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## King Saul and David

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**O**F Saul, the first king of Israel, it is said that he was "a choice young man and a goodly." Scarcely could higher praise be given than this language conveys. There may have been others in Israel of fine physique, of strong mentality, of high ideals; but none were goodlier than Saul. Then, too, he was the chosen of the Lord; for when "Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head," he kissed Saul, and said, "Is it not that Jehovah hath anointed thee to be prince over His inheritance?"

In his early experiences Saul was humble, seeking not to be leader and king over the people of God. At Mizpah, where Samuel had gathered the tribes of Israel to choose a king, when the lot fell on Saul, he could not be found. Though he had been called of God and anointed, yet on this public occasion when the people were to name the king, he was not in the forefront electioneering for himself, but had hidden among the wagons and luggage.

As long as Saul remained humble, he was greatly blessed; but when success came to him, he was lifted up, and instead of continuing a humble servant of the Lord, he developed a haughty, rebellious spirit, and was disobedient to God's plain commands. Because of his disobedience, God cast him off forever. His light went out, and he was left in total darkness. He died without hope, leaving a record from which God-fearing men from that day to this have turned with sadness and pity. Yet he was once "a choice young man and a goodly," chosen by God as a prince in Israel.

In contrast to Saul is David. The same God who chose Saul to be prince over His inheritance called David to be his successor. The same prophet who anointed Saul anointed David to be king. But David followed the Lord to the day of his death. Though the kingdom was promised to David, he sought it not, but patiently waited till He who had promised him the kingdom saw fit to place him on the throne.

Saul had refused to obey the Lord. Would young David follow Saul's example? There awaited David great battles, defeats, and mighty victories. When the utmost bounds of conquest should be attained, and peace should settle over his dominions, would David be true and humble before God? Few men who have achieved by war and conquest what David achieved, have remained true and humble; but David continued a man after God's own heart. He was never rebellious nor overconfident, but waited patiently upon the Lord, and was a mighty, humble servant of his Master.

It is well for succeeding generations that David proved true to God. Literature produces nothing equal to some of the great psalms of the shepherd king. There is nothing in secular literature that could not be lost better than the songs of the sweet singer of Israel, which have been read through the ages by millions upon millions for comfort and hope. Shakespeare and Milton and Goethe and Homer might be spared, and still no great spiritual loss would follow; but what countless multitudes would be bereft were the psalms of David taken from us!

Saul died jealous, soured, embittered against God, disappointed that no son of his was to succeed him on the throne. But David, a man after God's own heart, died in peace and hope, full of years and honors, having served the Lord during his long reign, the most successful king of any in Jewish history. His son Solomon was made king by his father's command.

Saul and David had the same opportunities, they were called to the same work. One finished his course in despair, and was the cause of his own death in the hour of defeat and carnage. The other died in his own home, full of years and honors, mourned by an entire nation, and leaving a record of faith and trust and hope.

We are either a Saul or a David for God. Which are we?

Shanghai, China  
April 25, 1930

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## Note and Comment

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### THE CHINA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

D. E. REBOK

*(Report of the president to the Board of Directors, April 3, 1930)*

*To the Members of the Board and Friends of the China Theological Seminary:*

GREETINGS from the faculty and students of the Seminary in its twentieth year of school history! Year by year the school has grown and expanded until this year it comes very near to being full-sized and able to care for itself. It is our hope and plan to make it self-sustaining in its twenty-first year. May we have the prayers of all to the end that self-support may be attained by this school, which will open its twenty-first year in September, 1930.

We would express our heart-felt gratitude to God for His protection, His care, and the degree of prosperity which we have enjoyed thus far this year. Then too, we are not unmindful of what you have made possible for us through our budget, the special appropriations, and the whole-hearted support of each mission. Since we last met here, the dining hall and bathroom building has been erected by funds from the will of the late Brother J. M. Shull and some money solicited in Manila, together with other school funds. This building was done by student-teacher labor supplemented by contracted labor such as masonry, carpentry, and some plumbing. With student labor, we found the cost much greater than it would have been by contract job. Nevertheless, the building is good and well built. It will fill a great need.

"Service" is our watchword. "Efficiency" is our safeguard. "A preparation for translation" is our great aim. "Heaven" is our ultimate goal.

#### FACULTY

A united faculty is the strength of the school. The degree of success attained this year is the direct result of our faculty's work. We have learned that the nearer we approach the "pattern" for true education, the greater are the blessings which come from Heaven's storehouse.

Our work has been strengthened this year by the additional help of Homer Chen, Chen Iu Shih, Chen

Ming, and R. A. Brett. We appreciate the spirit of cooperation on the part of other institutions and fields which have sacrificed to give us this teacher help so greatly needed.

#### THE UNFINISHED TASK IN CHINA

The Seminary is assigned the task of training workers for the church in China. Few of us have really stopped to consider the full meaning of this undertaking. At the last Spring Council reports showed a membership for the six China Unions of 6,938, or one member for every 57,650 of China's millions. If we consider the questions of workers, then the present situation reveals 828 Chinese and European workers of all classes. That is an average of one Seventh-day Adventist worker for 483,091 of the Chinese people. Members of the Board of Directors, this is a tremendous burden which rests upon us. What shall we do to warn these thousands and millions of people? What shall we do to arouse our constituency to this responsibility?

The answer is simple: Train our young people to enter this work. Make a careful study of our membership, and take special steps to bring into these training centers all of our youth.

#### GENERAL REMARKS

This school is enjoying a good reputation among government officials, leading educators, and industrialists of China. Many of these men have been here to see our plant and its work. All feel that our type of education is just what China needs. The study-work plan makes it possible for the poor boy to obtain that necessary education.

The products of our shop are well received by various institutions and business houses. Now is our opportunity to get hold on the trade for metal furniture before others come in and take away the business which is rightfully ours by reason of the early start.

#### CONCLUSION

In closing this report, while conscious of our short-comings and failures in undeveloped plans and actions, yet we are confident that with the help of the Lord and with the outpouring of the Spirit we shall be able to accomplish the Lord's work in the Lord's way. We earnestly solicit your prayers in behalf of the school and all its work; for the teachers, and the young who assemble in preparation for the work of men.

#### THE TRUE VINE

"The living Vine, Christ chose it for Himself:—  
 God gave to man for use and sustenance  
 Corn, wine, and oil, and each of these is good:  
 And Christ is Bread of Life and Light of Life.  
 But yet, He did not choose the summer corn,  
 That shoots up straight and free in one quick growth,  
 And has its day, and is done, and springs no more;  
 Nor yet the olive, all whose boughs are spread  
 In the soft air, and never lose a leaf,  
 Flowering and fruitful in perpetual peace;  
 But only this for Him and His in one,—  
 The everlasting, ever-quickening Vine,  
 That gives the heat and passion of the world,  
 Through its own life-blood, still renewed and shed.  
 The Vine from every living limb bleeds wine;  
 Is it the poorer for that spirit shed?  
 The drunkard and the wanton drink thereof:  
 Are they the richer for that gift's excess?  
 Measure thy life by loss instead of gain,  
 Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth;  
 For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice:  
 And who suffers most hath most to give."

H. E. H. King

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## General Articles

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### WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?

*Jesus, Master, whom I serve,  
Though so feebly and so ill,  
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve  
All Thy bidding to fulfill;  
Open Thou mine eyes to see  
All the work Thou hast for me.*

*Lord, Thou needest not, I know,  
Service such as I can bring;  
Yet I long to prove and show  
Full allegiance to my King;  
Thou art light and life to me,  
Let me be a praise to Thee.*

*Jesus, Master, will Thou use  
One who owes Thee more than all?  
As thou wilt, I would not choose,  
Only let me hear Thy call;  
Jesus, let me always be  
In Thy service, glad and free.*

*Francis Ridley Havergal.*

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### THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

FREDERICK GRIGGS

WE are glad to report that the Ministerial Association of the Far Eastern Division is a growing, progressive organization, but we are sorry to say that it is not growing and progressing as fully or as rapidly as it should. The Reading Courses of the Association are conducted in terms of four years. The completion of each year's course is certified by a Credit Card. A Certificate is issued to each member of the Association who completes the four courses of each term. The present four-year term began January 1, 1927, and ends with this current year, though the Certificate will be given whenever the books are finished. At present we have sixty-one workers who are in line for this four-year Certificate.

While the Ministerial Association is carried on primarily for our evangelical workers, yet it is open to, and valuable for, all classes of workers. It is most helpful to themselves, to their husbands, and to our cause, for the wives of workers, whose chief duties are those of the home, to join with their husbands in membership in the Association, and in the study and reading which it affords. Our message and our times demand keen minds as well as true hearts, and we do want to see every worker a member of the Ministerial Association, and faithful in all its work.

The following figures are indicative of the progress of the Association. The enrollments and completions given are within the year reckoning from one Spring Council to another. In addition to the report given below, up to the present time

39 more foreign workers have completed the 1927 course, making 66 who have finished this course; 25 foreigners more have completed the 1928 course, making 66 who have finished this course; and of the native workers 22 more have completed the 1928 Chinese course, making 260 native workers who have finished this course.

