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OUR BEST FOR 1929

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MOST of us have been surprised to see the splendid work that has been accomplished in the Far Eastern Division during 1928. From all we can gather, it looks as if there would be from 2600 to 3000 increase in our church membership. This is very encouraging when we consider existing conditions in China.

The year 1928 is gone; its books are closed. Nothing that we can do will change its record; no neglected duty nor unfulfilled opportunity can return to us for another trial. But it is also true that every duty faithfully performed during those days, every unselfish effort to extend the kingdom of Christ, will multiply itself as long as time shall last.

Now there stretches before us the year 1929, with its days and months untouched and unmarred. If each worker in this great field would, at the beginning of this New Year, make a complete consecration of heart and life and strength to the work of God; if every teacher in our schools would determine with himself that not one student should be under his instruction for the school period of 1929 but what he would use his utmost endeavors to win him to Christ; if our doctors and nurses would dedicate their lives to the Master for the accomplishment of definite results in soul winning during the coming year; and if every other worker would set himself the task of bringing as many souls to Christ as lies within his power in 1929, there is no question but we should make the largest gains that have been made in our history.

Others report pentecostal blessings in many places; some bring word of large numbers coming to Christ in heathen lands. We in the Far East must do our very best to build up the kingdom of God, and to the utmost of our ability labor to win many to accept this truth and to find salvation.

One thing that will help us is to plan each day to do something definite and positive to help some one to love our Lord. If every one of us could appreciate eternity, and view our present privileges from the standpoint of what God expects of us, and how we shall feel in His sight when we appear to give an answer for our labors, it would help us greatly to improve every possible opportunity to do something definite *each day* toward helping men to know and to love the Lord Jesus Christ. If we postpone our efforts to a more favorable time, till to-morrow or some other time than *now*, we shall certainly lose out; for there is no time in which to labor but the present. How piercing will be the sorrow of those who come to a day when they can only cry, "The harvest is past," and realize that they have no sheaves!

Let us earnestly resolve that 1929 shall mean advance in our Christian experience, and in our efforts in behalf of the tempted and lost around us. Shall not our lives be more earnest in prayer, more loving and sympathetic to all our associates, than heretofore? All ill feelings toward others must be put aside. By so doing, there will be a great awakening among our people, and the blessing of the Lord will come upon us as we have not hitherto seen it manifested. Before a pentecostal blessing, there must be unity; there must come a putting away of sin, an overcoming of the weaknesses of our own natures. Till then we wait in vain for God to help us. Before the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon us, and give us the rich harvest of souls that we desire to see in these great heathen lands, there must be a new and full consecration among us. We earnestly ask that the coming year may be made a year of prayer and consecration on the part of our workers as individuals and as families and groups, as well as in their special service in these fields. Let no misunderstandings creep in; let there arise no differences between us and our fellow workers, but let us be a united, fully consecrated working force.

We are extremely anxious that all our native believers shall be helped more spiritually by our foreign workers than ever before. And they can be helped a great deal more by example than by precept. When our lives are consecrated to the service of the Lord, and our example is right before those among whom we labor, there will be no limit to our power and influence in the work of God. There will be *no limit*, because the Great Leader of this cause has promised to be with us to the end. He has promised us all the power that our faith will grasp.

While we look upon the work of 1928 with a degree of satisfaction, owing to the number who have been brought to Christ, we should look forward to 1929 as a year when still greater efforts shall be set in operation for the one supreme purpose of winning men to Him. Shall we not resolve to do our best for God during 1929? None of us knows when his opportunities for service will end. NOW, while we have the privilege of work, and strength to perform the task, shall we not focus all our energy and efforts upon the one great objective of winning souls to Christ?

Shanghai, China

December 14, 1928

Note and Comment

A SACRED TRUST

THE brethren of the homelands have recently recognized anew the sacred trust committed to them of Heaven in making sure that our brethren and sisters are bringing into the treasury a faithful tithe and liberal offerings. The discharge of this trust on the part of those who are in the homelands brings to mission fields the full amount of the appropriations that otherwise would fall far short.

A like trust is daily devolving on every worker in the Far Eastern Division field. This trust was stressed at the time of the last annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee, as reported in the OUTLOOK for April, 1928; and it is well for us to go over anew the recommendations passed at that time, thus emphasizing at the very beginning of the year the value of faithful endeavor in increasing tithes and offerings from our constituencies. The recommendations are listed under the general heading, "Blessings from Tithe-Paying," as follows:

Whereas, tithing is a divine ordinance by which the true Christian may show his loyalty to God, and through which he may obtain both temporal and spiritual blessing;—

Whereas, tithing is the one greatest financial asset of the church for its evangelistic endeavors; and,—

Whereas, the church in the Far East would gain great strength and blessings by more fully supporting all missionary endeavors through this appointed means; therefore,—

Resolved, That we earnestly endeavor to help all our church members see the wonderful blessings, as well as the great opportunities to serve the cause of God in this earth, that there are in tithing; and in order to add to the effectiveness of this work, we ask Elder J. L. Shaw to prepare a small tract on the blessings of tithing which will be translated into the vernaculars of the Far East.

Resolved, That we ask the directors of all missions to submit to the Division Secretary experiences of blessings obtained from tithing by native believers in their respective fields, with the object of bringing out this material in the form of a pamphlet.

Resolved, That the subject of tithing be presented to every church in the Far East at least once a quarter, in order to stimulate more faithfulness in this Christian virtue.

IN SEVEN FILIPINO VERNACULARS

"Health and Longevity" has now been published in *Bicol*, the seventh of the Filipino vernaculars into which this volume has been translated. It is also stocked by other Far Eastern Division houses in Wenzli, Mandarin, Korean, Roman Malay, Arabic, Malay, Siamese.

THE MORNING WATCH

DURING the beginning of the New Year it is fitting to consider anew the resolutions we have made among ourselves regarding the observance of the Morning Watch. To quote:

Whereas, the observance of a daily morning devotional period will bring spiritual strength to our members individually, and thus greatly strengthen our churches as a whole; and,—

Whereas, our records show but a small percentage of our members and young people now regularly observing this plan; and,—

Whereas, the Morning Watch Calendar is provided as an aid to this daily personal devotion; therefore,—

We Recommend, That in all our fields an earnest effort be made to place the Morning Watch Calendar in the hands of every literate believer, and to encourage its regular use.

"THE HOPE OF THE WORLD"

During a visit to Nanking, China's capital, Pastor J. J. Strable was granted an interview with President and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of which the medical work being conducted by our denomination was set forth anew, the President and his wife already having been patients at the institution. Various members of the Cabinet of the Chinese government have also been visited of late, partly in the interest of the Sanitarium Clinic project, and partly in order that they may learn of the issuance of the new volume "Hope of the World," in the Chinese language by the Shanghai Publishing House. Regarding these visits, Pastor O. B. Kuhn, director of the Anhwei Mission reports in "The Far Eastern Division Promoter," for December, as follows:

"One man testified that the teachings of 'Hope of the World' was 'the parting of the clouds of darkness, and the shining forth of the light of the sun.' Another said, 'The doctrines presented are as a bright and shining star to guide men.' One wrote tersely, yet beautifully and poetically, *Ho ping dx gwang* (the light of peace). Still another stated that 'the principles set forth in this book will reform men's lives, regenerate their hearts, and establish peace in the world.'

"We were impressed with the emphasis placed by these men upon the word 'light,' and we are constrained to pray unto God to let the light shine forth from the lives of the missionaries, from the printed page, from our institutions, and from all Christian believers, that the darkness covering the people may be dispelled; that the dark night may soon pass, and the dawn of the eternal day shine forth."

WHEN BOOKS WILL NOT SELL

"When I found in Victorias, Occidental Negros, P. I., that the people were prejudiced, two colporteurs already having placed many books there, I played to the Lord," writes Brother Magno Rodriguez, a Filipino colporteur, in *The Philippine Bookmen's Exchange* for November 15, 1928. "Still finding I could not sell any more books, as those who had already purchased from others had developed a prejudice against us, I sought opportunities to study Bible truth with some of these people, and endeavored to emphasize the importance of the message contained in our books. As a result, to-day four precious souls in Victorias are ready for baptism."

FAMILY WORSHIP

NOW that the Week of Prayer has brought added blessings to many a home, let us as workers emphasize the importance of every member of our constituency engaging in family worship day by day. Recommendations have been adopted by the Far Eastern Division Committee covering this important phase of Christian life; and these should surely be kept before us constantly throughout the year upon which we are entering. Let us read anew these recommendations, as given below, and let us make a special note of these and incorporate them into our memorandum book so that we can refer to them frequently when going from place to place and meeting with the people. The recommendations are:

Whereas, the center of all religious teaching in the home is the institution of family prayers, or family worship; and,—

Whereas, rightly conceived and rightly conducted, the exercise of family worship is a period of instruction appropriate to the age of the participants, and of a spiritual culture which fixes the habit of reverence, faith, and devotion; and,—

Whereas, the neglect of the family altar in the home leads ultimately to apostasy; therefore,—

We Recommend, (1) That our leaders in this field shall teach by a right example as well as by precept the value of family worship;

(2) That we ask the Ministerial Association to prepare a tract on this subject, for translation into the various vernaculars; and that it be circulated freely among our members and all interested persons.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1929

Following the holding of the biennial session of the Philippine Union at Manila, P. I., beginning December 20 and continuing for ten days, the Malaysian Union biennial session is to be held at Singapore late in January and early in February. The South China Union biennial session has been appointed for February 28 to March 9, 1929, and the East China biennial session is March 14 to 23. The Bookman's Convention that was to have been held during the closing days of March at Shanghai, has been postponed for one year, and this will give a little more time for the China institutional meetings, which are now scheduled to open March 29, continuing until April 3. This opens the way for the annual Division Committee meetings to be held in Shanghai April 4 to 14, 1929, following which the biennial union sessions for Central China, North China, Manchuria, and Chosen are to be held the latter part of April until the close of June. The West China Union biennial session is appointed for late September and early October, 1929.

