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ADVANCE!

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ATACKING armies may camp for a time after a severe battle before marching on to make a new charge against the enemy. Generally during this time they bring up their munitions of war; the commissary hurries forward food supplies of all sorts; the medical department replenishes its stores; and recruits are brought in and trained to fill the places made vacant.

But the greatest generals have been men who have followed victory or defeat with advance so rapidly that confusion has seized the enemy, often causing them to flee without resistance. Alexander often won great cities and large areas of territory without a battle; Caesar worked after the plan of the astute Grecian general; Napoleon gained many of his victories by suddenly appearing on the field before the enemy supposed it was possible for him to be ready for marching, and following one battle with another before they could reinforce their depleted ranks.

In the work of God, mission workers may be compared to an attacking army. They are on the enemy's ground; often the field of battle is far from home, in alien lands, whose people are not only strangers to them but to God and His laws. And they are engaged in warfare with no mean antagonist. Satan is a great spiritual leader. He has led the whole world into all the idolatry and false religions that have brought darkness and the shadow of death into the hearts and lives of men.

And Satan is ever at the front, inspiring his hosts to new conquests as well as defending what he has won. He claims the dominion of this world of sinners, and he is never resting at ease when a mighty man of God goes forth to win souls for the kingdom of heaven. Every hindrance, every obstacle, every discouragement from without and within, will be used to overthrow him. But above and beyond all that Satan can do to prevent the men of God from advancing to victory, the Holy Spirit waits to help them to follow where He leads the way. "And if God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

Success in any mission field depends largely on how the mission workers press the enemy into battle, and follow up the work begun. Souls are not won in mission lands by the missionary staying at home, or camping near the enemy, but never waging a battle nor facing danger. The greatest missionary leaders have been men who were ever pressing after the enemy, and waging warfare at his gates. Men who have stayed at home, or lingered overlong in camp, fearing danger and seeking ease, have never been a success in winning souls.

It is true that the life of the missionary is a life of hard work if he is to succeed; but it is no harder than the lives of men who have followed warfare for perishing earthly glory. Hunger and thirst, heat and cold, dysentery and fever, and the violence of attacking armies, have brought death to millions of men who have gone to war for conquest or for liberty. Millions upon millions have laid down their lives without murmur or complaint, enduring far more than most missionaries are called upon to suffer.

Missionaries who have set examples worthy of imitation have been, like the great leaders of earthly armies, ever at the front, marching forward in the face of danger. They have prayed and preached and ministered to the sick in hovels, in kitchens, on the street, wherever they could get a few who needed help or would listen. Paul was such a missionary. He used every agency at his command to teach the gospel and to win and hold his hearers. In private homes, by the riverside, in the synagogues of the Jews, among the philosophers of Mars' Hill, in public gathering places, Paul was busy night and day preaching Christ. New converts sprang up here and there wherever he preached, and the Word worked like leaven till large churches grew about the little groups that he raised up.

The church of to-day needs to see its leaders at the front, where conquests are to be made and where growth takes place. Advance! and souls will spring up from the most unexpected sources, and as in the days of Paul, they will increase into companies and churches.

Now is the time to make a mighty advance in new places upon the enemy. The times demand it, and the church expects it. Shall we not advance with our great Leader?

Note and Comment

THE INFLUENCE OF ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

BERTHA SHANKS CHANEY

ACROSS Manila Bay in the province of Zambales is the town of Olongapo, once a naval base for the United States and still important as a ship-building center.

For two years there has been at Olongapo a sister, whose husband has a civil position. Although she is a busy mother, and spends certain hours every day teaching some of the younger members of the family, she has given much time and earnest effort to spreading the truth in her neighborhood by every means she could.

During the months of March, April, and May, which are school holidays in the Islands, a Daily Vacation Bible School was held under the direction of Sister Scofield and some of her daughters out-of-doors in a place that was somewhat shaded by the surrounding houses. The attendance was remarkably regular and ran up to sixty and above, the average being forty for the six-weeks' term.

Every morning the Filipino boys, whose daily presence attested their interest, helped to arrange the seats for the day. Mrs. Scofield wrote of their efforts:

"Mary, Rose, and I conducted the Vacation Bible School for six weeks. We had had an average attendance of forty a day. Rose had a class of boys and girls her own age, who were certainly interested. Two girls learned the twenty-third psalm and received a picture. We had cut-out work and crayon-pictures for them to make. They learned songs and Bible stories and we all enjoyed it so much. Many of the children brought their fifteen centavos for New Testaments, which we sent to Manila for. When we first started we had many more children in attendance, but during the second week the crowd had dwindled to the number I gave you, as some are strong Catholics. We held the classes in two yards, one belonging to my *lavandera's* (washerwoman) cousin and the other across the street. The children brought benches and a table. They always had flowers on our table and the picture rolls hung up, when we arrived in the morning."

Another experience which I shall quote from a later letter tells of their having received a supply of "No-Tobacco" *Little Friend*. She says:

"One of the instructors of the Olongapo Academy is going to call on me some time this term to give a talk on tobacco-using, and then distribute the papers. One of our teachers in the elementary school is very much interested in our literature and now uses the *Little Friend* at school. I am giving a talk there also."

After the Vacation Bible School was over, Sister Scofield and one of her daughters made a short visit to Manila. It takes about six hours by motor boat to make the crossing. She came to my office, and we discussed the proper way of organizing into a Sabbath school those who had become interested. After her return to her home she wrote:

"Sabbath we divided our school into three classes. Next Sabbath, though, it will be divided into five classes. We had fifty present Sabbath."

There has never been a tent effort or anything of the sort held in Olongapo, although there have been colporteurs working in through that section at times. The results of the work done by this woman and her two daughters are really remarkable. The very last news I have from Olongapo is this:

"Our Sabbath school is getting very interesting, and now in another *barrio* the people are interested. A young man asked me if I would please come out to them and teach them about God. What wonderful opportunities and responsibilities we have! Now we go in the morning at 8:30 a. m. to one *barrio*, and at 4:00 p. m. to another. And people in town here want us to come to them. What do you think, Sister Chaney, of having a class Friday evening here in town? I wish you could see the work this young man went to, to fix a place for us to meet. He is giving our literature to his friends, far up in the mountains."

In her letters Sister Scofield has often asked that the work which she is doing might be kept before the Lord in the prayers of His people. That He has blessed these earnest efforts, is evident.

WHAT ARE YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE READING?

"OUR books are ready, and they are extra good," is the word that comes to us in regard to the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses for 1931. Of one thing we can be sure, these books that are chosen for our young people are free from false doctrine and from evolution, and that is worth much in an age like this. More than that, they are thrilling with interest and with valuable information for our young people, books that will help to build character and shape ideals. Here is the list for 1931:

Senior: "Messages to Young People," by Mrs. E. G. White; "Sindaga the Savage," by Eric A. Beavon; "Verdure Valley," by Robert G. Strickland; "The Bible, Is It a True Book?" by Carlyle B. Haynes.

Junior: "The Boys' Life of the Wright Brothers," by Mitcheil V. Charnly; "Henry Martyn, Apostle to the Mohammedans," by Amy K. Lopez; "Three Young Crews," by Earnest Harold Baynes.

Primary: "Men of Might," by Mrs. I. H. Evans; "Redstreak and Dickey," by G. C. Hoskin.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS

Through the courtesy of the Home Board and the Review and Herald Publishing Association, extra copies of the English Week of Prayer Readings for 1930 have been sent us for placing at every main mission station. These have been mailed, and we trust the papers may reach stations in time for use from the first day of the appointed Week of Prayer, Sabbath, December 13.