By the above report you can see that our native workers are making a better record that our foreign workers are. There is time and opportunity during 1930 for every evangelical worker in the Far Eastern Division to undertake to complete all 1917-1930 Reading Courses offered by the Association. There are nineteen books required in these four Reading Courses. Many people thoroughly read more than this number of books each year. Now if any evangelical worker has, perchance, not read any of the books in this four-year course, why not resolve to do it now, and complete them this year? It will be a great blessing to such a worker. Let all those who have failed to read all the books and complete the courses, settle themselves to the task of doing so. We often think of it as a task, but if so, it is a pleasant one. The strong evangelical worker is a strong student. The following words from the Spirit of Prophecy bear directly on this, giving instruction and reproof for most of us:

"Upon the right improvement of our time depends our success in acquiring knowledge and mental culture. The cultivation of the intellect need not be prevented by poverty, humble origin, or unfavorable surroundings. Only let the moments be treasured. A few moments here and a few there, that might be frittered away in aimless talk; the morning hours so often wasted in bed; the time spent in traveling on trains or railway cars, or waiting at the station; the moments of waiting for meals; waiting for those who are tardy in keeping an appointment,—if a book were kept at hand, and these fragments of time were improved in study, reading, or careful thought, what might not be accomplished!"

These words by the Spirit of Prophecy have a strong application to our native workers who may be planning to take the list of studies outlined by the five-year course for evangelists. We have been gratified over the interest shown in this course by our workers, both native and foreign. The course was authorized at the 1929 Spring Council, and we were glad to report at the Spring Council just held that 561 native workers were checking up and working on the courses. We have issued altogether 727 Credit Cards. These

Credit Cards are given for the completion of one subject. We have also given twelve Certificates for Year One, one Certificate for Year Two, and one Certificate for Year Three. We would be delighted if it were possible to enroll this year every native evangelist who has not completed all of the work of this course.

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### THE FRUIT OF LONGSUFFERING

WENCESLAO E. BALITON

In the year 1926, after the local conference in Cebu, workers were sent to Sindangan, Zamboanga, under the leadership of Pastor W. L. Rodriguez. Here they held a tent effort, and because of enemies the tent was frequently stoned, and the ropes were cut. Yet the workers did not retaliate, but kept patient. They prayed for those who stoned them, that the Lord might have mercy upon these people.

The prayer of the righteous avail-eth much, is the promise. Last year the man who stoned the tent went to Kolambugan, Lanao, and worked there. Here the Lord answered the prayer of the brethren; for the man was converted to our truth. Finally he was baptized in Misamis when Elder Pattison visited us on November 9, 1929.

We must pray, and have long-sufferance toward those who despitefully use us and persecute us; for thus we may be sure of bringing souls to the feet of Jesus.

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### FOUR NEW STATIONS IN MALAYA

E. J. JOHANSON

DURING the annual council of the Malayan Union Mission held in Singapore December 9-13, 1929, careful consideration was given many matters affecting the work in this field. Several who attended that Council expressed the opinion that it was one of the best and most helpful ever held in Singapore. A good spirit of unity and devotion was manifest, and we believe that God met with His children as they counseled together regarding His work. Plans were laid looking to the extension of the work within the boundaries of this Union and to the opening of four new stations—with foreign workers in charge during the early part of the year 1930.

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## General Reports from the Field

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### THE RAINBOW OF PROMISE

ADLAI A. ESTEB

When the sun bursting through the black  
storm clouds  
Paints a rainbow so bright in the rain;  
Then how soon the dark clouds seem to  
vanish,  
And we see the 'clear shining' again.  
So our sorrow's dark clouds may be  
scattered  
By the bright radiant rays of a smile,  
And the beams as they gleam through the  
teardrops  
Paint a beautiful rainbow the while.  
As the raindrops precede the bright  
sunshine,  
So our tears play a similar part,  
And the skies of our lives are the brightest  
When the dark clouds of sorrow depart.  
Just a smile through the tear-drop of  
sorrow  
Paints a rainbow of promise in view,  
'Tis God's pledge of a happy to-morrow;  
Then smile, Friend, whenever you're  
blue.  
*Peking (Peiping)*

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### CENTRAL CHINA UNION—1929:

#### A SURVEY

By N. F. BREWER, *Supt.*

AS WE see how the Lord has prospered His work in spite of wars and bandits, our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude. Many times, our workers have been in danger, yet usually they have been spared. Three of our members in Hunan suffered martyrdom because of their belief in Christ. The son of one of these, has offered himself to the Lord for service, and is entering the colporteur work.

The year 1929 has been the best in the history of Central China Union. The literature sales have included 22,000 annual subscriptions to the Chinese *Signs Monthly Magazine*. Recently we learned of a company of twelve in Shensi keeping the Sabbath as the result of reading the *Signs*; four have been baptized. Others have had their interest aroused; and this year the colporteurs pledged themselves to the task of raising up believers in the territory they canvass.

One of our faithful Honan colporteurs, a man of four years' experience, has been selected to pioneer the work in unentered Sinkiang. Another man of less experience is to accompany him. They will soon be starting out on a trip that will require at least two years to complete.

They will be the first to carry the third angel's message west of Liangchow, Kansu. The Sinkiang province is a field of great distances. Let us remember these faithful fore-runners of the gospel as they carry the message of salvation to these far away, long neglected people.

During the past year, in addition to larger returns in tithes and offerings than formerly and further in addition to our institutional advance, we had evidence upon evidence of the fact that God is working upon the hearts of honest, truth-seeking men and women.

A woman in Hunan was handed a copy of "Gospel Primer" by one of our members. She read it, and believed. She had worshipped idols for more than thirty years. She used to burn incense sticks that took an hour to burn out, and during that time she would remain on her knees in prayer. When the light of the true God came to her, she gathered up her idols and brought them to our chapel, where she learned how to worship the true God. She is now rejoicing in the advent faith.

Many of our workers and laymembers have had remarkable answers to prayer—in some instances after physicians have given them up. Others have been delivered in times of danger. Still others have been saved from destructive fires. Our God is a living God, and is ready and willing to answer our prayers if we will only have faith and take Him at His word.

We are grateful to God for His care over our work and workers, and also for the wonderful way He is accomplishing seeming impossibilities in our field. Communications are opening up. Auto roads are being built. In some places where formerly it took two or three weeks to reach certain stations, we now can reach these in a few days. Air-mail service has been begun between Hankow and Shanghai; and there are plans for extending this service to other main cities of China. Truly, we well believe God is preparing the way to cut the work short in righteousness. Now is the time for us to move forward in China.

At our annual provincial meetings this past year a deep spirit of consecration came in, and with it a new determination to witness of Christ's love, and to make 1930 a banner year. We ask the prayers of all, to the end that we shall with consecration proclaim the third angel's message to the one hundred twenty-six million within our borders.

### PIONEERING THE WAY

THE hill tribes of Western China include the Miao, the Nosu, the Tai, and the Shan peoples of the mountainous districts. These tribes are now under influence of teachers of the third angel's message in West Kweichow, East Kweichow, Southern Szechwan, and portions of Yunnan.

It is a revelation to one unacquainted with this work developing among peoples until recently beyond our reach, to be awakened morning after morning by their songs while in attendance at general meetings.

Long before the opening of our annual meeting at Pichieh, our Miao and Nosu members far away in the mountain fastnesses plan to attend, and usually reach the meeting place in ample time. Some travel for twelve days, some for ten and nine, in order to reach us. And how happy they seem to be to get together! A general meeting is to them the crowning event of the year. Some who came this year brought us eggs; some brought parched corn, walnuts, oranges, and parched oatmeal.

Progress in gospel ministry among the aboriginal tribes of West China, is especially evident in the West Kweichow Mission. There are more than ten distinct groups of believers already among Miaos and Nosus in West Kweichow. Some of these live a mile and a half above sea-level, literally on the tops of the mountains. They are poor in this world's goods, but rich in the things of the heavenly kingdom.

A school devoted largely to the instruction of Nosu and Miao, has been arranged for and opened at our Pichieh, Kweichow, headquarters. Pastor Ho is fostering this school, and Sister Ho is looking after the interests of several noble young girls in attendance. The grading is not high, few being able to qualify for entrance to even the fourth grade; but the characterfulness of several of the youth now in this little school, is beyond question. Surely we may rejoice over the prospect before us among the tribes of West China.

Pastor C. B. Miller, during a recent trip into the southern portion of Yunnan, reports a wonderful opening among tribal people near Talang. Extracts from his diary, (to appear in our June issue) are of deep interest. We unite with him and his associates in labor, that the Holy Spirit may continue to touch hearts, and lead many to a full acceptance of saving Bible truth.

Men in years past have given freely of their lives, to pioneer among the tribes of the great West of China. The beginnings already made by our workers, and the evidences of the Lord's leading, give us hope for the immediate future. And the fact that fully five hundred from among the Nosu, the Miao, and the Tai peoples, are already keeping the Sabbath, and are week by week meeting to study the Sabbath-school lesson and to worship the true God, surely constitutes an unmistakable call upon us to advance into these opening doors. c.

### THE CENTRAL LUZON CONFERENCE

J. O. AFENIR

*(Synopsis of a report of the annual conference held in Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Jan. 8-12, 1930)*

IT was the writer's privilege to attend the recent Central Luzon Conference, held at Balintawak, a place historically famous. At the time of our annual meeting, Balintawak was consecrated anew by the presence of God and of believers of the third angel's message.

I arrived on the camp just a few minutes before the opening service. Soon, in company with several ministers, I found myself on the rostrum facing about five hundred faces eager to hear the inspiring message given by Professor Griggs. After the meetings, I had the opportunity of looking around, and I found that there were several tents pitched purposely for the occasion. There was a big tent for the adults, another for the juniors and the children, another for dining purposes, two large tents for the people, and some small family tents.

There are no believers in Balintawak, and therefore accommodations had been provided by pitching these tents and by securing available space in a few houses close by. It was not easy to accommodate a thousand and more people with children, when Friday and Sabbath came. Some had to be crowded into the big tent. But no complaints were made.

