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PAUL THE PASTOR

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WE are accustomed to think of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, as the greatest of missionaries. Three arduous missionary tours, each extending into hitherto unentered territory; Asia dotted with churches raised up where he had labored; his self-denial, his suffering for Christ, his courage and loyalty and faith, appeal strongly to every Christian, and mark Paul as the example of all true missionaries.

But this powerful evangelist was as strong and efficient as a pastor as he was ardent and earnest as a missionary. In his heart were pent up natural forces which, when controlled by the Holy Spirit, made him a mighty spiritual leader in the church of Christ. Self in Paul was consumed by his zeal for Christ and his love for the souls for whom he labored, of whatever race or place they might be. Himself a Jew by birth, a Pharisee by choice, educated in the schools of the rabbis, learned in the traditions of his forefathers, this ardent, fiery soul who before his conversion, could glory in seeing those who believed in the despised Nazarene put to torture and to death, after his conversion abandoned all race prejudice and nationalistic feeling, and henceforth loved all humanity for Christ's sake. From his heart the new Paul could cry out: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Paul was a pastor in the truest sense of the word. He loved the people for whom he labored; he sympathized with them; above all things he longed to see them saved. This was why he could write to the church at Rome: "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart, for I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Exhorting the church at Ephesus, he said: "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children; and walk in love." And how Paul's love for the church shines through his message to the brethren in Thessalonica: "Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

No other New Testament writer sent such epistles to the church as did Paul, so filled with appeal, so glowing with love, so inspired to endure all the bitter persecution of that cruel age, so sure of the crown of life at last! And Paul's personal letters to his bretheren in the Lord breathe the same spirit of love and devotion. What gentleness, what kindness, what concern for the believers,

appear in the letters to Timothy and Titus! What tender rebuke for the master, what loving anxiety for the runaway slave, "not now as a servant, but . . . a brother beloved," in the short letter to Philemon!

In the record in Acts, Luke gives many flashlights of Paul's work as a pastor. One of these is the meeting at Miletus with the elders of the church of Ephesus. Paul could not break his journey with a stop at Ephesus; but as the boat lay over for a time at Miletus, he sent for the elders to meet him there. In the few brief sentences which are all that is left to us of that memorable interview, we have a strong picture of Paul's methods in church building. Ponder his words: "Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, . . . and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house."

Could not we as missionaries study profitably the methods of Paul in our efforts to build up the church of Christ? Public work has its place, but it is made more effective and lasting by personal, house-to-house work. Many a worker has lost what he hoped to gain because of his failure to visit the people in their homes, and to feel and show a personal interest in their daily lives, at the same time not neglecting to instruct them more fully in the way of life. Rarely indeed is a strong church built up by sermons alone. The great church builders among our working force are often not the best public speakers, but the most earnest and faithful personal workers.

In this farewell visit with the elders of the church at Ephesus, it is worthy of note that Paul could refer without regret to his sojourn among them. "Remember," he says, "that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." No wonder Paul was prematurely old. On his great heart lay the lives of his converts; to him more precious than gold. He toiled unceasingly for them, he served them in love and gentleness, he rebuked their sins, he encouraged them in the Lord, he prayed with them, he wept over them as a parent weeps over the child who is dearer to him than his own life. He visited them in their homes, and partook of their humble fare; he shared his own food with them; he talked with their children and catechized them in faith—was he not well qualified therefore to appeal to their heart when he addressed them publicly?

Shall we not follow Paul's methods if we dare hope for Paul's success?

Colombo, Ceylon
March 20, 1928

The Harvest Ingathering

Words from the General Conference President

W. A. Spicer.

ONE of the most cheering things in all our work is the evidence clearly brought before us that the brethren and sisters are more active in service among neighbors and people all about.

The Harvest Ingathering is the greatest movement among us in the way of setting us all to visiting among the people. Beyond all the money gathered in, this enterprise has been one of the greatest missionary undertakings in our history. More and more every year we hear of families brought into the truth through this work. Think how it must appear as the eyes of the angels can see it, looking down from above: Two hundred and seventy-five thousand Seventh-day Adventist believers, of many nations and tongues, uniting in going out to visit the people, telling of the progress of the message and asking for gifts to hasten the blessed work forward.

People Have Come to Expect Us

In one place a faithful sister who had labored hard in former years, last year did not feel strong enough to go out. Our sister scarcely felt that she ought to do it. Then, lo, a farmer neighbor met her one day and said: "When are you coming to see me? I have been expecting you again with that paper which tells about the mission work. I want to see it. I have given you a dollar every time before, but I have decided to give you five dollars this year." Stirred to the depths of her soul by the call from the field, our sister knelt in prayer at her home, and laid her burdens and infirmities upon Jesus, repenting of the thought in her heart, and went out and solicited—if I remember the story—about fifty dollars for missions. Thus, out of weakness, like saints of old, she was made strong.

In the same conference another sister had a similar experience. A leading man in the community met her on the street, saying he had been expecting

her to come, adding that he wanted to help in the good work and also to see the missionary paper again.

God is surely pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. We have never had such reports demonstrating this as have come in even during the last year. This means that all about in every community the Spirit of the Lord is working to draw souls to the light.

This Harvest Ingathering work is the greatest short-time single agency we have for hunting out these souls. Let us go on with the search again this year. And besides all the good work for the people, the money received is winning thousands of souls in the mission fields. This is the appointed way, and we thank God for it, and for the blessed results obtained from it. Blessings and courage to every soul who again lays hold of it.

An Appeal to our People

FREDERICK CRIGGS

THERE are at least three distinct reasons why every Seventh-day Adventist should engage in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. First, the paper which is given to the people serves to arouse an interest in our missionary undertakings. No message of any sort, kind, or description that has ever been given to the world is so important as is the third angel's message. No movement has ever been fraught with such lasting consequences to the world and to the universe as the Great Second Advent Movement. Because this is so, every living soul should be interested in it, and every Seventh-day Adventist who really believes this message should be doing all he can to interest others in its work. Hence, the paper in which is described this great work should be got into the hands of the people.

Second the money that is received does the individual who gives it good, and it is of very material help in promulgating this message. Both giver

and receiver are benefited by the transaction. By receiver I do not mean the member who is doing the soliciting, but the one who, by means of this money, has present truth brought to his knowledge.