Copies of the Readings in Mandarin have been sent to regular subscribers of the *Mo Shi Muh Sheng*, the Chinese church paper; and in addition we have sent out from the Division office a certain number of extra copies to all main stations, for placing in the hands of students and others who may not be regular subscribers. The territory covered in this distribution includes Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies, and all other fields outside China where there are Chinese church members. Two of the readings in the Chinese edition are not identical with those in the English original, owing to the lateness of the time that these two were received — too late for translation and printing sufficiently early to be gotten to the farthest outposts. These are (1) the reading by Mrs. E. G. White for Monday, December 15, on "Faithfulness in the Time of Trouble," displacing the one by Pastor E. E. Andross on "Sounding the Note of Evangelism" (received too late); and (2) the reading by Pastor W. A. Spicer for Friday, December 19, on "Solemnity of the Work of the Remnant Church," displacing the one by Pastor M. E. Kern on "The Gathering of a People for the Lord" (also unfortunately received too late for use in this issue of the Chinese church paper carrying the Readings to all parts of our field. The delayed articles are being translated for use in regular issues of the Chinese church paper, and it would be well for those conducting services in our various churches and chapels, to use these articles in their entirety at suitable times in the regular Sabbath services when all can be brought in to hear the instruction prepared for our brethren and sisters throughout the world. There is strength in keeping step with one another everywhere, through a careful study of all matter written for the Church in every land. Thus verily may "we all speak the same language of the third angel's message in our hearts, however variously our tongues may utter the sounds" — to quote from Pastor W. A. Spicer's opening address at the last General Conference, and which Pastor M. E. Kern has used so effectively as a part of his Reading for this Week of Prayer. We are indeed "one people — the people of prophecy, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" — springing up by thousands wherever the message of the judgment hour is preached. Of many nations, thank God, adding new tribes and tongues every year, we are one folk, all lost sons of Adam's race, rejoicing in the brotherhood of the same blessed hope."

During this Week of Prayer "let us pray." "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving." "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south."

The Week of Prayer is one of the most opportune times of all the year, for reclaiming the blacksmith, and for leading to an acknowledgment of the Saviour those who have never before become personally acquainted with Him. During this season of exceptional opportunity, let us pray, and labor, and exercise faith, and share in the blessing awaiting our demand and reception.

General Articles

A MISSIONARY PRAYER

Thou, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Oh! now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Love,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light. Amen.

—From "The Book of Common Prayer."

A CALL TO PRAYER

THE prayer season, appointed for world-wide observance, December 13-20, 1930, will soon come. In every land our fellow workers in missionary endeavor are determinedly setting their faces to seek God in a special manner, and soon will be entering upon a thoughtful study of the readings prepared for our spiritual refreshing.

We must be winners of the souls of men and women. In every mission station, the records of baptisms must be increased many fold. Our constituent strength must be added to and multiplied. Our working forces must be enlarged through the accession of hundreds of laborers from the ranks,—laborers who with proper training may speedily be prepared to take their places by our side for the warning of the multitudes.

Let us gird ourselves to the tasks of the hour. Let us determine to enter into fullest sympathy with Heaven's purpose for the peoples of Asia. Let us lay hold on present opportunities, visioning clearly the while, the future so fraught with solemn responsibility. For the sure and speedy attainment of these ends,
let us pray.

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JOY OVER THE COMING OF OUR 1931 MORNING WATCH WORKERS CALENDAR

BROTHER P. L. WILLIAMS, acting superintendent of the South China Union, writes under date of November 9 of the joy of the brethren in South China over the telegraphic word recently received from the Autumn Council in Omaha that Professor Lyle C. Wilcox, formerly in charge of the Canton Intermediate School, is returning to fill the call that has been before the Home Board for a time for a teacher for the Canton school.

Brother Williams writes: "We are happy to hear of the arrival of the MacIntyres for labor in this union, and I am sure their help will be greatly appreciated by all, and especially by Pastor and Mrs. Anderson of Amoy."

Brother Williams expresses the gratitude of those in the South China Union for the assignment to their field of the sum of \$4,126.44 gold, the same being their portion of the 13th Sabbath Overflow from the offering given throughout the world the closing Sabbath of 1929. The balance of the Overflow is held in reserve for the West China Union. The South China Union Executive Committee voted some months ago to use the Overflow on a *pro rata* basis for bringing into being as many mission-owned church properties as may prove practicable from the amounts realized in these respective missions.

THE CHINESE "SIGNS"

BROTHER H. A. ANDERSEN, manager of the Chinese Signs Press, reports in his circular note sent out to the fields early in November that the total circulation of the Chinese *Signs of the Times* for October 1930, was 82,919 copies. The highest number during the month went into Shantung (8,296), followed by Hupeh, 7,037. Hunan, Kiangsu, Liaoning, Hopei, and Canton had from nearly 7,000 down to about 5,000. The next seven provinces or missions on the list had from 2,000 to 4,000 each to their credit, and there were five missions listed running from 1,025 to 1,697. A very few missions are in the hundreds column. Most of them list their subscriptions in terms of four figures. The highest union by far during October was Central China, followed in order by the North China, East China, South China, Manchuria, West China, and Malayan Unions.

A COPY of the English Morning Watch Calendar for 1931 has just come to our desk, and it is a beauty! The "Morning Watch" is appropriately portrayed on the cover page by the picture of a young girl standing beside an open window and gazing out upon the mighty, snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies,—an open Bible on a table by her side. Our thoughts turn to the words of the Psalmist: "The strength of the hills is His also;" "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Reverently we look inside, for just a glimpse of the choice gems chosen from the Book of books for our strength and guidance and comfort each day of the coming year. A wonderful promise is this one for the very first day of the New Year: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Can we fathom, ever, the fullness of the meaning of that one verse? Can we claim for our very own the wealth of blessing it contains? With the apostles we plead, "Lord, increase our faith,"—help us, in the New Year opening before us, *fully* to claim Thy promises.

A glance through the Calendar reveals thoughts equally precious for each day of the year, as shown by the topics for the different months: "The Key to Success" (prayer), "The Christian's Hope," "The Royal Law," "Lessons from the Mount," "Discipleship," "Stewardship," "Christian Conduct," etc. You cannot afford to be without this little helper to daily personal devotion. We cannot afford to lose the blessing that will come to the church of God by placing it in the hands of our young people, and encouraging and training them to form the "Morning Watch" habit. It may seem to be a little thing, but it may mean everything in the life of some youth in the decisive period of life.

The Chinese Calendar is ready, and doubtless those in the other vernaculars of the Far East are also ready for distribution, and may be ordered through the regular channels. Not only should this little booklet be in the hands of all our believers and young people, but it should be widely used in missionary work. Will you not use your influence to promote its circulation and use throughout the coming year?

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

General Reports from the Field

FROM THE JAPAN UNION

A LETTER from Pastor V. T. Armstrong, superintendent of the Japan Union, tells of many encouragements in Japan the present year. "Baptisms will be the best in our history, I think," he writes. "Institutions are doing fairly well. We have made some changes in the location of workers. Elder Kuniya has been freed to spend all his time in evangelistic effort, and Brother Miyake takes over the Kanto district as director, but still supervises the editorial work in the publishing house. Elder Okohira is transferred to the Tokyo headquarters, as head of the girls' school and chaplain of the sanitarium, and will also assist in pastoral work in the church at Amanuma. Elder Kobayashi will move to Kobe, and takes the Kansai district. Brother Dietrich will assist as director in the Chugoku Mission, with Elder Kobayashi continuing as director. Elder Kajiyama heads up the Kyushu district. I believe these changes will be for the good of the work. These directors are now being changed from places where they have been stationed for from ten to fourteen years. Our hope is that sustained efforts will be undertaken in evangelistic lines here in Japan. We plan to evangelize more than ever before in this land."

LATER WORD FROM JAPAN

UNDER date of November 11 Pastor V. T. Armstrong, superintendent of the Japan Union, writes most encouragingly. Everyone in his field was "very busy," he stated, "with Harvest Ingathering and district meetings, every department endeavoring to make this a good year. Our baptisms will possibly be more in number than in our former best years."

SIAMESE AND LAO TRACTS

"I HAVE already covered a large portion of Lampang (northern Siam) with Siamese and Lao tracts," writes Brother A. P. Ritz, "and find it most interesting work.

