him, and tells of his purpose to secure back numbers of former years. He has been a reader of the paper for three years.

An old reader writes: "The influence of the magazine, *Pertandaan Zaman*, is like the light of the sun on a clear day. At night, when only the moon and the stars appear, we do not have fullness of light; but when the morning comes, and the sun arises in his strength, light shines forth, and nothing is any longer in obscurity. It is clear to me that the light of the *Pertandaan Zaman* is shining upon us from the Sun of Righteousness. I promise to abide in the light of *Pertandaan Zaman*."

(Note.—These testimonials regarding the influence of our magazine published at Singapore, have all been translated from the Malay.—Editor.)

### Ordination to the Ministry

During the annual session of the Central Luzon Conference in Manila last December, Brethren Pedro Magسالen and Vicente Santos were ordained to gospel ministry. These brethren have been engaged in evangelistic work for a number of years, and God has abundantly blessed their labors.

**From Mohammedanism**

THROUGH a communication sent in by Brother Melvin Munson (now in the States) from one of our Javanese converts from Mohammedanism, we are reminded anew of the daily dangers faced by our brethren who have bravely separated from Islam. The writer's name we must refrain from mentioning because of the peculiar perils to which publicity often subjects converts from the Islamic faith to Christianity. He tells of efforts to win souls, and of the successes attending our Seventh-day Adventist workers in Java. In conclusion he touches on personal experiences in meeting persecution. To quote:

"But along with progress has come persecution, and this has often come from the missionaries of other Protestant societies. In their papers they have made bitter attacks upon us; but they have been silenced by the truth as presented in the columns of our Malay Signs. The more they try to expose our work, the greater publicity is given to the truth.

"And now the Mohammedans are being aroused to fight the truth. Their fanatical hatred has been directed against me, and if it were not for the merciful providence of God, I would have been killed.

"On one occasion, while visiting a village, some fifteen men followed me, every one armed with a long knife. Just as they were about to surround me, the Commisaris (Dutch sheriff) came up, and learning of their purpose he took them all to the police court, where they were tried for disturbing the peace. However, as I had followed them there, I pled for him to be lenient, and if possible, pardon them this time. The officer was greatly surprised to hear me plead for my would-be-murderers; but eventually he released them.

"Pray for us here, as it is evident that Satan is angry; for he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

**"C. O. S" (Mandarin)**

ATTENTION is called anew to the opportunity that many have of arranging for large distribution to be made of the pamphlet edition of "Christ Our Saviour," as translated into Mandarin. Copies can also be secured in similar form in Wenli. The Signs of the Times Publishing House, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, offer this pamphlet on a basis permitting of its sale for the nominal price of ten cents, Mexican, per copy. Those who are desirous of securing a supply for use should address their inquiries to the nearest Book and Bible House agency.

**Back into Chao Tou Djen**

The morning of January 24 Pastor D. E. Rebok, president of China Theological Seminary, left Shanghai for an extended stay at Chao Tou Djen, the home of the Seminary, in the hope of effecting a rehabilitation of the plant in preparation for continued use for the purposes for which this institution was founded. With Professor Rebok were Professor Paul E. Quimby, of the History and Bible department; Dr. Donald E. Griggs, head of the hospital-dispensary conducted in connection with the Seminary; and Professor Ernest Hurd, head of the agricultural department. These brethren are soon to be joined by Professor Fred A. Landis, in charge of the mechanical industries, and by others. Plans for the continuance of the school will be announced following the holding of the annual constituency meeting appointed for mid-February.

**Literature Sales during 1927 in Malaysia**

Brother H. A. Andersen, who has served in Singapore the past year as manager and treasurer of Malaysian Signs Press, reports under date of January 12 that the sales of the Malaysian House during the year 1927 totaled \$75,331.61 gold, which is slightly in excess of their goal of \$75,000. The brethren in Malaysia are deserving of heartiest congratulations. In their correspondence they express their gratitude to God for what He has enabled them to accomplish in His name.