A third reason why every Seventh-day Adventist should enter heartily into the Harvest Ingathering work, is the benefit which comes to him who does this work. The spiritual life of every worker depends upon exercise, as well as upon eating spiritual food and resting in Christ. To approach others with an appeal to help in the giving of this last phase of the gospel, gives the Christian an opportunity to tell others of this blessed gospel of the soon-coming Saviour, and it is in telling others that his own soul is warmed. He becomes hungry for more spiritual food, and he learns more fully what it is to rest in Christ.

Therefore, we earnestly appeal to every believer to do his utmost in this work this year. We all ought to do more than we did last year, and next year we ought to do more than we are doing this year.

A Forward Movement

J. J. Strahle

The Lord spoke in the following language to his people of old: "Speak with the children of Israel that they go forward." Exodus 14:15. This statement applies to Israel to-day, and it means that we are to do just this—go forward. In a most phenomenal way Seventh-day Adventists have gone forward in the Harvest Ingathering work. In 1908 \$14,000 Gold was raised through the Ingathering campaign; in 1927 the sum gathered totaled \$800,000 Gold—nearly a third of the amount raised for missions by us throughout the world. The prospects are bright for the future, and I believe we shall continue to "go forward" in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Make Your Work A Real

—A Heaven Sent Plan

"And Ye Are Not Your Own"

J. A. Stevens, General Conference,
Home Missionary Department.

This compelling question is but one phase of a summing up of the Christian's responsibilities as stressed by the apostle Paul in the first epistle to the members of the church at Corinth. And he adds, "For ye are bought with a price." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

What a price was paid to redeem us from the bondage of sin! "It was a costly sacrifice that the Lord of heaven made. Divine benevolence was stirred to its unfathomable depths; it was impossible for God to give more." We have been purchased with the precious blood of Christ, and "your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ."

Unless we have held back part of the price, all that we have and are is the property of the Saviour." "He gave Himself for our sins." And if we are true to our profession, we will gladly surrender all to Him, henceforth to be led of His Spirit in every detail of our new life. "When we submit to God's way, the Lord Jesus guides our minds and fills our lips with assurance. We may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Receiving Christ, we are clothed with power. An indwelling Saviour makes His power our property. The truth becomes our stock in trade. No unrighteousness is seen in the life. We are able to speak words in season to those who know not the truth. Christ's presence in the heart is a vitalizing power, strengthening the entire being." *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 7, page 71.

In calling us to salvation the Master also calls us to service. "The New Testament in Modern Speech" thus renders 1 John 3:16,17: "We know what love is through Christ's having laid down His life in our behalf; and in the same way we ought to lay down our lives for our brother men." Two of the

greatest words in the Bible are, "Come" and "Go." Both are addressed to every one who would follow Christ. "And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19. The gospel commission is our commission and it sends us forth with the imperative "Go," assuring us of the presence of our Lord as we launch out in service. "In deserts, when caravans are in want of water, they send a rider some distance ahead; then, after a little space, another follows; and then, after a short interval, another. As soon as the first man finds water, before he stoops to drink, he shouts aloud the word 'Come.' The next one repeats the word 'Come.' So the shout is passed along, until the whole wilderness echoes with the word 'Come.' So it is not enough to find the living water ourselves. We must say 'Come' to those who are dying in the great wilderness of sin."

No more wonderful opportunity for reaching perishing men and women is offered to us than is offered in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Surely the Lord is calling every believer to share an active part in this great soul-winning endeavor. How can we close our eyes and ears to the appeals for our help, when our active co-operation means so much, both in behalf of the people we shall meet in our Ingathering solicitation, as well as the poor benighted men, women, and children in lands where our Ingathering funds are helping to give the last message of the Christ who lived and died that these lost ones might also live?

"We are in this world to lift the cross of self-denial. As we lift this cross, we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world." Volume 8, page 45. "In the great judgment day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along, carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, will be placed by the Judge of all the earth with those

who did evil. They receive the same condemnation." *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 368.

"My life is not my own, but Christ's who gave it,

And He bestows life upon all the race;

I love it for His sake, and thus I save it;

I hold it close, but only to expend it; Accept it, Lord, for others, through Thy grace."

Our own failing experience needs the blessed reviving of personal ministry to others; millions upon millions within our reach need the message we are called to give; yea, God's chosen plan for enlightening a sin-darkened world requires the personal efforts of His redeemed ones. This Ingathering campaign is a clarion call to every believer. We know that every loyal soldier of Jesus Christ will valiantly fight the battles for His Lord, and victory will be sure.

Let us make the Harvest Ingathering a Spiritual Campaign

TO many of our people the Harvest Ingathering campaign means only a time when we go to the people of the world to solicit funds for the Lord's work. This is not the motive that should inspire us to do this work. Our real motive is soul-winning. I believe we have been losing a great opportunity by not emphasizing this phase of the campaign. We should pray much, asking the Lord to give us words that will be meat in due season to the individuals with whom we come in contact.

J. J. S.

A Recommendation

WE RECOMMEND, That the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1928 in the Far Eastern Division be carried forward in harmony with the plan of the General Conference, that each field endeavor, insofar as is consistent with local conditions, to bring its campaign within the dates of September 1 and October 13, and that the goal be \$30,000 Gold.

Soul-Saving Agency

Origin of the Harvest Ingathering Plan

J. J. STRAHLE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS have always been a missionary people. From the very inception of this movement the church members were active in telling others of their new-found faith. The Lord honors the laity for being zealous in bringing the truth to others.

Brother Jasper Wayne, a conscientious Christian brother, local elder of one of our churches in America, was impressed with the possibility of securing by personal solicitation, donations from those not of our faith. He met with so marked a degree of success in his efforts in this direction that he felt moved to pass his plan on to our leading brethren. When asked to explain the plan, he related his experience, and the brethren immediately saw that God had His hand in the matter, and the General Conference then adopted the plan. From that small beginning the Harvest Ingathering work has grown to be one of the largest single factors for securing money to carry on the work of the denomination. In 1908 the General Conference inaugurated the first Harvest Ingathering campaign, marking the beginning of a definite plan for the denomination. The work has steadily grown from year to year, until to-day more than \$1,000,000 gold is annually received through solicitation work.