"Our reading room is gradually becoming more popular, and some are taking an interest in the many message-filled tracts, books, and papers displayed."

FRENCH LITERATURE FOR INDO-CHINA

E. J. JOHANSON

THE brethren in French Indo-China are experimenting with our French literature at the moment, and hope to dispose of five hundred copies of French "Crisis" books before the end of the year. This will be in connection with their Big Week campaign, which has been delayed somewhat, pending permission from the government to sell these small books. It does not matter whether books are published in France in the French language, or elsewhere in some other tongue,—permission must still be obtained. When the brethren have gotten a little first-hand acquaintance with how these books take, then they plan to go into the matter of doing something with our larger books. However, for a beginning, the task is none too easy; for thus far we have had no opportunity to develop a constituency, and therefore no regular colporteurs. But the constituency, the colporteur, and gathering strength will all come in due course; and both Brethren Wentland and Pickett are men of faith and action.

Singapore, October 31.

A VISIT TO AMOY

R. M. MILNE

DURING a recent visit to Amoy, I have endeavored to find a few recruits for colportage and get them started in order that they may have some experience prior to the beginning of the new year. I have also hoped that they could help a little in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Furthermore, the school interests have been given some attention, inasmuch as at present I am trying to carry the educational department, as well as other departments for this union.

The school here in Amoy is doing nicely, and with a few more enrolled than they had last year. It is good news to the brethren here that a family is on the way to this place. Of course their first year will be spent largely in language study.

Pastor B. L. Andersen and I have been making a trip to stations between here and the Foochow territory,—Chin-chiu, Hui-oa, Eng-chun, and near-by places.

All are well and of good courage. The literature work is getting along nicely, although we always need more colporteurs than we can find.

THE MIDSUMMER WEEK OF PRAYER IN THE PHILIPPINES

FOR some years the Week of Prayer in the Philippine Union has been held in midsummer. Reports indicate that God visited His people in wondrous ways during this year's season of seeking Him with all the heart.

At the Manila Sanitarium, where Pastor Wm. H. Bergherm, just returned from furlough and the General Conference session, led, there was an excellent response. Fifty of the youth at the Sanitarium, and near by, have joined a baptismal class.

In Southern Luzon Pastor E. M. Adams, at present the acting superintendent of Philippine Union, visited several companies during the Week of Prayer. The last Sabbath was spent at Labo, where seventeen were baptized, and a church of seventeen was organized. Others are preparing for baptism in that place, notwithstanding much persecution. Determined efforts against the spread of Bible truth, are being made. However, friends are appearing. The chief of police of Labo attended the baptismal service on Sabbath afternoon, and requested that a public service be held that night in front of the municipal building, and that during this meeting some account be given of the World's General Conference.

"We arranged for this meeting," writes Brother Adams. "The police carried the table out in front of the municipal building. We set our gasoline lamp upon the table, and opened the meeting. A number had gathered, and we spoke to them first about the importance of getting ready to meet their Lord when He shall return; and then we gave them a little rehearsal of the recent General Conference session.

"While we were singing the first song, a stone struck beside the lantern, and bounded against Brother Jabola (the local evangelist there), but did not harm him. There were no other stones thrown, as the police took the matter in hand at once.

"Although only seventeen were baptized at Labo, there is a good interest, and we expect to see more take their stand with us.

"On Sunday night we met with the brethren in Daet, and Monday with the company in Magarao in Camarines Sur. The elder of Magarao kept his first Sabbath as early as 1912 through reading "Coming King" in Spanish, sold him by R. A. Caldwell, an Australian who came as our first colporteur to this island field."

INTO NORTHERN CHEKIANG

EDWIN R. THIELE

(Editorial Note: The paragraphs that follow, are condensed excerpts from a full and wonderfully interesting report recently made by Pastor E. R. Thiele, editor of the Chinese church paper, of a trip into a far western section of the North Chekiang Mission, in company with Pastor Schroeter, director of that field.)

REACHING Hangchow by rail from Shanghai, we traveled on for a time by motor-bus along a splendid stone-surfaced road, and then twenty more *li* by foot, into the quaint little city of Yutsien, in the hills of north-western Chekiang. Brother Chen Lang Fen, bookman for the provincial mission but temporarily in charge of Yutsien chapel, is beginning a special series of evangelistic meetings. At the first service the chapel was crowded to capacity.

The next point of call was the little village of Itu, at the head of a beautiful valley, and at the foot of T'ien Mu Shan, one of China's sacred mountains. Here Brother Wu, formerly a local school-master, has borne faithful witness, and has conducted a Sabbath school and preaching services. It seems miraculous that the message could have penetrated so far as this into the hills of this out-of-the-way section of China.

Evangelist Chen Lan Fang, whose voice we oftentimes heard hours before daylight pleading with God, accompanied us to Itu, and all along the way he bore witness to his faith. As we passed through villages and stopped a few minutes to rest, a crowd would soon gather, and this gave Brother Chen the opportunity he desired of telling them about Jesus and the immanence of His return. In Itu, hitherto untouched by our foreign workers, a feast was given in our honor; and at the close of the meal Brother Chen improved his opportunity by holding a gospel service. The activity of witnesses such as this brother, will count largely in the speedy finishing of our work in China.

Forty *li* from Yutsien is Chang-hwa, far up in the mountains, and close to the Anhwei border. Here we found the people rising and retiring with the birds. Evening meetings have to be held as soon after sunset as possible. By seven o'clock all shops are closed, all lights out, and all the city hushed in slumber.

Yet another forty *li* still farther up in the hills, is Batu; here again the people go to sleep with the birds; and during our stay we did likewise. There was no watch or clock in the chapel, and we doubt whether one could be found in the entire village, or for miles around. We were

amazed over the way the message has found its way into these parts. We had traveled about as far into these hills as it was possible to go; everywhere we had found believers and inquirers; and always we heard of still others beyond. Had we gone on a little farther, we would have found ourselves across in the neighboring province of Anhwei, and approaching the outposts of our work in that sister mission.

On one of our trips out from Batu, high up in a remote valley, we found a Sabbath school hidden away in the tops of the mountains. As we stopped here, the people, as usual, came out to gaze at these strange-looking foreigners who had chanced their way.

Brother Schroeter has indeed an interesting field of labor; and the Lord has been going before him and his associates in the mountains and all through the valleys of Northern Chekiang. As we returned to Shanghai it was with a keener appreciation than hitherto of the way this last message is penetrating unto the utmost boundaries of this world; and with a deepened consciousness that as we see these evidences of God's workings on human hearts, we may well lift up our heads, knowing for a surety that the hour of our redemption is drawing nigh.

FROM BROTHER W. B. RIFFEL

A COMMUNICATION from Brother Riffel, reports that he and his family are in good health, and since the General Conference have been attending general meetings in the Upper Columbia and Western Oregon Conferences, where he had opportunity of witnessing concerning the work in the Philippine Union. He has visited some churches in and near Portland, as well as the church at College Place, and he reports that the brethren continue to reveal a deep interest in foreign missions and are giving liberally of their funds. At present Brother Riffel is at Gladstone Park, the property purchased by the Western Oregon Conference as a permanent place for their annual campmeetings. The park contains eighty acres of fine timber, and with the property comes a fine auditorium and a number of unfinished cottages. Brother Riffel, in closing, expresses his hope that the Lord may give him and his companion health and strength to return again to their most interesting field of labor.

WEST AND EAST SZECHWAN

C. A. WOOLSEY

OUR trip through the West and East Szechwan Missions has been enjoyable and, I believe, profitable, this autumn. Owing to our having planned on making the trip largely by motor-car, we were very late in getting from Chungking to Chengtu, as this service is altogether uncertain, and we now know that walking across, along the old roads we formerly followed, is much the surer method of making our appointments on time here in the West. In attendance at the Chengtu meeting, besides Pastor Hughes, the director, were Brethren J. N. Andrews, J. Effenberg, and the writer; also Sister Effenburg. Pastor Hwang did not reach Chengtu until after our meeting had closed. With him was Brother Chen Gien Wer. The Chengtu meeting was not very well attended by our laity, but plans were laid for the coming year, and we did the best we could to help the people.