Brother Anderson reports a sale of 1,500 copies of the Siamese edition of "Health and Longevity," published also by their House in four other languages. With each copy of "Health and Longevity" the colporteurs in Siam are placing in the hands of purchasers a copy of the Siamese edition of "Our Day," all orders for the health book having been taken on this basis.

**From Pastor J. W. Rowland**

Writing from 4123 Whitman Ave., Seattle, Wash., U. S. A., Pastor J. W. Rowland, on furlough from the Malaysian Union, reports having located in Seattle (at the address named) for the winter, in order that his children may have church school privileges. "We are enjoying our furlough," Brother Rowland writes, "and are trying to get fitted up physically for our return at the appointed time. In the spring I plan on some manual labor either in the woods or on a farm. We think of the work in Asia, and pray God to bless and protect the workers."

**Again in Waichow**

Latest advices from South China indicate that Pastor J. P. Anderson and Dr. H. C. James succeeded in getting back into Waichow, and that at present our mission properties in that station are evacuated by the soldiers. This is good news.

**The Sabbath School Department**

**Report of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1927**

Conference or Mission	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Senior	Youth	Primary Kind.	Cradle Roll	Twelve Sabbaths Offering	13th Sabbath Offering	Total Offering to Mission
Central China	64	1688	1471					207.73	81.85	289.58
Chosen	107	4834	3848	1939	1011	1663	221	638.85	89.60	728.45
East China	78	2728	1868	2012	438	278		443.27½	125.93	569.20½
Japan Union	20	595	445	470	15	98	12	486.04	168.50	654.54
Malaysian Union	77	2605	2389	456	107	316	1	1269.02	491.89	1760.91
Manchuria	12	380	328	257	69	42	12	97.27	37.70	134.97
North China	15	443	377	271	99	41		78.65	19.59	98.24
Philippines	237	7687	6669	4826	575	2286		1444.08	400.72	1844.80
South China	87	2570	2140	1283	563	393		561.05	104.40	665.45
Sungari-Mongolia	10	445	413	296	57	97	5	354.41	85.82	440.23
West China	20	375	416	311	60	4		99.06½	13.16½	112.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>24360</b>	<b>20364</b>	<b>12121</b>	<b>2994</b>	<b>5218</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>5679.44</b>	<b>1619.16½</b>	<b>7298.60½</b>

MRS. I. H. EVANS, Secretary of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department

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### Coming from Washington, D. C.

Definite word has been received of the sailing from San Francisco January 17, per s. s. "Siberia-maru," of the N. Y. K. line, of Pastor W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference, and Pastor J. L. Shaw, treasurer of the General Conference, for Shanghai, in order that they may meet with brethren of the Far Eastern Division during the spring meetings appointed for the latter part of February. It is with joy that we learn of the decision of the brethren from Washington, D. C., to join us in the Far Eastern Division at this time.

### Union Services in Shanghai

Appointments are out for two days of union services of all believers and friends who desire to attend Sabbath meetings the forenoon and afternoon of February 18 and 25, at No. 85, Range Road, Shanghai. This will give opportunity for all to hear Pastors Spicer and Shaw during the two Sabbaths named.

### Harvest Ingathering Specials

Orders for the Chinese and Japanese Harvest Ingathering Specials for the year 1923 should be placed at once with the Shanghai and Tokyo offices, in order that it may be known how many are to be printed to meet all needs. The first edition of the Chinese Ingathering paper is to be ready for shipment by the close of February.

### The Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital

The dedication of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital at 150 Rubicon Road is to take place the afternoon of February 22. The doors of the institution were opened for patients at the beginning of the new year.

