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"A Happy New Year To You"!



ALL over this old earth this good wish is being expressed by one friend to another. This also is the wish of a loving Heavenly Father for all of His children. Not only is it His wish for them, but He has made it possible for them to have just such a year. 1932 is pregnant with joy or with sorrow for each of us. It may bring to us a peace "which surpasses all power of thought" or it may bring a spirit of unrest. We each will choose which it shall be. The fact that this life at best is fraught with disappointments must not be allowed to disturb the spirit of happiness which God through Christ has given us. Christ's word, "Be of good cheer" is for every day of the year. God intended that His command to Joshua to "be strong and of a good courage" was to be his spirit throughout the rest of his life. A constant, steadfast spirit has always characterized men who have accomplished great things for God. The determination "not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified" was Paul's resolution as he came to Corinth. That same resolution sustained him in the Philippian prison when he and Silas were shackled in the inner dungeon. Their songs of praise and their prayers of faith struck off the shackles, unlocked the prison doors, and led to the conversion of the jailer and his household. Men work best when they are happy. We all want to see far more accomplished for God in the Far Eastern Division this year than we did last year, and we shall have far larger results if we go through each day's work with high hopes and strong faith following the leadership of our Captain. We are to meditate upon His Word day and night. We are to continually remember that we are engaged in a winning cause. Obstacles are before us. There are Red Seas and there are Jordans, but He who opened them anciently for His people will now open them for us. The year 1932 will in due time grow old, but the happiness which we now wish one another is to be new every morning, and fresh every evening. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

—FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Progress in Northern Luzon

The work in our field is going on nicely especially in Nueva Vizcaya. A letter just in from Brother Valdez, who is leading in that district, says that they are preparing fifty for baptism. He also reports urgent calls in several places within his district.

Our colporteurs recently found two families in a town in Isabela keeping the Sabbath through reading the "Great Controversy." We have definite and urgent calls from the Cagayan Valley, enough to keep ten workers busy. But we have only two colporteurs there at present because of the lack of funds to send more workers. We trust it will not be very long before we will be in position to increase our working force in this field.

AGUINALDO BALINAO.

Minister Interested Through Home Sabbath School

In an isolated country place in the Central Chosen Mission a home Sabbath School has been quietly doing its part to spread the gospel, and as a result a Sabbath School of twenty members has been organized and three have been baptized.

One of the three baptized has had a very interesting experience. For over twenty years he had been an ordained minister in another denomination but has felt that there was something lacking in his experience. While in the performance of his duties, he was led to visit our little home School and became interested in the lessons they were studying. Seeing his interest, the book "Daniel and the Revelation" was loaned to him and this led to his conversion.

This is his story: "I took the book home and after a few cursory glances laid it out but all the while something seemed to tell me that in it I would find the solution to my difficulties in explaining certain texts of Scripture. Finally I took the book down with the fixed purpose of refuting all its arguments. As I read and studied the truth my real condition began to dawn upon me, and as I studied the question of the 'Little Horn,' I was convinced that Saturday was the Sabbath of the Lord. With the question still clear in my mind I went to visit the Catholic priest who lived a short distance from my home. After a short visit I put this question to him. 'Do you really believe the Pope can change the precepts of God?' 'Surely,' he answered, 'the Pope has the power to change anything.' I do not see how during the thirty and more times that I have read the Bible through during my ministry that I have been so blind. Truly it is impossible for me to express my gratitude to God for leading me to the light of His truth."

From the "Chosen Union Church Compass."

"Our College"

The Philippine Union College is the scene of many helpful activities in addition to the regular program of school.

A short time ago the students engaged heartily with the teachers in the Big Week Campaign and as a result went over the goal set for the College by P59.00, reaching the amount of P159.00. In just a few weeks after this campaign it was suggested that we could much better enjoy our chapel where we meet for the worship of God if it were finished this year on the inside and made a desirable place for our religious gatherings. The estimated cost was P400.00. The teachers were organized into a band with a goal of P200.00. The students were also organized into fifteen bands headed by student leaders, with a goal of P100.00.

The campaign was taken hold of with great enthusiasm. Some sold books and magazines, others sold baked foods, and still others put in extra hours of work. Many put their hands deep into their pockets, making real sacrifices to reach their goals.

It was interesting each day to hear the reports and see the hands on the clock-device going to the top. At last the allotted time of two weeks expired and the final day of reckoning came. All students and teachers met at the chapel hour with beaming faces, anxious to know the results. While the last amounts were coming from the different bands it was announced that Doctor Hall, Mrs. Sevrens, Mrs. Thurston Sr., and the Misses Irvine and Barnett had joined in our campaign and given P125.00. The last count showed that the students including the Normal School children had given P166.03, the teachers P158.00, the school P100.00, and the Sanitarium workers P125.00, making a total of P549.03. This brought great rejoicing.

