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A Happy New Year



RING out the old. Ring in the new." The old year is gone with its joys and sorrows. The new year has come with its hopes and its fears. May it be a happy new year, and happier still when it grows old. We may make 1933 the best year of our lives for "We build the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies. We mount to its summit round by round." The accomplishments of this year will be large or small just as we elect. There need be no failures. We are not to plan for them, but rather are we to plan for great achievements. We are to "make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof." Rather are we to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The realization of our high aims and noble resolutions is wholly dependent upon "Christ which strengtheneth me." Even the worthwhile purposes which we form are to be given of God. We must remember that it is "God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." He it is who gives us the will, the purpose, and it is He who gives us the power to do His good pleasure. The happiness, the enduring peace of the Christian here in the midst of this troubled world are said by Paul to pass understanding. This happiness and peace are not the result of, nor do they lead to an indolent ease. They issue from a spiritually militant life, from a victorious warfare against the evils within and without. It is one of the anomalies of the Christian life that there is perfect peace and the assurance and satisfaction of victory even in the fiercest tumult of the battle. Our Captain never lost a battle nor ever will He lose one, nor will we, when we fight under His banner for He is able to keep us from falling. If "we are workers together with God," the year 1933 will certainly be the best of our lives, full of the durable satisfaction of achievements, of cheer and good will, and of constant happiness. Every day must be a happy new day, so making a whole Happy New Year.

—FREDERICK GRIGGS.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FIELD AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS HEARD AT THE COUNCIL

Reported by EUGENE WOESNER, *Secretary*

Statistical

The Division Secretary presented statistical facts covering the first three quarters of the year. Within the borders of the present Far Eastern Division there is a population of approximately 141,000,000, an average of one Seventh-day Adventist church member to each 7,948 of the population. In the Philippines the ratio is one to 823.

Baptisms during the period totaled 1,766 (as compared with 1,486 for the previous corresponding period) resulting in a net gain of 1,150, bringing the membership to 19,467 on Sept. 30, 1932.

The tithe receipts aggregated \$47,883.84 which is slightly in excess of 1931's record, the per capita for the two periods being 2.61 and 2.66 for 1932 and 1931, respectively.

Mission offerings for the period show an encouraging increase aggregating \$34,666.62 as compared with \$26,667.98 in 1931, the per capita showing improving from \$.9378 per week per member to \$.045.

Chosen Union

Pastor Oberg, superintendent, reported for the Chosen Union. Progress has been the result of the efforts put forth during the past year in each and every line of endeavor. Baptisms which number 396 on November 14 will exceed 400 when the work of the year is completed, compared with 376 for 1931.

Colporteur sales for ten months aggregated Y28,734.99 as compared with Y24,355.90 for the corresponding period of 1931, a gain of Y4,369.09. In spite of adverse economic conditions which were at their height this past year in Korea, the circulation of the "Signs" stood at 14,436 at the close of October, 1932, comparing favorably with the circulation of 14,448 on same date one year previous.

A number of new companies have been raised up in Korea during the past year. As a result of the Union evangelistic effort held at Taikyu, fourteen are preparing for baptism.

In closing his report, Pastor Oberg declared that prospects are very bright in spite of many difficulties and problems in Korea; and he expressed the belief that another year would see a far greater number of souls won than the present fruitful year.

Publishing Department

Pastor J. H. McEachern reported for the Publishing Department, which came into existence eighty-four years ago. Our literature, now published in 152 languages, emanates from 68 publishing houses planted in every strategic center of the earth, four of which in the providence of God have been established within the thickly populated territory of the Far Eastern Division.

"Progress in spite of depression" is the word that applies to the work of his department in the Far East during the past year. It has not only held its own in sales and in the number of men and women engaged in literature circulation, but in spite of the depression has made an encouraging increase in each of the four unions. The colporteur army has increased from 177 a year ago to 259 on September 30, whereas the total sales for the Division as a whole have increased 19%.