The trip across from Chengtu to Yingshan, for the East Szechwan Mission annual meeting, was made without incident; and there we had most excellent seasons of refreshing. The Lord met with us, and a beautiful Christian spirit prevailed. Pastor Ho Ai Deng was with us, and brought out a wealth of good thoughts from the Scriptures. He was also of great help in our committee work. At this Yingshan meeting seventeen received baptism. One of the candidates for membership was a school principal.

I am leaving Chungking next Sunday, October 23, for a three-months' trip into Kweichow. Pastor Ho is in our party, returning to Pichieh, his headquarters (West Kweichow Mission). We ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters, in behalf of the cause of present truth in the West China Union.

Chungking, October 15.

FOR THE KALGAN HOSPITAL

GEO. J. APPEL

YESTERDAY we went and saw the governor of Shantung Province for a donation for our Kalgan Hospital. He received us very cordially, and gave us a gift of one thousand dollars Mex. We feel that the Lord especially answers our prayers; for such a donation from the provincial governor will be of help in securing further funds from others in the North China Union.

Tsinanfu, November 12.

CANTONESE MISSION

A. L. HAM

(Synopsis of a report rendered by Pastor A. L. Ham, director, Cantonese Mission, at the opening of their annual meeting held in Canton, China, August 11-18, 1930)

THROUGH the blessing of God and the united efforts of our workers, schools, and dispensary, we are able to report sixty-seven baptisms, ten of which were from the Junior Training-school at Tungshan. This is eighteen more than for any one previous year.

During the first seven months of the year 1930 there have been sixty-three baptisms—almost as many as for the whole of the previous year. We are pleased to see our workers developing a growing burden for souls, and increased willingness to endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ.

Excellent work has been accomplished by Pastor Hong and Brother Wong Chung Man in the New Territories of Hongkong. Pastor Tsó and others have done a similar work elsewhere; and we trust that every other worker in the Mission may eventually be reaching out into new fields, while continuing to shepherd the established centers. Nothing encourages our church members more than to see our evangelists searching for the lost, and entering new fields, and bringing in new church members constantly, with hearts spiritually aglow.

During the year 1929 a splendid property at Tsing-yuen was purchased for church purposes, at a cost of Mex. \$2,665, of which amount \$242 was appropriated, and the balance raised in Harvest Ingathering and by personal gifts. The property is free from debt.

Brother Leung Hing San has been efficiently leading the Sabbath schools of this field into increased interest and success. The offerings for the year 1929 were Mex. \$2,484.07, a gain of \$397.30 over the previous year. The fifteen Sabbath schools have a membership of five hundred forty-nine.

Brother Lueng has also been secretary of the Y. P. M. V. department, which reports one senior society and eight junior societies, with a total membership of three hundred twenty-three. The junior societies in our primary schools have converted their schools into real missionary centers, and it is surprising what interest the children take in their meetings. The donations from the young people at the Tungshan society still go to the support of the Ng Ngaan Ku mission-

school, which has an enrollment of fifty-six.

Brother Tom Fung Ki was field secretary last year. The sales for his department amounted to Mex. \$11,257.83, last year. During the first six months of 1930 our sales of denominational literature have amounted to Mex. \$10,570.72; this year promises to be the best in our history in literature sales.

Brother Sham Man Yung has carried the work of the educational and home missionary departments, and his labors have been appreciated. The total enrollment of our main training-school in 1929 was 257; the tuitions received were Mex. \$1,158.91—a gain of \$262.16 over the former year. Harvest Ingathering by churches and companies netted Mex. \$1,287.08.

The degree of self-support attained in our Mission during 1928 was 24%; in 1929 it was 33%. The tithe for the past year, Cantonese Mission, was Mex. \$4,911.84; the offerings an additional \$4,699.81.

Apart from administrative expense, and appropriations to institutions of the Mission, the churches and stations in Cantonese Mission attained in 1928 approximately 45% of self-support; in 1929, 63%. I am anxious that we reach our goal of self-support in three stages; viz., (1) self-support for churches and out-stations; (2) churches, out-stations, administration, and institutions such as school and hospital; (3) churches, out-stations, administration, institutions; also the tithes and offerings we now send to the Union Mission, such as "tithe of the tithe," Sabbath school offerings, Week-of-Sacrifice, and any other offerings not used in our field. This will come largely through faithfulness in tithe paying and liberality in offerings.

Our needs are many. Above all things else, we need more of the power of the Holy Spirit in life and labor. We need a greater appreciation than we now have, of the value of a human soul. Let us pray earnestly for spiritual power; and let us pledge ourselves for greater things for the Lord. And for what has been accomplished, let us thank God, and take courage; but let us never be satisfied short of reaching the very highest limit of our possibilities under God.

ENROLLMENT AT CANTON

Pastor A. L. Ham, writing of the opening of the middle school at Tungshan, Canton, reports an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-one. It is good to know that our oldest school in China is full to overflowing this present year.

LIGHT FOR THE LEPANTOS

PROFESSOR F. A. MOTE, of the Philippine Union, writes of a trip made by Pastor Figuhr and himself into the Mountain Province, where they are opening a mission school for the Lepanto tribe. Their journey from Manila occupied three days of time; they were given a hearty welcome, the Lepantos having sent carriers for a half day's journey by foot to meet the brethren and carry in the supplies for the new school. The men of the *barrio* spent four days in building a neat bamboo schoolhouse without cost to our mission. There are no schools in that section of the Lepanto district. The brethren who visited the Lepanto tribe believe that there are opportunities before us for doing a permanent work in bringing the gospel to these people. One of the Filipino youth has volunteered to be teacher for the new school, and has already found a place in the hearts of the people of that *barrio*. Forty-six students are reported as having enrolled, and many more are desirous of coming. Brother Mote closes by declaring: "We have a burden to see the gospel carried to the people of the non-Christian tribes of our great island field. Let us continue to pray that the Lord will bless the efforts of our faithful workers and believers. Surely He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

MEETINGS IN EAST VISAYA

PASTOR L. O. PATTISON writes from Cebu, P. I., under date of November 12, that it seems very natural to have Pastor L. V. Finster associated with him once more in holding general meetings among the churches, but that at present the translating has to be done by a third party, which does not seem natural at all. In former years, when Pastors Finster and Pattison were both laboring in the old Malaysian Union Mission, it was customary for Pastor Pattison to serve as translator for Pastor Finster (into the Malay) when Brother Finster was visiting our missions in Java. Now all has been changed; and both these brethren find themselves in united labor for a few weeks in a language area requiring the aid of Cebu translators. The cause of truth spreads and spreads; and while this development brings problems, we know that the Lord's blessing will rest in special measure upon those who press into new territory, whatever the disadvantages may at first seem to be.

FROM DR. J. N. ANDREWS

DURING last summer of this year, Dr. J. N. Andrews made a trip to Chungking, and later to Chengtu, in order to meet with the West China Union Executive Committee, and lead out during the absence of Brother M. C. Warren, superintendent, in arranging for the work for the coming year.

Writing from Chungking under date of September 6, Dr. Andrews tells of a trip made by him during the summer to Yue Tong, where dwells an interested Tibetan tribesman with his household and friends; and on this trip the doctor lost a horse while traveling along a narrow mountain path. The horse slipped and fell down a steep cliff and broke his back. A second horse was lost this summer by Dr. Andrews while enroute to Chungking. "A day below Yachow," he writes, "we took a boat and sent the coolies back to go Chengtu to wait for us. The men were crossing a small, swollen river on a submerged bridge, when my two horses fell in, but the larger one swam out. Bobby's drowned. I was not with them."