Writing upon this subject, Sister White said: "Letters of inquiry have come to me regarding the advisability of carrying out the plan (Harvest Ingathering) outlined above. In answer I would refer all to the example of Nehemiah. When about to journey to Jerusalem with the hope of restoring the walls around the stricken city of his fathers, he frankly told king Artaxerxes of the work he contemplated doing, and requested help to insure success to the enterprise. He obtained a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that were to be erected. And the means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow.

"The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of

His people. Those who are laboring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause.

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favors as well as impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause.

"The Lord's work might receive far greater favors than it is now receiving if we would approach men in wisdom, acquainting them with the work, and giving them an opportunity of doing that which it is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement.

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: Who is the real owner of the world? To whom belong its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver? God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolators, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely, and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before those who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken advantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world."

In the above we have set forth the origin and importance of the Harvest Ingathering plan, which calls upon our people—both workers and church members—to approach men and women not of our faith in a tactful manner, to set forth the work we as a denomination are doing for the uplift of humanity, and to ask for contributions. We should consider it a privilege to take part in this heaven-born plan.

Working for Missions on Pitcairn

THE following paragraphs are taken from a letter recently received at the Mission Board Office from M. E. McCoy, treasurer of the Pitcairn church:

"We realize the good we may do on board of passing ships with our songs and reading matter. We distribute hundreds and hundreds of pages in this way, and we pray God will bless it to the salvation of souls. I will here mention one special boat, the "lonic," running between London and New Zealand. Good Captain Jackson calls both outward and homeward, and he asks for a song service every trip. After the songs he collects offerings for missions. During last year and up to May this year he has collected from the passengers of his boat over \$45 for missions. This is helping in God's work, and I believe the Lord will bless him.

"I know you will be interested in what we are doing in our Harvest Ingathering for missions. We began this work in 1924 by setting apart a special ship and all that we received went for missions. Well, that year we raised \$258. Last year we had two collections and reached over \$330. We thought that this was the very best we could possibly do. This year, as there are fifty-two families on the Island, we planned for each family to try to obtain a pound each. I am very much pleased to say that on May 8 we totaled over seventy-seven pounds (about \$357), quite a little beyond the goal set for ourselves. I have never seen a more willing offering than this. If no ships come this way, then no money. So we prayed and every one did his best, I believe, even to sacrifice; and God sent the ships and the money. And more, He gave to all the spirit of willingness and liberality, for which we thank and bless His holy name. All the honor goes to Him, and now our prayer is that He will use this money for the conversion of souls who are still in darkness.

"Brethren, pray for us. Pray that our lives here may be a beacon light to passengers going to and fro, and also that when Jesus comes our little island may be saved in His glorious kingdom."

Harvest Ingathering Experiences

Consecrated Effort Brings Results

LAST year, as a sister in Vallejo, California, went out in the Harvest Ingathering work, her heart was burdened for the many colored people. As opportunity offered, appointments were made for Bible studies in three homes in different parts of the city. Forty people have come, more or less, regularly to these studies. There has been opposition, yet some are taking their stand for the truth. A Sabbath school has been organized, and each week the members bring their gifts for missions.

Community Chest Donates \$25.00

We had the privilege of interviewing the chief of police here in Fresno and also the Fresno "Republican," and were given the kindest consideration in both instances. Osborn Brothers, editors of the "Republican," are at the head of the "Community Chest" campaign here this year, but they very kindly gave us a check for \$25.00. The relief committee of the police department are considering our request at their next meeting.

God Sent You Here

One worker reports that as she came to a door with a Harvest Ingathering paper the woman whom she met said: "Oh, I know God sent you here. I have been praying all day that I could find some Adventists and an Adventist church." This woman seemed to have forsaken God, but our sister talked and prayed with her. She now takes the woman and her children to church every Sabbath, and writes as follows: "I am giving her Bible studies, and she is rejoicing in the truth, and is hoping that her husband will join her." Souls! Souls! Souls! They are everywhere reaching for light. May God help us to find them!

No Crisis with God

"I asked one man for \$15.00, and he told me he could hardly give it this year as he was 'going on the rocks,' as he put it. I called his attention to the fact that if he were actually 'going on the rocks' the only thing to be sure of was to have the Lord with him. This suggestion seemed to meet his mind, and he wrote me out a check for \$20.00. Experiences like this, to my mind, only show that there is no crisis with God."

Modern Miracles

"While out in the Harvest Ingathering work recently I found three Spanish families, each of whom gave a dollar to our work. The wife of one man was seriously ill; the doctor thought it was a tumor that caused the illness. I prayed at her bedside that the mighty God of heaven would demonstrate to those dear souls that there is a God who is able to do exceedingly abundant above all we can ask or think, and that He would demonstrate that He hears the prayers of His children when they come direct to Him with their requests. These people are Catholics. On going back two days later to work the rest of the Spanish families in that district, twenty families in all, I was greeted everywhere with joy, and each family gave a dollar. They told me that the sick woman was well. Now those twenty families are insistently calling for me to come and teach them our truth. They say they have a meeting place all arranged for, and that every family there will faithfully attend."

What Would God Have Us Do?

J. J. STRAHLE

EVERY now and then we hear related very interesting experiences of how our brethen have been blessed because of certain efforts put forth. Some in relating their experiences have made the statement that the people of the world marvel at the work we as a people are accomplishing. Even ministers of other denominations have praised us for our achievements, and they conclude that every Seventh-day Adventist is a worker for God. When, however, we think of the large number of our people who take no active part in working for others, we feel ashamed. We do not deserve the praise heaped upon us. I often think of the great possibilities that lie before us in this Division if every member should do his best, and of what God would have accomplished for us in the past if we had all done all within our power to do. It is true that we, a small people, have through the blessing of God made great advancement. But it is also true that to-day only about half of our members actually take part in personal missionary endeavor. What would be the result if every Seventh-day Adventist should do his best!

Very soon we are to engage in the Harvest Ingathering work. This will afford us a wonderful opportunity to inform our friends and neighbors of the work this denomination is doing and to invite them to contribute to the advancement of God's cause. We especially ask those who have not heretofore participated in this important work, to unite with us this year in making the Ingathering work a great success. By this means we may put the people in touch with truth; we ourselves will be greatly blessed, and the contributions received will help to build up the cause of truth. Shall we not all respond to this urgent need of the hour, and take an active part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign?