The work is already going forward rapidly in the finishing of our chapel. Surely the young people are God's "helping hand."

The College family are now going forward in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and are determined to reach their goal. All are thankful for the blessing of God attending the work in these pioneer days at P.U.C. in its new location at Balintawak.

MRS. W. J. BLAKE.

Good Meetings in Mindanao

Pastor Figuhr and I found a very loyal group of believers in the various places that we visited recently. We have had eight district meetings during our trip in Mindanao. The places where meetings were held are as follows: Zamboanga, Curuan, Davao, Kingking, Nueva Estrella, Lasang, Malabang and Cagayan. Some of those who attended walked long distances. Five or six of our brethren walked 120 kilometers to the Cagayan meeting.

At Brother La Sage's place we found a very interesting school in full swing. There are about sixty who are attending this school. Next year Brother La Sage says there will be around one hundred. Many brethren are coming from remote places to take up homesteads in the vicinity of this school. He is helping these brethren to get hold of some very excellent land. I have never been in any part of Mindanao where I thought there was better land than in that vicinity. Brother La Sage is doing a good work and the Lord is blessing him in his efforts.

W. B. RIFFEL.

Tithe Paying Experiences

While attending District Conventions in the West Visayan field, we were privileged to listen to a number of cheering testimonies of blessings received as the result of faithfulness in the paying of tithe. One brother, a young man of good education, gave the following experience:

"When the truth found me, I was working in a sugar central in Negros for P100 a month. I knew that if I should be baptized, I would undoubtedly lose my job. My relatives, who were depending upon me for their support, were determined that I should never be baptized. After baptism, I was discharged from the central. With a very small capital I opened up a little tienda. But our business did not prosper. Our relatives persecuted us, trying to drive me back to my work at the Central and transgress the law. During this time we were not careful in the paying of an honest tithe. Our business continued to lose and our children were often sick.

"One day, my wife and I sat down and talked it over. We could not go on as we were doing, and then and there we decided to try God out to the full. We began to make a careful record of all our business and to pay a full tithe. The change was wonderful. Our business began to prosper at once. In spite of hard times, we always have plenty of customers and our living is easier and better than it was when we were supported by the central."

As we listened to this splendid testimony, how we wished that every Seventh-day Ad-

ventist would begin now to try the Lord out to the full as this young man has done. "Prove me now," is the entreaty appeal of the Lord to this people. Why not do it, brethren, by beginning right now to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

W. H. BERGHEIM IN "MIZPA."

A Resumé

At the close of 1930 there were 21,461 evangelistic and institutional laborers connected with denominational activities, which are now carried forward in 141 countries of the world, in 417 languages, operating under 499 conference, 206 associated, and 399 institutional organizations, having an aggregate investment of \$53,314,348.60 (Gold).

The membership of the 6,741 churches is 314,253, a net gain during 1930 of 14,698, or 4.91 per cent. The number of Sabbath school members who may be considered communicants, total 382,743, or for every one hundred church members there are 121.71 communicants.

The membership of the entire denomination in 1916 was 141,488, so that the gain up to the close of 1930 was 172,765, or for every one hundred members in 1916 there are now 222.11; that is, the gain in membership during the past fourteen years has been 31,277 more than since this movement began up to the close of 1916.

The membership at the close of 1930 constitutes one Seventh-day Adventist church member for every 6,284 of the population of the world, while in 1912 the proportion was one member for every 18,358 of the world's population.

The number baptized in 1930 and uniting with the church was 28,536, or over 78 every day—nearly two average churches.

During 1930 the membership in North America contributed total funds for all lines of evangelistic work aggregating \$8,144,449.50, an average of \$67.56; the membership in all other fields contributed \$3,868,160.04, an average of \$20.49; making the total contributions for 1930 \$12,112,609.54, an average for the membership throughout the world of \$38.54, of which tithe was \$19.83; foreign missions \$12.79, all other funds \$5.92.

The number of primary and mission schools operated by the denomination is 1,917, intermediate and advanced schools 201, a total of 2,178. The total enrolment of denominational schools of all grades and in all countries is 98,181, or one student for every 3.37 church members.

Sales of denominational literature during 1930 in 146 languages aggregated \$4,715,709.89; since 1863, \$88,472,955.29. One copy of each piece of literature would now cost \$1,814.73.

Denominational representatives are using 417 languages and dialects in their work, an increase of 23 during 1930, or one new language has been added every 16 days; during the past nine years, one new language has been added every 13.80 days.

