Sacrificial Service

I. H. EVANS

EVERY normal man and woman performs sacrificial service; that is, service requiring present personal sacrifice for future good. There is hardly an exception to this rule. Many enter upon this service wholly for themselves; others for their families or those especially dear to them; still others for their country or some noble cause that appeals to their sympathies. In all this it is possible for self to be the center, the root from which grows every act of service.

Often severe hardships are endured for personal gain or fame; ease and comfort and pleasure are sacrificed on the altar of worldly honor; long hours of toil and privation are undertaken in order to gain some coveted position; one's hope of heaven may even be given in exchange for what the world has to offer. Sacrifice is the law, but it is possible to make every sacrifice where the hope of profit centers wholly on self.

On the other hand there are those in whose sacrificial service self is forgotten, and God and His glory become the motive power that actuates the life. Two great kings furnish concrete illustrations of the two motives that may impel sacrificial service. Of a wonderful work accomplished during his reign, Nebuchadnezzar boasted: "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" How different the spirit of Solomon when he offered to the Lord the glorious temple which he had built for Jehovah's dwelling place: "But will God in very deed dwell with men on earth? behold, heaven and the heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built!"

Few lives are more arduous than that of a true missionary; few more filled with self-sacrifice. All this toil may be undertaken, all this sacrifice nobly endured, for the glory of God, with the single desire of building up His kingdom on the earth, and extending the call of mercy and love to the unwarned. Alas that it is also possible for this work to be done with self as the center! The motive underlying all sacrificial missionary service marks it as for Christ or for self, and stamps it as accepted or rejected by Him who reads all hearts.

Unselfish sacrificial service brings joy in the midst of hardships and perplexity and anxiety,—joy for the present, and hope for the future. "Look on mankind with self-forgetful, benevolent, magnanimous eyes, and life is radiant; look on life with churlish, avaricious, greedy eyes, and life is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short. So does our clamorous self-regard, allowed to usurp the central place and to obsess our thoughts, blind our vision though all life's splendor were unrolled before us."

Every missionary must settle with himself the kind of service that he will render to the Lord. For self? or for Christ? Which shall be the center around which we build while we serve? There must and will be sacrifice in either case. The question for us to settle individually is: To whom... sacrificial service of my life be offered?"
AN OUT-OF-DOORS TEMPLE IN KOREA

MRS. THEODORA WANGERIN

One of our native preachers in the South Korean Mission spent several days last fall selling gospel literature, in an effort to raise money for church buildings. In a few years this man has been very frail. He was advised to take more exercise, and thus began to go for long walks during the early morning. As he went up the trail, footprints were left behind. Eventually he arrived at a quiet nook, knelt down, and prayed earnestly for the people in the valley below. During his meditations, he heard voices of two men who, noticing footprints in the snow, had said, "Who came up here alone in the early morning, and what could have been his errand?" He could not hear all they said, but did hear "Sabbath" and "our church," and knew what they were talking about. They left the hillside, and so did our brother when he was through with his morning devotions. Upon returning, he asked some of the villagers who these men were, and was told that one of them was a preacher's son whose father had left the church because of dissatisfaction. The other man was said to be a tailor.

Some time later our preacher called on these men and told them of our message. They listened with eager hearts. Bible studies were conducted, several attended, and a great interest was awakened. Eight decided to keep the Sabbath of the Lord according to the commandment, and one, as he walked up the trail, footprints were left behind. Eventually he arrived at a quiet nook, knelt down, and prayed earnestly for the people in the valley below. During his meditations, he heard voices of two men who, noticing footprints in the snow, had said, "Who came up here alone in the early morning, and what could have been his errand?" He could not hear all they said, but did hear "Sabbath" and "our church," and knew what they were talking about. They left the hillside, and so did our brother when he was through with his morning devotions. Upon returning, he asked some of the villagers who these men were, and was told that one of them was a preacher's son whose father had left the church because of dissatisfaction. The other man was said to be a tailor.

As we met in the convention at Chiao Tou Djen, I was forcibly reminded of the great changes taking place in China during the past few years. In the winter of 1923 a similar convention was held in Hankow. At that time about twenty delegates were present. Of the foreign leaders who were at Hankow, three met with us at Chiao Tou Djen. Throughout the meeting two topics were uppermost in my mind. The first question was whether it is necessary to have so many changes in the personnel of the various departments, and what can be done to remedy this? The second question was, "When were our subscriptions from the different unions night after night, I thanked God for the men He has given us for these departments the past few years." The leaders were assured the result of our first convention the Signs circulation list doubled in the years following, up to the present. As we set our goal for 100,000 foreign missionary subscriptions for 1928, my heart was full of faith and courage to believe that we would be able to reach this amount. The plans and methods discussed, the unity of the leaders manifested among our men, were evidences that God is uniting with His workers in their efforts to build up His cause. The testimony service held on the last night of the great meeting. As one after another quietly and solemnly gave himself anew to God for service, the peace of God seemed to fill the room.—E. L. Longway, Field and Home Missionary Secretary, North China Union, Hankow.

Fruits of a Stray Page

M. F. WHODEMANN

In one place in Pangshan, Paper, a certain man moved a drawer which was wrapped in paper in our magazine, Ti Dangai Ti Pagarian. This page contained an article on the Sabbath question. The man read the article, and in church he repeated what he had read and threw it into a corner. Some time later he picked up this paper, looked at it few times, then crumpled it again, and threw it into the drawer. The next day he opened the drawer, he found the page and smoothed it out. The man then said, "I was healed." But his mind what he had read, and he paper, smoothed it out. Today that man is the leader of many of our workers in China.
BLESS THOU THE LORD!
ADAM A. ESTES

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,
Tune the harpstrings of thy heart;
Praise His Name, proclaim His Word,
Tell what love He doth impart.

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,
Be more mindful of His grace;
Praise the Christ whose precious blood
Purged thy sins, redeemed the race.

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,
Shout aloud His pow'r to save;
Heal disease; thy fears retard;
Soul! He saved thee from the grave.

Oh! my soul, bless thou the Lord,
Higher note thou still can sing;
Christ is coming with reward.
Oh! my soul, greet thou thy King.

WE "SHOULD BOTH HOPE AND QUIETLY WAIT."
JOHN OSS

This morning, as I am sitting in a small Chinese restaurant near the Yangtze river in a腕ch, I have taken out my Bible and am reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah. I have been rather restless, as I had planned definitely on reaching my destination tomorrow. The noisy, chattering crowd, too, only seems to add new fuel to my impatience.

The word of God has a message for every time; and as I read onward, I come to the verse: "They mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

I know the fog of doubt, misunderstanding, and trouble will lift. I know that the ship of my desire will come; I know there will be a place on it for me, and that it will at last bring me safely to my desired haven.

Nanking, China, December 23, 1885.