The "Signs" Home Special

W. P. HENDERSON

"WE have counseled and planned and prayed, and we have—by the blessing of the Lord—thought of a wonderfully inspiring program. We plan to launch a campaign to place a copy of the "Home Special" in every home in Peking, which will mean about 500,000 copies or about \$50,000."

The above paragraph, quoted from a letter from Brother Esteb, and written the day Peking was being taken by the Nationalists, shows the good impression "Home Special" made on our folks in Peking. And a postscript, added the next day, tells of one order with cash from one man for 2,000 copies, \$200.

And why not plan for big things with this "Home Special"? It is a beautiful number, with a fine line-up of articles. It is a paper that will sell well by single copy, and one which many men will be glad to purchase by the thousand, allowing us to distribute for them. Suppose we should sell the "Home Special" as a Harvest Ingathering work. The money thus raised would probably be as much as could be secured by solicitation, and who can estimate the good that might result from the circulation of a million copies of this good magazine? Surely it is better to persuade a man to buy \$100. worth of literature, allowing us to distribute it in one thousand homes, with a profit of \$50.00 for mission work, than merely to persuade a man to give \$50.00 for missions.

Even though your Harvest Ingathering work does not begin until September, your orders for the Special should be sent in at the earliest possible moment. Our press room facilities are limited, making it necessary to run two shifts a day. Give us as much time as possible to print your orders.

Shensi Mission	1	1	2	64			1	1	6	2	16	16		26.75		2	45	16.65	2	25	
Union Mission							3	4	10	1	17	17	748.74								
NORTH CHINA UNION	2	10	5	430	26	26	2	5	7	14	11	15	30	45	292.52	326.41	15	490	131.82	10	248
Shantung Mission	1	5	2	221	26	26	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	10	151.70		9	238	57.34	6	140
Ch.hli Mission	1	5	3	209			1	2	3	5	6	2	22	24	117.35		6	252	74.48	4	108
Union Mission							2	2	7	1	9	2	11	292.52	57.34						
SOUTH CHINA UNION	8	85	42	2,036	4	-8	18	18	65	85	25	38	233	271	1,017.06	1,355.88	89	2,958	656.91	27	1,065
Cantonese Mission	3	15	9	461	3		2	5	21	24	7	8	68	76	400.70		20	603	276.59	8	255
Hakka Mission	1	22	8	585			5	2	10	18	1	4	31	35	179.82		22	730	149.91	3	80
Kwangsi Mission	1	9	5	190		-8	1	2	5	10	5	6	31	37	67.63		9	170	25.47	3	48
North Fukien Mission	1	15	7	316		-6	1	1	16	10	3	4	40	44	1.05	202.29	12	480	55.95	4	222
South Fukien Mission	1	12	5	317			3	4	4	8	4	4	36	40	339.17		12	700	28.09	6	360
Swatow Mission	1	12	8	167	1	1	6	3	7	9	4	4	26	30	10.00	106.82	14	275	120.90	3	100
Union Mission							1	2	6	1	8	1	9	1,006.01	9.45						
WEST CHINA UNION	4	15	8	308	18	21	1	5	9	24	9	20	41	61	483.18	217.47	25	391	203.73	8	166
East Szechwan Mission	1	7	5	158	5	5	1	2	1	9	5	2	21	23	71.87	134.70	9	182	76.75	7	157
West Szechwan Mission	1	3	1	59	5	5		1	1	4		2	5	7	47.94	42.66	4	60	42.32	1	9
Tibetan Mission	1		1	5					1	1		4	1	5	66.57		1	5	10.00		
West Kweichow Mission	1	5	1	84	8	11		1	3			18	13		40.11		11	144	9.36		
Union Mission				3				1	6	7	4	12	1	13	293.80				65.30		
EAST CHINA UNION	6	71	37	1,822	12	1	6	13	18	66	17	23	107	130	707.93	891.98	88	2,839	790.29	16	708
Anhwei Mission	2	11	6	479	3	3	3	5	3	19	2	4	30	34	275.06	206.38	18	400	43.01	7	195
Kiangsu Mission	3	27	19	952	9		3	3	12	15	10	3	49	52	554.08		32	1,380	698.10	4	325
South Chekiang Mission	1	33	12	391		-2		1	3	24	4	6	26	32	131.52		38	1,019	49.18	5	188
Union Mission								4		8	1	10	2	12	432.87						
HEADQUARTERS								12	3	63	1	67	126	193	1,422.44					3	634
MALAYSIAN UNION	12	61	38	2,339	73	122	9	23	38	92	54	55	203	263	1,355.42	5,139.77	90	3,045	1,796.74	32	2,020
British North Borneo	1	7	5	194	6	12	2	1	6	6		2	16	18	50.70	133.85	8	134	67.59	6	257
Celebes Mission	1	14	3	502	29	29		2		16	7	2	23	25	49.19	751.82	17	765	216.91	1	22
Batta-land (Cent. Sumatra)	1	5	1	84	1			1		1		2	8	10	53.82	76.10	6	311	28.97	2	164
East Java	1	6	4	379	18	16	1	2	9	8	9	6	34	40	88.39	790.17	7	366	276.32	3	400
Malay States	2	3	3	224		1	1	4	3	1	2	10	12	158.46	290.64		6	229	116.24	3	110
North Sumatra	1	1	1	76				1	2	2		2	4	6	54.02	158.63	6	86	64.08		
Siam	1	2	1	104				2	4	5	4	4	15	19	101.94	163.25	5	112	78.78	2	80
Singapore Mission	1	3	5	300	15	60	2	1	2	6		2	8	10	541.56	1,040.02	6	364	421.29	1	50
South Sumatra Mission	1	3	2	114	4	4	1	2	1	4	1	2	9	11	77.84	248.56	4	112	102.05	3	65
West Java Mission	2	17	13	362			2	3	5	20	11	6	43	49	179.50	1,486.73	25	566	424.51	8	241
General								8	5	21	22	25	38	63						3	331
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION	1	6	3	439		-1		2		2	2	4	17	21	339.98	1,091.55	9	401	492.63	1	42
DIVISION TOTALS, MAR. 31, 1928	55	587	354	21,539	644	634	242	119	255	554	346	346	1,443	1,789	9,093.73	19,955.28	788	26,875	7,956.55	168	7,434
" " " 1927	50	561	324	19,523	518	51	242	140	246	613	296	308	1,389	1,397	8,761.71	15,133.64	715	23,207	7,109.38	158	6,498
" " " 1926	47	417	312	17,410	602	403	222	135	240	525	298	326	1,414	1,740	9,578.10	14,798.11	647	24,490	6,650.03	197	8,081
" " " 1925	44	372	216	14,939	507	135	181	109	217	429	219	283	1,159	1,442	7,107.00	13,804.98	577	22,094	6,173.51	179	7,110
" " " 1924	41	347	237	13,065	414	220	155	109	196	360	206	266	1,006	1,272	7,523.74	10,905.82	553	19,784	5,002.99	154	5,870
" " " 1923	46	342	223	10,980	278	26	75	98	212	374	233	283	1,013	1,302	5,003.03	8,662.78	483	16,916	4,375.01	150	5,670