Total offerings to foreign missions from the membership in North America, during 1930, were \$2,732,241.24, a yearly per capita of \$22.66. The amount of such contributions from the membership in all the world was \$4,020,398.21, an average of \$12.79, which includes the native membership in all mission fields operated by the denomination.

During the past 30 years the denomination has sent out 3,618 laborers into evangelistic service in foreign mission fields, an average of one laborer sent out practically every third day. Hence while it may be said that the sun never sets on the work carried on by this denomination in the mission fields throughout the world, the same may also be said of the additional recruits on their way to service in foreign missions in all the world.

The grand total income for all lines of evangelistic work from the beginning of this movement to the close of 1930, was \$179,545,639.81.

H. E. ROGERS.



FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK



Work Onward in French Indo-China First Baptism Reported from Among the Twenty-One Million of that Long-Neglected Field

We are glad to report that we had our first baptism in Indo-China last Sunday, September 6. This was a great day for us and we have reason to believe that it was the same for angels who witnessed the scene. It was a very small baptism to be sure—only one man; but we know it is a start for great things in Cochin-China. The candidate is the man who has been our teacher for about fourteen months, and today he is rejoicing in the Blessed Hope of the Message. He is going to start evangelistic work in about a month. It is our plan for him to go into the interior about one hundred miles south of here (Saigon) to Cantho which is about the next best city in Cochin-China. After he has opportunity to do house to house work for several weeks I will join him in our first evangelistic effort for the Annamese. We know that God has many rich blessings for us there. The future is very bright and we hope to have two hundred believers by the time of our next biennial meeting.

Another sister has come to us from France: She was also taken into our church so that we now have a membership of seven. Our tithe and offerings to date in 1931 amount to over \$770. This is exclusive of workers' tithe and the receipts from our Big Week endeavor. We sold 330 copies of books in French, one hundred English, and twenty Chinese. The French books were sold in sets of five for five piastres, and the English, ten in a set for seven piastres.

INTERESTING BIG WEEK

During the Big Week campaign we had an interesting time. The daily newspaper gave us a calling down and asked whether we were authorized to sell such literature. We answered the paper, giving a brief and yet detailed history of our work. Our answer was appreciated by both the editor and the public. After that, the books sold much

By R. H. WENTLAND

easier. We were reported to the police and wrongly accused about our work.

The police called us in and it was our privilege to explain to them the message and to tell them about our work. One of the police officers wants all the literature we can give him. Practically all our work during the Big Week was done in French, and needless to say, we found it necessary to study more of the French language.

More and more we are realizing the necessity of having a French evangelist or colporteur here. If we could have one French worker for Indo-China, he could raise up several French churches in centers such as Saigon, Phnom-Penh, and Hanoi. Several French churches would be a great strength to our work in Indo-China.

LITERATURE WORK PROMISING

Our literature work has every promise of success. So far we have seven different tracts translated into the Annamese, five of which have already been printed. The other two are ready for the press. We also have "Steps to Christ" translated and awaiting publishing arrangements. Just as soon as we can get hold of a copy of the health book, "Health and Longevity," we will get to work on its translation. We hope before long to place these books into the hands of the people by the thousands.

Recently I spent a short time in the interior and found favorable men in three of the principal places to act as distributors of our literature. From these stations our literature will be handed out to those who wish to read it; and

we hope to follow up this work just as soon as possible.

We have another young man who claims to have accepted the Truth, and we will have him become our language teacher as soon as our present teacher goes into the interior for evangelistic work. Just as soon as consistent we are hoping to have a number of native evangelists in the field to help us gather in the sheaves here in Cochin-China.



First Baptism in French Indo-China—Pastor Wentland Officiating

Harvest Ingathering Experiences in the Cagayan Valley

By EUGENE WOESNER

Inasmuch as we do not as yet have work under way or churches of believers in the Cagayan Valley, Philippine Islands, this territory was assigned to the writer for Ingathering work in the 1931 campaign. The Baguio company, consisting of the Division family and a few other members, in response to an appeal from Pastor Bergherm, Home Missionary Secretary of the Philippine Union, willingly assumed a goal of five hundred pesos in order to help put the Northern Luzon Mission (in whose territory we temporarily reside) "Over the top" on their goal of eighteen hundred pesos.

VISIT BELIEVERS EN ROUTE

Accordingly, after helping to launch the campaign in Baguio, the writer in company with Brother Jose Bautista as interpreter, left Rosales, the headquarters of the Northern Luzon Mission, Friday, November 13, on the trip northward. The Sabbath was spent with the church at Solano where we spoke to the brethren three times, morning, afternoon and at night. We have one church organization beyond Solano, namely, the Cordon church; hence we proceeded on to Echague, Nueva Vizcaya, near the southern entrance of the Cagayan Valley and there began our work.