S. E. JACKSON

THE SONG OF DAVID AND GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

LIVE AND GROW

NEAR our home in Pasay, there lives a wealthy family who keeps three race horses. Each day we see those horses passing our windows; Are the owners, do you think, coming home from one? No, their wise owner knows very well that unless they get plenty of exercise every day, their muscles will become weak and flabby, and they cannot win when the race comes; so he has his men exercise them every day.

In England many of the best race horses of the world are raised. There also lived in England a very wise and godly man by the name of Addison. Daily he saw these horse owners be bothered by their horses, and he could not grow dim as time went on.

It is said that providence was moving slowly, so endeavored by deception to obtain the coveted blessing for Jacob. How much sorrow the shepherds will have averted had she only waited for God to work out His plan.

The message that comes to me as I sit here among this babel of noises complaining that the boat does not arrive, is that we "should both hope and quietly wait."

There are many wrinkles along the Christian highway who have been hopeful as they began their journey on the path that should have grown brighter and brighter unto the perfect day; but who, for some reason or another, have wilted; who their hope to grow dim as time went on.

It may have been some earthly idol that they looked to obtain. Such should have set their affections on things above. Earthly hopes fail, take wings, and flee away. Just before me on the table on which I am writing lies a magazine which we have purchased. I was much surprised to find an account of a friend of mine who, because of financial and matrimonial hopes failing, has taken poison and is dying in a hospital.

There is a great lesson for us in David's dealings with King Saul. Even though David had been called from following the sheep and anointed by the aged prophet Samuel, and had the hope of sitting in Saul's place, he waited till God in His own time and way would remove the king who had menaced and threatened him. What a rebuke David's patient life is to us! I have now been sitting here for some time; and as I lay aside my pencil and go over to the mist-covered window and with my hand clear away the covering and look outward, it seems to me that even now the fog is beginning to lift.

The lesson God has taught me this morning is that I should hope, and that I must also quietly wait. In the words of the poet, "We must wait, and not be tired of looking." If the way to seem dark, and cherish hopes seem to be growing dim, I must still hold on and wait. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

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A NEW CHAPEL FOR AN OLD CHURCH

SOME four or five years ago the writer felt troubled over the plight of a church where several believers were willing to gather funds for the erection of a church-building, but were unwilling to sacrifice sufficiently to bring about this happy result. The name of the place need not be mentioned, but just recently an account of the dedication of a good church building in that place, was published in one of our vernacular-church papers; and the one telling the story says that "with great effort and sacrifice" the brethren and sisters of this church have completed a building that serves not only as a temple for God in that community. The church members have learned to follow their Lord in the way of sacrifice, and great is their rejoicing as they enter upon a more blessed experience than hitherto.

The dedication of the church thus erected at much of personal sacrifice, was an episcopal occasion. Immediately following the dedication, there was a baptismal service, several receiving this rite. The church building was filled with them, and in the dedicatory exercises and during meetings that continued throughout the day. Some who had become discouraged and well nigh backslidden, took heart and lived, with others in a reorganization of all to the Master. Schisms were put away; love reigned in every heart. We learn that since the dedication and the dedicatory services, members of the church have been active in missionary work, Bible studies have been held with neighbors, and now several new believers are preparing for baptism.

From the beginning, the cause of truth in that church has been a sacrificial service. How good it is to hear of groups of believers learning to enter upon this way, which always leads to a consecration of members, and to union of action in holy endeavor.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM HONG KONG

La Ronda: 10 Stubb's Road, Hong Kong, Feb. 19, 1929

Dear Elder Critler,—

Would you be glad to hear what God has done for us in Hong Kong, as we are so happy we are shedding tears of joy; and we do praise the Lord for His love to us. For the last two Sunday nights we have tried to make earnest appeals for people to act by faith and take God at His Word and obey Him. The first week two soldier boys came forward. Last Sunday night a young Chinese couple with whom we have been studying came forward; and while we continued in our meeting Mr. A. came with his wife. Last night Mr. A. came with his wife to visit us. We had a lovely visit, and Mr. A. said he asked his manager if he could have the Sabbath off, and if it will be convenient for Mr. B. to come, we will make arrangements. Mr. B. has made, as he works for the --- Co.; but we believe he will exercise faith. We solicit your prayers in behalf of these who are on the point of taking advance steps.

For two long, long years we have worked without any fruit; but we know that God has done all that He has done. Mr. A. has asked for further studies in his home, and we are happy. Hitherto when we have tried to get people ready, he would not let us, but we believe he will exercise faith. We solicit your prayers in behalf of those who are on the point of taking advance steps.
General Reports from the Field

LITERATURE IN CHOSEN
H. A. ANDERSON

We are happy to report a good sale in the Chosen territory for 1928, and that the goals for the new year are still higher in all the three missions. We are calling the union goal $17,500 (gold) or Yen 35,000 for 1929. Brother Pearson just held an institute here in the Central Mission, and now we are proceeding with another in the South Mission.

You will be glad to learn that the Japanese salesman is here, and getting started with Japanese literature in Seoul. We expect him to attain a total of Yen 3,000 this year.

Seoul

A SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

WRITING in from Singapore of the statistical totals being made up for the reports that later were rendered during the Union session, Pastor L. V. Forster says:

"You will be glad to know that our baptisms for the year were 654. The net gain in membership is 429, including Sabbath school gifts, is $1,582 (gold) — 30.8% gain. The aggregate of all our offerings, in- creased $723 (gold) — 19.4% during the year 1928 above that of 1927. The Lord has been merciful to us in giving us these increases."

FROM EAST KWEICHOW

BROTHER ALEXANDER BUZZELL, writing from Kweiyang, Kweichow, under date of January 3, sends New Year greetings, and assures us that he and Sister Buzzell and their associates, Pastor and Mrs. Herbert K. Smith, are happy in their work in the new mission just getting under way. At the time of writing, Brother Smith was with Brother M. C. Warren and Pastor Ho Ai Dang in Pichieth, attending a general meeting.

A SOLEMN ORDINATION SERVICE

AT THE close of the seventh biennial session of the Philippine Union Mission, an ordination service was held, during which Brethren M. F. Wiedemann, Senator Martiti, Vicente Rodrigo, and Ramon Llaguno were set apart to holy ministry. Pastor I. H. Evans offered the prayer, Pastor C. K. Meyers delivered the charge, and Professor Frederick Griggs gave to them the word of welcome. It is significant to note that at present there are nineteen ordained Filipino ministers — men who have given themselves wholly to service in the Master's vineyard. They are laboring in more than ten languages, and have interested souls — averaging during the past five years nearly 1,500 per annum of net increase in church membership.

FROM PASTOR N. F. BREWER

WRITING from Hankow on the eve of entering upon their annual executive committee meeting for the Central China Union, Pastor N. F. Brewer, superintendent of the union, reports under date of February 13:

"We are planning to make this committee meeting a great spiritual help to our committee men, and are glad that Professor Griggs can be with us. I believe that if more time were spent on the spiritual side, re-consecrating our lives to greater activities for Him, then our commit- tees would work faster and make better plans. Remember us, that much wisdom from on high may be given so that we may not make mistakes nor mar the work of the Lord.