Statistical Report—Far Eastern Division

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	Foreign	Native
							1	Philippine Union	6	190	143	9948	448	7	15	2	39	18
2	Chosen Union	4	45	21	1803	53	5	8	5	25	17	67	4		1	38		
3	Japan Union	5	19	12	542	10	4	9	3	13	5	3		13	1	18		
4	Manchurian Union	2	13	10	296		3		3	2	6	13	2	1	1	14		
5	Central China Union	5	72	35	1576		6	7	7	16	19	50		13	1	24		
6	North China Union	2	10	5	430	26	2	3	4	3	9	5	1	4	1	10		
7	South China Union	8	85	42	2036	4	10	8	7	58	21	64		21		25		
8	* West China Union	4	15	8	308	18	5	3	1	1	14	15		4	1	8		
9	East China Union	6	71	37	1822	12	7	6	1	17	15	51	2	23	1	16		
10	Division Headquarters						11	1	3		56	7			1			
11	Malaysian Union	12	61	38	2339	73	19	4	7	31	27	65	2		1	53		
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission	1	6	3	439		2				2	17			1	1		
13	TOTALS, year 1928	55	587	354	21539	644	81	64	43	205	209	417	7	91	14	11	335	
14	<i>The totals given below for first quarter of preceding years reveal the growth year by year</i>																	
15	Totals, 1st Quarter 1927	50	561	324	19523	518	85	55	53	193	170	443	5	83	13	8	288	
16	Totals, 1st Quarter 1926	47	417	312	17410	602	82	53	45	195	188	337	3	96	11	14	284	
17	Totals, 1st Quarter 1925	44	372	246	14949	507	72	37	39	178	162	267	2	77	9	12	207	
18	Totals, 1st Quarter 1924	41	347	237	13065	414	70	39	38	158	140	220	3	83	6	9	197	

25 Number of Mission	26 Average Attendance S. S.	27 S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	29 Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	30 Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	31 Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	32 Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	33 No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	34 Estimated Value	35 Approximate Seating Capacity	36 Number of Church Schools Conducted	37 Enrollment Church Schools	38 Number of Intermediate Schools
1	6870	\$ 1580.79	\$ 365.25	\$ 1946.05	\$ 1227.77	\$ 4037.15	\$ 2772.75	95	\$ 27000.00	10605	14	479	4
2	4111	672.29	70.11	742.40	1770.74	2148.65	3919.90	80	27456.00	7866	29	1194	
3	445	544.69	202.86	747.55	650.05	2230.87	2880.92	7	8700.00	950	1	8	
4	390	106.86	24.79	131.65	665.35	699.70	1364.05	2	7250.00	400	6	97	
5	1294	238.25	78.53	316.78	1499.74	567.54	2067.28	23	12562.00	2700	13	300	
6	415	116.95	14.87	131.82	695.78	200.10	885.58	2	11500.00	900	9	204	1
7	2273	541.81	115.10	656.91	2545.47	277.17	2822.64	18	20845.00	3710	24	872	3
8	378	180.28	23.45	203.73			129.30	1			8	166	
9	2286	650.54	139.75	790.29	1147.08	921.55	2074.66	6	25600.00	2000	16	638	2
10											1	35	
11	2849	1246.67	550.07	1796.74	3274.85	9860.03	14339.44	9	31785.08	2145	31	1970	
12	358	396.00	96.63	492.63	294.00	358.00	652.00				1	42	
13	21669	6275.13	1681.41	7956.55	13770.83	21300.76	33908.52	243	192698.08	31276	153	6005	10
14	<i>Totals, first quarter 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924 given below</i>												
15	20000	5769.98	1339.40	7109.38	3975.90	20688.88	34862.30	242	198747.43	33615	145	5323	11
16	18830	5352.12	1297.91	6650.03	10662.02	30380.66	45256.48	222	169436.00	30745	181	6644	11
17	18455	4972.66	1200.75	6173.51	8042.49	20316.46	32779.35	181	134463.00	23810	163	5342	11
18	16731	4260.20	742.79	5002.99	6458.90	22732.36	30637.77	155	100378.00	21885	137	4067	12