Our publishing houses have made progress in bringing out better books and more attractive magazines. The crowning work of all the years in Japan has been

the recent publication of the "Great Controversy" in two attractively illustrated and beautifully bound volumes, and this book is finding a ready sale among the millions of Japanese who are eager to read of the origin, history and struggles of the Christian religion. The Philippine Publishing House has recently added a new language to the list of languages in which denominational literature is published, by bringing out a book in the Samareño dialect.

The hope of a speedy evangelization of the Far East lies to a large degree in our publishing work. The aim of every union organization should be to have a field missionary secretary in every local mission, and a resident soul-winning colporteur located in every city. This may seem like an impossible step at this time; but already a good beginning has been made and if we move forward in faith with persistent determination, we shall find that "God is greater than the task."

Sabbath School Department

In outlining some of the outstanding features of the Sabbath school work, Sister Griggs in reporting for this department, said:

"It is the Word of God—The power of God unto salvation—that keeps the church alive, and no agency does more to give vigor to the church by stimulating its members to the study of the Bible than the Sabbath school with the precious lessons of truth, and the Daily Study Plan."

"Giving is a very important means of spiritual growth to the church and is a test of loyalty to God." (The Sabbath school department has become the strongest agency in the denomination through which funds for mission work is raised.)

"Personal Work, the most effective method of reaching souls, is promoted by the Sabbath school."

"Regular attendance and punctuality are emphasized by this department, and mean much in the education of our members and workers."

Chosen as usual stands at the head of our unions in respect to the development of the Sabbath school work, having a membership of 7,109,—an increase of 461 since we met in Council a year ago,—which is over three times their church membership. Eleven new schools have been started.

During the past year the membership of the Japan Sabbath schools has increased 27% from 989 to 1,260. The Sabbath school offerings in Japan represent an average of over ten cents gold per week per member.

Malaya is to be complimented on her splendid increase in offerings. In nearly every line they have done better than ever before, and the total amount of offerings for the third quarter of 1932 is \$983.83, and this is over \$80.00 gold more than for any previous quarter, thus giving them a per capita weekly offering of \$.075 (gold).

The Sabbath schools of the Philippines still continue to increase in numbers. This past year 47 new schools have been started bringing the total number up to 442. This shows an increase in membership of 1,500, and an average attendance of 98%. It brings great joy to our hearts to know that of the 15,375 Sabbath school members an average of 98% are present every Sabbath.

For the Division as a whole, we now have 644 Sabbath schools (an increase of 60 for the past 12 months period), with a combined membership of 24,695, which is a gain of 2,092. During this same time the attendance improved 2,068.

Japan Union

Pastor V. T. Armstrong, the Superintendent, in reporting for the Japan Union with its approximately 65,000,000 and increasing at the rate of nearly a million each year, stated that all the working forces have worked very hard the past year to a man, with the result that baptisms will at least equal last year's record, namely 100, which by the way was the best in the history of the field.

A gain in tithe and offerings was also reported for the past year. Our people in Japan have been faithful in the face of heavy financial difficulties.

Pastor Armstrong's account of his visit to the island of Palau last summer, which is 1,700 miles south of Yokohama was of special interest. Twenty were baptized.

Three large evangelistic efforts were held in Japan the past year with good results. Work has been opened in eleven new places.

The literature sales show a gain of more than Y9,000 for the first ten months as compared with the year before. The Training School and Sanitarium are also operating encouragingly. Harvest Ingathering receipts will probably reach Y7,000 which is far in excess of the goal of Y4,000.

Missionary Volunteer Department

"The instructions of the Lord that the young people should do a large share in the finishing of His work are actually being fulfilled", declared Professor Bradley in introducing the work of the Far Eastern Division Missionary Volunteer department. "The statement that we have an army of youth, who, if rightly trained, can do much to finish the gospel message is seeing at least a partial realization."