The provincial meeting of the Chihli Mission, with representatives present from the Shansi Mission, is to be held in Peking January 4 to 14, 1929, and followed by the annual meeting of the North China Union Committee January 15-17. A publishing convention for China is to be held at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu Province, January 24 to 31, 1929, followed by union and provincial institutes in Central China. The last of the South China Union provincial meetings is about to be held at Nanning, Kwangsi Province, early in January.

General Articles

SILENCE

The flowers are silent, yet in perfect trust
Unfold their petals to the cooling dew.
Up from the silent soil they feel their way,
Warmed by the silent sun from day to day,
Growing toward heaven.

The trees can only whisper in the wind
That stirs the summer air among their
leaves;
But though the waving branch be green or
bare,
They are reminders of the Father's care,
Beckoning toward heaven.

Among the ermine-mantled mountain tops,
The cliffs majestic silence keep, and wait,
With upper reaches bathed in knife-clean
air,
They tower above earth's babel as a stair
Leading towards heaven.

Serene, unbaffled, swift and sure, the stars
Maintain their dizzy course on noiseless
wings.
No wild commands are shouted through
the skies,
But each to do the Father's bidding flies
Silent through heaven.

Methinks sometimes the mystic twilight
hour
Should find us noisy mortals silent too;
Waiting, all breathless in the fading day,
For anything the Lord might have to say,
Listening to heaven.

—Roger Altman, in "Notes of Progress"

PRECAUTIONS IN EATING AND DRINKING

(As set forth by the Shanghai Municipal
Council Public Health Department)

Anyone who feels that simple
but apparently lengthy precautions
as to diet are beyond his power can,
especially during the summer, fol-
low these simpler rules:—

- (1) Eat no cold food.
- (2) Eat and drink nothing which has
not been recently cooked, boiled, or other-
wise sterilized.

In diseases such as Cholera, Ty-
phoid Fever and Dysentery, an in-
fection is taken into the system by the
mouth. To prevent such diseases,
therefore, one must trace the infec-
tion to its source.

1. — The germs are contained in the
discharges of people suffering from the
complaints mentioned. In this country
such material is used for fertilizing the
fields and gardens. It is therefore obvious
that vegetables, and fruit grown near the
ground, are a source of danger.

2. — Water in wells, ponds and creeks, is
also often polluted in the same way. Thus
fruit and vegetables, and fruit which are
washed by the vendors in this water may
become infected.

3. — Flies and other insects may convey
the infection to food, both before and after
cooking.

4. — The infection may be derived
from sick servants, or from other persons
who handle foodstuffs.

It is essential to take a personal
interest in the state of the shops and

stalls from which the house is sup-
plied. Do not give your servants
too free a choice in such matters.

Avoid a Dirty Shop.

Avoid a Shop which is Full of Flies.

*Avoid Uncovered Foodstuffs Eaten Un-
cooked or Without Further Cooking.*

*Cooking, especially boiling, will
destroy the germs of disease, and
articles of food so treated and con-
sumed hot can be considered safe.*

*If cooked food is allowed to get cold be-
fore being eaten, care should be taken that it
is not contaminated by flies, dust, or by care-
less servants.*

*Never eat salads made from raw
vegetables grown in China. It is im-
possible to efficiently sterilize them.*

*This also applies to the raw lettuce,
etc., grown in your own and in your friends'
gardens, unless it is quite certain that the
gardener is under constant supervision,
especially in the early morning.*

*Tomatoes and fruits such as rasp-
berries and strawberries should be
cooked before being consumed.*

*Grapes, apples, oranges, water-
melons, peaches and other fruit grown
in the East are rendered somewhat
safer to eat by being washed and
then dipped for ten or more seconds
into briskly boiling water. This
will get rid of all or part of the
surface contamination, but does not
constitute a perfect sterilization.*

*Treat lichees, in spite of their
thick shell, as above.*

*Do not eat raw bananas and other
fruit if the skin is obviously broken.*

*Imported fruits such as apples and
oranges, can usually be regarded safe.*

Bread. See that the wrapper is
kept on until the bread is being pre-
pared for the table. Protect the cut
bread from flies.

*Milk and cream boiled or
pasteurized.*

*Ice cream made of boiled materials
Ice.* Use only machine made ice
from a reliable source.

Natural ice is dangerous, and
ought to be entirely excluded from
the house, as it will contaminate any
article of food or drink with which
it is brought into contact.

Drinking water should be boiled.

Cool drinks and all aerated waters
should be carefully chosen, and the
home preparation of such drinks
carefully supervised. Select the ice
for use, and do not permit servants
to take it out of the ice-chest.

When dining in restaurants, hotels
or having "Chinese Chow," etc., it is
well to consider whether the proprie-
tors are likely to have taken all the
above precautions on their clients'
behalf. Avoid such delicacies as
may be dangerous, as lettuce, raw
fish, etc.

RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR

J. J. STRAHLE

WE might ask ourselves the ques-
tion, "In what way can we improve
our efficiency?" Let me quote from
Confucius, China's great sage, on
elements that make for success: "To
be clear in vision, quick in hearing,
genial in expression, respectful in
demeanor, true in word, serious in
study, inquiring when in doubt, firm-
ly controlled when in anger, just and
fair when the road to success opens
out before him." There are four
qualities which we may consider
necessary for character develop-
ment; namely, knowledge, concentra-
tion, perseverance, and work.
The last of these four qualities, *work*,
plays the greatest part in helping us
to succeed. Genius has been defined
as the ability to do hard work and
keep at it. Benjamin Franklin said,
"No man ever was glorious who was
not laborious." Every field mission-
ary secretary knows that more col-
porteurs fail from lack of hard, persis-
tent work than from any other cause.
Some workers rather expect things
to turn up for them. It is an eternal
truth that things do not turn up in
this world until some one turns them
up. Plan your work, and work your
plan. There is a sitting-down habit
of mind as well as of the body. It
means a relaxing of the mental fibre,
a letting up of resolution, a weaken-
ing of spiritual force; and our words
become as "sounding brass, or tink-
ling cymbals." No one can work
at his best under such conditions.
In no business more than in the
colporteur work must one have all
his wits about him; he must be alert
in every nerve and muscle; the blood
must course along through the veins
and arteries in a jubilant stream. We
must cultivate activity of both mind
and body. But in order to have real
success, we must spiritualize all of
the attributes referred to above.
Let us, as workers, resolve that for
the year 1929 we will give both body
and mind for the promulgation of
the third angel's message.

THE PRINTED PAGE

E. A. MOON

We are privileged to know of
some souls who have been led to
inquire regarding the message we
teach, who had their first interest
though reading our literature. I
think we are now safe in saying that
there are thousands of believers in
the Islands who first came in contact
with our work by reading the pages
of printed truth. But we shall never
know fully the results of this work
until we reach the kingdom of God.

Manila, P. I., Dec. 24, 1928.

Reports From the Field

FROM TATSIENTLU

PASTOR R. H. HARTWELL, of the Tibetan Mission, writes under date of November 12 from Tatsienlu, Szechwan, that while isolated from associate workers of other lands, he is daily praying in behalf of all engaged in service in the Far East.

"Several days ago we had a six-inch snowfall. The mountains were covered, and in the background was the blue sky—a lovely scene.

"At present I have two Tibetan teachers, each for an hour a day. For untrained teachers, they do very well. We began studying Tibetan on the boat coming out, and so have spent over six months on it already. I have already read the entire Tibetan New Testament, and forty chapters in Genesis.

"From Chinese business men we solicited over six hundred *rupees* for the dispensary addition. In this work we used the Harvest Ingathering paper of a year ago.

"Our own house will probably have a roof over it in ten days more. The new dispensary quarters ought to have the roof over it before the month closes.

"Mrs. Hartwell holds a meeting each week for Chinese children, and another for women. The children come in droves. We hope that through them some parents may be reached. Every Thursday night I hold a Bible study for men, in one of the dispensary rooms.

"The dispensary has twenty to sixty visitors daily. When the new portion is completed, we shall be able to accommodate several in-patients.

"This is a wicked place. . . . Sin is everywhere taking its fearful toll. Last Sabbath I sought the Lord with prayer and fasting, that He might give us wisdom to know how to reach these people; also that we may be sent some evangelistic help, and that we may have a greater burden for souls. If I were in their place, and they in mine, what would I wish them to do for me? Thank God, He has a thousand ways where we have but one—and our *o. i. s.* oftentimes a very poor one, too.

"We are thankful that the angels of God have watched over us and the property here. We have been in Tatsienlu nearly five months. May the Lord bless our associate workers everywhere."

A VISIT TO ROMBLON, P. I.

NOVITO NARANJO

SINCE the work in Romblon (P. I.) was opened early in 1927 by Brother Guillermo Pendon and wife, the church has attained in eighteen months a membership of upwards of seventy.

During the latter part of September, 1928, Pastor J. G. Gjording, from Shanghai, visited us. His preaching services were attended by many of the prominent people in this province, from whom we were given many assurances of their hearty support throughout our labors in opening up work in various towns. We thank the Lord for opening the way before us, and for giving us favor among those who stand in positions of large responsibility in governmental affairs.

The principal of the Romblon High School extended an invitation to Pastor Gjording to lecture on China to the student body in the Romblon High School Auditorium. In connection with this lecture a special program was rendered by students to show their welcome of us in their midst. Good music was rendered by the Romblon High School Orchestra, a duet was sung by High School girls, and short talks of appreciation followed.

Before Pastor Gjording left us he had the privilege of burying thirteen souls in baptism. Among these were the provincial jail keeper and his wife; also a woman whose two daughters are school teachers. We praise the Lord for what He is doing in Romblon Province.

AT THE SIGNS PRESS,

SHANGHAI

AT the close of December, 1928, it is reported that the total sales for the year have been found to total a larger sum than that attained some years ago when the distribution of "Specials" gave the House a record year. The reported total literature sales at the Chinese publishing house to December 31, 1928, were Mex. \$170,613.79. On December 31 the monthly circulation list of the Chinese *Signs* stood at 63,207. The recent issuance of "Hope of the World" gives promise of an excellent showing during 1929. The institutes soon to be held at Chiao Tou Djen and in Hankow, should tell for much during the year upon which we are entering.

C.

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

HARRY H. MORSE, *Principal*

BY the time this paper reaches most of its readers the school year of 1928-29 will be half over, and many will be formulating plans for their children for another year.