* West China Estimated

Mission of S. D. A.—Quarter Ending March 31, 1928

Mission for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1928

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 Column 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclude of Harvest Ingathering and Suggestion Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest, Ingathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not Included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sabbath-Schools	24 Membership Sabbath-Schools		
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)									
1			45	28	285	\$ 1330.18	\$ 6864.23	\$ 8194.41		\$ 66.57	\$ 150.35		161.50	254	8663		
2	2	6	21	27	172	610.28	1211.62	1821.90		55.77			247.73	110	5180		
3	1	1		25	43	505.03	2058.24	2563.27						20	664		
4			17	12	42	263.10	273.24	536.34			4.73		12.95	15	456		
5	1		15	32	139	748.74	524.89	1273.63		84.17	4.24		8.43	73	1768		
6			5	15	30	292.52	326.41	618.93		93.54		71.20	2.54	15	490		
7	5	18	36	38	233	1017.06	1355.88	2372.94		270.21	144.98	48.00	12.86	89	2958		
8	1	1	2	20	41	483.18	217.47	700.65		233.97	11.09		2.09	25	391		
9			1	23	107	707.93	891.98	1731.43		36.41	.39			88	2859		
10	11	38	80	67	126	1422.44		1422.44									
11	2	4	57	55	208	1355.42	5139.77	6495.19		206.16	130.42	1656.84	659.25	90	3045		
12				4	17	339.98	1091.55	1431.53		11.46	144.59			9	401		
13	23	68	279	346	1443	9075.86	19955.28	29162.66		1058.26	590.79	1776.04	1107.35	788	26875		
14																	
15	18	69	261	308	1389	8761.71	15133.64	23855.35		1069.07	776.66	2931.53	735.91	715	25270		
16	23	50	354	326	1414	9578.10	14798.11	24376.21		1221.50	207.94	703.31	1861.81	647	24490		
17	15	29	283	283	1159	7107.00	13804.98	20911.98		186.59	500.03	1748.94	997.99	577	22094		
18	30	13	315	266	1006	7523.74	10905.82	18429.56		461.30	312.51	2149.20	529.65	553	19784		
39																	
Number of Mission	40 Enrollment of Intermediate Schools		41 Number of Training Schools	42 Enrollment of Training Schools	43 Total Enrollment	44 NUMBER OF FOREIGN TEACHERS		45 NUMBER OF NATIVE TEACHERS		46 Total No. of Teachers	47 Estimated Value School Buildings and Equipment	48 Expense of Maintenance of Schools	49 Number of Young People's Societies	50 Membership	51 Y. P. S. Contributions for Foreign Work	52 Y. P. S. Contributions for Home Mission Work	53 Y. P. S. Contributions for Local Society Work
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women									
1	23		1	255	757	4	8	9	18	39	\$ 840.00	\$ 333.54	27	781		3.58	
2			1	145	1339	2	1	51	6	60	25481.44	4001.93	36	1042	.25		.20
3			2	50	58	2	3	5	2	12	30000.00	5000.00					
4					97			3	3	6	645.00	230.21	6	148	2.75	7.72	1.00
5					300	1	1	12	2	16	10000.00						
6	44				248	1	1	11	3	16	21350.00	161.15	13	308			
7	193				1065	3	5	31	28	67	31572.00	3000.00	5	291		17.14	17.94
8					166			6		6							
9	70				708		1	21		31	2900.00		12	337		1.20	
10	2	2	597	634	8	10	26			44							
11		1	50	2020	4	6	29	33	72	70172.76	7570.08	13	454	.56		53.36	
12					42	2	2			4		440.10	5	111	8.25	8.95	17.88
13	332	7	1097	7434	27	38	204	95	373	192961.20	20737.01	117	3472	11.76	38.55	90.38	
14																	
15	606	5	685	6498	26	31	204	91	352	276992.36	32342.60	148	4336	4.46	15.44	19.15	
16	740	5	697	8081	30	37	282	90	439	261346.00	27988.03	105	4218	.18	15.87	152.51	
17	761	5	1016	7110	25	33	258	69	385	125847.00	23808.34	105	3896		91.39	28.94	
18	930	5	873	5870	25	29	223	70	347	94156.00	12597.79	82	3614		3.57	6.75	

General Articles

Manchuria and Japan

FREDERICK GRIGGS

LAST month I reported the meetings of the Chosen Union. From Chosen I went to the Sungari-Mongolian Mission, attending first a workers' meeting at Hiliar. This wind-swept, dust-blown city of three thousand souls is in the Mongolian Province of Barga, a Province governed by the Chinese. The other Mongolian Provinces are governed by the Russians, and Christian missionaries are not permitted to work in them; but in Barga they may work, though to do so permits, which are none too easy to obtain, must be secured.

Among the workers at this meeting at Hiliar were seven Russian brethren who have learned the Mongolian language, and who are to go out on the plains to work for the roving herdsmen. Three of these men were on the plains last year. They are going out in three companies this year. Two companies, in which there are two men each, go in different directions about one hundred miles from Hiliar, while the other, having three men, plans to go about two hundred fifty miles in still another direction. These devoted workers have a hard, trying, and often dangerous work, and they need the prayers of our people.

Another workers' meeting was held in Harbin. This also was a good meeting. The Manchurian Union has two local missions, the Fengtien and the Kirin. While Brother B. Petersen and wife are on furlough, Pastor R. M. Cossentine, the principal of the training school, has been acting superintendent. During the year, he has had to look after the erection of the school buildings, as well as to act as principal of the school and superintendent of the union. These buildings are being erected on a piece of land of about twenty-five acres, well located some eight miles north of the city. This new location, and these new buildings are going to be of great value to the cause of the Manchurian mission; for from this school, the same as from our other schools, will come men and women to carry forward all phases of our work. Brother A. N. Kovshar, the director of the Fengtien Mission, is doing a strong work. There is a healthy increase in every phase of the work, and the same may be said of

the Kirin Mission; even though the director, Pastor F. M. Larsen, has not been able, on account of the illness of his wife, to spend the usual amount of time in the field. The reports of the Kirin Mission showed a substantial increase over that of last year. The title for the first three months of 1928 was over two-thirds of what it was for the entire year of 1927. The home missionary and colporteur work of the Manchurian Union, under the direction of Brother I. O. Wallace, is developing in a remarkably encouraging manner. So altogether, the spirit of consecration and courage in the Manchurian Union is producing practical results in a net increase in church membership.

On my way to Japan I met Pastor Urquhart, who told me that every phase of the work in the Chosen Union was most encouraging. More people in the South Chosen Mission have been baptized during the first five months of this year than were baptized altogether last year. A second baptism of forty seven in the Chosen Training School at Soonan, has recently been held. Quite a number of these were persons not connected with the school.

I found our workers in the Japan Union of good cheer. At the school at Naraha, which is about fifty miles from Tokyo, several were to be baptized on the closing Sabbath of the school year. This school is an example in the matter of exemplifying the principles of work and study. The buildings have been erected by the students and teachers. The school is, however, very much in need of financial help to finish and equip the mechanical building, and to erect and furnish other necessary buildings. It is beautifully located. Recently it changed its program so as to spend a month in working at the erection of the new sanitarium building at Tokyo. This building is being pushed along rapidly to completion.

The evangelical work in the Japan Union is most encouraging. A goal of one thousand church members by the time of the next General Conference has been set. It now appears as though this goal will be realized. Pastor Armstrong and his family have gone to America on their furlough, but the work is going forward steadily in their absence.