"You will be glad to know that this union had more than reached every goal set by the Division for 1928. We feel to thank the Lord for this. We are in great hopes that this last year may and we fully re-covered of our losses, so that we can go ahead with aggressive work in 1929. Our men are of excellent courage and we look forward to a good committee meeting here."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN BATAKLAND

About the beginning of the present year word was received by Pastor Dallas S. Kime, of Tapanoeli, Tapanoeli District, Central Sumatra, that full freedom to labor as a mis- sionary had been granted him. This permit covering the districts of Tapanoeli, Sibolga, Beitoeng. A considerable part of the territory familiarly known by our people as "Batakland," is included in the as- signed districts, where full liberty has been given for carrying on mission work.

It is needless to say that the de- cision of the Netherlands East Indies' Government to grant full liberty for missionary endeavor in that section of Batakland where our mis- sion has been conducted for nearly ten years, brings great rejoicing to Pastor and Mrs. Kime and their asso- ciates. Long and faithfully have these workers toiled, not knowing what day they might be deported. Their work has been done under circumstances more adverse than have deferred good men from undertaking like missionary projects in other lands. Their faith has at last been rewarded abundantly.

The permit came just about the time the transfer of Batakland was being made from the Far Eastern Division to the Central European Division, who are to be congratulated upon being privileged to enter under circumstances so favorable.

Sister Kime has been suffering from disease, and during the past two months has been a patient at the Shanghai Sanitarium. Brother Kime has joined her for a season, and was unable to be in attendance at the Malaysian Union session. The prayers of the brethren and sisters throughout the Division field are solicited in behalf of Brother and Sister Kime, in order that if it be the Lord's will they may both be permitted to avail themselves of the wonderful privilege now awarded them by governmental authorities.

GRADUATES FROM PHILIPPINE JUNIOR COLLEGE

W. B. AMMUNDSEN

there were five in the graduat- ing class of last year. Two of these are still with us taking college work. We are anxious to build up this de- partment, and are urging all that can to continue on with their college work. This year there will be nineteen graduated if they continue as at present.

Manila
IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR DOCTORS

H. W. MILLER

A MEETING of the China Medical Association was held here in Shanghai February 6-12, attended by the doctors of China, with many visiting doctors from Hongkong, the Philippines, Korea, and Japan, including Dr. E. E. Getzlafl from Japan, Dr. H. A. Hall from the Philippines, Dr. E. L. Fawcett from China, Dr. Griggs, Dr. Wan, Dr. Tai, Dr. Tsai, and the writer from our own mission. This meeting was of very great interest to our doctors because of its dealing with specific diseases of the Far East. It gave our medical men a chance to get together for some conferences concerning health problems and the development of our medical missionary program, such as we had not had since of us have been in the field. Our great regret was that all the doctors of our various hospitals and dispensaries here in the Far East could not likewise have been with us at this time. Great advancement is being made here in the Orient, dealing with certain disorders of the intestinal tract, which diseases are so common among missionaries, even those of our own mission.

I should like to take this opportunity of appealing to all our workers throughout the Far East, emphasizing the importance of keeping us informed, by writing in to our department here in Shanghai, concerning any of your health problems. I have been very much surprised at the amount of sickness we have in our mission, and the few inquiries that have come in to us from the field regarding any help that our department might be to them in their health problems. In fact, much that we have learned concerning any illness has come to us from outside doctors who have an acquaintance with some of our workers, and who have written to us.

The General Conference has been to a great deal of expense in its effort to develop a medical institution here in Shanghai, and is likewise establishing several other hospital units out in the various sections of the Far East. While all these institutions hope to be of great service to the missionaries of other bodies, and especially to the peoples of the Orient, it should not be forgotten that one of the great objects of this medical missionary endeavor here in the Far East—and I may say the greatest benefits that our work can derive from it—is the aid it may render to our own missionaries, of whom we have three hundred fifty-one residing in the territory of the Far Eastern Division; and to our developing constituencies of believers.

Do not neglect a chronic cough, a small lump that may be growing in any part of the body, even though it is only a little skin tumor, or any looseness of the bowels, chronic indigestion, loss in weight, a growing nervous irritability, or a general feeling of exhaustion or weakness which makes your burdens harder and your work seem more difficult. The greatest results in a mission program such as we have, will come through the efficient effort put into our work, which can only be reaped as a result of having good health. We, therefore, hope through this further announcement to all of our workers that you will at least seek such information and help as our doctors in the several parts of our field may give through consultation and personal examination or through correspondence.

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 1929

OUR MISSION SCHOOL FOR MOROS

F. R. LA SAGE

"BROTHER BARROGA (the teacher who has had eight years' experience in the government schools) tells me that the new mission school building has been constructed far better than the government schools out in the barrios, and I can say myself that it is a beautiful job. Barroga has his wife out here with him. She is well satisfied, and is anxious to move over to the school.

Mr. Bravo, the Malabang postmaster, and his wife, are ready to be baptized.

A WIDESPREAD FORWARD MOVEMENT

(As visualized by Dr. D. E. Hoste, General Director of the C. I. M.)

We believe that God is calling us as a mission to enter upon a widespread forward movement for the evangelization of unreached areas; thus realizing in fuller measure than ever before our purpose and the aim which pressed so heavily on the heart of our beloved founder, and which inspired him and his companions in the earlier years of the mission to lives of such devoted toil, self-sacrifice and steadfast endurance of loneliness, privation and danger, 'Pray for us, dear friends, that we now may be actuated by a like spirit.'
From February 5 to 16 the brethren of the Far Eastern Division have been holding their biennial session in Singapore, Straits Settlements. The years 1927 and 1928 have brought much of progress, as revealed in reports from the various fields. The following are some of these that can be published, as to print all the matter that was submitted at such a meeting by the delegates coming in from various fields would be to fill all the columns to overflowing. In abridging we have endeavored to preserve the essentials, with particular reference to results attained.

With the biennial meeting at this time, a separation of the Malay field into two distinct unions, under two division missions, takes place, in harmony with an action passed at the autumn council of the General Conference in Springfield, Mass. In the past these sections were known as the Netherlands East Indies (including Java, Sumatra, Celebes, Dutch Borneo, Dutch New Guinea, Timor, Bali, Lombok, Ceram, and Ambon, Moluccas, Flores) and the Federated Malay States, Taj federated Malay States, coastwise are to be administered under the supervision of the Central European Division, and will have within its boundaries the Straits Settlements: the Federated Malay States, Unfederated Malay States, Samul, French Indo-China (Annam, Cochin-china, Tongking, Laos), British North Borneo, Labuan, Miri, Sarawak.

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The work was begun 31 years ago. After fourteen years there was one church, with 6 members. During the next ten years the membership had increased to 669. For the past seven years the membership has increased to 2,644. In the past two years the membership has quadrupled in the past seven years. There were almost as many baptized last year as the total membership had for the first twenty-four years of labor.