This year we have an enrollment of thirty. There are four more in the dormitory than last year at this time, and three more in the academic department. With a prospective eighth grade graduating class of five and several others who are planning to come next year the academic department will have a healthy increase.

Our students from outside of China are: Allan and Eunice Cossentine, Manchuria; James Lee, Chosen; Albert Cole, Japan; and Spencer Kime, Sumatra. Henry Kuhn attends from Nanking, Helen and Eleanor Warren from Chungking. Others in the dormitory are: Janet and Kenneth Wood, and Willis and Clarence Miller from Shanghai.

An interesting feature of the school program is "weigh day." Every Friday each of the dormitory students is weighed, and if anyone has failed to gain during the week, the following remarks may be heard: "You have been eating between meals candy sent from home;" "Some one did not go to sleep as soon as he went to bed" (eight o'clock or before). Some have gained twelve and seventeen pounds since coming to school in September.

A very valuable addition to the school equipment is the printing department. The following boys are taking printing: Albert Cole, Willis Miller, Milton Lee, James Lee, Spencer Kim, Allan Cossentine, and Clarence Miller. Each of these gets an opportunity for practical work in setting "copy" for the *OUTLOOK*. If we can add a printing press to the equipment we now have some may be able to earn a good portion of their school expenses.

Remember that the Far Eastern Academy was established for *YOUR* children. Are they reaping the benefits of systematic educational training as well as having proper association with children their own age and nationality? If you have any thought of sending your boy or girl to school here next year we should like to have you write to us immediately, that we may know how to enlarge our present almost capacity-filled accommodations.

IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

Pastor and Mrs. Meade MacGuire have been in Netherlands East Indies since mid-September, when they entered the Minnehassa district of Celebes at the port of Menado. A month of earnest labor was spent in Celebes, including institute work in Menado and at Ratahan. Brother MacGuire reports that the blessing of the Lord has attended the Celebes laborers the past year, in a marked manner.

Some time was spent later in Java, at Soerabaja, Djokjakarta, Semarang, Bandoeng, and Batavia; afterward Sumatra was visited, and Brother MacGuire gave studies at our leading centers in that island. The Malaysian field was entered at the port of Penang.

The Netherlands East Indies have long been a part of the Far Eastern Division field, and it is not easy to think of never having the privilege of greeting again in this life the dear brethren and sisters of that section. However, we may plan definitely on meeting eventually in the kingdom of glory. Let us keep faithful till Jesus comes. C.

HARVEST INGATHERING RETURNS

IN Japan the returns from Harvest Ingathering during 1928, are about the same as during 1927. The coronation ceremonies came just at the time the campaign was on, and much money had been spent in preparation, thus making our campaign doubly difficult; but the brethren persevered until they had raised as much as hitherto.

In the Philippines some returns have been realized in various missions; and plans are now being perfected for a special drive in behalf of the medical work under way at Manila. The goal of the brethren is forty-five thousand pesos.

In Shanghai the amounts raised for the city clinic of the Shanghai Sanitarium, approximate seventy thousand dollars Mex., including promise of about eight thousand to be paid in materials, and about fifteen thousand pledged but not yet paid in.

In Manchuria the brethren have gathered funds in Harbin, Dairen, Tsitsihar, and elsewhere, receiving five hundred Mex. or more in each of the places named. Ingathering in the North China Union has brought some results, chiefly in behalf of named enterprises listed in the current Budget.

YUNNAN: BEAUTIFUL FOR SITUATION

C. B. MILLER

YUNNAN-FU is situated on a large plateau not far from a lake and some beautiful hills. We were across the lake not long ago, and climbed the hillside to some old temples. Mrs. Miller and I ascended 1,200 feet above the lake (which itself is over 6,000 feet above sea-level) in about forty minutes, and found a temple chiseled right out of the side of the hill, which was solid rock. It was indeed interesting, and the view was lovely. The weather in Yunnan-fu is ideal in the summer. Since we came last March, the thermometer has not registered above ninety degrees at any time throughout the spring and summer; and we are told that it never becomes very cold in the winter.

Upon arrival in Yunnan-fu we learned of a family who had become interested in present truth through reading our denominational tracts and the Chinese *Signs*. Elder Warren held some studies with them, and soon they told him they were going to do what was right. Now three of them are keeping the Sabbath. Further, a man formerly from Szechwan, and who knows our people there, is now teaching us the language; and he is keeping the Sabbath, and requests baptism.

RUSSIAN AND MONGOLIAN STATIONS IN MANCHURIA

PASTOR B. PETERSON, in company with Pastor M. Popov, visited several of the Russian stations in Manchuria during October and November. At Hailar they met with the workers who have been assigned Mongolian territory. In Harbin, the center of Russian work in the Far Eastern Division during former years, Pastor Du has been placed in charge of a new work in behalf of the Chinese of that great center and of stations in Heilungkiang to the northward.

Two of the Russian workers assigned to labor among Mongols, have been transferred to Tung-liao-djen, in Fengtien province, where Mongolians have become settled on land permanently. It is thought that some permanent results may be gained in this portion of the Mongolian language area. These Russian workers have already been granted passports by Mukden authorities, and are now hard at work in this new district that gives promise of returns. C.

IN THE SWATOW MISSION

PASTOR S. A. NAGEL, director of the Swatow Mission, under date of November 27, reports visits to outposts of the Swatow language area. "We made one trip down the coast to Swabue," he writes of a journey made in company with Brother David Hwang; and in walking from that place where an interest is developing, they had to cross territory recently controlled by communists. They eventually passed through Hopo and found their way to Ket-yong and Swatow. Many times during this trip they preached, besides distributing about six thousand broadsides.

"Then we went up to the Fukien border," Brother Nagel continues, "and away up into Yau-ping district. Six days were taken up with walking mountain roads. The trip was not without some accidents, but the dear Lord brought us through safely. We circulated over three thousand broadsides along the way.

"Our next work was at Chao-chow-fu, to hold meetings with the baptismal class. Seven were baptized, and five others taken into the church on profession of faith. This year the total number of additions at that place, is twenty-three. A good piece of land—a corner lot—has been purchased in Chao-chow-fu for a new church building. This lot, costing eight hundred forty dollars Mex., has been paid for fully through gifts from the people, on the Harvest Ingathering plan.

"With God's good blessing, we shall go over every goal this year. At the end of October we had already scattered more literature over the Swatow field than in any previous year. We lacked only about one hundred twenty five dollars Mex. of reaching our five thousand dollars Mex. goal for literature sales. "Big Week" returns were almost twice our goal. Over eight hundred dollars Mex. was gathered (net) for Big Week. All funds for mission work for the Swatow field, have already averaged over twenty-six cents Mex. per member.

Since these trips, I have come down with dengue fever; and now, while writing these lines, I am sitting up in bed—my little typewriter standing on a table by the bedside. My head still swims from taking so much quinine, and it is not easy to collect thoughts sufficiently for writing letters."

Later.—"I have just returned from another trip to the interior. I baptized five at one station. This makes sixty-two baptisms already this year (1928), with yet others in prospect."

Biennial Session, Manila, Philippine Islands, December 20 - 29, 1928

OPENING HOURS AT THE UNION SESSION IN MANILA

C. C. CRISLER

FOLLOWING the holding of provincial meetings for Bicol and Tagalog language areas, attended by Union leaders and by Professor Griggs of the Far Eastern Division, the seventh biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission was opened in Pasay, Manila, P. I., the morning of December 20, 1928. Pastor S. E. Jackson, the Union superintendent, was in the chair. Pastor I. H. Evans, General Conference vice-president for the Far East, read the first seventeen verses of the fortieth of Isaiah, with comments on the mighty power of Jehovah, and invoked Heaven's blessing upon the assembly.

Many delegates from the four quarters of this island archipelago responded to the roll-call, and the Union Mission was declared in biennial session for the transaction of business. Standing committees were chosen, with Pastor E. M. Adams as chairman of the committee on nominations, Pastor Frederick Griggs of the committee on credentials and licenses, and Pastor J. J. Strahle of the committee on plans.

The biennial report of the Union superintendent brought afresh to the minds of all the fact that God is at work in a very special way in these islands, where less than twenty years ago the first converts were won by representatives of our faith and the first baptismal service was held. Since the organization of the Union Mission in November, 1916, the membership has increased fifteen-fold, institutions have been brought to a state of efficiency, and a literature has been developed in many of the vernaculars, in preparation for yet greater progress than has hitherto been thought possible.

The message conveyed by Brother Jackson in his biennial report, while big with net results attained and with that which strengthens confidence in God's providential leadings, was nevertheless so condensed in style as to admit of being published almost in its entirety, as given in the columns of this issue

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S BIENNIAL REPORT

S. E. JACKSON

(Synopsis of Biennial Report of Pastor S. E. Jackson, superintendent of the Philippine Union, as rendered December 21, 1928, at the opening of the seventh biennial session held at Pasay, Manila)

This report speaks for the 11,008 advent believers in this archipelago. What a sublime social meeting it will be when the faithful of this group are gathered around the throne of God, there to tell of His love and wonderful dealings with them!

GAINS AND LOSSES

Two years ago, at the time of the biennial gathering, 3,573 of these 11,008 had not united with this great movement.

Not all has been gain. Since we separated two years ago, 480 have been dropped from our records. What do the entries in the books of Heaven reveal? Why have these 480 dropped out of the race? Provision has been made whereby each of this number could have eternal life. Has somebody been negligent in his duty? Jesus died to save each of these 480. Somebody put forth real effort to win them to this unpopular truth, and now they are gone. I would that this part of the report could be omitted; but we, the workers of this mission and the representatives of the Division and of the General Conference, are here in session for the very purpose of studying conditions in the field, or improving our methods of work, and of seeking a closer walk with God.

A PERIOD OF STEADY ADVANCEMENT

The biennial period under review has been one of steady advancement, in spite of many difficulties. Our pioneer workers have been pushing out in different directions and along varied lines. Hitherto unentered islands and provinces have been occupied; more definite work for people of new tongues has been launched. In these endeavors has been seen the direct leading of God.