As figures were gathered for the past year and compared with previous years, the fact has been revealed that our young people are surely coming to the aid of the Lord in these trying times. It was felt that the Missionary Volunteer report for 1931 was a good one, but already in the first three quarters of 1932, the record of the entire year 1931 has been surpassed in 13 of the 23 items. For instance, the number of societies increased from 194 to 247 and the total membership from 4,707 to 5,790; whereas the amount of work reported is far in excess in a number of lines of endeavor.

Of prime interest in connection with our Missionary Volunteer movement is the fact that our young people are giving themselves to God. "We reached the high point of baptisms of young people in 1928 in which year 749 were recorded. The next year the record was 717, in 1930 we dropped to 358, and in 1931 we came up again to 545. The record of the first three quarters of this year, namely 553, indicates that we will surpass the record of 1931 by a good margin. We regard this item as an important index of the usefulness and efficiency of all our efforts to help our youth. As we see this figure mounting, we see a partial accomplishment of the two-fold aim of this department, 'To Save From Sin and Guide in Service.'"

Malayan Union

Pastor Gjording gave a most interesting survey of the Malayan Union, and its work of the past year. In Borneo, our best work is among the Dusuns where we have already baptized about one hundred. God is also at work among the Dyaks and Muruts and other tribes. Pastor Munson now located in Kuching, Sarawak, is conducting the first effort ever held in that place for the Malays.

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FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK



Report of the Winter Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee Held at Baguio, Philippine Islands, December 7-16, 1932

The second Winter Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee was convened at Baguio, P. I. the evening of December 7, 1932. "Come Gracious Spirit" was the appropriate song announced to open the meeting. After the congregation joined in singing, Pastor R. R. Figuhr, superintendent of the Philippine Union Mission read from the Scriptures Isaiah 40:1-9, 65:17-25. Pastor J. G. Gjording of Singapore, superintendent of the Malayan Union offered prayer asking the special blessing of God upon the Council.

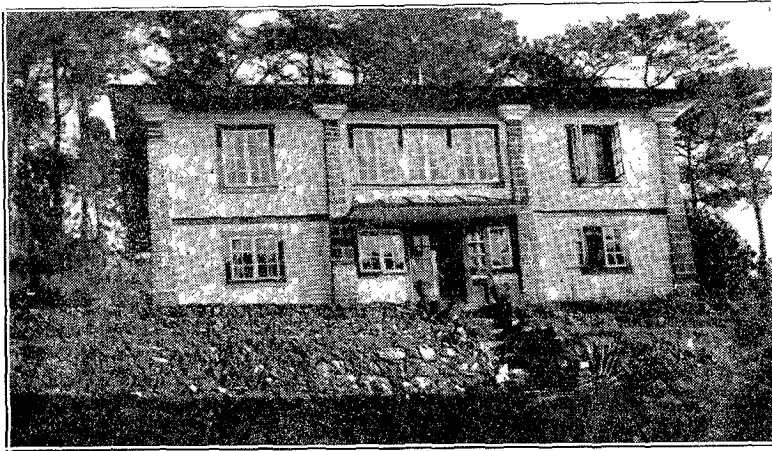
Professor Frederick Griggs, President of the Division, was the speaker at this opening meeting. Having just returned from the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee held at Battle Creek, Michigan, he outlined his trip to America and his attendance of this important meeting. Professor Griggs stated that the reports presented by representatives of the mission fields were especially encouraging. Notwithstanding the financial depression which has prevailed during the past year, there has been a steady increase in the church membership of the denomination. Professor Griggs remarked that he was greatly impressed with the imminence of the Coming of the Lord as he listened to the stirring reports which indicated that the message is making rapid strides in every land.

DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

Elder W. A. Spicer of the General Conference who had spent some months in the Far Eastern Division and in China was present throughout the Council and led out in the morning devotional meetings. His studies while of particular value to the worker, were of un-

usual interest and inspiration to all who were privileged to hear.