The meetings I have attended on this trip to the North have given me cheer and courage. This, taken together

with the statement from the Secretary of the Division, that we have the largest net gain in membership for the first three months of this year that we have ever had for the first three months of any year in the work of our Division, increases one's courage in prosecuting the great Christian warfare.

A Revival at Soonan

H. M. LEE

WE are glad we can send in a good report of our work here in Soonan. The Lord has been working on the hearts of the people. The meetings conducted by Pastor Griggs for ten days brought blessing to the school and the church. All took part in a new consecration to the Lord and to His work. On Sabbath afternoon, May 19, twenty-eight of our young people were baptized by the Bible teacher, Pastor Kim Hang Mo. This was an impressive service, witnessed by a large company of people. We now have a baptismal class of more than fifty, most of whom are students here. For all this fruitage we continually thank the Lord.

Our new school year opened April 9, with seventy-five new students. To date we have enrolled one hundred and seventy-five in the academic grades and one hundred sixteen in the primary school. Thus our classrooms are well filled with youth who are eager for an education and a part in the Lord's work in Chosen.

There is also a class of thirteen women who do not fit into our regular school work because of their age. Special work is given so that in time they may become Bible workers.

With the beginning of the Fall term, September 1, our ministerial class will start again. We have selected ten men, graduates of our academic course, who have had several years favorable experience in our church school work. They are in the canvassing field now, gaining an experience as further preparation for their future work. Their reports show very good results.

We closed school for two days during Big Week. Teachers and students took part in the sale of books and papers, and in making an offering to the Extension Fund. Our goal was exceeded; so we are all of good courage and looking forward to the next campaign.

General Meetings in Sumatra

L. V. FINSTER

North Sumatra

THE annual meeting of the North Sumatra Mission was held May 9 to 14. There was a small attendance of the church members, but all our workers were present, and we enjoyed a good Bible institute together. Last year showed the largest number of baptisms this field for many years. A new company at Kota Radja numbering about thirty, have taken their stand during the past year. After the institute the workers returned to their places of labour with renewed courage for another year's service. The last day of the meeting Pastor Drinhaus, the new acting director for this year, arrived, and we were all very glad to welcome him to his place of labor. He will receive the loyal support of all our people there. It is hoped that Pastor Drinhaus will soon conduct some meetings in the Dutch language.

The Batakland School

It was a great pleasure to meet with the teachers of the Batakland School and to enjoy some studies together. The school has taken on a new appearance during the past year. The *atap* roofs of their school and dormitory buildings have been changed to galvanized iron, which gives a pleasing appearance, and also affords protection from the rain. The girls' dormitory is also under construction. This will accommodate between twenty and thirty girls. Already we have seventeen girls attending this school. When the new building is finished, it will be greatly appreciated. While there, each afternoon we workers went out and helped in the putting up of this building.

Another very encouraging feature of the school is the increased enrollment. One year ago the enrollment was about eighty; now it is one hundred forty. Bright prospects are ahead of the work in the Batakland School in Central Sumatra.

A visit also was made to the school at Eck-na-oli. It was encouraging to see the progress that is being made at this place. Already a number of the students that have been in attendance at this school are now at the Batakland School. Arrangements were made for the roofing of the school building, which will be a great help to the work there.

South Sumatra

The annual meeting in South Sumatra was held May 28 to June 3. The attendance at this meeting was very good, and all the workers were present excepting one. A large number of baptisms was reported at this meeting. Brother Galman, who arrived only a few months ago, has had a splendid interest among the Dutch people. Several of these have already been baptized, and others are interested. We look forward to a good, strong Dutch church being built up at this place. Also there seems to be a good interest in the Malay work. A new company is developing at Palembang. About thirty are in attendance every Sabbath. There is also an interest developing in one of the islands to the west. The slogan that was adopted for this year was, "Fifty souls won to the Lord." Let us pray that they may be able to reach this number.

Stories From Waichow

DR. ETHEL JAMES

ONE evening, on our way home from the dispensary, we met a woman who begged us to do something for her. We took her to our own home for examination, and learned she had a knee nearly as large as her head; and in the swollen member were several openings, from which pus was oozing. This condition had continued four years, and was exceedingly painful, almost fully crippling her. For several weeks she came faithfully every day, with the result that her knee, became sound as ever. She was indeed a happy woman, and brought us several of her friends for treatments. For a time she has been in attendance at our Sabbath school and church services.

One day a man came in with his arm in a sling. For seven years he had carried it around in this way, the bone having become diseased, swollen, and filled with pus. We told him the only permanent help for him was amputation thus relieving him of his burden. He expressed willingness, and came back the next day to have it done. In a short time he was able to return to his home with rapidly improving health. Not

long after leaving the dispensary, he came back one afternoon just about our closing time, and with him were ten of his friends who had walked with him the ten miles from his home to be treated for various ailments.

Another patient was a young man, who had just had a severe hemorrhage from a thumb badly infected. Had he not received treatment, he surely could have lived but a short while longer. We were able to clear up the infection, having to amputate only one joint of the thumb; and eventually he went away rejoicing.

These are only a few instances of help rendered those in need. Many others have been receiving relief from suffering

For several months, because of present conditions and restrictions, we have been unable to be at the dispensary all the while; but in our absence the Chinese workers have been carrying on as best they can.

We now have plans for a hospital-dispensary that we hope may be erected as soon as conditions become a little more settled. We feel sure that the Lord will bless the work of caring for the sick in the large and needy city of Waichow and surrounding districts.

From the West

PASTOR M. C. WARREN in reporting of the arrival June 16 (not June 15 as formerly reported) of three families at Chungking; namely, Brother and Sister C. A. Woolsey and children, Brother and Sister A. B. Buzzell and child, and Brother and Sister H. K. Smith, tells of their getting through safely, notwithstanding trying situations *enroute*. All West China workers are now in West China once more.

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Two from Sangir Island

PASTOR L. V. FINSTER, of the Malaysian Union, reports that Pastor Albert Munson has just baptized two from Sangir Island—first fruits from that section of the Celebes Mission.