GOING FORWARD BY FAITH

However, to reach Echague it is necessary to pass over 75 kilometers of winding road through a rugged stretch of country and the typhoon of a week before had wrought havoc, destroying many bridges, causing landslides and thus tied up all traffic. Conflicting reports were on the air in Solano. Some said it would be impossible to get through for two weeks. Others reported that by walking eighteen kilometers, we could make connections beyond. This would be simple were it not for our heavy cots and baggage. But we went forward,—only to be dropped off out in the wilderness many miles from nowhere at a point as far along as our truck could go. Fellow passengers started out afoot reaching Echague the following day at noon. While we were contemplating our predicament and endeavoring to secure some carriers, which we found impossible inasmuch as all available man-power was employed to fix up the road, lo! to our great surprise and joy we learned that it was now possible for small cars to get through, as a narrow passage way had just been dug through the largest slide. A few more minutes and along came a "small car" which we found had room for just two passengers, with a driver at the wheel more than willing to take us. Along the way temporary bridges and

detours had been improvised; hence we reached our objective safely and promptly and had nearly a hundred pesos in hand before our fellow travelers arrived, with whom we started out the morning before.

DEPRESSION AFFECTS VALLEY

In common with most other parts of the world, the Cagayan Valley feels the effects of the financial depression as will be readily understood when we state that leaf tobacco, the leading crop, at present brings less than one-sixth of the former price of a year or two ago. We could hardly expect therefore, nor did we receive any large flattering donations such as were secured in former times. The donations ranged from ten centavos to ten pesos,—nothing larger. As a result a very thorough work was done. As Brother Bautista can testify, we worked day after day from early morn until late at night taking advantage of every opportunity to approach both men and women from all walks of life,—merchants and business men of all kinds, provincial and municipal officials, lawyers, high school principals and class-room teachers, constabulary officers, etc., and received donations alike from Filipinos, Chinese, Japanese, Spaniards, Germans, Indians and Americans.

CALLED ON GOVERNOR

At Tuguegarao, capital of Cagayan province, we called to see the Governor, but unfortunately he had not yet gotten through from Manila. However, the acting Governor received us cordially, and after giving his donation, showed us around and put us in touch with other officials of the province. The treasurer, auditor, district engineer, sheriff and others also contributed willingly. The signatures of these high officials were a great help to us as many were influenced to follow their good example.

In connection with calling on the Chinese community in Ilagan, Isabel, we had a most interesting experience. One of the leading merchants who speaks English well, ac-

companied us. The president of their local association also personally helped to get us started by calling on several of the larger stores, and when he withdrew appointed another to take his place. With the help of these two escorts we went rapidly from shop to shop gathering up in less than three hours the donations from the forty scattered stores. During this time our voices had a rest as our Chinese escorts did most of the talking for us.

Everywhere we went we were received kindly by all classes of people, and were impressed again and again by the interest shown in our work. With an amazingly few actual turn-downs, it was a marvel to see those approached hand out their donations with a smile and apologize for not being able to give more because of the hard times.

Our most earnest daily prayer during our sojourn in the Valley was for the speedy entrance of the Message, and the gathering in of the honest in heart from among the inhabitants of the Cagayan Valley to share with us the "blessed hope."

Through the mercy and blessing of God we had many rich experiences day by day until Aparri, the northern port had been reached and worked. Our Ingathering receipts aggregated over seven hundred pesos, an average of one hundred per day while soliciting. Our list of donors includes 345 names, the average contribution thus being approximately two pesos. Long before we reached the northern shores our supplies were running low and we had to improvise solicitor's cards, etc., all of which seemed to work about as well as the regulation forms. We regret that we were unable to leave a copy of the Ingathering paper with many of the contributors after our supply became exhausted. Some of these will be reached by mail.

Added to the results of the earlier campaign in Baguio, a total of approximately twelve hundred pesos has been passed on to the Northern Luzon Mission office from the little group composing the Baguio company. May the good Lord to whom all glory is due abundantly bless each and every one of the givers and also the funds to the good of His work.

Summer School in Korea.

By W. P. BRADLEY

The second summer school in the history of our work in Korea was held in Socnan during part of July and August. The enrollment was 45, practically all the teachers being in attendance. The six weeks devoted to this institute will doubtless mean another forward step in the progress of our school work in Korea, which, at the close of 1930, had the largest enrollment of any union in the Division.

Prof. H. M. Lee who had just returned from his furlough led out strongly in the institute. C. R. Son and Y. S. Pak were present and gave assistance, and several of the faculty of the Soonan Training School contributed to its success. Classes were conducted in Principles of Christian Education, School Management, Methods, Physical Culture, and Junior Missionary Volunteer work. There were

special studies on our important doctrinal positions, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the validity of the Scriptures compared with modern science. Some time was given to a round table discussion of a number of topics relating to the teaching work.