These meetings have been the best and the most spiritual the writer has ever had the privilege of attending. Surely, there are many people of God in the Central Luzon Conference who really love their Lord and who want to come up to a higher plane of Christian living. It was truly inspiring to be in contact with these brethren.

The dining room was well arranged, and very sanitary.

The workers seemed to have the spirit of co-operating with one another. The president of the conference had no need of trying to line up any worker; every one knew his allotted task, and seemed to enjoy doing it. Every one tried his best to make the meeting a real success,—and surely it was a success.

At the last meeting, an impressive ceremony of ordination was held. Two of the evangelists, Brethren Jose Emralino and Ricardo Magcalen, were consecrated to the high and sacred calling of the gospel ministry. One of those ordained, Pastor Emralino, during the opening session of the conference presented four newly organized churches from his district, Batangas, for acceptance by the conference.

As we parted, it was with the feeling that we would like to remain together for a while longer, but the Lord's commission to go everywhere preaching the word, rang in our ears. We pray that the Lord may richly bless the Central Luzon Conference in their effort to win souls during the year 1930.

### HOPEI ANNUAL MEETING

GEO. J. APPEL

*(Synopsis of report rendered at the opening of the Hopei Mission Annual Meeting, held in Peiping, and covering the activities in the Hopei field during the year 1929)*

SINCE last we met in this field, which has 40,000,000 people, a million or more of souls living within the borders of Hopei have passed into eternity. It is a solemn thought that we who meet together to-day as delegates representing a movement ordained of God to give the last warning message to the world, can never speak to those million souls who have passed away. Surely we must plan to labor the coming year with the needs of a dying world constantly in mind. May the Lord deepen our sense of responsibility as we pray and plan to make the coming year one of unusual progress.

Of the 265 members comprising the Hopei Provincial Mission, 63 were baptized during the past year—more than double the number baptized during 1928. Our net increase in membership has been thirty-three for the year. Including work recently opened at Taimingfu, we are now carrying on from eight centers in Hopei Mission. Our evangelists have labored faithfully. In Tangshan district we have a self-supporting chapel. The Sabbath services for Tangshan were held in another

village about fifteen li from the city. The work in Shechow also has been making excellent progress.

After long search, we have at last been prospered in finding a suitable location for our mission work in Tientsin. With gratitude we have a check through the Church Extension Fund for \$3,500 gold. This, with funds already in hand from local sources, gives us sufficient, we believe, to cover cost of purchase, essential alterations, and other expenses having to do with the securing of property to serve as a chapel, a school, and as living quarters for workers.

Brother Han Pao Lou, from Taimingfu, is prepared to render a report of interests springing up in that city. I have in my hand a letter signed by 123 persons who have heard of the Sabbath truth, and are pleading that we send them help in order that they may be fully taught the way of life and become members of the true church. Surely the harvest is ripe in the Taimingfu district, and our need is for reapers to gather in the grain.

In the city of Peiping work is being carried on in three chapels, besides the one at headquarters. Much poverty and consequent distress has followed in the wake of civil revolution. Hundreds of shops have been closed during the past year; business has at times been at a standstill. Our own people have suffered, and many have had to receive help. However, the Lord is blessing in our evangelistic efforts in this city, and in other places in the province. During the past year we have operated three church schools and seven regularly organized Sabbath schools, together with three home-department schools. Good offerings have been made, and a beginning may be recorded in the Investment Fund program. Tithes and offerings have been a little in excess of the previous year, and we have met very largely the expense connected with keeping chapels open for the general public. Colportage sales have been considerably in excess of any previous record, notwithstanding famine conditions and other economic disturbances. Several students earned a partial or an entire scholarship during the summer months. Our home missionary work is advancing. The outlook before all classes of laborers in the Hopei Mission is bright. We need a deepening of our own spiritual experiences, in order that there may be in our midst a manifestation of God's power.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HUNAN MISSION

C. H. DAVIS

*(Synopsis of report rendered by the director, Pastor C. H. Davis, during the annual meeting of the Hunan Provincial Mission, Changsha, Hunan, February, 1930)*

WE welcome all in attendance, and especially representatives from groups of believers who have come into the faith since last we met in a similar gathering during the fall of 1928. Living as we are in the last days, we have passed through many perils and dangers, and it is through God's mercy we are permitted to meet together once more to worship Him and to plan for the advancement of His cause in the Province of Hunan. While our hearts are saddened by the loss of some of our laymen by death, and through bitter persecution ending in martyrdom; and while we are saddened also over some who have been lost because of apostasy, yet we do thank God for the eighty new members added during the year. We also praise Him that we have been able to continue carrying on our work throughout the field, notwithstanding difficulties.

Our territory includes the province of Hunan and the *hsien* of Pingsiang in Kiangsi. Distances are great, communication slow, and stations somewhat scattered; yet even now we are beginning to reap benefits in certain sections through the completion of auto roads and the inauguration of motor-bus lines. Making use of these aids, we can make a trip to all our present mission out-stations in eighty-three days, stopping from one to three days at each place.

Our mission staff includes four ordained men and twenty-two evangelists, eight colporteurs, nine teachers, three office helpers, and eight others. These have remained loyal and true. All departments are represented in one way and another; the Lord is adding His blessing.

The painstaking labors of Brother A. N. Bierkle as Mission treasurer, and of Professor G. G. Hamp as educational secretary, have brought added strength to our cause in Hunan. We have had some excellent Chinese departmental workers with us, and these have done splendid service in their respective lines. The evangelists have put forth earnest efforts to win souls. A few have engaged in tent labor, with some success. Others have itinerated. It has been possible for the director to visit most of the out-stations twice.

About five thousand *li* of this travel has been by the help of our Mission launch.

The murder of three of our brethren by those opposed to the introduction of Christian teachings, reveals the spirit that is rife among some with whom we are laboring. We believe the martyrdom of some of our number constitutes an earnest call to those of us who remain to live and labor as for eternity. Others of our members have had unusual and precious experiences, including many direct answers to prayer in the face of peril and of impending calamity.

Our school property near Changsha—across the Siang River—has been improved during the past year, but is in need of proper quarters for teachers. We also need enlarged chapel space, and other essential improvements.

Most of all, we need to be winning more souls than we have been gathering in. Surely, with God's help, we as a united company of workers could bring to Christ this very year more than two hundred souls. There is nothing too hard with the Lord. Let us do our best, with faith in Him.

## MALAYAN ADVANCES

FROM *Notes of Progress*, under date of February 10, 1930, we learn that the brethren of the Malayan Union Mission, after a review of the year 1929 with its readjustments connected with the reorganization of the field, planned for steady development throughout the year 1930. Their annual committee meeting was held early enough to enable all to get back to their fields by the opening of the new year; and with this early start, it is thought that 1930 may be made one of the banner years of their mission. Brother E. J. Johanson, temporarily in charge of the field during the absence of Pastor J. G. Gjording, superintendent, on furlough, writes: "We take courage, believing that God is waiting to do greater things for His children than ever before, and that if we will but give Him His way with us and through us, the year 1930 can be the banner year in the history of His work in Malaya. Will we not rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves to the Master's service, that not one of us as workers may disappoint Him during the present year?"

These are good words from Malaya. May Heaven's blessing continue to attend the workers in that union.

## WORK AMONG LEPERS

TWO interesting letters have been received from two of our brethren who are confined in a leper colony. Brother ——'s wife died a few weeks ago. He, however, is of good courage in the Lord. The following is part of a letter received from him: "I received the literature you sent, and am thanking God and you. We have given the papers to those who attended our Sabbath school, and they have been very glad to receive them. Our meeting on Sabbath is growing. On July 6 three visitors were present. The past Sabbath and one previous to that, we had seven visitors, making our number twelve. I asked the Lord to help one who was sick, who had asked me to teach him to pray, and he was able to attend the next Sabbath."

Another brother is also in ——. For a number of years he was a faithful colporteur; but when he contracted this disease, he was taken to this leper colony. He also is active and faithful. The following is from a letter from him: "I want to tell you that when we first entered here, the people abhorred the name 'Sabadista' (colloquial in the Philippine Islands for Adventist), and wouldn't read the tracts that I gave them. But now the Lord has changed their minds in this respect, and they accept any tracts I give them, and lend them to others to read. Brother —— is always very zealous in doing missionary work; and as a result one man has decided to be baptized as soon as he is free from the disease and sent home. Another man has also decided that when he goes home, he will buy a Bible for each of his children, and will endeavor to bring them to this faith."

We are glad that these brethren are faithful and are manifesting a good missionary spirit, though their situation is not the happiest in other ways.—*Mispah, Manila, P. I.*

Build as thou wilt, unspoiled by praise or blame;  
Build as thou wilt, and as thy light is given;  
Then, if at last the airy structure fall,  
Dissolve, and vanish, take thyself no shame—  
They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.

— T. B. Aldrich.