Dr. Andrews writes of having hoped that their new families for Tatsienlu might have come forward during the summer, as he wished to escort them back, following his visit to Chengtu, and to help a little in their study of the language prior to his departure on furlough. He is preparing some literature to use during his journeys in Tibetan territory along the Border. He writes: "I hope to get the booklet, 'Deh Giu Ru Men,' printed in Tibetan this winter, and later to do some more itinerating on the Border. I have just received and am reading 'Pilgrim's Progress' in Tibetan translated by a man on the Indian Border. As Tibetans make so many pilgrimages, they may be interested in this book."

Later, from Yachow, Dr. Andrews wrote under date of September 27: "I am on the road back to Tatsienlu, after the trip to Chungking and to the Chengtu meeting. It has been a muddy trip. At the close of the Chengtu annual conference, we held our union committee meeting, and voted to request that the biennial union session be held next year, preferably from June 12 to 20, 1931.

"In Chengtu the military have put up a sign above the property long rented by our mission for use as chapel, church school, and tract society headquarters, and on this sign it is stated that the military authorities have bought the property. We shall have to move

out soon, and provide some permanent quarters of our own, preferably on our mission compound property, which is located in an excellent part of the city."

Brother Andrews refers to release from jail of a licensed minister, Brother Li Gun U, after having been in jail a year and more because of religious persecution. "We are glad indeed," Brother Andrews writes, "and thank the Lord for this deliverance and for the courage our brother has been able to keep up all of these months.

"Word comes from Tatsienlu that snow is all about on the mountains. It is very wet there this fall. Last summer it was very hot in Tatsienlu."

BAPTISM IN MARINDUQUE

R. G. MAGCALEN

(In Mizpa)

IT has been my privilege to visit Marinduque, July 14-21. Monday afternoon I arrived at the wharf of Sta. Cruz, and that night we held a meeting, attended by many interested persons. The next morning we held a meeting, attended by many interested persons. The next morning we baptized fifteen souls, — first-fruits of the tent efforts in that place, conducted by Brethren Florentino Martin and Lopez Balan. There are still some whom we hope will follow the truth soon. The brethren at present are soliciting funds for building a house of worship.

From Sta. Cruz Brother Florentino Martin and I visited Boac and Gazan. We journeyed almost the whole day, crossing steep hills and mountains before we reached Boac. We found that the brethren in that place were very active. At Gazan the brethren have just erected a new church.

The brethren in Boac were formerly few, but they are continually increasing because their lights are shining brightly, and they continue active in missionary work. We baptized four in that place, — fruits of missionary work by lay members. One of those baptized is a man one hundred and ten years old. His body is still strong, his eyes and mind clear, and his hearing good. He has hope of seeing the Lord when He comes.

Let us remember these new brethren in our prayers, that they may be faithful in following the truth unto the end.

KUCHING, SARAWAK,
BORNEO

MRS. G. B. YOUNGBERG, in Malayan *Notes of Progress*, reports that their "gospel net has been catching all sorts of fish" of late in Kuching, Sarawak, on the west coast of Borneo. One is a Tamil; another a Chinese and family of the higher class; yet another a Filipino; yet others, including Chinese, Ceylonese, Dyaks, an Anglo-Indian, and an Anglo-Siamese.

"Our desire is to get out into the interior, among the Dyaks," Sister Youngberg writes. "They are a very artless, interesting people, and would be really attractive were it not for their filthy betel-nut and the deforming brass rings on their limbs. I think they must put those rings on when they are small, as the calves of their legs remain small and the flesh protrudes around the ankles and knees. It looks ugly to us, but they like it.

"It remains to be seen what the Lord has in store for us, but we are sure it is something good — better than we could choose for ourselves.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

MANY, many months ago a sister in the British Union Conference placed in the hands of a general worker a few pounds, with the request that he use it at his discretion to meet a special need. This worker passed it on to the Far Eastern Division for use in China, and it eventually found its way into the South Chekiang Mission, to assist a struggling church to secure for itself a meeting-house to stand in that community as a memorial for the true God of heaven and earth.

Recently word has come from this sister of her abiding interest in the China field, and of her joy over the report that has come in of a baptismal service following the dedication of the church. We have just learned of yet another baptismal service held in that center. The church members are doing considerable home missionary work.

Our sister in England writes: "I pray that the special blessing of the Lord may attend that group of believers as they continue to labor for others in their district to bring them to the mission. I long to do more and more to help the work, as I am able; it is not a sacrifice, I assure you, to do anything for Jesus. My Christian love to Wenchow Mission."

SINGAPORE MISSION

W. W. R. LAKE

THE many peoples in our field are slowly but surely responding to the touch of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts. The message of the living Christ is coming before "our" world as it never has come in the past. Recently, the writer has had the coveted privilege of addressing the Commissioners of this City in the council chamber to plead on behalf of one of their officers who was refused Saturdays off, so that he might keep the Sabbath of the Lord. At that council, a constructive thesis of the tenets of our faith was debated, in which our message, our people, and our work came before them. Two weeks later, another council was convened in which our brother's case was rediscussed, and this time his request for Saturdays off to observe the Sabbath was granted unequivocally, a special position being created in the same department for him. This case was published in the daily newspapers; one paper, the most prominent, edited the case under the title, "Religion and Duty." This is considered a triumph for the message in Malaya. The resultant effect of this debate is spreading, and many contacts are being made and maintained.

Our Tanglin Mission, under the tutelage of Brother McCall, is making progress; four Punjabis were buried with their Lord in baptism recently, and several more are interested.

Malacca, under the supervision of Brother Cecil Anchant, is stepping into line with the drum-beat of progress with the rest of the work, and three more were baptized recently.

Brother Mampe Siregar is now in Batu Pahat to open work there. Soon we shall hear of the gospel sounded in that district.

The English City Church, situated at Penang Road, is rich in spiritual experiences. There is hardly a week that goes by but what there is something vitally interesting to report.

Brother Pohan, with his other duties, is conducting services twice monthly in the leper asylum. The Government has given us permission to conduct work amongst the poor outcasts. Strange as it may seem, the invitation came from within the four walls of the asylum to send some one there to teach a few who need the Bible explained as the Seventh-day Adventists teach it, one inmate having heard the message at a public lecture in 1928 at the Penang Road Church. Thus the message is finding its way into homes,

institutions, and hearts. Shall we not rally to the sound of the last chord in the message of salvation?

 PROGRESS OF PHILIPPINE JUNIOR COLLEGE

W. B. AMMUNDSEN

IN the early days of our work here in the Philippines, it was evident that there was a need for a training school in which to fit workers for the giving of the message. This school was started as the Philippine Academy in 1917. Young men and women came in for short courses to get a little preparation. A few stayed on, and three were graduated from the high school course in 1920. Each year thereafter had its graduates. The most of them went out into the work.

The demand from the field for better trained workers brought about the change in the school from an academy to a junior college in 1926. Along with this change came better facilities and a larger faculty. The enrollment also increased. The number of graduates from the high school course also increased, and in 1929 they numbered eighteen.

We are now in the school year of 1930-31, and this year we have the largest enrollment that we have ever had. The enrollment this year is 335. One hundred of these are in the normal training department, two hundred and three, including special students, are in the academic department, and thirty-two are in the college department. We expect to have three graduates from the Junior College course this year. Next year there should be a large number.

Our school is crowded to the limit. During the chapel exercises we have forty students seated in room number one, as there is no room in the chapel for them. Our class rooms are too small and too few in number. Some of the classes were so large that we had to divide them.

Both dormitories are full to overflowing. Fourteen girls are living under my house. The girls' worst room is packed to the walls morning and evening. The dining room is inadequate to serve all of the students at one time. We are groaning to be delivered from these cramped quarters. The call of Balintawak is sounding in our ears daily. We are anxious to get out there where we may grow and expand. We want to meet the demands of the field, which is the furnishing of well-trained workers.

IN TAIYUANFU AND KALGAN

PASTOR GEO. J. APPEL writes from Peiping on November 2: "I have just returned from a trip to Kalgan and Taiyuanfu. I came into Kalgan immediately after the Fengtien troops had taken over the city. In fact, the train on which I had gone up there on was thirteen hours late reaching Kalgan. The city was much excited, and all the Shansi officials had left, and it was feared there might be fighting. Everything, however, was settled quietly within a day or two.