Elder Oberg and Brother Watts were present during a portion of the last week of the summer school and gave some valuable assistance. The teachers all returned to their places of labor with an earnest desire to quickly finish the work of the advent message. Throughout the institute special emphasis was placed on the evangelistic and soul-winning side of the Christian teacher's work.

At the close of the institute each teacher received a summer school certificate. Several Three-Year and a number of Two-Year Teacher's Elementary certificates were given out. All who remained through the session, including the instructors, finished the requirements of the Junior Missionary Volunteer "Friend" class and received insignia. These things all witnessed to the fact that little time was wasted during those busy six weeks.

The standards for school work are on the upward trend everywhere. This is especially true in Korea. The old methods of classical character-teaching are rapidly giving way to modern and more efficient technique. We need better trained teachers, better equipped schools and a real strong interest in Christian Education.

The Spirit of Evangelism In Our Schools

By W. P. BRADLEY

The reports of the various evangelistic efforts during the past season have surely brought cheer to our workers and people throughout the Division. They have brought us all to realize again that this is our most important work and that God will bless it with success when we earnestly undertake it. This spirit of evangelism has not escaped our schools.

At Singapore the student body under the leadership of the faculty has been very active in missionary work at the leper colony outside the city. Much literature work has been carried on also. In Korea the men and women in training for ministerial and Bible work have carried on three small efforts and assisted in the effort recently conducted by Professor Griggs. In Japan there is no lack of interest in missionary work through the community surrounding the boys' school. The principal of the school has spent some time in evangelistic work during the last summer. In the Philippines, schools a hearty response has been given to appeals for help in our great campaigns. Both in the Big Week and Harvest Ingathering efforts, which are surely evangelistic in their

results, the young people have been free and even eager to give their time to make the work a success.

As we see all these indications of a spirit of soul-saving in our training schools we are encouraged to think that our schools are, at least in part, reaching the objectives set for them. These young people will make good

workers in their home churches and in full-time service in the organization. This is the greatest sign of success that our schools can exhibit. Let us encourage the youth to get this kind of training and our teachers to give this kind of training.

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."

The First Field Missionary Secretaries' Convention in Japan

By J. H. McEACHERN

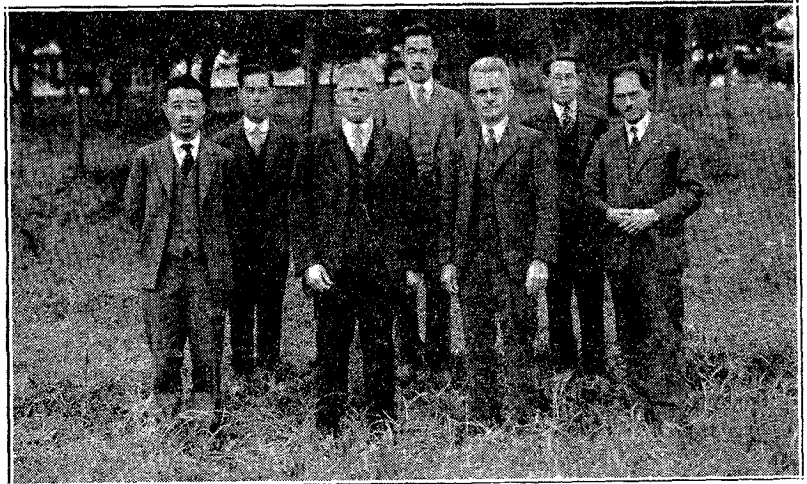
Although our work has been established in Japan since 1896 and is now organized into six local missions there were no local field missionary secretaries to foster the literature ministry until the early part of 1931. During these thirty-five years the Union Field Missionary Secretary, lone-handed, carried the responsibility of promoting the book work in that vast empire of sixty million population.

In the light of this limited leadership it is truly marvelous the volume of literature that has gone into the field in recent years from the presses of the Japan Publishing House. In the days of financial prosperity the people eagerly bought books. It required but little skill to get men to part with their money. But now in times of depression the colporteur must know how to present the book or magazine in such an attractive way as to persuade the people to buy. Hence it is evident the Lord guided the General Conference in establishing

the policy years ago that every conference and mission should include in its staff of workers a Field Missionary Secretary to select and supervise an army of colporteur evangelists.

The Japan Union Mission, at its biennial session last January, took steps to remedy the situation by recommending to the local fields that they appoint leaders to supervise the colporteur work. The funds, however, permitted them to devote only one week a month to their work as Field Missionary Secretaries.