IMPRESSIVE STUDIES BY  
PASTOR A. L. HAM

E. M. ADAMS

PASTOR A. L. HAM, of the Cantonese Mission of the South China Union, gave several impressive studies during the Central Luzon meeting. In his first study he called attention to the time of trouble that is just before us, taking as his text Daniel 12:1, and emphasized the great importance of getting ready. In this connection he read the admonition of God in Amos 4:12: "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

Our attention was called to the history of God's people and the world in the past,—times of trouble, such as in the day of the flood, when only Noah and his family was saved; and during the falling of the ten plagues in Egypt, when the Israelites were delivered. Mention also was made of certain crises during the Christian dispensation, including the persecution of the church by Emperor Nero, and again during the years of papal supremacy from 538 to 1798, when millions of innocent people were put to death. The speaker emphasized the necessity of developing a Christian character, and of being clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

THE 1930 SPRING COUNCIL

SESSIONS COMMITTEES

*Voted,* That the following nominations be recorded as personnel of sessions committees for the Far Eastern Division Spring Council of 1930:

**PASTORAL COMMITTEE:** C. C. Morris (chairman), K. H. Wood, M. C. Warren, E. M. Adams, N. F. Brewer, Charles Larsen.

**PLANS COMMITTEE:** N. F. Brewer (chairman), H. H. Hall, J. J. Strahle, L. V. Finster, S. L. Frost, Mrs. I. H. Evans, W. A. Scharffenberg, Frederick Lee, E. J. Johanson, K. H. Wood, Dr. D. E. Griggs, John Oss, E. M. Adams, M. Popow, C. C. Morris, H. A. Anderson, H. H. Morse, W. I. Hilliard, Geo. J. Appel, C. S. Sissons, L. H. Butka, A. A. Esteb, C. C. Crisler, J. V. Scott.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Eugene Woesner (chairman), H. H. Hall, Dr. H. W. Miller, Professor Frederick Griggs, V. T. Armstrong, H. A. Oberg, M. C. Warren, D. E. Rebok, B. Petersen, C. C. Morris, L. V. Finster.

**CREDENTIALS AND LICENSURES AND NOMINATIONS:** C. C. Crisler (chairman), C. C. Morris, Charles Larsen, E. R. Thiele, Geo. J. Appel.

FAR EASTERN ACADEMY

THE annual constituency meeting of Far Eastern Academy, held in connection with the Spring Council of 1930, brought joy to all; and not the least pleasant feature was an evening of music rendered by the Academy students near the close of the session.

The new industrial building constructed late last autumn, gives well lighted space for the department of printing. The members of the board of directors (made up of the executive committee of the division mission, together with the principal of the Academy and the Bible teacher) voted to arrange for the installation of a printing press by about the beginning of the next school year. At present all printing work must pass through the Shanghai Signs Press after the type has been set and proofs have been been O. K 'd.

The 1930-31 school year at the Academy is to begin Sept. 15, 1930, and close June 6, 1931.

Some appropriations were made to cover a small investment of equipment for the physics laboratory, and to meet the cost of library books and maps to the amount of about \$70 gold, and woodworking tools and benches to the amount of about \$100 gold.

The following were elected to serve as the local board of managers for the ensuing year: H. W. Barrows, chairman; H. H. Morse, principal and business manager, mathematics and science; Chas. Larson, vice-chairman and secretary; H. W. Miller, C. C. Crisler, K. H. Wood, D. E. Rebok, W. A. Scharffenberg, Frederick Lee.

For a faculty, the present staff are continued; request is being made through the Home Board for a teacher of piano and voice.

ACADEMY STUDENTS WHO  
HAVE LEFT FOR THE STATES

AMONG those in attendance at Far Eastern Academy during the past school year, who are en route to the United States for furlough or further study, are Miss Anna Lee, for college work in the States; and Mr. H. Willis Miller, Jr., for college work; and (on furlough) the Misses Helen and Eleanor Warren, Mr. James Lee, Mr. Clarence Miller, Miss Eunice Cossentine, Masters Frederick and David Strahle.



*This glimpse of China Theological Seminary students going out to sell "Big Week" literature recently, reminds us of the fact that for the China field and some other sections of our Far Eastern territory the date for Big Week is May 31 to June 7, 1930, and all have been invited to take part in an effort to raise at least \$6,250 gold as the specified minimum amount to be raised within our borders during this week for Extension Fund projects.*



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 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY  
 THE CHAIRMAN

THE Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Brother H. H. Hall, of the General Conference Publishing Department, and to the brethren who had come in from the fields, and invited all to participate freely in the discussion of items that may come before the Council. Many of our problems come because of the growth of the work. Last year our net increase in membership was 2,899, bringing our constituency of baptized members up to 24,651, notwithstanding the transfer at the beginning of 1929 of 1,736 to the Central European Division.

Four years ago our church membership was reported as 17,007; the net increase during the quadrennium has been 8,852, in addition to which might properly be added the increases realized in the Netherlands East Indies during the three years of the quadrennium this territory was a part of the Far Eastern Division, bringing our net totals of gains during the quadrennium, to 9,554 souls. The various departments, also, show gains. Our tithes and offerings have been practically the same as during the previous year. The year 1929, however, taking everything into the account, has been one of the best in our history.

## DIVISION TREASURY

A Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet of the Far Eastern Division of General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist for the year ending December 31, 1929, was submitted by the Division assistant treasurer, Brother Eugene Woesner, with exhibits showing amounts received in tithes and offerings. This report showed a total income of \$1,158,439.61 gold, and actual expenditures of \$1,072,351.78.

 DIVISION SECRETARY'S  
 REPORT

The Division Secretary presented a statistical report covering some of the main features of advance during the year 1929. The statistical No. of the OUTLOOK for April was made the basis of a review and analysis of the general statistical status of our work throughout the Division.

Emphasis was placed upon the supreme necessity of our holding to a spiritual basis of advance among the millions of the Far East, instead of relying upon material resources. By faith we are to continue in ministry to these people, looking to Heaven for the support essential for the healthful development of this work.

## GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

*Gratitude*

WHEREAS, The blessings of God have been specially manifest during the past year in making it possible for us to enter new territory, in protecting the lives of our workers and members, in restoring to health Elder Evans in his recent illness, in general advancement of the work throughout the Division, in material prosperity experienced in many fields, and in deeper spiritual life among our people generally; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we express to our Father in Heaven the gratitude of our hearts for the many mercies and manifold blessings bestowed upon us, and that we renew our consecration to the task He has committed to us, pledging our lives to the speedy finishing of the work in this field.

*Deepening the Spiritual Life*

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has said that "when we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us"; and,

WHEREAS, There is manifest need of greatly deepening the spiritual life of both our workers and laity, in order that they may be prepared to meet the peculiar tests of these last days and make their efforts in soul-winning more effective; therefore,

*Resolved*, (a) That our provincial leaders and workers come together several days prior to annual meetings for spiritual instruction and prayer, seeking closer connection with God and one another in order that all might receive the promised blessing to those who are united in spirit and purpose.

(b) That all workers be specially instructed regarding the blessings and duty of doing personal work with our lay members during annual meeting sessions, and when visiting companies and churches;

(c) That special revival efforts be conducted in all our churches at frequent intervals, when every member of the church as far as possible shall be personally visited and encouraged in the faith, emphasizing such features as Bible study, personal devotion and family worship, and when an endeavor to reclaim the backslidden shall be undertaken;

(d) That we seek to make the weekly prayer meeting a definite factor in deepening the spiritual life of the church by urging faithful attendance on the part of all our laity, and by encouraging the leaders of churches and companies to make this meeting a time of special testimony and earnest prayer.

*Sympathy*

IN the death of our beloved fellow-laborer in Christ, Pastor S. F. Jackson, who died January 24, 1930, at Glendale, California, from an operation on his throat followed by pneumonia, leaving a wife, and two children, — a son, Virgil, and a daughter, Miss Charlotte, — we feel that the cause of God has lost a worker who for many years has been loyal to the message, and given his life devotedly for its promotion: that we, his fellow-workers, have lost a responsible, efficient helper and co-laborer who was wise in counsel, exemplary in life and devotion, capable in administration, and a true builder for the Master: that the Philippine Union Mission and the believers in Christ in that needy island field have lost one on whose heart lay a great burden to see the Philippine church built on the sure foundation, Christ Jesus, and prosper in the Lord; and one who deeply and truly loved the Philippine people: and that his bereaved wife and children have lost a noble husband and father, who was to them, to the church of Christ, and to us, a "prince in Israel;" therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the Executive Committee of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in annual council assembled, do hereby offer to all who mourn his death and especially to Sister Jackson, his wife,



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and to the son and daughter, our sincere sympathy, and commend them to the merciful care of our loving Heavenly Father.

WHEREAS, During the past year, in various Union Missions, severe losses have come through the death of beloved workers and laymen, including some who have suffered martyrdom for their faith; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in loving remembrance of our faithful and devoted fellow-workers and believers who have fallen at their posts of service while witnessing for the Master in these lands, we, the Executive Committee of the Far Eastern Division in annual council assembled, do hereby offer to the bereaved our deep sympathy, with a prayer to the Father of mercies that they may be sustained in their sorrow by the assurance that in only a "little while," "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

#### THE CHURCH AND ITS VARIED RESPONSIBILITIES

##### *Week of Prayer*

WHEREAS, Prayer is essential to a consistent Christian experience, and in these closing days it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain a high standard of Christian living and experience; and recognizing that there are greater blessings in store for all who prevail with God in prayer; and,

WHEREAS, Our annual week of prayer seasons should be of greater spiritual benefit to our believers; therefore,

*We Recommend*, (a) That as far as practicable the time for the Week of Prayer throughout this Division be the date set by the General Conference; the date for 1930 being December 13-20.

(b) That church periodicals feature the Week of Prayer in early articles and announcements.

(c) That special help be provided for the local churches.

(d) That all workers be encouraged to make the Week of Prayer a special object of prayer for at least one month previous to the appointed time.