The title for the first 24 years was $10,146 gold; while for the past two years it was $61,466. The Sabbath school offerings for the first 24 years were $17,229 gold; for the past two years the Sabbath school offerings were $14,177. For the past seven years the Sabbath school offerings were $32,127. This total has been $64,257 gold worth of literature sold in Malaysia, of which $57,482 has been sold in the past seven years.

A comparison of the growth of our work for the past six years with the growth of the work in the Philippine Islands may be of encouragement to our workers. In the Philippines the islands were opened during the period of 1890-1900. For the first 24 years our membership was 2,644; for the past two years it was 6,709; while for the past seven years it was 61,466. The Sabbath school offerings for the first 24 years were $17,229 gold; for the past two years the Sabbath school offerings were $14,177. For the past seven years the Sabbath school offerings were $32,127. This total has been $64,257 gold worth of literature sold in Malaysia, of which $57,482 has been sold in the past seven years.

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meeting. In fact, this is our only vitally supreme problem. If this problem can be solved, all others will easily adjust themselves.

In closing, let me thank all our workers for their kindness and cooperation in carrying forward this great cause. As I leave this field, it is with kindness and love to all, and with the assurance that God will abundantly bless the work in the future. I am sure you will give to Elders Gjording and Ohme your fullest cooperation, even as you have to me. My prayers will always be with the work here in Malaysia.

THE SOUTH SUMATERA MISSION

B. Judge

(Synopsis of the report of the work of the years 1927-28 in the South Sumatra Mission, as rendered by the director, Pastor B. Judge, at the Singapore meeting)

It gives us pleasure to bring to the Malaysian Union brethren the greetings of all our believers in South Sumatra Mission. We have had blessings from the Master in every department. The increase in souls won is 62% above that of the previous biennial period, 38 having been baptized, as against 23 reported two years ago.

In January, 1928, work was undertaken in Palembang, where our Chinese evangelist, Brother Lauw, has faithfully labored. The church at present in that place has a membership of 20. The lamp of truth is being held forth. In other districts, we have the Batoe Island group, in Bintoen, in Padang, in Benkoden, and elsewhere. Many districts have no representatives of our faith— the Residency of Djambi, Billiton, Banka, and many a like dark district. Within our mission are strongholds of Islam— and we forces challenge us from without and calling for earnest endeavor. We must continue seeking the Lord to break this great rock standing in the way of advance. We have the blessed assurance, "Is not my word...like a hammer, that breaketh the rock in pieces." Thus encouraged, we continue sowing the word, and know that it will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that whereto it is sent. We owe a great debt to these Muslims, and in some way, by God's grace, we must perform it. We are encouraged as light from God seems to be breaking through the gloom. Many are now willing to listen, whereas in former times they showed no interest.

It is only proper that I should take this opportunity of expressing sincere appreciation for the co-operation and assistance extended on the part of those in the field. To a man, the local missions directors have co-operated with us in every possible way, and we appreciate more than I can say the very, very friendly and helpful relation that has been existed between the field and the office. Especially have our local mission secretaries-treasurers done their utmost to send in their reports to the union office promptly. Their reports have been more complete and accurate than ever before, and it is entirely due to their efforts that we are in a position to accomplish and complete statistical reports quarter by quarter.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for His over-riding care, and pray that He may pour out His Spirit upon them, and that we may see victories won. And yet we are not satisfied; for we realize that even greater things should have been accomplished had we been more faithful and active as a church. We are determined to keep as close a pace with the work here in Malaysia as with the work here in the South Sumatra Mission.
**Two Years of Progress in the Malaysian Union—483 Net Gain**

**MALAYSIAN SIGNS PRESS**

H. I. SMITH

(Synopsis of biennial report rendered by the manager to the Malaysian Union session, covering the years 1927 and 1928)

FINANCIALLY the Malaysian Signs Press has enjoyed prosperity during the past two years. We have had sufficient cash on hand and in the bank to be able to pay all bills promptly and wages without embarrassment.

In sales the largest four years have been the past four years, and the largest two years have been the past two years. 1927 was the largest year ever known by us. The reason for this is that during that year several new medical books were issued, namely, "Home Physician" in Dutch, "Health and Longevity" in both Javanese, and Siamese; and with these the older medical books in English. "Tarnil," covering the years 1927-1929, was issued.

During the past two years we have issued fourteen new books. Three of these are medical subscription books, two are religious subscription books, six are Crisis Series books with paper covers, one is a song-book with music, and the remaining two are complete translations of "Steps to Pertain and Wages without Embarrassment." Two are complete translations of "Steps to Christ" and the first seven sections of "Gospel Workers" into Malay. Of the fourteen new books printed, seven are in Malay Dutch-ROMANIZED, two in Dutch, three in Basak, one in Siamese, and one in Javanese.

The Pantauan Zaman has been an excellent magazine, praised by many who are enjoying its visits. The circulation, which has been between three and four thousand monthly, should have been nearer ten thousand. Even the few that have gone forth monthly, have had a good influence. There are two students in the school at Singapore today, and perhaps more, who came definitely as the result of reading the Pantauan Zaman. We know of definite influences in Sumatra, Java, Dutch Borneo, Lombok, Ambon, and Celebes, where this magazine has brought out believers.

In Kuala Kapoea, Dutch Borneo, fourteen persons signed a petition that a worker be sent there. Soon after, five were baptized. This interest was a direct result from the sale of our books, and the monthly visits of the Pantauan Zaman.

At present the Malaysian Signs Press needs colporteurs. Let us encourage many to seek definitely to the giving of this last message to the world in our day. To this end, the Malaysian Union Seminary is planning to encourage our teachers to be in attendance at our teacher's summer schools, two of which have been held in Singapore. These teachers will be given a chance to work out the plans for work, as we believe that having these boys do the work will be better than sending them to another place. It is our intention, however, to send some of these boys to our three or four year colleges.

The objects of our young people's societies are to lead the youth to give themselves to the Lord; to indoctrinate them thoroughly in Bible truth and our denominational history; to teach them how to work by doing things themselves, and then to get them to work for others. We are told: "There are many Christian youth that can do a good work if they will learn lessons by doing. Let them have a Gospel Teacher. Even though pastors, evangelists, and teachers should neglect the seeking of the lost, let not the children and youth do so."

"Youth's Instructor," Aug. 9, 1894.

"There are ways in which all may do personal service for God. Some can write a letter to a friend, or send a paper to one who is inquiring for truth. Those who know how to treat the sick can help in this line. Others who have the necessary qualifications can give Bible readings, or conduct Bible classes. The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and personally carry them out, they will reap a rich reward." — Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, page 423.