"We arrived in Taiyuanfu the very day the city was bombed by Southern airplanes. One bomb exploded near our chapel, killing several people. With conditions such as these, we could do little in Kalgan, but were able to meet with our believers and encourage them in our work. We were advised to leave as soon as possible for fear the trains might stop running and thus make impossible our getting away in time for other appointments."

Under date of November 3, Pastor Appel writes further: "You may be interested in seeing a copy of each of the first two tracts we have just printed in the Mongolian language. These tracts were translated by our Russian brethren who are employed in Mongolian work. They tell me these are the first tracts ever printed by our people in this language. They were translated from the Russian into the Mongolian. One of these is a treatise of Matthew 24, and the other is on the study of the Holy Scriptures. We are now preparing three other tracts for translation into the Mongolian on 'The Origin of Sin and the Plan of Salvation,' 'The Sabbath,' and 'The Second Coming of Christ.' Our workers rejoice in being able to secure some literature, as this will greatly aid them in giving the message to the people of Mongolia."

 FREED FROM PRISON

BROTHER LI GIN YI, our licensed minister stationed at Yingshan, of the East Szechwan Mission, has been held in prison for upwards of a year, but has recently been released. "It has been a hard battle," Sister Herbert K. Smith writes, "but we thank God that our brother is out of that prison, and can now do his work in the East Szechwan Mission again." He was imprisoned because of his activity in that district as a Christian evangelist.

A VISIT TO CHANGSHA

DR. H. W. MILLER, in company with W. I. Hilliard, of the Central China Union, undertook a trip to Changsha, the capital of Hunan, while the Doctor was visiting nearly all the stations of Central China. The trip down from Wuchang, Hupeh, was made by train, without incident. The brethren in Changsha reported many providences, including the preservation of nearly all their properties during the troubles that came upon Changsha last summer, when many government buildings were wholly destroyed, and several missions lost nearly all their buildings and equipment. Our material losses in the Changsha city chapel, tract society, and workers' headquarters, did not amount to much if any more than \$100 Mex. This was counted as one of Heaven's special mercies, as we might easily have lost thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of property in that city and in the suburbs. Our mission homes on the Island, as well as the Yoloshan property, were left untouched, as has been hitherto reported.

The workers in Hunan have been facing great difficulties the past few months, but are courageous and hopeful.

The Doctor and Brother Hilliard left Changsha by an evening train, but had gotten only two stations away when the train crew decided to switch the engine back to the rear of the train, and make a quick run back into Changsha because the line had been cut, and the enemies of the government were hastening on to the next town to hold the railway and all other entrances and means of exit. The Doctor reports having been able to go on to Hankow the next day through the courtesy of a shipping agency who permitted him to go onto a boat having no regular accommodations.

Conditions in Hunan have been difficult for several years, and the brethren at times are wholly cut off from some of the stations. However, the government is coping with this situation at the present time, and it is the fond hope of many that conditions in Hunan and also in Kiangsi will be much improved by a few months hence.

The prayers of our people have been ascending in behalf of Hunan, and other districts of the interior of China, where so much of opposition has come to us. When the people can be reached, a goodly number are found to be responsive, and this gives ground for encouragement.

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FROM PASTOR WILKINSON

THE following report is taken from a letter from Brother Geo. L. Wilkinson written under date of Sept. 30: "I am now at Che Duh Boe, where we have a church at the foot of a hill. From here I go to the station where the church was built partly with the funds given by Miss Matilda Green. Four or five will be baptized at this place, and about the same number at the next place we visit. It seems quite safe here, but there is at least one of the stations on this trip which I will not try to make on account of bandits.

"Our Wenchow school is going nicely, with nearly one hundred and fifty enrolled, which is the largest attendance we have ever had.

"We are planning on four sectional meetings in different parts of our field, following the women's meeting which Mrs. Miller will hold in Wenchow December 2-12. These will take the place of our annual gathering, and will give many of the members a meeting closer home."

A LETTER from Pastor George L. Wilkinson, under date of November 2, reports that conditions seem to be quite a little better now politically, although even yet in a few sections there are still some bandits, and these hinder our advance somewhat. One station that Brother Wilkinson had decided not to visit, he finally ventured to reach, and succeeded, as he states, "without being captured, but we came within a few *li* of four hundred bandits, so the trip was not any too safe to make.

"Pastor Wu Tsung Shan is in our territory now, and has just returned from a trip up river, where he baptized 29. He will leave in a couple of days for the Te Tsiu section, and then he will return home. I am leaving this week for the Lo Tsing section of our field. There have been 101 baptisms in our field since my return to the field this fall, which brings our membership up to 792. The prospects are good that we shall go well over the 800 mark by the end of the year. We are going to have more baptisms than I thought there would be before entering upon this round of itinerating. It certainly is interesting to see the Lord's work grow. What a privilege it is to have a part in the work at the present time!

"Brother Fossey is getting along nicely with the work in the school. He tells me that they have had an enrollment of about 160, but three or four of these have gone home. Yesterday I baptized twenty from

the Wenchow school, and 8 from the Wenchow church. The school had 15 baptisms this spring, as well as the ones this fall. Of course the ones baptized in the school come from the stations and are not entirely the result of the work of the school. In many cases, however, I regard them entirely the fruit of the school.

"We are having a good in crop this section this year, which is going to make living conditions better. Rice is about half the price it was last year.

FURTHER WORD FROM SOUTH CHEKIANG

G. L. WILKINSON

OUR work is going along very encouragingly, and to God be all the praise. There seems to be a good spirit manifest in the mission, and the workers are interested in progress. We have baptized one hundred and seventy-nine to date. Pastor Wu left on a trip to the Te Tsiu section yesterday, and I leave today for the Lo Tsing section.

November 5

PROGRESS IN WEST VISAYA

HARVIN EVENS

OUR work is advancing in an encouraging way. In the face of unprecedented depression in sugar, copra, and rice, our tithes covering the first three quarters of 1930 are a thousand pesos above normal gain for the entire year. Unless we suffer an unusual slump during the last quarter, we shall finish the year with a fine increase. This means none other than that our brethren are more faithful in paying their tithes.

Although there has been a tremendous loss in book sales in this union this year, we closed the third quarter with six hundred eighty pesos gain in net sales over the same period of last year. Cholera was rampant in the Visayan Islands, and of a virulent type. Often those attacked in the morning were dead before sundown. Superstitious people thought strangers were poisoning their wells, and looked with fear upon every unknown face. Colporteurs were barred from the homes of many. But they have held on grimly, until now disease no longer hinders, and we are looking forward to better times.

PROSPECTS OF FURTHER GAINS — THIRD QUARTER

ALREADY the statistical reports for the third quarter are beginning to come in. The one from the Manchurian Union shows a net gain of eight in church membership for the quarter, and the one from the North China Union shows a net gain of sixty-five baptized believers. It seems that the net gain in one of the provinces not yet listed in the formal reports will be upwards of one hundred for the closing six months of the current year, and in another province heard from the gain will probably be at least fifty. The Malayan report for the third quarter shows a net gain in membership of forty-two. These totals, which we hope will be largely increased by the time all the figures can be gathered in, lead us to hope that the year now passing may yet bring as much of increase as did the year 1929. This, however, is but a small fraction of that which we should most earnestly pray will be our gain in future days; and it would be fitting to make this matter one of the subjects of special petition to Heaven during the coming Week of Prayer, inasmuch as our great goal in these eastern lands is to gather a people prepared for the coming of their Lord, c.

THE MALAYAN SEMINARY

GOOD word has come from Headmaster V. E. Hendershot, of the Malayan Seminary, expressing his joy over having so many splendid young people in the school, and of the determination of his faculty to deepen the spiritual influences of the school during the coming year. Professor Hendershot writes: "We are planning great things for God at the opening of school in January. We truly have some splendid young people. How much we all need the converting power of God's presence! "At the close of our last school year, we baptized six precious souls from the student body; two were Bataks, one a Siamese, and the other Chinese. Three came to us from Buddhism. All have studied the truth with us for over two years. We baptized in the open sea at Katong (near Singapore). I could not but think of the many nations touched by the might Pacific — precious ones who are surrendering their souls to this last message."