A spirit of courage seemed to possess the members of the Committee as they assembled and took up the business of the Council, for in spite of decreased appropriations the past year, and further reductions facing our work for 1933, it was very evident that the Lord has had a tender watch-care over His work, and that real progress has been made. Reports from field and from office had a ring of advancement in missions, in institutions and in the work of departments. Baptisms for the first nine months of 1932 numbered 1,766 bringing the total church membership to 19,467 on September 30.



Temporary Headquarters Where the Council was Held

The Sabbath school membership was reported to be 24,695 and total Sabbath schools 644 scattered throughout the Division.

Early in the Council the feelings of the delegates were expressed in the following resolution of gratitude to God for his manifold blessings of the past year:

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE AND CONSECRATION

"Whereas, our Heavenly Father during the year now passing has fulfilled His promise to be with us as is shown by the many providences in leading and caring for our workers, national and foreign, so that each department of this Cause has prospered in extending abroad the Gospel of His Kingdom, thereby bringing into the fellowship of this Message nearly two thousand new souls;

"We hereby express before Him our sincerest gratitude for all His mercies and loving care and renew to Him our love, loyalty, and consecration for the speedy completion of His work in the world."

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing

Resolution several spoke and recalled providences of God during the past year among which the following special items were mentioned:

Granting of Religious Liberty in British North Borneo whereby our workers may go anywhere to preach the Gospel.

The recognition of our denomination by the Japanese Imperial Government.

The blessing of God that has attended our work resulting in increased membership to the extent that the passing of the twenty thousand figure in the church membership before the close of the present year seems assured.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

One of the major items of business that received consideration was the question of where to locate the headquarters of the Far Eastern Division which has been without a home of its own since the reorganization of our work in the Orient and the launching of our present organization at the beginning of 1931. After careful study it was unanimously voted to establish the Division headquarters in Manila. It was also agreed to carry on in the present temporary location in Baguio until such time as buildings can be erected.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Finance faced a real problem in readjusting the base appropriations to the further cut of six per cent which the General Conference Autumn Council was forced to make in connection with balancing budgets for the world field. Total Class I appropriations as voted aggregate \$260,876.54. Other special appropriations distributed amount to approximately \$25,000.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

On recommendation of the Committee on Plans the following Resolutions were adopted by the Council:

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Whereas, the Cause has lost through death during this present year three valued workers, Doctor Tatsuguchi of Japan, Pastor Lee Keun Ok of Chosen, and Brother N. J. Hoetaeroek of Malaya, we hereby express to the bereaved members of their families our heartfelt sympathy for their loss, and join with them in the earnest hope of the soon coming of the Lifegiver, when all the faithful will be united together again.

THIRTEEN SABBATH OVERFLOW

Resolved, that we request the General Conference to assign to the Far Eastern Division the first open Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow that we may present before our people the many needs of the unwarned millions of this vast territory.

MISSION OFFERINGS GOAL

Resolved, that the goal for Mission Offerings, local currency, for 1933 be 110% of the receipts of 1932, this increase to apply to each of the Mission Offerings, including:

Sabbath School
Harvest Ingathering
Big Week
Annual
Mid-Summer
Week of Sacrifice
Missions, Misc.

And further, We Recommend, that the individual weekly goal for Sabbath school offerings be not less than an average of ten cents local currency for nationals, and fifty cents gold for missionaries; and that for the 13th Sabbath, the individual offering goal be not less than double that for other Sabbaths. Furthermore, that all be encouraged to give as much more as possible above these individual goals.

Y. P. M. V. GOALS

Resolved, that the regular goals of the Y. P. M. V. Society, namely, The Bible Year, Reading Course, Standard of Attainment, and the financial goals, be computed by adding ten per cent to the results for the previous year.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Resolved, that during the year 1933, we promote strongly the perfect record idea in attendance, punctuality, and daily lesson study.

Whereas, a membership goal has proven effective in very materially increasing the Sabbath school membership in some parts of our Division, therefore

We recommend, that each union set a Sabbath school membership goal of 10% increase each year, averaging 2½% each quarter, and that each school member by earnest personal effort do his part toward reaching this goal.