One real point of vantage gained has been the launching of the *Mispah* in four of our leading dialects. This paper is filling a long-felt need; and if the rank and file of our people

can only be encouraged to form the habit of reading, and of meditating and praying about what is read, we shall have gone a long way in stopping leaks in our membership. God is just as able to keep His children in the narrow way as He is to cause them to leave their old life of sin.

Another milepost in our history has been established with the opening of the medical work. Long has this movement been struggling without its right arm; but in His love and providence our God has added this member to our body. The work is too new to say much about results, though we do know that many friends have been won, and that the truth for this time has been brought to the attention of many who otherwise might perhaps never have heard of this message for our day. Were it possible for every one of these 11,008 believers to express individually their sentiments in regard to the medical work, we feel confident the Doctor and his associates would feel assured of a royal welcome. We are fully expecting that the medical department will be given the same co-operation that has been given other departments.

PHILIPPINE JUNIOR COLLEGE

In our educational work we talk much about vocational training; and it is with a degree of satisfaction that we have watched developments along this line in our Junior College, regarding which a detailed report will be given by another. The Philippine Junior College is doing excellent work, and is contributing in many ways to the advancement and stabilizing of our members and workers. Notwithstanding efforts put forth to secure new buildings, the Junior College is still housed in its cramped and unsuitable quarters, which are badly in need of repair. Before this body separates, definite steps must be taken looking toward remedying this situation in some practical way.

DEPARTMENTAL ADVANCE

A real interest is developing in church schools. Very encouraging developments have been made. Our summer school is established, and is here to stay and grow year by year as the demands for teachers increase. God has blessed in the stand taken by us in the matter of following the light given regarding our educational work at this time.

Before this meeting closes you shall hear just how many of the 3,573 of net gain in membership during the last biennial period, have been won by various departments

REPORTS OF PROGRESS IN THE PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION

of our mission, including the publishing and the home missionary departments. We would indeed be crippled and handicapped without the aid of our publishing work; and while we have perhaps not seen the growth in sales that we would have liked to see, we do thank God for the souls won through the medium of the printed page. The major portion of our colporteurs feel a real burden of soul for the unsaved, and earnestly endeavor in their work not only to sell books, but to leave a godly influence behind them, in order that as the Canaanite of old was reminded of Abraham's God by the altars he built, even so when Seventh-day Adventist books are seen, godly colporteurs may come to the minds of the beholders.

I like the slogan, "*We won the war!*" Just so it is that God's work is to be finished in the earth. It will be by the co-operation of various departments working as a united whole. The Sabbath school work, the young people's work, the home missionary work,—all these and many other agencies contribute definitely and constructively toward the attainment of our supreme aim. We could not thrive with even one department lacking. Surely we must plan to give these departments more help and attention than ever before.

RE-ENFORCEMENTS AND INCREASED FACILITIES

Our field has been blessed with several new arrivals this year, in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. Hall and family; Brother and Sister Millard, and the Nurses Jeys. We welcome these workers each and all, and do thank God for their timely help.

A few much needed buildings have been erected since our last gathering, thanks to our brethren abroad who have made these possible. Northern Luzon released her building fund in favor of West Visaya some time ago; and now Northern Luzon, as well as Southern Luzon, are much in need of permanent buildings for their headquarters.

BY FAITH WE ADVANCE

Said faithful Christian to his companion Hopeful, "*Sleep not: know you not we are on the Enchanted Ground, of which the gardener warned us?*" These words have been repeated by the servant of God, and apply with solemn exactness to this little company of men and women assembled.

We dare not slumber for one moment. The enemy is abroad in the land. Our position and methods of labor are being spied out. Forces long dormant are organizing to oppose; but, thank God, "Our Rock is not as their rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." Deuteronomy 32:31.

For the watchcare and protection that has been over us during the biennial period, and for the spirit of co-operation and helpfulness manifested by all our workers, I do feel extremely thankful, and with you wish to dedicate all to God for the finishing of His work in the earth.

THE FIRST SABBATH OF THE SESSION

THE Lord met with His people at Pasay, Manila, on December 23, the first Sabbath of the Philippine Union session. Early in the morning the delegates observed in their own temporary quarters the hour of worship. At 8:30 the Sabbath school opened, continuing until ten. The forenoon discourse was given by Pastor I. H. Evans, who spoke on the experience that may be attained by every Christian, as illustrated and emphasized by the apostle Paul in the third chapter of his epistle to the Philippian believers. The entire congregation united in reconsecration. It was a blessed hour. Fresh resolutions were formed. Many determined to forget those things which are behind, and to reach forth unto those things which are before, pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The afternoon hour was a time of rejoicing before the Lord. Professor Frederick Griggs led, reading from the Psalms; and ministers in different parts of the congregation conducted the testimony meeting in sections. The Sabbath was closed with a season of earnest prayer. It was a good day throughout. The Lord had met with us, and had given us fresh revelations of grace divine. Hearts were united, and there was a spirit on the part of all to press together as one, and to bring into our Union session a spirit of harmony and of full fellowship as workers of one heart, one mind, and the one abiding purpose of finishing the Lord's work in these islands in this our day.

THE EVENING SERVICES

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GRIGGS led in the evening services at the biennial session in Manila, during the first half of the meeting, dwelling especially on the bestowal of the Holy Spirit for service. The later services evening by evening were led by Pastor C. K. Meyers, secretary of the General Conference, and he stressed themes of practical godliness, with illustrations drawn from his many contacts with our work and workers throughout the world. These evening meetings led by Brethren Griggs and Meyers brought instruction, comfort, and inspiration to all, and were one of the outstanding features of a session replete with spiritual uplift. In well-nigh every service, including all the business meetings, God has visited His children anew in the Philippine Islands. C.

A SEVENTH BIENNIAL PERIOD

WHEN the first biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission was held, in November, 1916, less than eight hundred baptized believers were to be found in the entire archipelago. Twelve years later when we met once more as delegates to the seventh biennial session, upwards of eleven thousand were reported. In facing the coming two years—the seventh biennial period of this organized Union Mission—the brethren and sisters plan definitely on having thirteen thousand baptized believers by the time of the next General Conference session, and as nearly fifteen thousand as possible by the time we shall meet two years hence, at the Manila headquarters in December of 1930.

Surely God is blessing those who plan for large advances in the cause of God. It seems well-nigh incredible to think in terms of a net gain of two thousand baptized believers a year in the Philippines for the years 1929 and 1930; yet this is little more in proportion than has been attained hitherto. Let us pray that the faith of our brethren and sisters in these islands may be sustained and strengthened, and that they may attain their highest hopes in the winning of souls. C.

Manila, P. I. Dec. 23.

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FAR EASTERN DIVISION—GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS
STATISTICAL SUMMARY—INCLUDING PROVINCIAL MISSIONS—Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1928

*All monetary values in
U. S. Gold*

Name of Union Missions and Provincial Missions	No. of Mission Stations	No. of Mission Outstations	No. of Organized Churches	Baptized Members Sept. 30, 1928	Baptisms June to Sept. 30, 1928		Net gain during three months, minus sign Loss	No. Church Bldgs. owned by Mission	No. of Ordained Ministers	No. of Licensed Ministers	No. of Licensed Missionaries	No. Colporteurs	Total No. of Foreign Laborers	Total No. of Native Laborers	Total No. of Lab. trs both Foreign and Native	Foreign Tithes Received June to Sept. 30, + 1928 (gold)	NATIVE Tithes Received Mar. to Sept. 30, 1928 (gold)	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings Mar. to Sept. 30, 1928	No. of CHURCH SCHOOLS	Total enrollment of Church Schools	
					June to Sept. 30, 1928	Net gain during three months, minus sign Loss																	
PHILIPPINE UNION	5	303	178	10,661	277	323	102	23	55	79	123	31	290	291	\$ 538.83	\$8,594.20	270	9,770	2,385.26	24	1,077		
Northern Luzon Mission		49	23	1,598	13	13	15	3	4	14	24		55	55		825.07		47	1,577	221.77	4	150	
East Visayan Mission	1	73	31	2,128	68	161		3	8	18	20	2	40	42		1,489.07		62	2,011	331.31	3	173	
West Visayan Mission	1	86	45	2,970	130	120	38	3	4	19	13	2	41	43		1,715.27		61	2,520	407.89	5	227	
Central Luzon Conference	1	89	71	3,760	71	34	49	8	15	7	6	1	109	110		4,268.63		89	3,378	1,265.13	12	280	
Southern Luzon Mission	1	6	6	905		-5		3	2	5	5	2	15	17		296.18		11	211	140.36			
Union Mission	1							3	2	16	1	24		24		838.63					1	247	
CHOSEN UNION	4	4	21	1,952	55	41	83	15	39	86	48	28	170	198	663.80	1,178.23	115	5,233	900.76	29	1,429		
West Chosen Mission	1	11	10	723	13	40	39	3	8	25	8		47	47		390.86		41	2,222	369.71	16	548	
Central Chosen Mission	1	14	5	617	40	54	20	3	5	14	18		41	41		412.15		34	1,488	314.20	7	326	
South Chosen Mission	1	16	4	521	2	27	19	2	10	11	19	4	36	40		248.72		32	1,174	178.21	3	170	
Union Mission	1	4	2	88			5	7	6	36	3	21	46	70	663.80	126.52	8	357	38.11	3	885		
JAPAN UNION	5	20	12	503	31	51	7	12	17	8	19	25	44	69	470.63	2,994.99	22	707	778.62	3	58		
Kyushu Mission		3	2	46	5	25	1	1	1		3		5	5		96.97		3	5	60.67			
Chugoku Mission		3	1	88	4	4	1	2	2	1	5		10	10		350.95		3	9	168.70			
Kansai Mission	1	5	3	121	5	5	1	3	3		4	2	9	11		255.65		5	14	104.83			
Kanto Mission	3	6	4	279	12	12	3	1	7	6	3	13	11	24		2,135.33		7	32	382.53			
Tokai Mission		1	1	31	1	1	1	2	1		1	1	3	4		41.06		2	5	28.11			
Hokkaido Mission	1	2	1	28	4	4		1	3		2	8	4	7		64.03		2	31	33.78			
Union Mission								2		1	1	6	2	8	470.63	48.00					3	58	
MANCHURIAN UNION	3	12	16	359	49	52	3	4	4	19	18	11	56	67	274.77	282.22	14	44	186.41	6	124		
Fengt'en Mission	1	7	7	241	38	38	2		2	8	10	1	35	36		156.95		9	25	120.58	4	61	
Kirin Mission	1	5	3	118	11	14	1	1	1	6	5	3	17	20		110.11		6	17	55.15	1	36	
Hei'ungkiang Mission	1							1			2		3	3		15.16		1	1	10.38			
Union Mission								2	1	5	1	7	1	8	274.77						1	24	
CENTRAL CHINA UNION	5	70	35	1,651	144	76	24	12	23	72	33	37	147	174	992.23	788.32	82	2,077	498.76	16	325		
Hunan Mission	1	27	17	689	70	8	8	4	8	17	8	9	52	61		265.99		27	77	172.81	6	100	
Hunan Mission	1	19	6	454	24	-22	10	2	10	21	12	6	40	46		248.09		23	53	127.08	3	62	
Hupeh Mission	1	15	7	346	36	46	4	2	1	17	6	2	33	35		130.07		18	44	129.41	2	50	
Kiangsi Mission	1	8	3	111	14	14	1	2	3	8	6	4	14	23		124.45		10	26	60.08	4	88	
Shensi Mission	1	1	2	5				2	5	1	9	1	16	16	992.23			4	61	6.38	1	35	
Union Mission								2	5	7	14	11	15	30	45	300.00	326.41	17	48	127.51	10	264	
NORTH CHINA UNION—Est.	2	10	5	438				1	1	2	2	4	4	6	10		151.70		11	25	38.99	6	156