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS

A HELPFUL survey of tract society sales of two regular subscription books and one small booklet has been made by the Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House. The two books selected are "The Hope of the World," and "Health and Longevity," and the small booklet is the "Key to Health," of which so many tens of thousands have been printed the past few months.

From January 1 to October 20, 1930, "The Hope of the World" sold as follows: East China Union, cloth 392, paper 755; West China, cloth 240, paper 574; Central China, cloth 500, paper 201; North China, cloth 735, paper 540; South China, cloth 415, paper 452; Manchuria, cloth 3,011, paper 200; Malaya, cloth 500, paper 5; Sungari, cloth 550; Signs Press, Korea, cloth 50, paper 250; Pacific Press Publishing Association, cloth, 250. This makes a total of 7,043 cloth and 2,777 paper copies of "The Hope of the World."

"Health and Longevity" was sold during the same period, and the total number of copies of the cloth edition has been reported as 2,032, whereas the paper edition has had a circulation of 2,193, or a grand total of 4,225. Nearly one half of the entire aggregate was handled by the East China Union.

The South China Union led in sales of "Key to Health" up to October 20, 1930, their total being reported as 51,492 copies.

These reports indicate activity in many parts of the China field simultaneously. However, there are some unions where the sales of bound volumes seem small indeed as compared with possibilities. The brethren are reporting to us that their greatest need is for many consecrated colporters.

WHAT A SABBATH CALENDAR MEANS

A BAPTIZED brother in attendance at the meeting of the West Visayan Mission early in June, 1930, was brought into the truth, according to his testimony, through the 1929 Sabbath calendar issued by the publishing house in the Cebuan language for the East Visayan Mission. He had with him his boy; and although no other member of the family had been baptized, there are about five or six who have become interested in the truth through this calendar.

CAMBODIAN MISSION

F. L. PICKETT

THROUGH the treatment of one of our servants and his family, the news of our dispensary spread very rapidly. His friends began coming, and they told others, till soon almost the entire morning was taken by Sister Pickett, giving medical help, treatments, medicines, consultations, etc. Many friends were made in this way. But the government refused permission to open regularly because Sister Pickett holds an American diploma for nursing, and not a French one; so lately she has been doing only a few little things for friends who come asking for help. Altogether the list shows seventy-six different people, the number of treatments having been three hundred fifty. We are not trying to carry on this work prior to securing permission, and a better command of the language. We have put in another request for an examination in French, with no reply as yet, but expect to hear soon, and have been assured that it will probably be granted.

Our request for the sale of literature has not yet been answered, but we feel that permission at least for the sale of some books will be granted. In a few weeks we hope to have our first tracts in the Cambodian language.

We are of good courage and good health. Pray for us!

THE SIAM MISSION

F. A. PRATT

GOD has surely been with us during this year, and we feel to give Him all the praise. Souls have been won directly from heathenism, idols have been taken down and burned, souls have been reclaimed, and in many ways we know assuredly that God's Spirit is working on hearts in our Mission.

Our annual meeting, which recently convened, was the best one we have ever had. Definite plans were laid for more aggressive evangelism. As I write, we have already secured a hall in a good location, and expect in a few days to open an effort for the Chinese people. We have also found a good location where we will open up work for the Siamese people.

Last year was our best year in the winning of souls, and the indications are that this year will be even better. We solicit the prayers of the workers in behalf of this needy field.

BRITISH BORNEO MISSION

WRITING from Jesselton, British North Borneo, his headquarters, Pastor J. W. Rowland, director, writes in acknowledgment of provision made for the deepening of cisterns at the mission station on the hilltop, and adds: "We have had a hard time the past two years to keep sufficient water for household uses, as there was a general shortage throughout this district, and our tanks did not have space enough to hold all the rainwater that came from our roofs. Our storage capacity has now been more than doubled.

"Hakka is the principal dialect in use among the Chinese here. We have some from Swatow and Amoy, and with these I can converse, as they use the same dialect I used when in the Singapore Mission. I should like to speak Cantonese also. Am now studying Mandarin.

"We are glad to report that during the first three quarters of this year we have baptized a total of 36—of Dusuns 27, and of Chinese 8. We hope to double last year's record for North Borneo. The Dusuns have loving hearts. Of course their illiteracy constitutes a great hindrance to the rapid advancement of the third angel's message among them; and is true of the Dyaks of Sarawak also. But they are good people, and when once they comprehend the truths of Holy Scripture, they seem willing to receive and obey the instruction given. Our hope is that a goodly number from among the Dusuns may become workers for their own people. Pray that the name of God may be exalted and glorified among them by whatever we undertake in their behalf.

IN MINDANAO, P. I.

L. O. PATTISON

WE have just held a general meeting down in Misamis, Mindanao. Nearly three hundred were present. The Lord came very near. Dr. Hall made a trip around the circle, visiting Lanao and many other places in Mindanao, and his trip was a real blessing to the people down there. He was able to preform many minor operations.

I am leaving this week for Oriental Negros; for we plan on holding another meeting for our brethren living on that island. Brother Chaney is with me, and we expect to have a good meeting there. Later on we plan to hold two other general

meetings,—one for the brethren on the island of Bohol, and one for the brethren on the island of Leyte. I trust that the Spirit of the Lord is going before His workers in China as He is before us here in the East Visayan Mission. There are more calls coming in for workers to follow up than we have workers. The only thing that we can do, is to do all that we can, and then leave with the Lord that which we cannot ourselves compass. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon His work.

Cebu, Cebu, September 29.

LITERATURE SALES REPORTS

Malaya.— The figures for Malaya and Netherlands East Indies, combined, show a loss of Straits \$7,416.47 for the seven months ending July 31, 1930, as compared with the corresponding seven-month period reported for preceding year. The seven-month totals for 1930 are Straits 32,038.62 for the two Unions named. For Malaya alone, seven months, the sales total Straits \$9,362. Needless to say, all are happy over the arrival of Brother A. J. Werner from California; and following a period of a few months of language study, it is hoped that he may help Malaya to be high up on the list of fields where many denominational books are being sold.

THE FINAL HARVEST-HOUR

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of Harvest-home:
All is safely gather'd in,
Ere the winter-storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own Temple, come;
Raise the song of Harvest-home.

All this world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares therein are sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
Ripening with a wondrous power
Till the final Harvest-hour:
Grant, O Lord of life, that we
Holy grain and pure may be.

For we know that Thou wilt come,
And wilt take Thy people home;
From Thy field wilt purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
And Thine Angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In Thy garner evermore.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
Bid us sing Thy Harvest-home:
Let Thy Saints be gather'd in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
All upon the golden floor
Praising Thee for evermore:
Come, with all Thine Angels come;
Bid us sing Thy Harvest-home.

— "Book of Common Prayer."

FROM PASTOR C. E. WEAKS

OCCASIONALLY word comes from Pastor C. E. Weeks, years ago the general field missionary secretary for the Far Eastern Division, and prior to that time for the Southern Asia Division. Brother Weeks writes from Berne, Switzerland, and reports a profitable summer with groups of colporters in the three European Divisions. "In these fields," he writes, "persecution is the common lot of those who do house-to-house work."

Brother and Sister Weeks are now getting into Washington, D. C., having been transferred from their former London headquarters; and by the close of the present year Brother and Sister Strahle and children are to move to London to continue the work that Brother Weeks has been carrying in northern Europe; and Pastor John Oss, of the East China Union, takes over for the China Division the work done formerly by Brother Strahle in this field; while Brother J. H. MacEachern, formerly president of the Nevada Conference, carries for the newly organized Far Eastern Division the field missionary and home missionary secretaryships. Transfers of this order take place from time to time, owing to the development of an ever-extending work, but the movement continues uninterruptedly, and the whole earth is being sown with gospel literature.