This irregular program worked a hardship on the men and was unsatisfactory in the promotion of the work. Those appointed, however, have tried to do their best. They had had no training in leadership and when they were called in to a convention to study how to build up the colporteur work in their local missions they applied themselves most earnestly to learn the principles of how to be successful Field Missionary Secretaries.



DELEGATES AT JAPAN UNION FIELD SECRETARIES CONVENTION HELD AT NARAHA, NOVEMBER 6-10.

From left to right: Brother Maeda, Kansai Mission; Brother Usuda, Kyushu Mission; J. H. McEachern, Far Eastern Division; Brother Kato, Kanto Mission; E. J. Kraft, Japan Union; Brother Isrikawa, Hokkaido Mission; Professor Ogura, Japan Union.

A Short But Successful Convention in Korea

By J. H. MCEACHERN

The importance of a convention cannot be measured by its length nor by the number of delegates attending. It is the quality and intensity of the instruction and the ability of the participants to assimilate its benefits that determines the value of such a meeting. This was the character of the Field Missionary Secretaries' Convention held in Seoul, Korea, October 11 to 14.

The publishing work has prospered during the past year in the Chosen Union. However, there were indications of a slight slipping back on the part of the colporteurs. This alarmed the union secretary. Brother R. W. Pearson is the kind of leader who believes that the Third Angel's Message and particularly the publishing work, should never take a backward step. So he called the local leaders in to headquarters for a few day's council to study conditions and to devise ways and means to surmount the obstacles and so close the year 1931 with an advance over past records.

The Chosen Union is fortunate in that its administrators believe in maintaining strong colporteur leadership in each of the local missions. This has been the policy from the very beginning of the work in Korea and it is one of the secrets of the rapid growth of membership in this field. One old veteran executive in America has aptly said: "When the book work prospers in any field, every other department prospers with it." No permanent prosperity attends the book work where the local fields are not supplied with strong, efficient, colporteur leadership. Where there are leaders to take the lead, the people offer themselves willingly and there is growth and advancement all along the line.

The Secret of Success

Success is not a mere matter of luck. The man who succeeds is the man who has prepared himself for the opportunities which present themselves. "It is a lamentable fact that the advancement of the cause is hindered by the dearth of educated laborers, who have fitted themselves for positions of trust." The real secret of success lies therefore in being prepared to accept the responsibilities that are placed upon us. The "Home Study Institute" is designed to serve those who are desirous of improving every opportunity to become more efficient in their line of work, and of cultivating and strengthening their intellectual powers.

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG.

"Ready for Service"

To serve on land and plow the fields
Or sail before the breeze;
To sow the seed, or cast the net,
Whichever He may please.

We gladly go with thee, Dear Faith,
O'er valley, hill, and plain,
And sow the seeds of love in hearts
To reap the golden grain.

Sometimes we'll pause in mansions grand
Sometimes in nipa huts;
Sometimes we'll walk on life's highways
Sometimes in deepest ruts.

But at the rising of the sun,
In noontide's sultry air,
As evening shadows gather round,
We'll pause in humble prayer.

With thee, Sweet Hope, we'll labor on
Content what'er our lot;
For seeds will grow and flowers bloom
Within our garden plot.

In Moroland, on Benguet hills
We'll light the sacred flame
And bid the darkness flee apace
And loose the captive's chain.

We'll fling afar our banner bright
O'er all these treasured isles,
And rout the hosts implanted there
In error's deep defiles.

Ensconced in helmet, buckler, shield,
With trusty sword in hand
We'll brave all perils, fear no foe,—
A faithful warrior band.

Oh Lord of hosts! Oh God of light!
Oh Reaper of life's field!
To Thee our hands, our minds we give,
To Thee our hearts we yield.

F. L. CHANEY.

Departmental Page

Good News from the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments

Pastor W. H. Bergherm, Secretary of the Laymen's Movement in the Philippine Union, reports under date of December 4 that his union has not only reached its Harvest Ingathering Goal, but that they have gone nearly one thousand pesos beyond the mark. Then he adds, "Next year there is no reason why we should not do twice as much, if the proper preparation can be made."

Pastor A. J. Werner of Malaya, writing under date of November 5, said: "While catching up my work at the Singapore office, Brother Detamore and I went Harvest Ingathering. In ten hours we secured \$153.00. We received one \$15.00 donation. All the rest was in small amounts. Siam has reached its goal and will raise again as much. Singapore has about \$525.00. I am not sure what the Malay States has done."

Again on November 24, Brother Werner wrote: "As nearly as we can estimate we now have \$1,900.00, and of course the end is not yet."

Pastor Watts of the Chosen Union wrote under date of November 23 that on account of the financial depression which is greatly accentuated in Korea by the political situation, the Harvest Ingathering is meeting with unusual difficulties. However, the South Mission had already reported having raised Yen 1,400.00, and the other missions had about Yen 400.00 each. It requires more effort in times of depression to reach the goal, but perseverance brings results.