"There are a great many lamps, but there is only one Light of the world,"

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Statistics—First Qr. 1928

IN this issue appear statistical tables giving a general summary of the status of union and provincial missions in the Far Eastern Division at the close of the first quarter of 1928. It will be observed that in general the quarter brought substantial returns in soul-winning, and in funds received for the support of the cause. Especially cheering is the fact that the native tithes are approximately \$5,000 gold in excess of any previous first quarter in the Far East. Surely with special effort, this increase of tithes may be maintained and enlarged. A study of Pastor G. W. Wells' tract, "On the Privilege of Tithing All," should bring many returns by the close of the present year. Healthful development in every land is materially influenced by an increase in tithes and offerings. The responsibilities that come with large populations call for extraordinary effort to increase the flow of funds for the support of the laborers.

The Sabbath school offerings for the first quarter of 1928 are about \$1,000 gold in excess of any previous first quarter. If the increases of the first quarter in tithes and Sabbath school offerings alone can be maintained throughout the year, \$25,000 gold beyond the amount realized last year would come into the treasury. Surely this is the very least that could properly be planned on, and we should endeavor to increase the funds from these two sources even beyond the amount named.

The educational situation seems to be improving much, if the figures are any indication of the actual conditions prevailing. Large numbers of our youth are pressing into the training centers, and reports from educational leaders tell of precious experiences with student bodies. Many have united with baptismal classes, and in some instances, as for example in the Soonan Industrial School, revivals have taken place, with some pressing in from the surrounding community and deciding to unite with us instead of continuing in heathenism.

The increasing number of colporteurs is another cheering omen of better days. If the colporteur force could be increased by fifty per cent. during the present year, which is not at all an improbability, the total sales could be swelled a hundred thousand dollars gold, or more, for the year. The leaders of the colporteur work throughout the Division field are steadily adding to the number of colporteurs in actual service.

The number of Sabbath school students is in excess of any point reached in former quarters, the total now standing at 26,875 members enrolled in the Sabbath schools throughout the field.

The quarter's report shows fifty-five mission stations occupied and five hundred eighty-seven mission outstations. This is indicative of expansion into fields hitherto unentered.

During the first quarter of 1928, the baptisms are reported as 644, and the net gain in church members as 634, bringing the total number of baptized members of organized churches throughout the Far East to 21,539 on March 31, 1928.

For the many providences attending the cause of God in these parts during the first few months of the present year, we thank the Lord of the harvest, and take courage as we press on.

Reports that are coming in make mention of a considerable number having been baptized during the second quarter, and of others who are making their decision.

Goals

The Far Eastern Division Harvest Ingathering goal is \$30,000. The total receipts from the Ingathering campaign for last year amounted to \$18,515.43. Conditions in the Far East are, on the whole, much better this year than last, which indicates that we should at least reach our goal of \$30,000. If every field will now begin to organize its forces for active work in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, September 1 to October 13, we should make the year 1928 an outstanding one, both in souls won to Christ and in contribution for the cause of God.

J. J. S.

Study of the Vernacular

MUCH of progress has been made by various ones in the China field in a study of the vernacular during the past two years. Others of our missionaries are diligently at work perfecting their knowledge of the Japanese, the Korean, the Malay, the Siamese, and some Filipino dialects.

Report has already been made of the high grades granted Brother and Sister R. W. Pearson, of the Korean Mission, at the close of their first year in the school for the study of the vernacular at the capital of Seoul. Others of our Korean brethren who have been untiring in their study include Pastor H. J. Bass, Pastor W. Pudewell, and Brother E. Bahr.

Aside from Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Getzlaff, Professor and Mrs. Clarence Thurston, and others regularly stationed in Japan who are continuing their study of the Japanese language, mention should be made of Professor and Mrs. A. R. Tucker, who are studying Japanese for a full year in Tokyo, in preparation for service as teachers in the Korean Training School at Soonan, Chosen.

The Malaysian Union have been giving Brother and Sister E. Tilstra opportunity for intensive study of the Malay language prior to service in Amboina. Brother and Sister M. Couperus are also at work on the Malay.

On the ninth day of June, 1928, exercises were held in the chapel at 31 Ninkuo Road, Shanghai, where diplomas were issued to various ones who have recently completed the first, second, and third year of language study, making a total of twenty-seven, including some who are steadily at work on the fifth-year course but who reviewed certain required work included in year one. Those who were awarded certificates representing the equivalent of three full years spent fully in study of the Chinese under daily guidance in harmony with a carefully worked-out course covering five years, were Pastors K. H. Wood and G. L. Wilkinson, of the East China Union, and Professor S. L. Frost, of the Far Eastern Division. The seven who completed fully the two-year course and were awarded certificates therefor, are Brethren H. W. Miller, B. C. Clark, E. H. James, D. E. Griggs, G. G. Hamp, W. P. Henderson, and Sisters P. E. Qulmby and Bessie Mount. Fifteen were awarded certificates showing that the first year's language work had been fully covered. A few months ago, at the first commencement of the Shanghai School of Chinese Studies, first year certificates were granted to fourteen, second-year certificates to five, and fifth-year certificates to one, the last named being Professor D. E. Rebok, of China Theological Seminary.

It is the policy of the Far Eastern Division to encourage the various union committees throughout the field to make every reasonable provision for a study of the vernacular by those required to do public work among the people.

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Obituary

It is with deep sadness that we record the death of Sister A. H. Zimmermann, wife of Pastor A. H. Zimmermann, of Java, Dutch East Indies. Sister Zimmermann was born September 16, 1884 in Buitenzorg, Java. While visiting her sister at the Hague in 1909 she was baptized, later attending the mission school at Friedensau. In 1913 she was married to Pastor A. H. Zimmermann. In September 1921 a call came for them to do service in the Dutch East Indies, where for six years they were greatly blessed by the Lord in their labors.

At the time of her decease, Sister Zimmermann was on furlough. Pastor Zimmermann had returned to his field of labor, but Sister Zimmermann and child had remained at the Hague in order that their boy might for a short time have the advantages of better educational facilities. Her death occurred April 26 of this year in the hospital at the Hague, Switzerland.

A large number of the church members and friends accompanied her body to its last resting-place. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor Giebel and others.

Pastor Zimmermann received word of his wife's decease at Colombo, India, while enroute to his field. We extend to our brother and his fourteen-year old son, Joachim, our sincere sympathy. May they find, in this time of sorrow, trust and comfort in the Lord.

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