Hupeh Mission	1	19	7	346	30	40	4	2	1	17	6	2	33	35	130.07	10	41	129.41	2	50
Kiangsi Mission	1	8	3	111	14	14	1	2	3	8	6	4	19	23	124.45	10	26	60.08	4	88
Shensi Mission	1	1	2	1	30	30	2	5	1	9	1	16	3	8	19.72	4	61	9.38	1	25
Union Mission															992.23					
NORTH CHINA UNION-Est.	2	10	5	438			2	5	7	14	11	15	30	45	300.00			326.41		
Shantung Mission	1	5	2	215			1	1	2	2	4	4	6	10				151.70		
Ch h'i Mission	1	5	3	223			1	2	3	5	6	2	22	24				117.35		
Union Mission							2	2	2	7	1	9	2	11	300.00			57.30		
SOUTH CHINA UNION	8	94	42	2,124	78	42	23	21	62	101	27	38	233	271	887.68			1,204.33		
Cantonese Mission	3	19	9	464	17		2	6	20	27	6	10	57	67	4.23			439.60		
Hakka Mission	1	25	8	583	17		5	5	10	26		4	34	38				204.14		
Kwangsi Mission	1	9	5	195			1	2	5	10	6	6	33	39				100.00		
North Fukien Mission	1	15	7	343	6		2	5	1	16	10	5	4	44	48			101.44		
South Fukien Mission	1	12	5	336	6		4	4	4	8	4	4	36	40				213.26		
Swatow Mission	1	14	8	201	32	34	6	2	6	15	4	4	23	32	8.05			138.89		
Union Mission								1	1	5	2	6	1	7	875.40			9.00		
WEST CHINA UNION	5	16	8	378	44	41	5	9	4	31	3	20	42	62	491.27			153.99		
East Szechwan Mission	1	7	5	194	22	21	3	2	1	7	1	2	18	20	30.19			65.02		
West Szechwan Mission	1	4	1	55	1					2	5	7			47.15			48.57		
Tibetan Mission			1	5					2				4	1	5	165.31				
West Kweichow Mission	1	5	1	119	21	20	2	1		7	1		15	15				40.40		
Yunnan Mission	1			5					1	4		4	1	5	79.96					
Union Mission								2	2	5	1	8	2	10	168.6					
EAST CHINA UNION	5	85	42	2,040	120	119	12	13	16	46	20	23	103	126	1,102.69			1,077.17		
Anhui Mission	1	18	6	481	2	7	3	5	3	22	2	4	32	37				163.29		
Kiangsu Mission	3	27	21	1,113	91	86	3	3	10	11	13	3	31	31	377.68			781.19		
South Chekiang Mission	1	40	15	446	27	20	6	1	3	5	4	6	37	43				130.69		
Union Mission								4		8	1	10	2	12	725.61					
HEADQUARTERS								12	3	63	1	67	126	193	2,278.03					
MALAYSIAN UNION	12	62	44	2,635	225	227	15	23	38	91	37	54	228	282	1,430.32			6,231.12		
British North Borneo	1	7	7	309	53	58	9	1	6	5		2	18	20	90.51			228.16		
Celebes Mission	1	14	3	564	30	30		2	1	17	0	4	25	29	62.95			1,908.46		
Batakland (Cent Sumatra)	1	6	1	89		5			1	1		2	10	12	54.37			107.76		
East Java	1	6	6	429	65	51	1	3	7	8	18	5	41	46	154.10			1,078.16		
Malay States	2	3	3	226			1		4	3	14	2	24	26	144.51			250.80		
North Sumatra	1	2	2	53	3	3		1	3	3		2	5	7	45.93			162.40		
Siam	1	2	1	111	10	7		2	4	5	3	4	12	16	54.16			163.58		
Singapore Mission	1	1	4	292	19	13	1	1	2	4		2	9	11	601.50			988.50		
South Sumatra Mission	1	3	3	114	10	12	1	2	2	3	1	2	8	10	72.08			348.28		
West Java Mission	2	18	14	448	43	43	2	3	5	20	6	6	44	50	150.21			1,894.72		
General								7	4	22	16	23	32	55						
SUNGARI-MONGOLIAN MISSION	1		3	475	17	16		1		18	1	2	17	19	359.08			531.70		
DIVISION TOTALS, SE. T. 30, 1928	55	717	400	23,309	1050	1007	276	162	243	628	371	351	1,456	1,807	10,119.36			23,452.70		
" " " 1927	54	576	338	21,037	863	585	256	142	252	613	344	317	1,403	1,720	10,545.91			20,183.79		
" " " 1926	46	494	287	18,528	967	792	237	122	242	517	365	315	1,474	1,789	8,363.92			16,950.87		
" " " 1925	49	351	261	16,315	793	710	210	132	216	492	316	309	1,320	1,629	8,614.93			15,108.16		
" " " 1924	43	385	219	14,124	677	703	163	110	195	404	233	233	1,033	1,316	6,565.05			12,282.69		
" " " 1923	46	343	235	12,077	818	415	91	110	194	389	200	286	909	1,283	5,152.19			9,821.61		

Statistical Report — 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 ORDAINED MINISTERS		9 LICENSED MINISTERS		10 LICENSED MISSIONARIES		11 BIBLE WOMEN (not including column 10)		12 Other Foreign Women (Unlicensed)	13 BOOK AND PERIODICAL CANVASSERS		
							Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native		Foreign	Native	
1	Philippine Union	5	303	178	10661	277	7	16	2	33	18	61	21	1	1	122		
2	Chosen Union	4	45	21	1952	55	6	9	3	26	19	67	4	2	1	47		
3	Japan Union	5	20	12	593	31	3	9	4	13	5	3		13	1	18		
4	Manchurian Union	3	12	10	359	49	3	1	3	1	5	14	2		1	17		
5	Central China Union	5	70	35	1654	144	5	7	12	16	20	52	12		1	32		
6	North China Union (Est.)	2	10	5	438		2	3	4	3	9	5	1	4	1	10		
7	South China Union	8	94	42	2124	78	10	11	7	55	21	80	27		1	26		
8	West China Union	5	16	8	378	44	5	4	3	1	12	19	5		1	2		
9	East China Union	5	85	42	2040	120	7	6	2	14	14	32	1	23	1	19		
10	Division Headquarters						11	1	3		56	7			1			
11	Malaysian Union	12	62	44	2635	235	19	4	7	31	26	65	2		1	66		
12	Sungari-Mongolian Mission	1		3	475	17	1				1	17			1			
13	TOTALS, 3rd quarter 1928	55	717	400	23309	1050	79	71	50	193	206	422	4	98	16	359		
14	<i>The totals given below for third quarter of preceding years reveal the growth year by year</i>																	
15	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1927	54	576	333	21037	863	80	62	46	206	179	434	5	94	12	332		
16	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1926	46	494	287	18528	967	78	54	42	205	182	390	8	92	12	352		
17	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1925	49	351	261	16315	793	80	52	42	174	174	318	73	10	13	303		
18	Totals, 3rd Quarter 1924	43	385	210	14124	677	73	37	39	156	160	244	7	72	10	217		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38					
	Average Attendance S. S.	S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions for First Twelve Sabbaths	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Total S. S. Offerings for Quarter including Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Retail Value of Periodical Sales (including Subscriptions)	Value of Book Sales (on Basis of Retail Price)	Total Retail Value of Book, Tract, and Periodical Sales (All Literature)	No. of Church Buildings Owned by Mission	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools Conducted	Enrollment Church Schools	Number of Intermediate Schools					
1	8180	\$ 1831.13	\$ 535.33	\$ 2366.46	\$ 1551.49	\$ 6037.17	\$ 6455.89	102	\$ 27150.00	10965	19	791	5					
2	4191	744.89	155.87	900.76	2091.62	1326.77	3420.29	83	28586.00	8605	28	1254						
3	437	540.22	238.40	778.62	1194.23	3015.71	4209.94	7	8700.00	950	1	8						
4	324	153.20	33.21	186.41	1591.40	190.92	2982.32	3	4250.00	550	5	100						
5	1734	374.24	124.52	498.76	2843.76	1037.47	4175.86	24	12812.00	2750	16	325						
6				127.51				2	11500.00	900	9	204	1					
7	2351	656.81	143.89	800.70	2545.51	3386.37	5931.88	23	23095.00	4190	31	1049	2					
8	533	230.23	30.65	260.88	172.08	139.78	311.86	5	4605.00	750	9	140						
9	2657	748.65	130.03	861.68	1418.91	466.68	1883.59	12	26000.00	2450	16	565	3					
10											1	20						
11	3229	1336.34	639.30	1975.64	1720.26	4658.69	7078.39	15	50424.17	1895	29	2053						
12	333	306.53	121.92	428.45	113.20	483.79	596.99				1	26						
13	24029	6922.24	2136.12	9185.87	15342.46	2003.35	37049.01	276	197122.17	34005	165	6535	11					
14	<i>Totals, Third quarter 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924 given below</i>																	
15	20364	5583.50	1604.06	7182.57	13438.63	42165.70	57604.60	256	235407.55	33180	149	5138	1					
16	20355	5612.28	1483.67	7095.96	23308.27	24309.71	54644.49	237	184909.08	33040	182	6198	10					
17	19317	4672.13	1222.94	5895.07	17302.66	30471.68	53003.04	210	175283.50	27780	180	6282	12					
18	16320	4288.40	1187.06	5475.46	9032.72	17910.81	32157.44	163	107443.04	21920	148	4691	9					