##### *Tithes and Offerings*

*Resolved*, That we continually hold before our people the spiritual blessings that come from giving of a full and accurate tithe and from cheerful offering for the advancement of the gospel; and to this end we suggest —

(a) That our ministry be fully instructed on the importance of keeping this subject continually before our people, and that they teach this truth, and be assured of its full acceptance before they baptize their candidates; and that after baptism they take a personal care in the matter of all such converts through personal work, or where that is not possible, by correspondence.

(b) That our directors through correspondence and personal work keep this important matter before each church member.

(c) That we ask the editors of our church papers to publish at least once a quarter, articles and experiences such as will stimulate faithfulness in tithing.

##### *The Week of Sacrifice*

WHEREAS, Our workers and believers throughout the world have generally adopted the annual Week of Sacrifice plan, giving their income for that week for the support of our world-wide mission work and for the opening of new work in the vast unentered fields; and,

WHEREAS, The missions and institutions in the Far Eastern Division are recipients of a large portion of the funds made available through the sacrifice and liberality of our brethren and sisters in the homelands; and,

WHEREAS, The very essence of the gospel is sacrifice, and all who hope to share in the final consummation of the gospel must also share in the sacrifice which has been necessary to bring the blessing of the gospel to the world; therefore,

*We recommend*, That all our workers, both foreign and native, throughout the Far Eastern Division, set a right example in this matter by taking the lead in observing the annual Week of Sacrifice, and encourage our laity to join with them in thus giving toward the support and advancement of the Lord's work.

*We further recommend* (with a view to aiding in the general observance of this offering), That as far as

practicable, the week of October 5-11 be uniformly adopted throughout this Division field as the date for the date for the Week of Sacrifice for 1930, and that strong promotion of this offering be conducted annually through the *Outlook* and all vernacular church papers.

##### *Auditing of Local Church Records*

WHEREAS, We believe that by a more careful checking up of our local church receipts and disbursements, the confidence of the laity in our mission financial organization will be materially strengthened, and a corresponding increase in tithes and offerings may reasonably be expected; therefore,

*We recommend*, That in harmony with the Operating Policy of local missions, the officers shall have the accounts of the mission and the churches audited at least once each calendar year, and shall report upon the same to the mission committee, and to the annual sessions of the mission.

##### *Handling of Local Church Funds*

WHEREAS, It is desirable that all funds raised and used in the local churches, including all campaign subscriptions, be checked and credited to the proper enterprises and organizations; and,

WHEREAS, This seems most difficult of accomplishment unless all such funds pass through the church treasurers' hands; therefore,

*We recommend*, That in the local churches, all funds, whether raised for mission, church, school or missionary organizations, pass through the books of the church treasurer, those funds intended for mission use being passed on to the mission treasurer, with proper credit to the organizations and projects agreed upon, those intended for local use being so handled that they can be audited, and that to this end proper signed vouchers for all receipts and disbursements, shall be made and preserved.

*We further recommend*, That in the making out of the local Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Society reports to the respective departments of the local mission, these records in the church treasurer's books of moneys raised and disbursed be used as the basis of reporting funds.

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 PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT  
 RESOLUTIONS
*Literature Sales Goal*

We recommend, That the literature sales goal for 1930 in the Far Eastern Division field be \$250,000 gold, this amount to be apportioned among the various unions as follows:

North China	\$ 15,000
Manchuria	10,000
East China	20,000
South China	16,000
West China	5,000
Central China	24,000
Philippines	90,000
Malaya	16,000
Japan	20,000
Chosen	17,500
Sungari-Mongolia	2,000
Miscellaneous	14,500

Total	\$ 250,000
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*Recruiting*

Recognizing that the publishing work is one of the most rapid, economical, and effective means of carrying the message to the world; and,

Recognizing the present necessity of renewed efforts that this work may be carried forward with increasing success,

We recommend, That all our mission workers assist in recruiting with the objective of doubling our present colporteur force by December 31, 1931.

*Scholarships*

RESOLVED, (a) That we adopt the General Conference plans for scholarships as outlined on pages 20 to 23 of the General Conference Publishing Department recommendations; and in harmony with the action of the Autumn Council of 1927, the scholarship discount be increased from fifteen per cent to twenty per cent;

(b) That one-half, or ten per cent, be borne by the publishing houses; one-fourth, or five per cent, by the tract societies; and one-fourth, or five per cent, by the schools, thus providing the twenty per cent discount for the scholarship plan.

WHEREAS, The colporteur-evangelist could supplement his missionary work by distributing tracts in connection with his regular work to those who show an interest, and also by leaving a tract with every one who does not subscribe,

We recommend, That in every language area we unite for a certain period of time on one particular tract, in order that they may be published in large quantities at a low rate of cost; and that such tracts be furnished free to the colporteur by the mission.

We further recommend, That the editorial department of the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House be asked to prepare a tract on "The Impending Judgment" for such distribution during 1931; and that the tract to be distributed in 1930 be "A Century of Progress."

 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY  
 VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT  
 RESOLUTIONS
*Missionary Volunteer Goals*

We recommend, That the goals of the department for 1931 be as follows:

Young people converted,	1,050
M. V. Society membership,	8,000
Standard of Attainment certificates issued,	250
Reading Course certificates issued,	700
Bible Year certificates issued,	650
Observing Morning Watch,	100%
Reporting members,	100%
Offerings for local society work,	\$1,000
Offerings for Foreign Mission work,	\$3,000

*Spiritual Growth of Our Young People*

WHEREAS, The spiritual growth and development of our young people, as well as their usefulness in God's work, is dependent to a large degree upon their faithfulness in living a devotional life; and,

WHEREAS, Our Missionary Volunteer reports for 1929 reveal the need of continually emphasizing the devotional features of the Missionary Volunteer society plans, especially since it appears from these records that less than half of the Missionary Volunteer membership on an average are regular observers of the Morning Watch, and a smaller proportion are pursuing the Bible Year; therefore,

Resolved, (a) That we as evangelistic workers and teachers, as well as young people's leaders, continually set a good example before the youth by a faithful regular study of the Word of God, and by living a consistent prayer-life.

(b) That we urge our native evangelists, teachers, and workers, in their lives to join us in these devotional exercises.

(c) That especially during the last two months of the year and the early months of the new year we promote a wide circulation of the Morning Watch calendar, making sure that this little booklet, either in English or other vernaculars, is in the hands of every believer in our respective fields.

(d) That we keep before our young people with increasing emphasis the privilege and necessity of the devotional life, particularly directing their attention to the spiritual value of the Morning Watch, systematic Bible study, and the Bible year.

We recommend, (a) That our mission and union Missionary Volunteer secretaries and ministers, when speaking to the young people, endeavor to lead them into a fuller appreciation of the Bible by giving Bible studies that will awaken thought, establish confidence in the Bible as the Word of God, and fortify the youth to meet the doubts and sneers of critics.

(b) That society leaders and program committees endeavor to interest the youth in personal Bible study,

(1) Through constant promotion of the use of the Bible by the members in the society meetings,

(2) By having those who are capable lead out in giving short Bible studies,

(3) By providing at times some thought-provoking questions for answer by the members of the society,

(4) By encouraging the memorizing of verses and even whole chapters of the Bible.

*Missionary Volunteer Day and Week of Prayer*

WHEREAS, Good results in spiritual blessings and help received by old and young are experienced where Missionary Volunteer Day and the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer have been observed in churches and schools; therefore,

We recommend, (a) That Missionary Volunteer Day continue to be observed in all schools and churches where young people are congregated;

(b) That Missionary Volunteer Day be followed by the observance of the Missionary Volunteer Week

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of Prayer in all our schools and so far as possible in our churches;

(c) That the dates observed in the different unions be those recommended by the General Conference where these are found to be satisfactory, and that any necessary readjustment of dates be made in the fields concerned.

*Credit for Missionary Volunteer Funds*

WHEREAS, It is evident that a complete record of the funds raised and used by the young people in our various churches is not available for publication in the reports of treasurers and Missionary Volunteer secretaries; and,

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the young people be given proper credit for what they are doing in the matter of raising funds, as in Big Week and Harvest Ingathering campaigns, and otherwise; therefore,

*We recommend,* That church and mission treasurers co-operate with the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the local churches and missions in the matter of segregating and reporting campaign and other funds having to do with young people's activities, that the published records may be more representative of what the youth and young people are doing in financial lines, thus inspiring to greater activity in giving and raising funds.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*Teaching the Illiterate to Read*

WHEREAS, We recognize that a considerable number of our church members are illiterate; and,

WHEREAS, It is also a recognized fact that these illiterate members, on the whole, are not making the desired growth in the Christian life, neither can they be adequately guided in the Christian way, nor is it possible for them to work for others in a strong way with this handicap; and,

WHEREAS, There rests upon the church a definite responsibility to teach its illiterate members to read that they may have access to the Word of God for themselves, and believing that efforts in behalf of others will also stir to activity our literate church membership therefore,

*Resolved,* That we reaffirm our action in the Spring Council of 1929, as follows:

*We recommend,* That controlling committees in Far Eastern lands lay plans that will result in leading our illiterate church members to become readers of the Word of God for themselves, and thus to become stronger and better able to carry the message to others; and further, that in the carrying out of this resolution,

*We recommend,* That in the China field a modification of the Popular Educational Movement plan be followed, classes in language and Bible being opened in connection with our chapel and regular school work, the illiterate church members themselves becoming the nucleus of these classes, while at the same time those living in the vicinity are invited to attend and not only learn to read, but also to receive a knowledge of the truth.

*We further recommend,* That fields outside of China give consideration to the advisability of adopting similar plans, where needed, to help their illiterate laity, and thus advance the work of the threefold message through this agency.