The last word from Pastor Armstrong of Japan was to the effect that he was in the field right by the side of the local mission directors pushing the Harvest Ingathering. We have no financial report from the Japan Union, so we do not know its standing in the campaign.

From Brother E. J. Kraft's letter of November 25 we learn that Japan is planning to hold a series of colporteur institutes in its local missions. The prospects are bright for a large number of recruits to engage in the literature ministry in Japan during 1932.

The latest report from the Philippine Union indicates a remarkable increase in the literature sales by colporteurs over the corresponding month of the previous year. This is due to

the blessing of God upon the strong recruiting campaign carried forward by Pastor Wiedemann and his local colporteur leaders. The campaign was followed by a ten-day institute in each field for the training of these new recruits. Three things are necessary to successfully meet the changed financial conditions prevailing everywhere today:—More prayer, more colporteurs, and more careful training in the art of Christian salesmanship.

A colporteur in Japan has a class of ten preparing for baptism. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth, among the perishing millions in all our missions, hundreds of these self-supporting workers to engage in this literature ministry.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

Enlarge the Sabbath Schools

Let us all heartily join this coming year in a concerted effort to increase the membership of our Sabbath schools. Chosen has a Sabbath school membership of 6,648 while her church membership is only 2,343. What Chosen has done others can do, I am sure, if they put forth the same amount of effort. Let us plan for a big Rally Day in each church. Let us give our friends and acquaintances a cordial invitation to attend our Sabbath schools. When they come let our Sabbath school be made so interesting that they will want to come often. Many times through invitations like these, people become regular attendants at our Sabbath schools and later develop into earnest church members.

So let us all work for the growth of our Sabbath schools and thus for the extension of God's Kingdom on the earth.

Let the Sabbath schools "lengthen their cords, and strengthen their stakes."

BLANCHE E. GRIGGS.

Medical Department

Every new day that comes along brings me greater joy as I see the medical plans of God unfold in our work in the Philippines. On all sides I hear words of interest in diet and health.

Miss Irvine went to one of our schools the other day and with the help of our nurses in training made a medical inspection. There were forty students. Thirty-five were defective, and just about one hundred per cent of the defects could be easily

remedied by care of teeth and infected noses and throats. Only three of the forty showed serious lack of cleanliness. If parents are willing to keep their children clean, they are willing to help get them well.

A lumberman asked us for a trained nurse to come and operate a treatment room for his six hundred employees. He promised to furnish everything.

Are you using H.T.H., a teaspoonful or two in a dishpanful of water to cleanse and disinfect your vegetables and fruit? It is a good idea. Better than permanganate.

H. A. HALL, M.D.

JUNIOR CORNER

Counterfeits—Jeremiah 6:30

One day in Hongkong, I was making a purchase with some silver dollars which I had secured from a money changer. As I handed these dollars to the clerk he let each one drop to the counter with a loud clatter and listened attentively to hear the sound made. He then looked closely at all of them to see whether the design was genuine or whether a part of the coin had been chopped away. It is a common sight to see the ricksha coolies when they have been paid stoop down and test the ring of each coin on the sidewalk or pavement. One time, to my great dismay, I found one of these suspicious-looking coins in my possession and later found it to be worthless. No one likes a counterfeit coin; we all prefer the genuine. Jeremiah described our feelings about spurious money when he called it "reprobate silver."

Sometimes we meet people that remind us of the counterfeit money. They cannot be accepted at face value; they are not just what they seem to be; they contain base metal; they do not ring true. Christ met some Jews like that and called them whitened sepulchers and hypocrites. Ananias was like that, and so were Simon the sorcerer, and Achan. Then there are some in whom the amount of base metal is not so great but they are counterfeit all the same.

As boys and girls we must always try to ring true. We must be straightforward and honest in all we do. We must avoid the counterfeit smile, the two-faced actions, the insincere flattery. Paul said he was the chief of sinners but the Lord had saved him.

Confession is a good cure for a counterfeit Christian experience. Bible study and prayer will help us to a deeper experience. Let us endeavor to put the best metal into our lives which will remain bright and not tarnish.

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News Notes

A cabled message from Washington announces the good news that Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Spicer are on their way to the Far East. They will arrive in Manila, December 28, we understand. The Winter Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee tentatively named to convene December 16 has been accordingly postponed to be held December 30 to January 6. A most cordial welcome is extended to Elder and Mrs. Spicer.

Pastor R. P. Abel of Ubol, Siam, writes encouragingly of the work in his section of the field, particularly in Ubol. He says: "Things are going along very well here. In connection with our evangelistic effort we are still having a full house five nights a week. The interest of some is deepening and one young man has been keeping the Sabbath."