Mission for Quarter Ending September 30, 1928

Number of Mission	14 MEDICAL WORKERS (including those licensed)		15 OTHER WORKERS (not elsewhere listed)	16 TOTAL LABORERS (net total)		17 TITHE RECEIPTS (U. S. GOLD)			18 Tithe Per Capita	19 Total offerings Foreign Missions Excepting S. S. and Y. P. M. S. as noted Columns 27, 51	20 Total Contributions Home Mission Work Exclusive of Harvest Ingathering and Sustentation Funds	21 Total Receipts, Harvest Ingathering Work	22 Total Contributions for Local Church Work not included in Columns Nos. 20 and 21	23 Number of Sabbath-Schools	24 Membership Sabbath-Schools	
	Foreign	Native	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Total tithe Receipts (Foreign and Native)								
1	4		35	31	260	\$ 838.83	\$ 8594.20	\$ 9433.03	\$ 302.74	76.75	305.00	19.86	270	9701		
2	2	6	19	28	170	663.80	1178.25	1842.05	556.13			819.58	115	5231		
3	1	1		25	44	470.63	2994.99	3465.62					22	700		
4			12	11	56	274.77	282.22	556.99		96.32	906.74	35.66	16	446		
5	3	8	17	37	147	992.23	788.32	1780.56		425.67	4.65	330.94	2.23	82	2078	
6			5	15	30	300.00	326.41	626.41						17	483	
7	7	21	32	38	233	887.68	1294.33	2182.01		742.14	376.37	164.75	17.96	94	3062	
8	1	1	12	20	42	491.27	153.99	645.26		23.39	.33		2.91	25	573	
9			4	23	103	1102.69	1077.17	2179.86		88.20				102	3294	
10	11	38	80	67	126	2278.06		2278.06								
11	2	4	64	54	228	1430.32	6231.12	7661.44		804.13	224.40	8084.12	599.12	83	3291	
12			2	17	389.08	531.70	920.78		181.32	98.58				9	409	
13	31	79	280	351	456	10119.36	23452.70	33571.07		3220.04	78.08	9796.55	1497.32	835	29268	
14																
15	20	55	267	317	1403	10545.91	20183.79	30729.70		1562.46	404.54	2979.63	1419.17	697	24461	
16	24	72	290	315	1474	8353.95	16950.87	25314.80		4003.62	306.10	9582.59	728.86	677	24890	
17	25	44	312	309	1320	8614.93	15108.16	23727.09		3941.59	153.44	2959.40	809.74	610	23518	
18	16	25	207	283	1033	6595.05	12282.69	18877.74		1064.29	414.17	6193.15	980.28	530	19938	
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								
1	39	1	247	1077	5	8	13	1	37	\$ 1375.26	\$ 719.00	72	1178			
2		1	175	1429	2	1	56	6	65	25481.44	4251.10	35	1104			
3		2	50	54	2	3	5	2	12	30000.00	5000.00					
4		1	24	124	1	1	4	5	10	9830.00	159.67	7	178			
5				325			20	2	22	10000.00						
6	60			264	1	1	11	3	14	21350.00	161.15	13	297			
7	120	1	120	1289	2	5	36	25	68	31572.00	3153.00	14	578			5 50
8				140			6	3	9		90.05					
9	127			692	1	3	27	8	37	3800.00		12	554			10.97
10	10	1	800	830	6	5	5		16							
11		1	47	2100	5	7	34	32	78	64943.10	5935.29	14	540	2.00		52.9
12											205.16	5	107	5.52	17.70	
13	356	8	1463	8354	25	34	217	97	368	198351.80	19674.32	172	5136	7.52	29.10	295.54
14																
15	304	6	599	6206	24	39	178	98	333	184108.23	16014.10	107	3178	65.83	3.38	8.65
16	572	5	679	7449	31	37	231	108	407	255317.02	26193.70	141	4119	14.38	20.06	132.75
17	763	5	883	7923	30	35	276	79	420	129905.54	26708.26	149	4140	43.20	35.28	115.43
18	645	5	970	6306	25	34	231	61	351	121940.12	16244.20	108	3884	21.35	2.27	45.96

The Sabbath School Department—Far Eastern Division Mission

Report of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department

For Quarter Ending September 30, 1928

Conference or Mission	Number Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Birthday Offering	Investment F'd Offering	12 Sabbaths Offering	13 Sabbath Offering	Total Offering to Missions
Central China Union	82	2 078	1 734	\$ 4 18	....	\$ 370 07½	\$ 124 51	\$ 498 76½
Chosen Union	115	5 231	4 191	36 00	2 55	732 94	120 51	853 45
East China Union	102	3 294	2 657	1 50	112 69	627 52	112 30½	854 01½
Japan Union	22	700	497	14 76	20 24	505 22	238 40	778 62
Malaysian Union	83	3 291	3 229	16 29	....	1 320 05	639 30	1 975 64
Manchurian Union	16	446	292	82	....	152 82	33 21	186 85
North China Union	17	483	344	1 01½	....	113 38½	13 04½	127 51½
Philippine Union	270	9 701	8 180	157 92	....	1 640 15	535 33	2 366 43
South China Union	94	3 062	2 351	16 53	....	598 64	118 89	734 06
Sungari-Mongolian Union	9	409	333	8 77	27 62	270 14	121 99	428 52
West China Union	25	573	533	51 90½	....	178 33	30 65	260 88½
Total	835	29 268	24 341	\$309 69	\$163 10	\$6 509 27	2 088 14	\$9 064 75

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

Observations on the Report Third Quarter of 1928

MRS. EVANS

MAKING up the quarterly report is always an interesting time in the Sabbath school offices in Shanghai. Always we are so anxious for *growth*, for *complete* reports, for *correct* reports, for *prompt* reports! Often it is a cause of surprise that so many things can happen to a report to keep it from a "perfect" mark. Reports from eleven union missions are represented in the figures given on page 12. Of course we are glad to say that the following were given an OK on our little slip marked "Correction Notes on the Third Quarter's Reports:"

Central China Manchuria
East China North China
Japan Malaysia
 West China

This means that the reports from these union missions had no mistakes in the simple matter of addition; the offerings had been made up correctly, and according to the instruction clearly printed on each blank; and the total offerings in each instance agreed with the treasurer's reports

from their respective missions. These seem like simple matters; but we shall count it a red letter day when, on these points, every report for a given quarter is correct, and the sheet marked "Correction Notes" is blank.

Two or three items of special interest may be mentioned in connection with the union mission reports:

Compare the Birthday Offering from Central China with that of West China. Central China has a membership of more than two thousand and a Birthday Offering of \$4.18; while West China, with only slightly more than one fourth that membership, has a Birthday Offering of \$51.90! Are birthdays unrecognized in some sections of our great field? It would almost seem so, if we did not remember certain frosted cakes and shining candles. It is all right to remember the birthdays of those we love with little festivals of joy, but every added birthday should surely call forth a corresponding thank offering for missions. Such offerings from many birthdays will make a substantial sum.

Notice the membership in the Philippines—surely it will be ten

thousand and more by the close of the year. The total offering is the largest received from any union mission; but the per capita offering is slightly less than on former occasions, and considerably below the goal, being only .017 (gold) for this quarter. We recommend the Investment Fund plan to the Philippines!

Chosen, with its 5231 members has 314 in Home Division Sabbath schools. This means work on the part of the secretary, and faithful shepherding of the absent ones. Malaysia, with a membership of 3291, has only 13 members in its Home Division. Japan with only 700 members, has 111 in its Home Division. Some of the unions have *no* Home Division members. One of these, but we shall not tell which one, has an average attendance only slightly in excess of *half* of its membership. It would seem as if there were room for good Home Division work there.

These notes are not given in the spirit of criticism, but emphasize the fact that these Sabbath school quarterly reports are not simply cold figures. They are living, vital. Read them, study them, and do your part, each in your place, to make them register *advance* in 1929.

THE INVESTMENT PLAN

EFFIE A. JAMES

CO-LABORERS throughout the Far Eastern Division will be interested to know that after a considerable degree of procrastination, the East Shanghai Sabbath school has entered systematically upon the promotion of the Investment Plan. In fact, it was while the refugees were here in 1927, that the idea began to germinate and take root. From that time on, little by little the plan has been growing in favor, until at the present time the members of our large Sabbath school at division headquarters are definitely committed to systematic promotion of this phase of departmental endeavor.

It was a pleasure to attend the program on Investment Fund Day in the East Shanghai Sabbath school. A good program had been prepared, and its parts were very well presented; but it was not the program itself that aroused the special interest of the members on this occasion. The program was held on the 22nd of December, as the following Sabbath, being the closing Sabbath of the year, held interests of its own that were not to be interfered with. Toward the close of the regular Sabbath school hour, we noticed an increasing number of small red earthenware containers at the right of the platform. At first there were only a few, but as the members of the various departments returned for the closing part of the program, the containers grew more numerous, as one by one they were brought in by the faithful members of the school. When all were assembled, the superintendent introduced the matter of the Investment Fund, and there followed a short talk by the union Sabbath school secretary outlining various phases of the plan.