WHEREAS, In the Word of God and the Spirit of prophecy true educational light has been revealed to this people; and,

WHEREAS, There rests upon leaders and workers in all departments of church endeavor the responsibility of causing this educational instruction to be clearly understood by our believers young and old; and,

WHEREAS, As a denomination we ought to provide for the education and training of all our children; and,

WHEREAS, In many places we are still short of church schools and other educational agencies and cannot furnish adequate accommodations to the children of our constituency members,

*Resolved,* (1) That by continual promotion and encouragement of parents and young people, we do our utmost to provide schools sufficient to accommodate our Seventh-day Adventist young people;

(2) That a special Christian Education Campaign be carried forward in all fields of the Far East during 1930, and that each field so plan the work that if possible every church may have opportunity to hear at least one sermon or talk on Christian Education quarterly;

(3) That in addition to the Christian Education campaign the Sabbath set apart annually as Educational Day be observed in all churches of the Far Eastern Division, and that union and local mission leaders, as well as others in responsible positions, co-operate with the Educational Department of the different Unions to this end;

(4) That for the coming year the Educational Days for our several fields be as follows: For Japan, April 18, 1931; for China, August 9, 1930; for Malaya, November 15, 1930; for Chosen, February 7, 1931; for the Philippine Islands, April 25, 1931.

WHEREAS, A request has come from the North China Union for permission to add the seventh grade to the Peiping Elementary School work; therefore,

*Voted,* That we authorize this change of gradation in respect to this school.

*Kalgan Hospital Enterprise*

*Recommended,* (a) That we authorize the purchase of the Kalgan Hospital for the North China Union, at a cost of \$25,000 Mex.

(b) That we request the Shanghai Sanitarium Board out of its net earnings of 1930 the sum of \$10,000 Mex. to be used in helping to equip the Kalgan Hospital and the Changchun Hospital in Manchuria to the extent of \$5,000 each. This is to go through the 1931 Missions Extension Budget and become a part of it.

RUSSIAN AND MONGOLIAN WORK

*We recommend,* 1. That the Sungari-Mongolian Mission as such be discontinued.

2. That the Mongolian work be assigned to the North China Union.

3. That a call be filed for an evangelist to lead in the Mongolian work, the base for North China being increased to cover this worker and Russians now engaged in Mongolian work.

4. That the Russian work be under the respective unions where Russians may be located, and carried on as the unions may direct.

5. That a Russian worker, with budget for work among Russians, be assigned to the North China Union, and also one to the East China Union, increasing the bases of these unions accordingly.

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**MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION**  
*Five-year Course for Workers*

WHEREAS, The Five-Year Course for Evangelistic Workers which was established last year has met with a most gratifying response on the part of our evangelists; and,

WHEREAS, This course is already proving itself of benefit to those workers who have entered upon it; therefore,

*Resolved*, That union and local mission officers encourage all workers to enroll in the Five-Year Course for Evangelists, and arrange for the checking up of all native evangelistic workers and urge them to qualify for and complete the Five-Year Course as quickly as possible.

*Reading Course*

WHEREAS, While there has been a steady growth in the enrollment and completion of the Ministerial Reading Courses by our foreign workers, still there are some who have not availed themselves of this course; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we urge all foreign evangelical workers in this Division to enroll in and to complete each year's reading course as outlined by the General Conference Ministerial Association.

WHEREAS, Some of our native workers have not had the opportunity of advanced education, and therefore find difficulty in reading some of the books selected for the Ministerial Reading Course; therefore,

*We recommend*, That in addition to the regular Ministerial Reading Course, there be provided an alternative course for those whose education is limited; these two courses to be designated as the Ministerial Reading Course A and B respectively.

WHEREAS, It is important that the Ministerial Reading Course books for 1931 for the Chinese language area be selected early, and it is desirable that we have a uniform course throughout the Division; therefore,

*Voted*, That the following persons serve as a committee for the selection of the books for the Chinese Ministerial Reading Course for the year 1931: E. R. Thiele (chairman), W. A. Scharffenberg, B. A. Liu, H. C. Shen, K. H. Wood, S. H. Lindt, Y. C. Hsu, D. E. Rebok.

*Voted*, That for fields other than those making use of the Chinese Reading Course, vernacular ministerial reading courses be arranged

by the superintendents of the Japan, Philippine, Malayan, and Chosen Unions.

**SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, A resolution was passed at the spring (1929) meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee, recommending that the Investment Fund offering be taken up on the twelfth Sabbath of each quarter, "a special program to be given in connection with the fourth quarter of each year;" and,

WHEREAS, A special offering and special promotion of this offering near the close of the fourth quarter brings it very near a number of other special offerings; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Investment Fund offering be taken up on the twelfth Sabbath of each quarter; and that the Special Annual program in connection with the taking up of this offering and promoting it, be on the twelfth Sabbath of the third quarter of each year.

WHEREAS, Already eight of the eleven union missions in the Far Eastern Division; namely, Central China, East China, Japan, Malaya, North China, South China, West China, and Sungari-Mongolia have already reached the weekly offering goals on record in the Sabbath School Department; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the superintendent and Sabbath school secretary in each of these union missions, in counsel with the other members of their respective committees, give careful study to these goals, and endeavor to formulate a plan that shall look toward the fixing of higher goals; it being understood that union missions having a large number of foreign workers who are Sabbath school members shall take this into consideration in fixing advance goals.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school has been established in this denomination for the purpose of promoting through Bible study the spiritual life and growth of our people, both young and old; and,

WHEREAS, This vital work calls for a specific, regular, and uninterrupted period of time each week; therefore,

*We recommend*, That the Sabbath school time be limited to one hour and a quarter, and that we discourage the using of the Sabbath school time for the promotion of any project not directly related to Sabbath school work; this recommendation being in harmony with the counsel and direction of the General Conference Sabbath School Department.

**HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, The whole gospel that is to be carried to the whole world before Jesus comes will take the service of the whole church before it can be finished; and,

WHEREAS, The life of the church depends to a large degree upon the activities along missionary lines; therefore,

*We recommend*, (a) That Home Missionary secretaries be appointed in each of our unions and local missions who can give their whole time to building up the missionary work in our churches.

(b) That a united effort be put forth by every worker to enlist and train every believer for active service for God.

(c) That an earnest endeavor be put forth to make the first Sabbath Home Missionary service of real interest and profit to the church.

(d) That our lay members may have material with which to work, we urge each language area to provide suitable tracts in serial order, and where possible a cheap missionary paper after the order of the Chinese *Present Truth*, which our laity can sell.

*Church Missionary Service*

WHEREAS, The Divine plan of the Lord calls for the service of every believer to become an active missionary to help win the lost to faith in Christ; and,

WHEREAS, The fifteen minute church missionary service has proven a great blessing where it has been started in this Division resulting in increased missionary work done and in an increase in the reporting membership; therefore,

*We recommend*, That this church missionary service be held in all our churches in this Division.

*Big Week*

WHEREAS, The Big Week Extension plan has brought us great blessings in spiritual uplift, souls saved, and financial help for many needy enterprises; therefore,

*We recommend*, (a) That every worker and lay member be urged to take an active part in the Big Week campaign under the usual plan.

(b) That the date for Big Week in the Far East be May 31 to June 7 for 1930, and May 23 to May 30 for 1931.

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(c) That the goals for the various unions of the Far Eastern Division for 1930 be as follows:

Central China, Gold	\$ 700.00
Chosen,	500.00
East China,	1,100.00
Japan	400.00
Malaya,	500.00
Manchuria,	300.00
North China,	275.00
Philippines,	2,000.00
South China,	1,025.00
West China,	200.00
	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

*Harvest Ingathering*

WHEREAS, Great blessings, both spiritual and financial, have come to us from the Harvest Ingathering work, in following the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy, that we should go to those not of our faith for funds for the prosecution of our work, and that as they become acquainted with what we are doing to uplift humanity, "their sympathies would be aroused" and some would seek to "learn more of the truth;" therefore,

We recommend, (a) That each mission and institution so plan its work that its mission employees may engage in the Harvest Ingathering campaign for a period of at least two consecutive weeks during the Harvest Ingathering campaign period.

(b) That we encourage as many of our lay members to take part in this campaign as felt advisable.

(c) That the date for our 1930 campaign be Sept. 6 to Oct. 18 and that the goal be \$50,000 (gold).

*Church Periodicals*

WHEREAS, Our church papers have, under the blessing of God, been the means of strengthening and building up our members in the faith; and,

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy has repeatedly called attention to the work that these papers might do and has urged that earnest endeavors be put forth to give our people access to such periodicals; therefore,

We recommend, (a) That the home missionary department put on an organized, vigorous campaign to place our church and evangelical papers in the homes of all our members and believers; and,

(b) That all our middle and training schools be urged to place these papers in the rooms of all students in attendance; further, that at least one copy of these periodicals be placed in our institutions and libraries.

(c) That the Press resume the publication of *Present Truth*, this periodical to be issued regularly each quarter beginning with January 1, 1931, printing orders to be regulated to order as they come in from the field; the retail selling price to be two cents per copy; the Press to bill them out to the Tract Societies at one dollar per hundred and the Tract Society to sell them at \$1.15 per hundred; the Press to request the Division for a subsidy to meet the loss on this publication, and that we urge the field to work up an interest in this paper within the next few months, endeavoring to dispose of such stocks as are still on hand.