We are glad to report 15 societies with a membership of 674. They are divided into bands, and are doing a good work for the Lord. The following items for the past year will indicate:

- **No. Societies** 15
- **No. Societies Reporting** 15
- **Membership** 674
- **Total Average Attendance** 219
- **No. Societies Using "Gazette"** 10
- **No. Members Reporting** 150
- **No. Belonging to 'Comrades' Band** 69
- **No. Young People Baptized and Added to Church** 15
- **Offerings for local work** ($Gold) $181.28
- **Further offerings (local)** 62
- **Harvest Ingathering** 102.30
- **Big Week Funds** 78
- **No. Observing Morning Watch** 63
- **No. Members Reporting** 150
- **No. Observing Evening Meeting** 63
- **No. Belonging to 'Comrades' Band** 63
- **Missionary Visits** 4021
- **Bible readings or gospel meetings held** 163
- **Signs Anti-Poverty Pledge** 2089
- **No. Persons taken to S. S. or other services** 950
- **Free Christian Help Work** 2598
- **No. Treatments Given** 1407
- **Food Given (approximate)** ($Gold) $142.66
- **No. Articles clothing given** 422
- **No. Periodicals Distributed** 1243
- **No. Tracts Distributed** 1514
- **No. Treatments (local)** 298
- **Books Distributed** 683
- **Scripture Cards given** 45
- **No. Visits** 1028
- **Papers Mailed** 182

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION

L. V. Finster

It is with a keen sense of our inability to reach the goal set by our Educational Department—of having a boy and girl of S. D. A. parents in an S. D. A. school, that we render this brief report. At the present time we have 32 schools, with an enrollment of 346 for the past year. In all these schools we have S. D. A. teachers. Some of our teachers have not had the privilege of spending much time in our denominational training centers, and this makes very important our continuing to encourage our teachers to be in attendance at our teacher's summer schools, two of which have been held in Singapore. These teachers will be given a chance to work out the plans for work, as we believe that having these boys do the work will be better than sending them to another place. It is our intention, however, to send some of these boys to our three or four year colleges.

"The foundation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there is a larger number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members but for the world. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers." — Id., pages 21, 22.

All our schools are well-qualified teachers thoroughly conversant with our denominational methods and ideals, and contributing definitely to the giving of the best message to the world in our day. To this end, the Malaysian Union Seminary is planning to encourage our teachers to be in attendance at our teacher's summer schools, two of which have been held in Singapore. These teachers will be given a chance to work out the plans for work, as we believe that having these boys do the work will be better than sending them to another place. It is our intention, however, to send some of these boys to our three or four year colleges.

Batakrong English School has 120 in enrolment this year, with several teachers in attendance. In soul-winning results this school leads all others in the union, excepting the Seminary. Although the teachers have not been permitted to conduct Bible classes in the school, yet in their personal work they have been greatly blessed. Some of the best boys that come to the Seminary are from the Batakrong English School.

In Bangkok, we have a good school that is bringing results in souls won for the Lord. The Seminary governors have sent there, for conducting Chinese schools in that field, to employ also a teacher to teach Chinese, thus placing us under added expenses.
Two Years of Evangelistic Advance in Malaysia—1927-28

The Chinese school at Kudat has had good results in its work of giving themselves to the Lord. In Soerabaja we have a very interesting school of 60, most all of whom are Mohammedans, taught by a Javanese teacher. It is an aspiring sight to see these boys wearing their pichi (hats), while singing our Christian songs.

BRITISH BORNEO MISSION
J. W. Rowland
(Synopsis of report rendered by Pastor J. W. Rowland, director of British Borneo Mission, at biennial session of Malaysian Union, January, 1929).

In the British Borneo Mission, where until early last October, Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Marshon have been laboring, and to which field Mrs. Rowland and I have only recently been assigned, the work is on the upward trend, although among the Chinese it has been moving very slowly.

One of our greatest problems at present is how to carry on in a strong way our Evangelistic work, when so many are engaged in school work.

Our chief objective must ever remain the winning of souls. In 1927 there were six baptised; in 1928 there were seventy-nine—a total of eighty-five for the biennial period. This large gain was made possible through holding classes among a part of a Shantung Chinese who came to Borneo about 16 years ago. At the time of their moving to Borneo they decided among themselves that they would accept the message further suggested they should continue studying, and when they agreed to do so, he began anew to instruct them faithfully, to the end they may be fully established in the secret.

There are many hundreds of villages of Dusuns, Muruts and other tribes in North Borneo never yet visited by us. Our need is for workers, and a greater inflow of the Gospels, and one who is more workers, and a greater infilling of the Master we serve, that the heathen may see His glory.

When you pray, do not forget to remember Borneo with its multitudes of darkened minds, that they may be brought to the light of God’s saving truth.

LABORS IN EAST JAVA
G. A. Wood
(Synopsis of report rendered during biennial session of Malaysian Union, Singapore, S.S., February, 1929)

It is with grateful hearts we recount our Lord’s kind care and prospering hand over His work committed to our trust. Upon our arrival in Soerabaja, Java, in March, 1926, public meetings were undertaken in the Malay language in two sections of the city, but without any noteworthy results.

From public efforts we turned to the plan of house-to-house labor, in which we had the active help of others of the Soerabaja church, and thirty souls were thus won. In Semarang, also, public efforts yielded little. We thank God for the active help of others, of the Soerabaja church, and thirty souls were thus won. In Semarang, also, public efforts yielded little. We thank God for the active help of others, of the Soerabaja church.

In religious matters there is a whole-hearted, enthusiastic interest in physical training. Some of the pupils have been complimented by the local press on their good pronunciation. Some of the pupils have been complimented by the local press on their good pronunciation.

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REPORT OF THE MALAYSIAN UNION GIRLS’ SCHOOL 1927—1928
Muriel A. Rosenberg

In 1927 about thirty pupils were enrolled in the Malaysian Union Girls’ School, in Standards 1, 3, 4, and 5. In 1928 more than 150 girls were enrolled in different classes, the highest being Standard 7. Last year twenty of our girls lived in the school home—twice as many as lived there the year before.

In religious matters there is a wholesome spirit manifested. We have been having regular prayer bands, in which all pupils above the first Standard, were included. The leaders of these were usually chosen from among the pupils. The last way we have held a baptismal class, led by Sister Lake, and including practically all dormitory girls not of our faith. Besides a few, we thank God for the baptisms of the year from among the girls.

The girls of this school have conducted a Y. P. M. V. society; the report of their missionary work from January to August, 1928—eight months—read thus:

Present Membership 55
Average attendance at meetings 44
Number of members who reported 50
Number belonging to bands 40
Number baptised 30
Bouquets for sick 10
Tracts distributed 1455
Books lent or given 170
Papers, magazines and tracts mailed 322

Our girls and young women have maintained a high standard of scholarship. They have given us several good programs to the general public, and have been complimented by the local press on their good pronunciation. Some of the girls from these programs, have formed the nucleus of a library fund, and this permits of a beginning in purchasing books. The girls have gathered funds also for certain equipment, and have taken keen interest in physical training.

Some of our girls have suffered persecution from relatives because of holding firm to Bible truth. Our girls are made of good material, and will surely become great factors in souls-winning. May God continue to bless the young women of the Malaysian Union Mission.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS IN CENTRAL CHINA

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GRIGGS

and PASTOR J. J. STRAHL.