An offering was next taken up, in order that those who had not had a special part in the Investment Fund during the year, might have opportunity to contribute something toward the fund when the final count should be made. After that, the church treasurer, the Sabbath school secretaries, and the ushers removed the containers to another room where the funds were counted. Opportunity was then given for those contributing toward this fund to report to the school the methods employed in raising funds for this purpose. This part of the program proved most interesting of all; for it was a privilege and a pleasure to hear how the Lord had blessed the

efforts of those who did what they could to increase the stream of funds flowing missionwards.

Some sold old papers, the proceeds from this going into the Sabbath school Investment Fund. One Chinese member, having been hard put to it to find a way to fulfil his purpose of doing something for the fund, decided upon the plan of placing his little earthenware container in a conspicuous place in his home, where every caller would be sure to see it. To his friends he explained the purpose of the fund, and invited them to have a part in the good work by making a donation to the cause represented by the little red jar. This method netted a good donation, and adds one more to the long list of "means" for raising money for missions.

One member and his brother agreed upon a line of self-denial which involved the sacrifice of a part of their daily food. I was brought to realize the comparative weakness of our efforts by witnessing the testimony of joy which this brother bore, who had considered the promotion of the Master's work more than his "necessary food."

Some sold papers; others, books, flowers, cards, and candy; and all came with rejoicing as the Investment Fund for the quarter was taken up. The total amount for this initial effort in the East Shanghai Sabbath school amounted to \$145.20 Mex. It is planned that each succeeding quarter shall register additional offerings from this group, during the coming year,

A SABBATH SCHOOL RALLY SONG

BERTHA SHANKS CHANEY

ON the first Sabbath of the general meeting held in Pasay, Manila, in December, the needs of the great mission fields were set before this large, representative gathering of Filipinos.

It was stated that the Sabbath schools of our denomination now support with their offerings fully half of the enormous missionary program which is being carried on by Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world, and urgent appeals were made that the Philippine Union should do its share.

A banner of black and gold was hung in the front part of the crowded college where the Sabbath school

was held; on it appeared the new slogan adopted by the general department at the Autumn Council in Springfield, Massachusetts:

"No retreat from the mission fields."

A rally song had been arranged for the occasion, the words being set to a marching tune borrowed from "Revival Hymns." The verses were sung by the six secretaries of the Union, and the audience was asked to join them in singing the chorus. There was a fine response, and a swelling volume of song arose from the packed congregation.

During the singing of the last verse, the congregation rose to the swing of the music, and it was heartening to hear the roll of the chorus as all united in singing the words with earnest enthusiasm.

This rally song, which is given below, will be translated into five dialects and taken by the secretaries back to their home schools, where we hope it will help to arouse renewed zeal in pressing toward our goals.

RALLY SONG

*Hark to the sound of voices!
List to the tramp of feet!
Hark to the mighty army
Treading the busy street!
Nearer it comes and nearer,
Singing a glad refrain.
Hear what they say on the Sabbath Day
To the sound of a martial strain.*

Chorus:

*Marching beneath our banner;
Working toward our goal;
Trusting in Him who saves us;
Seeking to win a soul.
Singing the song of vict'ry,
Loudly the chorus rings:
There is no retreat from the mission fields
When the people their offerings bring.*

*Out of the mist of error,
Out of the realms of night,
Out of the pride of learning
Seeking to find the light,
Out of the strife for power
Out of the greed for gold,
Forward we go t'ward our mission goals,
With a message that ne'er grows old.*

*On then, ye faithful workers,
On to your home above!
Yours is the truth and glory,
Yours is the power of love.
Here are you trained for service,
Yonder you'll see your King;
March to the light 'neath the banner bright
With the songs that you love to sing.*

In Central China

THE HUNAN ANNUAL MEETING

N. F. BREWER

(Changsha, September 28 to October 6, 1928)

THREE years have passed since the workers and believers of the Hunan Mission have had the privilege of gathering together in an annual meeting. It was a good sight to see nearly two hundred in attendance at the general meeting held this fall. Many of the workers remarked that this meeting was one of the best ever held in Hunan. The people seemed to be hungry for messages from the Bible, and the Lord came very near.

The past two years have been years of war, banditry, and communistic activity. Bolshevism gained a strong foot-hold in this province, and the anti-Christian spirit was manifested in no uncertain way. Many of our chapels have been occupied by soldiers, unions, and political bureaus. Some of the workers have been imprisoned and one was condemned to die. However, the Lord delivered them, and they are stronger to-day for their experience. Their testimonies of deliverances deepened our faith in the One who watches over His children.

During the spring of 1928, conditions improved, and foreigners and Chinese were able to itinerate. District meetings were held in many places. Up to the time of our meeting, a total of thirty-three had been baptized; twenty-four more were baptized during the meeting, making a total of fifty-seven baptisms for the first nine months of 1928. The present membership is four hundred fifty-four.

For the first eight months of 1928 the church members' tithe amounted to \$392.48 (Mex.). In 1927 the total tithe received from members for the entire year was only \$131.82. Thus there is an increase over last year of about 200%.

The Lord has blessed the literature work in this province. Brother E. L. Longway and native field men have worked hard; the sales for the year 1927 were \$224.85 (Mex.); for the first eight months of 1928, \$3,231.69 (Mex.) of literature was sold.

The Sabbath school membership has grown from 399 in 1927 to 538 in 1928.

We have three foreign families located in Changsha at present. Pastor C. H. Davis is the director,

Brother A. N. Bierkle the treasurer, and Professor G. G. Hamp the educational and young peoples' missionary volunteer departmental secretary.

The workers in Hunan are of good courage and have gone back to their work with renewed determination. All have reconsecrated their lives to the finishing of the work in Hunan. Professor Griggs gave excellent help, as did also Pastor E. H. James, and Brother E. L. Longway. Remember this war-torn, bandit-ridden province in your prayers, that a little time of peace may be given, so this Message may be sounded forth with no uncertain tone.

HUPEH GENERAL MEETING

S. L. FROST

THE Hupeh general meeting was the last of the series of provincial meetings held in the Central China Union during 1928. It was also the first meeting of its kind held in Hupeh in the past three years. Workers, thirty-eight in number, and delegates from most of the churches, were in attendance, with local and union mission foreign leaders.

The director, Brother Graham, with the treasurer, departmental leaders, and workers, gave reports revealing progress, and also God's protection and prospering hand during this critical period.

Unsettled conditions in the field, warfare, persecution, and subversive doctrines, were responsible in 1927 for a loss to the Hupeh churches of one hundred members, and in addition about twenty-five were dropped owing to deaths and removals. This great loss has largely been made up, twenty-five having been added by baptism in 1927, and seventy-eight more up to November 30, 1928. Several are still awaiting baptism.

During the present year evangelists have been located in fifteen regular stations, and in addition there have been companies of believers meeting on Sabbath in seven other places. New work has been opened in eight places where the mission provides only worker and salary, while rents and sundries have been furnished by believers and interested people. In four of these eight new places, thirty new believers have been added to the church during the past few months.

During the first ten months of 1928, the church members have scattered in that field 248,100 Scripture

portions, and 100,000 tracts. The publishing department, utilizing but six colporteurs from January to November, sold \$9,231.57 (Mex.) worth of literature, thus far surpassing the former best year's sales. Six thousand annual subscriptions have been taken for the *Signs* magazine.

Educational work has been almost at a standstill the past two years, one elementary school only being in operation. However, the Hankow school has just been reopened for girls only, there being about thirty now in attendance. Two or three new elementary schools are soon to be open by the mission, and there are five or six independent self-supporting schools being conducted by our people throughout the province.

The educational and young people's work is to receive special attention from this time forward. Brother C. A. Carter, the Union educational and missionary volunteer secretary, was also elected to this same position in the Hupeh province; and Mr. Hu, a teacher in the Hankow school, is to join him as assistant leader in these departments.

An excellent spirit prevailed. Instruction on various lines of church work and spiritual uplift was given by Brother Brewer, the Union superintendent, and Brethren Graham, Carter, Strickland, James, and Longway, together with Miss Thompson, Dr. Butka, leading Chinese workers, and the writer. All departments were promoted. The workers set soul-winning goals aggregating two hundred fifty-six souls to be won during the year 1929. The workers and delegates entered heartily into the plan of opening schools for our church members, that all members may become literate, able to read the Word of God for themselves.

The Sabbath school received proper attention, and goals were set in this and other lines of endeavor. The workers, delegates, and believers present unanimously voted to join the world field in the annual Week of Sacrifice plan, and the last Sabbath gave an offering amounting to \$670 for this fund. Ofttimes the question of tithes and offerings was emphasized.

On the last Friday of the meeting, twenty new believers were baptized and added to the church.

We join in prayer to the God of the harvest that His blessing may be upon the labors of workers and believers as they go forth anew to give the "everlasting gospel" to the millions of people in the Hupeh province.

Y. P. M. V. Plans—1929

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK OF PRAYER AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

S. L. FROST

WE call the attention of our English speaking workers in the Far East to an action passed at the time of the Spring Council of 1928, relative to the observance of Missionary Volunteer Day and Spring Week of Prayer, as follows:

"We recommend, That Missionary Volunteer Day be observed in all our churches, to be followed in all our schools by the observance of Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer, the dates being those set by the General Conference where these are found to be satisfactory; and that any necessary readjustment of dates be made in the fields concerned."

Suggestions and helpful material for the whole week, in English, for both Seniors and Juniors, have been sent to the Missionary Volunteer secretaries in the large language areas, as the Philippines, Malaysia, Japan, and Korea. The "China Christian Educator" carries this material in Chinese, in the issue for January, 1929.

According to the recommendation above, each field is to decide whether the General Conference dates are satisfactory, and if no other dates are to be agreed upon which will best meet the needs of the field. The Missionary Volunteer Department looks to the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the unions concerned to arrange for, promote and foster this work in every way possible. The Department calls the attention of workers in the China field to Sabbath, March 9, the date set by the General Conference and agreed upon for the observance of Missionary Volunteer Day in all our churches in this field, this to be followed by the Missionary Volunteer Spring Week of Prayer in all schools and, as far as possible, in all our churches.

Good results have attended this plan wherever it has been carefully arranged for and faithfully carried out. During 1928 reports came to the Missionary Volunteer Department from four unions in which reference was made to the observance of this plan in twenty-four churches and schools in the Far Eastern Division, with the result that one hundred four young people were baptized and over a hundred more were gathered into Bible classes for special instruction and help, preparatory to baptism. Undoubtedly good results

were seen in other churches and schools, of which we do not have reports. If in every church and school in the Far East this work can be carried forward earnestly and faithfully in 1929, wonderful results will be realized.