(d) That we put the *Sabbath School Helper* on a 48-page basis, the December number of each year to be a special Rally Day number of 64 pages, and that a further 64-page number be published each year in the interests of the Sabbath School Investment Fund, and that we request the Sabbath School Department to furnish us the copy of this publication in typewritten form.

(e) That the size of the *Educator* be 40 pages and cover.

We recommend, (a) That each field continue to promote in a special way the circulation of our leading church papers in the various vernaculars during the Week of Prayer in an endeavor to place them in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist believer;

(b) That throughout the China field a continuous effort be made to have all ministers, and workers of every department, teachers in our schools, officers of the church, and the leaders of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Societies, become regular subscribers and readers of the *Educator*.

(c) That all workers, as well as all Sabbath school officers and teachers in China, be encouraged to become regular subscribers and readers of the *Sabbath School Helper*; and further,

We recommend, That all our middle and training schools be urged to place the leading church paper of the various fields in the room of every student, and that one or more copies of all these periodicals be placed in the libraries and reading rooms of our institutions; and further,

We recommend, That plans be made for having our workers and institutions placed on a perpetual subscription basis.

*Harvest Ingathering  
Signature Sheets*

WHEREAS, There is a need for uniform authorization and signature blanks for use in solicitation in the China field;

We recommend, That the Signs Press prepare and keep in stock suitable blanks and covers to match as per sample submitted for this purpose.

*Publication of Recommendations  
in Vernacular Church Papers*

WHEREAS, It is very desirable that our constituency be well informed upon the general policies and recommendations adopted at this time,

Voted, To ask our secretary to make selections of such recommendations and policies as are suitable for our church papers, and that such material be supplied to the editors of our several papers for publication.

**KOREAN SIGNS PUBLISHING  
HOUSE**

Voted, That we proceed to lay plans for the rebuilding of the Korean Signs of the Times Publishing House.

Voted, That in harmony with the call from the Chosen Union, the East China Union be requested to effect the release of Brother W. E. Gillis for service in the Korean Signs of the Times Publishing House as general manager and superintendent; he on his part having expressed willingness to extend his period of service, prior to furlough, to the year 1934.

Voted, That a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair to consider the reconstruction of the Press, bearing in mind our church and union mission requirements as well as the necessities of the Central Chosen Mission, when making suggestions regarding the distribution of any funds available for rebuilding. Appointed: H. H. Hall (chairman), Oberg, Gillis, Morris, Strahle, Armstrong, E. C. Wood.

**OUR TRACT SOCIETIES**

WHEREAS, The tract society offices in China are carrying inventories amounting to \$20,717.02 and accounts listed at \$6,365.48, or a total of \$27,076.50, and have a present worth of only \$11,506.97 thus leaving a deficit in working capital of \$15,569.53, and this deficit which is being borne by the missions or publishing house, is embarrassing, as well as handicapping sales; therefore,

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We recommend, (a) That a request be placed with the Extension Fund for \$4,750 gold to build up this working capital in China and Korea to be distributed as follows, it being understood that any changes seen in the present status of these societies will be taken into consideration when the money is available:

Central China,	\$700
East China,	200
Manchuria,	400
North China,	700
South China,	700
West China,	1,200
Total for China -----	\$4,000
Elsewhere -----	750

(b) That these appropriations be conditioned on continuous and effective efforts being made to increase and conserve the earnings of these tract societies by strict adherence to the policies of the General Conference which are:

- (1) That lay members pay cash for supplies.
- (2) That church societies and companies settle monthly for supplies.
- (3) That conference laborers either pay cash for supplies, or give order on mission treasury for monthly settlement from wage account.
- (4) That colporteurs for books settle with the tract society in full at the close of each delivery for all books ordered for such delivery, and that miscellaneous business be settled within thirty days.
- (5) That colporteurs for periodicals accompany their orders with cash.
- (6) That colporteurs remit to the tract society weekly at least fifty per cent for all advanced payments taken on book orders.
- (7) The maintenance of regularly agreed upon prices and discounts.

Note: At present our per cent of gross profit to net sales is ten and seventy-three hundredths per cent, while our per cent of expense to net sales is fifteen and forty-four hundredths per cent.

(c) That in order to simplify our bookkeeping and other records, all sales, whether they consist of books, tracts, periodicals, or miscellaneous publications be kept in one ledger account known as "Sales." This is not to interfere with the handling of non-literature sales in a separate account.

(d) That these tract societies be permitted to retain their earnings and subsidies for working capital up to thirty-three and a third per cent of their net sales, except West China where the relation shall be one hundred per cent.

(e) As this provision covers about two-thirds of our present shortage of working capital, thus leaving us but one-third to make up from earnings, we set as our goal the complete payment of all tract society liabilities by the close of 1931.

We further recommend, That the provision made for paying the liabilities of the tract societies in the Philippines by the close of 1931 be approved. These provisions are:

- (a) \$1,500 gold to be paid December 1, 1930, to the tract societies in that field, by the publishing house from its earnings upon certain conditions accepted by the Union Committee at its recent meeting; and,
- (b) The payment of \$1,500 gold by December 1, 1931, by the Extension Fund.

We recommend, That the following office methods in our tract societies be installed where they have not already been put into operation:

(a) A separation of the books of account of the tract societies and missions.

(1) Duplicate System, in which the bills are in duplicate, each having its individual number, and in which the personal accounts are posted direct to the ledger, and the total net sales are entered direct to the Sales Account at the end of the month; or the

(2) Statement Invoice System, which combines with every bill, credit, and receipt a complete statement of the account up to and including such bill, credit, and receipt.

(b) That a simple form of perpetual inventory be used.

(c) That the following standards in tract society efficiency be recognized:

- 1 A gross profit of at least fifteen per cent on net sales.
- 2 The inventory not to exceed twenty-five per cent of net annual sales.
- 3 The accounts receivable not to exceed ten per cent of the net annual sales.
- 4 Expenses not to exceed gross profit.

We recommend, That we reaffirm and pass on to the the Signs of the Times Publishing House our former action with reference to the shipping of literature, as passed by the 1929 Spring Council, as follows:

"Whereas, The unsettled conditions existing in China have seriously affected communications, making the shipping of our books by the publishing houses a serious problem; therefore,

"Voted, That when it is not safe or convenient to send shipments of books by freight these books be sent by mail, the postage to be borne equally by the publishing house and the tract society."

We recommend, That when it is necessary for the tract societies to mail out individual orders for the colporteurs, that the colporteurs be required to pay the postage.

### FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Several requests have been received for the preparation of courses of study in various vernaculars,

We recommend, (a) That the following plan be adopted for the development of this work in vernaculars other than Chinese:

Management.— That the Board of Directors of the Far Eastern Branch of the Fireside Correspondence School be directly responsible for the development of this branch of the work in the various vernaculars.

Faculty.— That qualified instructors be appointed in consultation and approval of the respective union committees for the preparation of courses of study, and for the correction and grading of lesson papers.

Courses of Study.— That the opinion and recommendation of the respective union committees be taken into consideration in determining what courses are to be prepared, and in so far as possible only those courses as seem most practical and as we are able to efficiently conduct be offered. And further that a high standard of work be maintained, using the courses, textbooks, and lesson outlines as adopted by the General Conference Department of Education.

Publication.— That qualified reading committees be appointed for those fields contemplating the development of the correspondence school work, and that manuscripts be approved by the respective reading committees before publication in the vernaculars.

Promotion.— That the union educational secretary or head of the

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training school be directly responsible for the promotion of the Correspondence School Branch work, and that he be authorized to accept enrollments, to make proper financial arrangements, and to in every way possible foster the correspondence school interests in his field.

*Handling of lesson papers.*— That the student upon completion send his lesson paper direct to the instructor, and that the instructor after having corrected and graded the paper forward it to the school; the school after having made the necessary entries will return the lesson papers to the student.

*Records.*— That all permanent records in connection with the conduct of this work be kept in the Shanghai office, and further that all credit cards, certificates, and diplomas be issued as heretofore by the Shanghai office; but that a supplementary record blank be prepared for the union educational secretary, and that all credit cards, certificates, and diplomas be countersigned by the union educational secretary.

*Fees.*— That the matriculation, postage, lesson paper, and tuition fees be the same for courses taken in the vernaculars as in the English, and that the rates formerly agreed upon and adopted by the Board be maintained; namely,

Matriculation Fee	\$1.00	Gold
Postage Fee		
20 Lesson course	.50	"
40 " "	1.00	"
Lesson Paper		
20 Lesson course	.25	"
40 " "	.50	"
Tuition		
20 Lesson course	5.00	"
40 " "	10.00	"

It being understood that the usual discount of 25 % be allowed on tuition to our workers and lay members.

*Financial Operating.*— That the Far Eastern Branch undertake to finance the cost of preparation, publication and development of this work in the vernaculars.

WHEREAS, A request has been received from the Korea field for the development of this work in that field; and,

WHEREAS, The Korean Union has arranged to release one worker to assist in getting this work under way in the immediate future,

*We recommend,* (a) That we approve of the Far Eastern Branch getting this work under way in Korea and that the following reading committee be appointed for courses to be prepared in the vernacular in Korea: H. A. Oberg (chairman), C. W. Lee, H. M. Lee, Lee Sung Wee, H. J. Bass.

(b) That a request be placed with the Far Eastern Academy for the services of Mrs. L. V. Finster and Miss Lillian Anderson during the months of May, June and July or as may be arranged with the management to assist the Correspondence School in the preparation of further courses of study and in the revision of courses previously prepared.