DEATH OF SISTER BOOTH

Friends in Kobe have written us of the death of Mrs. Gussie Booth the night of the nineteenth of November, at the Soaikai Hospital, Kobe. Pastor V. T. Armstrong, of Tokyo, assisted by Pastor Geo. Dietrich of Okayama and by our Japanese brethren, conducted the funeral service at Okayama City, Japan, on Friday, the twenty-first.

Sister Booth was a Bible worker of Singapore Mission, and was in Japan on a visit. Our sympathy is extended to those who have been left to mourn.

DEATH OF KWANG YU TSEN

Brother Kwang Yu Tsen, of the West Kweichow Mission, after a brief illness, died during the summer. A licensed minister, he was one of the most zealous of all our workers in the entire China field. He chose to seek out the harder places, and to go far into the mountains when necessary in order to look up those whom he thought might be interested in Bible truth. During the Pichieh meeting held last winter, he volunteered to go to one of the most difficult districts in all the mission; namely, the Chaotung area, on one of the main highways of Yunnan Province. The Lord blessed him wherever he went, and souls were won.

We expect to meet our brother in the morning of the resurrection: for of him it can truly be written, that he was "faithful unto death."

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VISITORS FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE

The Home Board have arranged for Pastor W. H. Williams, one of the assistant treasurers of the General Conference, to give some time to the Far East. Brother Williams is arriving in Shanghai per s. s. "Chichibu-Maru" on November 28, and will spend his first few weeks at Division headquarters in auditing the Division books and otherwise assisting to prepare for the reorganization of this field into two divisions at the close of the present year.

Another honored visitor from the General Conference office is Pastor W. H. Branson, who is now enroute for Shanghai. He will be reaching us toward the end of December.

A cablegram has been received that Brother H. H. Hall, formerly under appointment to visit us once more in the Far East, will probably have to cancel this appointment.

A welcome is extended by the entire Far Eastern Division family of workers to the friends who are coming to us at this time from the Home Board.

ARRIVALS

Miss Ruth Ladd, nurse for the Penang Mission Clinic; Brother and Sister E. C. Wood, returning to Division headquarters from a short furlough beginning with attendance at the General Conference session in San Francisco last spring; L. I. Bowers and family from furlough for further service in the Chosen Union, at the Soonan station.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Included with the regular Week of Prayer Readings for adults there will be found a series of eight studies prepared as lessons for the children, beginning with Sabbath, December 13, and running throughout the Week of Prayer, closing with a consecration service for Sabbath, December 20. These Readings have been translated carefully into the Mandarin and appear in the Mandarin edition which has been sent out to every church and group of believers. It is suggested and urged that everything possible be done to make the Week of Prayer especially interesting to the children, and profitable withal. We have reached a time of precious reaping, and must make sure that all the children are gathered within the garner for the Lord.

The General Conference Committee in their instructions to church elders state: "Church leaders should give early attention to the selection of leaders for the children's meetings, that opportunity may be given for thorough preparation." This is a vital matter. Let us all make sure that the children are included in our planning, and that the way is open for them to receive of the abundant blessings that Heaven is ready to bestow to those who seek Him with all the heart."

VISITING VARIOUS UNIONS

Pastor I. H. Evans is continuing his visits to various of the Far Eastern Division union fields. On Wednesday, November 5, in company with Dr. H. W. Miller, Brother Evans went to Hankow where he met with the brethren of the Central China Union. The brethren went from Hankow by train to Yencheng, the headquarters of the Honan Mission, where Dr. Miller spent a day and then returned to Hankow enroute to Changsha, for a visit to that important station, serving as headquarters of the Hunan Mission. Brother Evans had four days in Yencheng with Pastor W. E. Strickland, Dr. L. H. Butka, and associates. On Sabbath afternoon, November 8, the provincial headquarters church building, which was completed some months ago, was dedicated. This structure is one of the best that has been put up in any part of the Far Eastern Division field, and will seat between seven and eight hundred.

The brethren found the Yencheng hospital-dispensary filled to overflowing with patients, many of whom were surgical cases. A new hospital building is being erected under the supervision of H. Romain Dixon, of the Yencheng station, and will increase the bed capacity of this interior hospital to upwards of one hundred. Many remarkable recoveries have been made in the hospital, and the people round about seem willing to bring their sick to this place and entrust them to the care of our physicians and nurses.

The work in Honan is steadily advancing notwithstanding many adverse conditions, and the prospect is that the church membership will be in excess of eight hundred by the close of the year.

Conditions in Honan are reported by the Doctor as about the same as during the summer months when little of itinerating could be undertaken because of unsettled conditions. The brethren are doing their best to spread a knowledge of the truth during the troublesome times upon which they have entered in this province. They are rejoicing over deliverances during the days when Changsha fell into the hands of those opposed to the government, and even now there is grave apprehension on the part of some over the possibilities of the future. However, the cause in which we are engaged knows no defeat and must be advanced. Our brethren are doing what they can to press forward and work in places still open for gospel labor.

While enroute on their return trip, the brethren had a little time with members of our mission at Kiukiang.

Brother Evans had only a few days in Shanghai prior to taking ship for South China and Manila, and will not be returning until the early part of December. c.

A NEW TRACT IN CHINESE

The Chinese Signs of the Times Publishing House announce a new tract (12 pp.) entitled, "Magazines: Their Place in God's Work." This tract is in Mandarin, and sells at \$4.50 Mex. per thousand copies. Orders should be placed with the provincial tract societies.

This tract should be read carefully by every worker and by every literate church member. It would be well, also, to make sure that the main instruction in this tract, insofar as this pertains to the use of our magazines by members who are not counted as literate, should be carefully imparted to such members, in order that the wisest use may be made of every possible agency in the church, including all members of the laity.

STATISTICAL REPORTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

As we near the close of the present year, it is our privilege to plan to gather in at the earliest possible date the statistics pertaining to the work of the fourth quarter and of the entire year. In sections to be served hereafter by the newly organized Far Eastern Division with headquarters at Manila, it is especially important that the statistics for the year be forthcoming without delay, inasmuch as the annual committee council for the unions is to be held within a few weeks following the close of the present year. A preliminary statement of the need of early reports may profitably be made to every church elder and clerk, and also to the various officers connected with provincial missions and institutions. Thus the figures may be collected and forwarded with all despatch, and the brethren may have these before them at the time they meet. This also will assist materially on the financial side in enabling the various treasuries involved, to know speedily following the close of the year just how they stand and what is available for use during the year before us. A little planning during the closing weeks of the current year will make a material difference in the dates when final returns may be received during January of next year. As we co-operate in this matter with one mind and heart, the Lord's blessing will attend our endeavors, and the desired results will have been attained. c.

APPOINTMENTS - NORTH CHINA

Dates for provincial meetings in the North China Union have been fixed as follows: The Shantung Mission, at Tsinan, January 29 to February 7; the Hopei Mission, at Peiping, February 12 to 21; the Shansi Mission, at Taiyuanfu, February 24 to March 3. The North China Union annual committee meeting follows immediately afterward at Peiping.

THE PROPOSED NEW CALENDAR

When Mr. Cotsworth, a leading proponent of "the simplified calendar," visited Shanghai this fall, a few from the Far Eastern Division and Press attended a lecture he gave in this city. The entire number present was perhaps less than thirty, including ten or twelve British soldiers and some others who had come in for "coffee and sandwiches and cake" served by the ladies of the church downtown where the lecture was given. The strength of a movement, however, is not necessarily measured by the seeming indifference of the general public. Nor can we measure the ultimate possibilities of such a movement as this, by the nature of so-called "facts" presented. We were impressed anew with the present-day fulfillment of the prophecy pointing forward to the day when "judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." We can only pray, and labor, and sound the warning, and witness for the literal week, and hold fast the fundamentals of true Bible faith. No matter what Satan may bring into this world as a part of the tribulation that is to purify the believers as by fire, we do know that truth must eventually triumph, and with it those who hold fast the profession of their faith.