Some time ago, the following statement was made by Elder Montgomery, vice-president of the General Conference for North America: "There is no more fruitful field than the young people in Seventh-day Adventist homes. The most fruitful field I know of in all the wide, wide world is among our own young people in our own churches."

The Missionary Volunteer Spring Week of Prayer plan brings to us a wonderful opportunity to work in this most fruitful field among our own boys and girls, young men and young women. May we make the most of our opportunity this year, that a harvest of souls from among our own youth may bring joy and inspiration and courage and strength to the church.

Publishing Work

MANDARIN CONVENTION

J. J. STRAHLE

OUR work in the China field has suffered greatly the past few years, because of the revolution. Just recently the war came to a close, and the Nationalist Government is now doing its utmost to bring order out of chaos. Already good progress has been made. One indication of this is shown in the literature sales reports from the unions in China the past few months. The year 1928 shows at least 100% over the year 1927.

To-day we face a new China, a China that is anxious to eliminate evil and adopt policies that will build up a strong nation. Such a situation presents to us a wonderful opportunity for real service. One of the best methods we have in doing this is through the printed page.

Our convention, therefore, is coming at a most opportune time, when we can plan to do great things for China. The secretaries have been harassed with many difficult problems, and we believe they would like to have those problems discussed and to hear the experiences of others similarly situated, getting their remedial suggestions. We believe this coming convention for the China field will be a memorable one. May God help us to make it one of real merit.

Soul-Winning Campaign

EVANGELISM DURING 1929

THE brethren of the Far Eastern Division Committee and their associates in labor throughout the field, have pledged the Lord and one another that by the help of God they will "faithfully shepherd the flock, and seek to prepare men and women for the kingdom of heaven, ever keeping in mind that 'it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful,'" and in this connection they have further declared in a resolution taken during their last annual meetings:

We will encourage every worker to undertake greater things for God in evangelism, by preaching the Word, and by earnest personal work.

We will endeavor to arouse our native and foreign workers, and all our laity, to a life of faith and prayer and love, and to work for the salvation of the lost as those should work who believe what we profess.

The records for the year 1928 have not fully been made up and passed in for publication, but from what we have been able to learn these records will reveal a larger ingathering of souls during the present year than has ever before been seen in the Far East. However, this is but the beginning of better days before us, and it would surely be pleasing to the Lord were we to plan on doubling and trebling the returns in souls won for the kingdom. The total number for the past year was considerably short of an average of two per worker.

What a blessed privilege it is to seek and to save that which has been lost. C.

FROM PASTOR T. T. BABIENCO

Writing from Riga, Latvia, Europe, Pastor T. T. Babienco tells of the meetings he is holding in Riga, in the hope of winning many of the Russians of that center. In Latvia there are 250,000 Russians, in Riga 30,000; in all Poland, 4,000,000. However, Brother and Sister Babienco tell us they can never forget the years spent with Russians in Harbin and throughout Manchuria, and that the Sungari-Mongolian Mission of the Far Eastern Division will continue to have their prayers.

Brother Babienco gives his address as T. T. Babienco, Warnnula 8, dz. 49, Riga, Latvia, Europe.

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STATISTICS - THIRD QR., 1928

The statistical data for third quarter, 1928, appearing in the central pages of this issue, include facts evidencing advance along certain lines and slow progress along others. Tithe receipts have been disappointingly low. Offerings, while in excess of former figures, are nevertheless not large. Net gains in baptized church members total 1,607 for the quarter and 2,414 for the first nine months of the year, - perhaps better than net results of former like periods in our territory. The annual summaries are to be published early in April.

THE PHILIPPINE UNION BIENNIAL SESSION

From December 20 to 29, 1928, the seventh biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission was held in Pasay, Manila. A tent had been pitched on the school grounds to serve as an improvised assembly hall. The meeting brought cheer to all. The reports were most excellent. A synopsis of two or three of these, will be found on pages 6 and 7 of the current issue. Others will be given later.

Those in attendance included many delegates from the missions south and north, and also all union officers and secretaries, with division representatives - Brethren Evans, Griggs, Strahle, Crisler. After the opening days Pastor C. K. Meyers, secretary of the Home Board, came in with Dr. H. W. Miller, of Shanghai, and gave many studies tending toward a deepening of personal spiritual life and an enlarging of plans for soul-winning ministry.

THE MALAYSIAN UNION

By action of the General Conference during the Autumn Council at Springfield last September, the Netherlands East Indies section of the Malaysian Union has been transferred to the Central European Division as from January 1, 1929. Henceforth the Malaysian Union of the Far Eastern Division includes within its boundaries the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Unfederated Malay States, Siam, Sarawak, Lalan, Brunei, British North Borneo.

Pastor L. V. Finster, who has served as superintendent of the territory now divided and reassigned in part, has been called by the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee to serve as Division Home Missionary Secretary; and in view of this, Pastor J. G. Gjording, formerly superintendent of the East China Union, has been placed under appointment as superintendent of the reorganized Malaysian Union, with headquarters at Singapore, S. S., and will take up his duties at the time of the biennial session of the Malaysian Union appointed for Singapore January 31 to February 9, 1929. Brother E. J. Johanson has been reappointed to serve as secretary-treasurer of the reorganized Malaysian Union.

ARRIVALS

Pastor and Mrs. A. N. Anderson, for Japan, September 14, 1928.

T. A. Shaw and family returned in September from furlough in the States for another term of service in the Central China Union.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Ritz, in early November, for service in the Malaysian Union.

On October 12, from furlough in Europe and the States, Mrs. B. Miller, for another term of service in the Kiangsu Mission.

On Jan. 6, 1929, from Canada, C. S. Sissons and family, for service in the East China Union.

DEPARTURES

In mid-September, from Shanghai, H. M. Burwell and family, for the States.

In late October, from British North Borneo, L. B. Mershon and wife for Australia and the United States, on furlough.

In December, from Soonan, Chosen, J. E. Riffel and family, for the States.

In November, from Penang, S. S., Dr. J. E. Gardner and family for England and the States, on furlough.

In late November, from Canton, South China, Professor L. C. Wilcox and family for the States, on furlough.

THE EAST CHINA UNION

Owing to a vacancy created through the transfer of Pastor J. G. Gjording to the Malaysian Union to serve as their superintendent, the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee have appointed Pastor K. H. Wood, of the Kiangsu Mission, to serve as superintendent of the East China Union Mission as from January 1, 1929.

A Correction and An Apology

By the Editor

One of our esteemed subscribers in the Philippines, Pastor L. A. Corda, of Manila, informs us that in the September issue of the OUTLOOK he was incorrectly reported, never having said that which he was reported to have said. In this we heartily concur; for we know that no one conversant with the rank and file of the Filipino people could ever have said what Brother Corda was reported to have said. It is due Brother Corda that an apology be rendered him and his associates by the editor for allowing such statements to pass our eye without elision. The uniform policy of those having to do with the OUTLOOK is to make sure that everything included within its columns shall have closest scrutiny prior to publication; hence in this instance of failure on our part we hasten to make this correction and apology, assuring Brother Corda of our sorrow that he has been made by us to suffer the embarrassment of having been inadvertently misreported.

TO ASSIST MEDICAL UNITS

Brother E. C. Wood, Division builder and architect, after spending some time assisting in perfecting plans for the hospital-dispensary in Manila, involving some essential improvements and adaptations of the property already owned by our denomination on the corner of Vermont and Indiana Streets, Manila, later passed on to Penang, S. S., for similar service in that center in behalf of the Mission Clinic. He is still at Penang.

POSTPONED A YEAR

The departmental conventions scheduled for the Far Eastern Division during the spring of 1930, include the one formerly appointed for the publishing department in connection with the 1929 spring meeting in Shanghai. The postponement of the bookmen's convention comes about chiefly because of the difficulty of securing general help from abroad sooner than the spring of 1930, when it is hoped Pastor W. W. Eastman, of the General Conference Publishing Department, and Pastor J. A. Stevens, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, may be with us.

THE MINISTERIAL READING COURSE

The English-speaking section of the world field are uniting on a Reading Course for 1929 that includes four listed volumes and one elective yet to be named. Those offered are "The Desire of All Nations," by Egbert W. Smith; "The Preacher: His Life and Work," by Dr. Jowett; "The Coming of the Comforter," by L. E. Froom; "The Great Controversy," by Mrs. E. G. White. Orders may be placed with the nearest denominational publishing house, or through Union treasurers. The price has been named as between three and a half and four dollars gold, exclusive of "Great Controversy."

Dr. Austin Phelps, erstwhile professor of sacred rhetoric in Andover Theological Seminary, in his "Men and Books," refers to the loss that comes to pastors and parishioners through desultory habits of reading - largely a waste of time; and he urges that even if carefully outlined habits of reading might "restrict a pastor to few, some to very few, volumes in a year; better than the wasteful and debilitating effect of reading at random. Be it that a pastor can read but ten, five, three volumes in a year; these few, well chosen and well read, may make all the difference . . . in his mental tastes and professional habits. A good ideal of scholarly reading is not useless, if it can regulate wisely an imperfect culture . . .

"Of the special virtues necessary to a pastor's success in literary pursuits, the chief are, reverence for literary work as religious work, persistence in your own work as that for which God created you, patience with yourself, incessant prayer for success, and trust in divine promises of success. The whole business of ministerial culture needs to be thus baptized in the religious spirit as absolutely as the administration of the Lord's supper. Do not begin it till you can see the truth of this. - pp. 320, 321.

Surely the denominational Reading Course points the way toward self-improvement along lines that experience has demonstrated to be of untold value to those engaged in evangelism.

BIRTHS

Born, October 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pudewell, of the Chosen Union, Keizan, Chosen, a son, Gerhard Walter.

Born, November 7, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Boynton, of the Shanghai Sanitarium, Shanghai, China, a son, Allen Robert.

Born, November 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis G. Erich, of the Shanghai Sanitarium, Shanghai, China, a son, Louis Richard.