They have just returned from a visit to Hanking, the headquarters of the Central China Union. They report the annual meeting of the union executive committee brought together over a thousand brethren from all parts of China. "The prospects are brighter than we have ever seen," they say. The brethren are determined to work hard to build up a strong church in the city of Hankow, which is the most important mission center in the city. They report that the plot of land on which the new church is to be erected has been purchased, and that the building will be completed within the next few months.

Another building project is that of reconstructing the Yenching assembly hall. Brother Straule told those assembled in the Division office that they were able to hold district meetings, and get together again those of our people who had remained faithful through the troubles of 1927. They have laid plans for promoting the work of the churches again, and for expanding the work in the territory remaining in the Far Eastern Division field, shall have upon it continually the prospering hand of God."

THE HUMAN MISSION

C. H. DAVIS

This year, for the first time since 1925, we have been able to get to most of the out-stations. In visiting these, we were able to hold district meetings, and get together again those of our people who had remained faithful through the troubles of 1926-1927. We had spiritual meetings, and our people were brought nearer together, and to a closer union with God. These meetings did much towards stabilizing the churches again.

We had a goal for 70 baptisms last year, but did not quite make it. The prevailing prejudice in Hunan against missions has not quite been overcome, but did not quite make it. The prevailing prejudice in Hunan against missions has not quite been overcome, and this partly accounts for our not reaching our goal. But, we have set a goal to double the number of baptisms this year. The prospects are brighter now than they were at the beginning of last year, so we should reach our goal.

We have rented a large chapel just outside south gate, Changsha, and have planned to hold a yearly, continuous effort in the city. We have called some of our best workers to Changsha to take part in the effort, and trust that we shall see good results. We are anxious to build up a good strong church at headquarters.

The mission launch has been on its trial run, and is very satisfactory. It is shallow-draft, roomy, and fast, and will fill all our requirements nicely. It will be pressed into service for the spring itinerary this year.

APPOINTMENTS

Some slight readjustments of dates of appointments during the coming months, have been made; and the time fixed for various meetings now stands as follows:

Central China Union biennial session, Hankow, May 3-6

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Manchurian Union biennial session, May 31 to June 8

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION REGARDING THE EAST INDIES

"Whereas, The General Conference has transferred the Netherlands East Indies to the Central European Division, together with all properties in that field, and the membership, including workers that have been laboring in that territory;

"Resolved, That in the division already settled upon by the General Conference, painful thought is it to find ourselves separated from membership to which we have worked so many years to build up, and from fellow laborers with whom we have been associated in the Lord's work during past years.

"Be it further resolved, That we express to the various constituencies of Baptist believers within the territory of the Netherlands East Indies, and especially to our working force about to be transferred to the Central European Division, our sincere regards, our best wishes, and our prayers. We wish to join with them in united prayer to God that the work they are to continue, and in the territory still remaining in the Far Eastern Division field, shall have upon it continually the prospering hand of God."

THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK

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For Our Institutions

BIG WEEK — 1929

In various lands of the Far East some special literature is being prepared for use during Big Week, to be held in some lands on May 25 to June 1, 1929. The amount to be raised in the Far East this year through sacrificial effort at the time named, must include $5,790 gold not otherwise provided.

In the China field a health number of the Signes magazine is being prepared, and it is thought to be saleable. The publishers are proposing that an extraordinary effort be made to place this number of Shik Diya Yuch Bao in many homes.

In the Malay Union the main beneficiary this year from the Big Week Extension Fund, is the Penang Hospital-Dispensary; in the Philippines the Publishing House; in Japan the Training School, the Hospital-Dispensary, and the Publishing House; in China various educational, medical and other institutions.

The list stands thus:

1929 MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND — FAR EAST

(Proposed Beneficiaries)

Shanghai Publishing House Addition — (Gold) $4,000

Japan Publishing House — 1,500

Philippine Publishing House — 4,500

Text Books for Primary Schools — 1,000

Far Eastern Academy — 500

Canton Intermediate School — 1,710

Japan Training School — 5,000

Japan Hospital — 1,250

Hospital, Waichow, South China Hospital — 1,830

Shanghai Sanitarium and Training School for Nurses — 2,500

Total. Gold $39,790

None of these funds are assured at present; all is dependent on amounts that may be raised during Big Week of the year 1929 and resultant decisions and appropriations of controlling committees. There is an excellent prospect that if the Far East does its part, we shall eventually have at least the major portion of the appropriations listed. Our minimum total goal of Big Week receipts must include $5,790 gold not otherwise to be made available.

A GOAL OF 100,000

The bookmen have determined to press forward with the distribution of the Chinese monthly magazine, which is already being sent to upwards of 65,000 annual subscribers. The goal is 100,000 paid subscriptions on our list by the close of 1929. Some of the colporteurs will continue on beyond the Big Week and remain in the field until the close of the year. None of these funds are assured. The publishers are hoping to be able to hold a yearly, continuous effort in the city. We have called some of our best workers to Changsha to take part in the effort, and trust that we shall see good results. We are anxious to build up a good strong church at headquarters.

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGIONS BEYOND

The officers of the China Inland Mission, in one of their latest statements regarding the opportunity their workers now have of pressing on beyond the old and long-occupied stations into the farther reaches of Inland China, declare:

"It is obviously of the highest importance . . . to bear the gospel to the millions who have never heard it, whether in districts more or less adjacent to our present mission stations, or to the greater and wider areas both in China proper and in the outlying dependencies of Mongolia, Sinkiang and Tibet, for which, as Christians, we "discuss" a responsibility." — January, 1929.

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SOULS MUST BE DILIGENTLY SEARCHED OUT
J. O. AFENIR

I stole an hour one morning on the seashore of San Fernando in Northern Luzon (P. I.), to look for good shells to bring home to my children. Unfortunately, some had gone ahead of me and had taken all the good ones. It seemed to me that my object was frustrated. But later on, here and there, among the millions of stones, I found a few shells—a few, indeed, but precious, because they represent my persistent effort.

Then I thought of my work as a soul-winner. Really, it is hard to win souls; for the majority of the people have hardened their hearts against the warning of God for the last days. Because of this lamentable condition, many a worker has become discouraged, and has quit. How can we know who are susceptible to the gospel invitation? Where and how can we find them?

My experience that morning in searching perseveringly for good shells condemned my selfish heart. If, instead of sitting many hours with my books and putting myself aloof from the people as if I were a superman, I should have put more earnest endeavor in searching for the lost by employing more hours in visiting the people, in their homes, surely more would have been led to the Master under my ministry. I am glad for that experience along the seashore; for it taught me a great lesson in soul-winning. Souls are to be searched out as earnestly and as persistently and carefully as the shells among the stones. My fellow brethren, let us search for them diligently among the great bulk of human beings.