*Promotion Week — Fireside :*

WHEREAS, The Fireside Correspondence School Promotion Week has been the means of enrolling a large number in active correspondence study,

*We recommend,* (a) That the date October 18-25 be set aside as the Fireside Correspondence School promotion week for the year 1930, and further, that our superintendents, directors, and departmental secretaries be urged to present the advantages of the Correspondence School to our workers and as many of our lay members as possible, with the object of definitely enrolling them in some course of study.

(b) That Professor Su Hsing, of the China Theological Seminary, be invited to prepare a forty-lesson course in eighth grade language for the China field.

(c) That Pastor S. H. Lindt, of the China Theological Seminary, be invited to prepare a forty-lesson course in Major and Minor Prophets for the China field.

(d) That D. S. Williams, D. E. Rebok, and B. A. Liu be requested to make the necessary adaptation needed in order to prepare the textbook on physiology prepared by Dr. Belle Wood Comstock for use in the China field.

*We further recommend,* (a) That the Fireside Correspondence School be hereby authorized to arrange for the translation of this text, and further that Wang Djing Bo, principal of the Yencheng Junior Middle School be invited to prepare a forty-lesson course on physiology based on this text and suitable for Junior Middle School work.

(b) That all union educational secretaries be hereby appointed to act as official representatives of the Fireside Correspondence School.

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THE SHANGHAI SIGNS PRESS

ANNUAL constituency meetings of the Shanghai Signs of the Times Publishing House form an integral part of the annual Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee. This year we were especially glad for the presence and counsel of Brother H. H. Hall, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department. The reports, the plans for a steady advance, and the resolutions adopted, all brought renewed courage to the Board of Directors and Constituency of this institution. A summary of the proceedings is to appear in the OUTLOOK for June.

ON FURLOUGH

AMONG those listed elsewhere as members of the General Conference delegation from the Far East, the following have left on the basis of a furlough: Professor and Mrs. Frederick Griggs, Professor S. L. Frost and family, Pastor J. J. Strahle and family, Dr. H. W. Miller and family, Miss Dorothy Wheeler, from the Division; Pastor C. C. Morris, P. V. Thomas, H. B. Parker, and families, from South China Union; Pastor W. B. Riffel and Professor D. L. Millam and families, from Philippine Union; Pastor W. P. Barto and family from Malayan Union; Professor H. M. Lee and family and Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, from Chosen Union; Pastor N. F. Brewer and family, from Central China Union; Pastor M. C. Warren and family, from West China Union; Pastor A. A. Esteb, from North China Union; Mrs R. M. Cossentine and two children from Manchurian Union.



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### THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION

The forty-second session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, called for May 28, 1930, at San Francisco, California, is being attended by delegations from all Divisions. The Far Eastern delegates are made up in considerable part by members of our mission whose furloughs are due the present year, and who consequently can be in attendance at minimum expense. To these have been added a few of the officers, general secretaries, and institutional leaders, and representatives of the native church, in order to maintain balance and a distribution of responsibility. Practically all parts of the field and all lines of endeavor are included.

Many members of our delegation sailed on the S. S. "Asama Maru" of the N. Y. K. line, and are due to arrive at San Francisco the morning of May 23. Others who sailed on the S. S. "Empress of Asia" of the C. P. O. S., are scheduled to arrive a day or two sooner. All will be reaching San Francisco in good time to be at the opening meetings of the departmental conventions planned for the four or five days immediately preceding the opening of the General Conference proper the evening of May 28.

The Far Eastern delegation includes several whose furloughs are about completed, and who will be sailing back shortly. The list of regularly appointed delegates as arranged at the 1929 Spring Council a year ago, and as confirmed and slightly amended during the 1930 Spring Council, is as follows: I. H. Evans, Frederick Griggs, M. C. Warren, J. G. Gjording, H. J. Bass, H. W. Barrows, Mrs. S. E. Jackson, W. H. Bergherm, N. F. Brewer, S. L. Frost, A. A. Esteb, H. W. Miller, H. C. Shen, L. V. Finster, P. V. Thomas, J. J. Strahle, Flaviano Dalisay, Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, H. B. Parker, Frederick Lee, M. Popowya, R. W. Paul, Mrs. I. H. Evans, W. B. Riffel, L. I. Bowers, D. L. Millam, Miss Bessie Mount, C. C. Morris, C. M. Lee, T. Kobayashi, Ne Keun Ok.

In addition to those already named, a few others may be named in San Francisco from among those of our Division field whose furloughs make it practicable for them to attend. The number that may be chosen is limited by constitutional provisions, and until other delegations from other Divisions come in, and a preliminary survey of totals is made, it cannot be fully determined just how many can properly be added, excepting by special vote of the delegates in Conference assembled.

The meeting now being convened this quadrennium in San Francisco, is in the very nature of affairs a solemn and holy convocation. From the beginning of the Advent Movement, those in attendance at

such gatherings have sought to come together in the power of the Spirit, and have been earnestly and wholeheartedly supported the while by the prayers of the entire church membership. It is our privilege and our duty to pray most earnestly in behalf of the General Conference. The times are propitious for an advance such as we have never hitherto seen. The world is to be warned quickly, and plans must be formed that will bring strength and success to every line of endeavor. Let us pray in behalf of the coming General Conference, and let us hold up the hands of our delegates whom we have named to represent the interests of the Far East with its third of the human race. A strict account must be rendered by us all in the day of final awards, for the souls of men. The burden must be upon us all, day by day and hour by hour. Thus, and thus only, may the cause of *Present Truth* be brought to a triumphant consummation in these Far Eastern lands. c.

### THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM: A NOTABLE YEAR

The 1930 Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Executive Committee was preceded by the annual constituency meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital; and in the midst of the Council adjournment was taken to a dedicatory service of the Shanghai Sanitarium Extension Clinic at No. 35 Range Road. A week later the new chapel building of the parent institution, at No. 150 Rubicon Road, was dedicated; and within a very few more days the brethren were called to meet again to participate in the exercises of the formal opening of the Clinic.

The past twelve months have brought many benefits to the Shanghai Sanitarium and to the cause this institution represents. It has been a notable year. Detailed reports of the regular annual constituency meeting, and of the dedicatory services, are to be given in abbreviated form in our June issue. c.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Pastor O. B. Kuhn and others of the Anwei Mission should hereafter be addressed at No. 21, Gao Lou Men, Nanking, Ku., China.

Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell may be addressed for the next few months at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

The address of the South China Union Mission (including P. L. Williams and L. W. Shaw), is La Rue Villa, No. 40 Stubbs Road, Hongkong, China.

Until further notice, the address of Pastor and Mrs. F. L. Pickett is Poste Restante, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-China. Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Wentland continue at No. 131 bis Rue Pellerin, Saigon, French Indo-China.

Pastor and Mrs. Carl Schroeter, 26 Kai Yuen Road, Hangchow, Chekiang, China.

Pastor and Mrs. W. E. Gillis, S. D. A. Mission, Outside East Gate, Seoul, Chosen (Korea).

Miss Dorothy Wheeler (while on furlough), care of Mr. Leonard Smith, Mt. Vernon Academy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, U.S.A.

### DAYS AT THE SEMINARY

Three or four days were spent by members of the Far Eastern Division Committee and others at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu Province, during the annual constituency meeting of China Theological Seminary appointed for April 3-6, 1930. The journey of seven hours by rail brought the brethren to the institution in time for an inspection of the factory and of the farm and the receiving of several departmental reports during the afternoon. At the evening session the report of President Rebok was given, a synopsis of which appears in this issue [see page 2].

Early in the course of the first evening meeting of the Seminary Board of Directors, upon motion of Professor Frederick Griggs, duly seconded, the following action was taken reappointing President Rebok for another quadrennial term of service:

"Whereas, The term of office of Professor D. E. Rebok as president of the Seminary expires at this time; and,

"Whereas, Professor Rebok has efficiently administered the affairs of the College during the troublesome four years of his term of office; therefore,

"Voted, That we express to Professor Rebok our sincere appreciation of his faithful, capable administration of the affairs of the office of president of the Seminary during the past four years, and that he be elected president and manager of the China Theological Seminary for the ensuing four years."

Reports from the heads of Seminary departments filled the evening hour—the departments of Bible, Normal Training, Evangelism, Chinese literature, Science-Mathematics, and Agriculture, as well as annual statements from the Treasurer and the Dean.

The remaining days were devoted to the study and adoption of plans and resolutions, the election of a faculty, and of a local board for the ensuing school year, and to Sabbath services and an evening with the student body.

Sundry reports on the work of the school are to be included in our June issue.

The Board of Directors carried away with them many evidences of the prospering hand of the Lord over this institution of learning. It is marvelous how God has given us increasing favor and esteem in the eyes of leading educators in China and high in governmental circles. To Him be all praise for this happy outcome to the removal of the institution from the city of Shanghai to a lovely country site, where conditions are well-nigh ideal for the training of our youth of promise for effective service. c.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR 1930-31

Malaya (Biennial) . . . . .	Jan. 15—25, 1931
Philippines (Biennial) . . . . .	Feb. 5—15, "
South China (Biennial) Feb 26—Mar. 8 "	"
East China (Biennial) . . . . .	Mar. 19—29 "
China institutional board meetings	April 2—8
Far Eastern Division Spring Council	April 9—21
Central (Biennial) . . . . .	May 7—17, 1931
North China (Biennial) . . . . .	May 21—31 "
Manchuria (Biennial) . . . . .	June 4—14 "
(Harbin meeting) . . . . .	June 17—20 "
Korea (Biennial) . . . . .	June 18—28 "
Japan (Biennial) . . . . .	July 2—12 "