### Addresses of Workers on Furlough

W. J. Harris, 57 Aldrich St., Battle Creek, Mich. U. S. A.  
H. J. Doolittle, care Mt. Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio. U. S. A.  
L. D. Warren, care Mt. Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio. U. S. A.  
H. L. Shull, Box 355, Rockaway, N. J., U. S. A.  
J. A. Guild, 66 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, D. C., U. S. A.  
A. H. Zimmermann, Grindelberg 15A, Hamburg, Germany.  
F. J. J. Dittmar, Grindelberg 15A, Hamburg, Germany.  
P. Drinhaus, Grindelberg 15A, Hamburg, Germany.  
R. M. Milne, 3 Awde St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
M. F. Wiedemann, College View, Nebr., U. S. A.  
J. E. Riffel, College Place, Wash., U. S. A.  
J. W. Rowland, 4123 Whitman Ave., Seattle, Wash., U. S. A.  
T. T. Babienko, Box 46, Islington, Ontario, Canada.  
C. W. Lee, R. F. D. No. 9, Box 295, Battle Creek, Mich., U. S. A.

### The Next Statistical Number

Our March number will be devoted to statistical reports for the year 1927, and will be mailed about February 22.

### In the Field

Several of the brethren have been spending the winter months in the field. Professor Frederick Griggs, who is now closing up a series of visits to stations in South China Union and Philippine Union, writes from Manila of attendance at institutes and conferences in Central Luzon, Northern Luzon, and East Visaya. His last month has been spent among Cebuan-speaking believers.

Pastor Meade MacQuire tells of many meetings with brethren and sisters in twelve or more of the churches in West Visaya, of special studies with students of Philippine Junior College, of a workers' institute for Central Luzon, and of precious experiences in other parts of the Philippines during the past few weeks.

Professor S. L. Frost has been in the Malaysian Union for about three months, in attendance at the annual institute of several weeks' duration for church school teachers gathered into Singapore for advanced training; and later in visitation of schools and other mission interests in Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, and Sumatra.

Pastor I. H. Evans has recently spent a little time at Hongkong, in counsel with the members of the South China Union Committee.

### "The Ministry"

As may be known by many of the workers in the Division, it was decided at the Chattanooga Fall Council to launch a new publication, *The Ministry*. This, as its name indicates, is for the strengthening and upbuilding of the ministry. The time has come when every worker must lay hold of every means of help in his work. "The life, character and education of our workers has more influence upon the worker than any other single factor. The apostolic movement was not measured primarily by the number of its adherents. It was not measured by the high profession of its proponents, nor by the financial holdings of the church. Its strength under God lay in the vision, life, and training of its workers. We are seeing the days of the apostles re-enacted. God's men, as they follow the apostolic methods and standards, can accomplish as much to-day as in any age of the church." But this can be done only when every worker puts forth his best effort to be qualified, body, mind, and spirit, for his work.

*The Ministry* will contain the best help possible for our workers, and no one can afford to be without it. A list of the foreign workers of the Division has been sent the Ministerial Association headquarters in Washington, with instruction to send the paper from the first to each worker. It was felt that no worker would want to be without it. But perchance if any one does not want it, it will be discontinued, otherwise the charge of fifty cents gold will be made through regular channels. The charge pays only in part for the paper, which has to be subsidized by the General Conference.

It is the plan that this new Association periodical shall take the place of the "Monthly Readings" which we have been sending out from the Far Eastern Division to our English reading workers. We are glad for this new help in making our ministry an able one.

Frederick Griggs

Born, on November 24 (Thanksgiving Day), to Pastor and Mrs. W. B. Riffel, of the Bicol Mission, Legaspi, Alaby, Philippine Islands, a daughter, Retta Leora Riffel.

### 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 9 a. m., February 22, 1928, at which time annual reports will be rendered and the usual business transacted. A preliminary meeting of the Constituency is to be called at the Division Offices, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, at 11:30 a. m., February 19, 1928.

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

### 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 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. Rebek, Secretary

### 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

### From Mrs. R. C. Porter

"Our thoughts and prayers have been with you through the trying experiences of the past year," writes Sister R. C. Porter from the S. D. A. Tabernacle, Battle Creek, Mich., U. S. A., her permanent address; and she continues: "Never did a day pass but that our thoughts flew across the deep sea, and especially when the war was at its worst. And to us on this side, judging by newspaper reports, it seems as stormy as ever over there.

"The old Battle Creek church has had an onward year. The membership is over a thousand; missions quota an average of sixty-two cents per capita per week; the ten thousand dollars more this year than for the corresponding period last year (to mid-November)."