LITERATURE WORK IN THE CHOSEN UNION
R. W. PEARSON

The Lord has done great things for us in the canvassing field in Chosen the past year. As we look back over the many good experiences we have had, we can only praise the Lord for His help and leading.

In the campaign conducted the last three months of 1928, over 3,000 books have been sold in combination with individual subscriptions to the Signs. We are continuing the combination plan for about two more months, and we hope thus to sell the remainder of our old and slow-moving books. We are all happy the campaign proved a success. The colporteurs took hold of it with enthusiasm.

During the month of December we held before our colporteurs a special inducement. The Signs Press at Seoul offered to give a good Bible to the colporteur putting in the most time. Several of the colporteurs have been working evenings, and some have sent in reports of 35 hours in a week. You know this is difficult to do in the winter, when the days are short. Many good experiences came in; and naturally, when putting in good hours, the sales went up accordingly. The winner in number of hours put in over 250 hours during the month. Even though the work has been very hard in many ways this year, the faithful efforts of the colporteurs are surely to be commended.

There is one thing we plan to emphasize during the coming institutes above everything else, and that is that colportage is a soul-saving work, and the lives of our colporteurs must be in touch with Heaven if they really want success. We feel the need of every man’s gaining a deep Christian experience. We are looking into the new year with high hopes, and we believe that the Lord will abundantly bless if we let Him lead.—Abridged from “Promoter.”

FROM THE VISAYAS
M. F. WIEDEMANN

BROTHER CHANEY and I just arrived yesterday from Cebu. We had a good colporteur institute, in which the Spirit of the Lord came in power. About forty-five were in attendance and most of these were sent into the field. It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing in the East Visayan (Cebuan) Mission. When Mrs. Wiedemann and I came to the Islands in 1922, there were only seven colporteurs and less than two hundred members in the Cebuan field. Now there are forty colporteurs and more than 2,000 members.

Just as we began our Bicol institute last December, the terrible typhoon struck us. The Bicol field was hard hit. We were fearful lest the colporteurs might have a hard time, but they went out from the institute full of courage and faith. The January report from Bicol field shows that one colporteur took orders to the amount of Pesos 1,021, another Pesos 900 and another Pesos 711. One averaged Pesos 5.83 per hour, another Pesos 5.19 and another Pesos 5.05. Surely, the Lord’s hand is in this.

Brother Chaney and I put in a few hours’ Harvest Ingathering in Cebu before we came to Manila and the Lord blessed us with Pesos 610. We had some good experiences, and found one German doctor who is greatly interested in the truth because of his contact with some of our brethren who have gone to him for treatment. He is reading our literature, and we hope that he will step out soon to take in our several Chinese who were exceptionally friendly towards us because of their dealings with Brethren Abdon and Flores. We praise the Lord for it all.

SPIRITUALIZING COLPORTAGE
E. M. ADAMS

During the past year we held three sectional institutes, calling in for about three days the colporteurs working in a certain area of our field, and holding Bible studies with each group thus brought together. The results have been gratifying. Following one of the short institutes, the field missionary secretary received a letter from one of the colporteurs who in the past had never written a letter without mentioning some trouble or complaint; but this letter was excellent, and the field missionary secretary wrote back to the colporteur that if only such letters as this good one were to come to the office, he (the field missionary secretary) would never grow old.

Since these Biblical institutes were held for our Central Luzon colporteurs there has also been a definite increase in sales. No one but God knows how much more thorough and spiritual work the men have done because of these short institutes devoted largely to a study of the Holy Scriptures. May God bless the many companies of sacrificing, self-supporting evangelistic colporteurs.

A NEW ERA

“A new era has dawned for our book work in the China field,” declared Brother Strahle in one of his reports rendered upon his return from the convention. This seems to be the order of the day in several of our fields. A new era has indeed dawned. Our brethren are now planning in a practical manner on the basis of distributing hundreds of thousands of pieces of denominational literature, where for years of thousands seemed to suffice. We shall soon change the hundreds of thousands into millions; for only thus can the publishing work in the Far East carry on the power that will awaken the Cry and the final triumph of the Movement.
THE PHILIPPINE UNION, WITH
286 SCHOOLS, SENDS A
COMPLETE REPORT

MRS. EVANS

From the Philippine Union comes this encouraging word from Mrs. B. Shanks Chaney, Sabbath school secretary of the Union:

"I have been very much gratified by the promptness with which all my secretaries send in their reports, and I trust you will notice that my group of workers as midi. as 'I did while they 'were -hero, and the letters secretaries at the time of -the general institute, the 'secretaries' were so vision of their department than they but more than -that they got a larger been secretary. here, for the: first-time since. I have report 'is complete !

"I am preparing to leave early Sunday morning (February 3) for the Northern Luzon field, and shall be away from Manila for two months. Pastor Roda, the secretary there, has planned a full six week's schedule.

"I SUPPOSE all of you were present last Sabbath when we had our Rally Day program. The day was clear and the sun Was shining bright-ly. This made us the more cheerful Rally Day influence our Sab-BAth school for the whole year. I provided we maintain the spirit

I believe the seats of our church here will be full in a very short time. So shall the efforts men did exceedingly well in this matter, as their attendance was 25, and they had 28 visitors. We feel that our Rally Day has well met its twofold aim.

A clock, when prOperly wound, can keep in action for its specified length of time. So shall the efforts of our Rally Day influence our Sabbath school for the whole year. I believe the seats of our church here will be full in a very short time, provided we maintain the spirit which possessed us last Sabbath.

We were favored with a male quartet, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Brother Sung She Wen conducted an interesting review, in which we were made to think anew of the Lord's love and His long-suffering in calling us to repent.

As we know, the aim and end of Rally Day is twofold: first, to warm up the spirit of our members so that they may strive ahead with new inspiration, new power, and new resolution; second, to gain new members for the Sabbath school. Generally speaking, we have met the first aim, as evidenced in the smiling faces of everybody present to-day. Regarding the second purpose, I think all of you will be glad to hear that we had 92 visitors last Sabbath, which proved an average of each three members bringing two visitors. The men did exceedingly well in this matter, as their attendance was 25, and they had 28 visitors. We feel that our Rally Day has well met its twofold aim.

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After the class recitations, in which all joined heartily, the school was dismissed with silent prayer.

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**Mei Tsing Liang, Secretary**

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**CHILDREN WALK TO SABBATH SCHOOL**

FROM a recent letter from Mrs. Wangerin, written just after an interesting itinerating tour in the country districts of Western Chosen, we take the following:

"At one place I met a number of children, who came a long way all by themselves, from heathen homes to attend our Sabbath school. It is surprising to see the interest that some of these take in the study of the lesson. At one place a heathen woman sent in a thank-offering to the Lord. It is interesting to see the many uses to which the pictures of the picture rolls are put. And the Sabbath school members are so proud of their book marks.

"At Pyeng Yang we have a fine company of women. Just before they met for their Sabbath school rally and Bible institute, some of the sisters decided to try to improve the looks of their meeting place. One of them bought matting for the entire church, paying thirty-five yen for it; another sister bought an ornament, and a third bought a clock.