Here is a note of courage from Pastor J. G. Gjording, Superintendent of the Malayan Union Mission:

"Brother Kon, our leading Chinese evangelist in Siam, writes me that the work is going on remarkably well, and then adds this wonderful statement, 'More than a dozen families have thrown away their idols and joined us in serving God. Thus far fourteen souls have been baptized in Bangkok alone and many are awaiting baptism. We expect to reap a harvest of souls in the coming year. Our need for the future is the double portion of the Lord's Spirit.' I want to tell you, when our native brethren lay hold by faith on the promises of God and couple that faith with tireless efforts, there can be but one result: souls must be born into the kingdom of God."

Harry I. Smith and wife of Singapore are taking their vacation at Baguio, Philippine Islands. Brother Smith is manager of the Malaysian Signs Press. Being a member of the Far Eastern Division executive committee he will attend the Winter Council.

Division workers were happy to welcome Miss Tille E. Barr, cashier of the China Division, when she arrived in Baguio on December 7. Miss Barr is on her vacation and is visiting friends and places of interest in the Philippines.

Pastor W. B. Riffel, director of the East Visayan Mission (Philippine Islands), in writing to the office recently mentioned the following interesting items which indicate that the work is onward in that field:

"On my last trip to northern Mindanao, I visited the churches and companies and isolated members in that section of our field. It took me a little over two weeks to make this trip. It was one of the most interesting itinerating trips that I have ever made in the Philippines. The message of the Lord is going forward very rapidly in this region of the field. I listed the different places in my note books where people are interested. We have only two workers in that great region and they are unable to answer the many calls that are coming in.

"When I reached Manapa where we have a chapel on the cocoanut plantation of one of our brethren, some who lived eleven kilometers distant came to attend our meeting. They asked us that we might visit them in Nasipit and become acquainted with the interested ones that they have at that place. I postponed my trip to Cebu in order to visit this group of people and see the interested ones. A week ago last Sunday evening we had a meeting with them in front of their house as there was not enough room in the house. The people listened with interest to the message. At this place there are six families who are interested in the truth. A sister of one of our Bible workers has created this interest and is laboring faithfully among these without any pay from

the Mission. This is the second place where she has created an interest.

"Brother Ramon Llaguno just received a letter from some of our brethren in Sindangan. Some of the believers in this church are walking twenty-five kilometers every week to give Bible studies. They are reporting interests at two different places. At one place they were resting and some of the people asked where they were going. They told them that they were seeking for lost souls. Then they pulled out their picture roll and began to tell them about the truth. After their study the people requested them that they should come back again. The next Sunday they came back and found a large group of people at this place.

"Calls are also coming from Masbate and Samar where we do not have a single worker. It is perplexing to know what to do with these many urgent calls. We must have more workers who can press in and preach the gospel to those who are hungering for the bread of life."

Statistical returns to September 30, 1931, from the various unions and missions of the Far Eastern Division are now available, and attention is called to the charts accompanying this issue of the *Outlook*.

A study of the statistical figures reveals progress in a number of items. For instance 1,486 baptisms have been reported during the first nine months of the year, resulting in a net gain of 829 in church membership (in addition to making up the 128 members lost through transfer of the Kando Mission to the China Division). The membership of the 289 churches scattered throughout the twenty-four local missions of the Far Eastern Division thus stands at 18,455 on September 30, 1931.

Sabbath schools have increased from 564 to 589 in number, with a membership increase of 1,727. The total Sabbath school membership on September 30 stands at 22,607.

The present working force of the Division includes 156 foreign and 627 national workers, a total of 783 as compared with 746 on January 1.

Good reports coming in during the closing quarter of the year give promise of encouraging results when the final figures are made up for the year.

Report of Mission Offerings, January to October 31, 1931

Values in Pesos—for U. S. Gold divided by two

Union	Membership	1930 Actual Receipts	1931 Goal 115 per cent	Quota to Date	Actual Receipts	Amt. Short	Per Week 1930	Per Member 1931
Chosen	2,128	₱12,159.38	₱13,983.29	₱11,652.74	₱ 9,229.30	₱ 2,423.44	₱0.12	₱0.10
Japan	673	13,997.20	16,096.78	13,413.98	6,559.93	6,854.05	.45	.225
Malayan	866	11,800.37	13,570.43	11,308.69	8,770.02	2,538.67	.283	.233
Philippine	12,633	34,737.52	39,948.15	33,290.11	28,786.71	4,503.40	.061	.052
Total or Aver.	16,300	₱72,694.47	₱83,598.65	₱69,665.52	₱53,345.96	₱16,319.56	₱0.099	₱0.075