"A new interest has been reported at Ma Pyinig Ri, one of the churches here in the Center Mission of Chosen. They have now a Sabbath school of sixty-seven members. Eighteen of these are preparing for baptism. There is no worker at this place. Our Home school at Songdo has become an organized school. Now there are twenty-two Sabbath school members, and seven of these have decided for the truth."

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**The Missions Extension Fund—Big Week**

**THE BIG WEEK A FOURFOLD BLESSING**

J. J. STRAHE

The Lord promises blessings to those who give themselves to Him in consecrated service. In fact, the promise is one hundred-fold to those who willingly work for Him.

At the China convention at Chiao Tou Djen the workers suggested a new name for Big Week in the China. They now call it "Literature Promotion Week" (a campaign in which all take part). I like that idea of all working. Really, is it not the plan in Big Week that all share in the campaign and all receive a blessing from the Lord?

Big Week brings a fourfold blessing.

First, there is the blessing that comes to those who dedicate their lives to giving the message to their neighbors and friends. These truly enter into the joy of their Lord. Second, there is the blessing that goes with the consecrated worker to the homes visited. Third, there is the blessing received through the money raised to provide needed facilities to strengthen our publishing, educational, and medical missionary work. The fourth blessing comes from the ministry of the institutions planted in the various lands for the care of the needy, and made possible by the gifts raised during Big Week.

The literature which we sell and distribute during Big Week gives the light of God's truth to millions who otherwise might never know it. Many individuals and, indeed, whole families have been brought into the truth through the efforts put forth during Big Week. Many interests found during this campaign have been followed up with Bible studies, and, as a result, souls were brought to the knowledge of present truth. Let us picture in our minds the large army of Seventh Adventists going forth to carry the "good news of salvation" in 133 languages. Think, too, of the joy of meeting some souls in heaven, who were led to Christ because we took part in the Big Week effort.

Shall we not organize our forces for the coming Big Week in such a way that every one will have a part?

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**BIG BLESSINGS FROM BIG WEEK**

A. A. ESTEB

In view of the big blessings that Big Week brings, we rejoice that another Big Week is just before us. The question comes to each of us, will I enjoy these big blessings during this coming Big Week?

Here in North China we rejoice over the prospects of more peaceful conditions under which to launch our Big Week campaign this year. As we recall last year's situation after the evacuation of Tsingtau and the unsettled conditions existing, we realize that we have a better outlook for this year's work. Last year we had to conduct our Big Week in Peking under most trying circumstances. As we organized for work, the Southern army was drawing nearer and nearer to the city, and we launched our campaign on the very day Peking fell. The officials had fled, the city gates were shut, and fear was in the hearts of the populace. After the experiences of Nanking and Tsingtau no one knew what might happen in Peking. Nevertheless, the Lord rewarded our faith and filled the hearts of all with courage. Out of about seventy members over forty came to our rally meeting on Sunday morning and at that time we laid plans for a field day. It was a unique experience,—selling Big Week literature during the capture of the city. But God richly rewarded our efforts. When all the totals for the 1928 Big Week were in, it was discovered that in spite of the handicap under which we had worked, we showed a gain over 1927 instead of a loss.

This year we may receive bigger blessings from Big Week, for we plan to make it a bigger week. The bigger the week the bigger the blessings. Let us unite in making the 1929 Big Week the biggest and best ever,—every church member out doing the same thing at the same time in the same way. This is the secret of Big Week success.

Think of the blessings! Many of our people have been brought into the truth through the distribution of Big Week literature. Multitudes have been warned and enlightened as to the special message we proclaim. Think, too, of the hospitals built, or enlarged, or equipped! Think of the publishing houses that have been helped! schools that have been benefited! What if we had never launched Big Week! Does it matter? Do you think Big Week is a good thing,—the right thing? Will you push it this year as never before? Will you lead out by your example, and exert a positive influence toward success?

Let us press home to our own hearts and to the hearts of our dear people the big blessings of Big Week. When Big Week is mentioned this year and you see a brother or sister seems indifferent, don't blame him for not knowing. Pray for him, and pull him right into the work with you. Help to love the lost enough to win them with the
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### Additional Notes

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- Total numbers for each division highlight significant growth in missionary work across the region.

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**NOTE:** This document is a statistical report detailing the mission activities of various divisions in the Far East, including missionary numbers, baptisms, and other key indicators of growth and activity in the region. The data is presented in a tabular format, allowing for easy comparison across different quarters and years.
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WITH WORKERS IN JAPAN UNION

As we meet with the members of the executive committee of the Japan Union Mission, we are reminded of the unity of God's work all over the lands of earth. The net gain of church-members in Japan during the year 1928, was 48, the membership now standing at 596. The brethren have done wonderfully well in developing their institutional work. The Hospital-Dispensary at our Amanuma mission headquarters in Oizkubo, a suburb of Tokyo, is almost ready for occupancy. Dr. Getzall has assembled a staff, one of the latest additions to this house, being Rev. Dr. Ning, from the States. The Japan Union Mission is at present passing through a stage of development that promises much, and brethren and sisters of this field should be remembered daily at the throne of grace.

Tokyo, March 13.

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THE PRIVILEGES AND BLESSINGS OF THE BIG WEEK THREEFOLD MISSION EXTENSION FUND

L. V. Finster

Although the plan of raising money for mission enterprises through the sale of literature is but eight years old, more than a million five hundred thousand dollars gold has been gathered for erecting publishing houses, schools, and hospitals throughout the world. Heaven only can tell the good that will be accomplished. The sick that will be cured, the lost that will be found, the principles of the message. The children that have been educated will grow into workers who bring souls to the Lord. The publishing houses that have been erected will continue to send forth the printed pages that tell of Jesus' soon coming.

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The success of the plan depends on the faithfulness of every member doing his or her part. The people need the good literature which tells them of the truths for which they are to be aided.

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Several of the detailed reports of officers, both union and provincial, of the great fields of Malaysia and South China, are contained in this issue, and call for close study. Many a precious and suggestive point may be learned through consideration of methods that have brought substantial returns.

STATISTICS — 4th Qtr., 1928

In this issue we are giving advance figures showing the status of missions both union and provincial at the close of the fourth quarter of 1928. The figures are for the quarter and not for the year. The year's totals will be given in the Annual Statistical Report, which will fill the April issue. At this writing the printers are doing their final work on the tables, which contain totals exceeding those of former years. With the development of constituencies, the latest additions thereto being Nurse H. T. H. Evans, who is settled in their new quarters. The brethren are definitely working with the idea of having a second building, and are comfortably settled in their new quarters.

Perhaps Arlta, Pangasinan, has made the most advance, though a bit two homes were rented and are being used to house the students and the lady teachers. It is the plan to erect dormitories in time for the new school year. The brethren, as before, are definitely working with the idea of having a second building, although this plan may not be realized for some time. The work is going forward, and we wish the brethren success in this great undertaking.

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