PUBLISHING

Appreciating the encouraging increase in our literature sales which has been largely the result of the increased number of colporteurs placed in the field, and

Whereas, we have not yet attained our full goal of 300 colporteurs for this Division, therefore

We recommend

(a) That each union continue its recruiting efforts both for regulars and students until every section of the field is fully manned with these self-supporting literature workers.

(b) That careful study be given to the General Conference recommendation concerning the resident colporteur plan whereby certain qualified colporteurs will be located in a specified ter-

ritory with a view of working it year by year with different books.

(c) That efforts be made to secure more magazine colporteurs with a view to building up a much larger list of subscribers to our truth-filled periodicals.

COLPORTEUR SALES GOAL

We recommend, that each union adopt as its Colporteur Sales Goal for 1933 an increase of at least 10% on the sales of 1932, (local currency).

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES

Whereas, the changing conditions in the world are such as demand great salesmanship efficiency and spiritual power in order for the colporteur to succeed and remain in the field, therefore

We recommend

(a) That the regular annual colporteur institutes be held for at least ten days, thus affording time for a thorough course of instruction in the art of selling.

(b) That ample time be given to drill and practice during the institute so that the colporteur shall be prepared to give an intelligent and forceful canvass before being permitted to contract for territory.

(c) That our field missionary secretaries endeavor to give more attention to the personal training of their colporteurs in the field.

(d) That we encourage our colporteurs to watch for souls and to report promptly to their mission director any interests they find springing up in their territory.

IMPORTING FOREIGN LITERATURE

Whereas, in the territory of this Division there are large numbers of not only foreign but also national people who read English, thus affording a considerable market for the sale of English publications, the same being also true of Chinese, and

Whereas, the buying power of the average Oriental is such that he cannot pay the price we are required to place upon our books when imported on a gold basis from America and China, therefore

We recommend, that our publishing houses, when advantageous, purchase imported literature in signature and utilize the facilities in their own plants for binding and re-distribution to the fields, placing upon it a retail price in keeping with current values in these countries.

LITERATURE BIG WEEK

Whereas, at the recent Autumn Council the raising of Missions Extension funds has been disassociated from Big Week, thus allowing the Big Week to return to its original purpose,

We recommend

(a) That each union designate a certain date when both student and regular colporteurs are in the field, to be known as Literature Big Week.

That the Publishing department and leaders of the Laymen's Missionary Movement unite in an effort to enlist the cooperation of the colporteurs and as many laymen as possible to engage in a great literature selling campaign during the specified week; the colporteurs being urged to set an individual goal of fifty hours.

MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING

In harmony with revised plans of the General Conference for raising Missions Extension Funds.

We recommend, that a Sabbath be designated annually upon which a special Missions Extension offering be taken, that all workers and laymen be encouraged to give as liberal an offering as possible, suggesting that one day's income be the individual goal. Also that the Division office be responsible for providing promotion materials.

HOME COMMISSION

Whereas, the Spirit of Prophecy has admonished us in the following significant words: "The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other. Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are the issues of life, and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation, is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences." (Ministry of Healing, Pg. 349.)

We recommend, that the present Home Commission organization be still further strengthened by the appointment of some suitable person from the working staff of each local mission who can cooperate with the Union and Division Home Commission secretaries in fostering this most important work in the churches and at general meetings.

Whereas, the importance of parents training is so forcefully set forth in the following words by the Servant of the Lord:

"Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accomplish until the importance of the Parents' work is fully recognized, and they received a training for its sacred responsibilities." (Education, Pg. 276.)

We recommend

(a) That at all departmental conventions and Ministerial Institutes, some time be devoted to the consideration of the uplifting of the Christian home

and the sacred responsibilities of parenthood.

(b) That each year a special day be set apart to be known as Christian Home Day, and that the Division workers unite with the Home Commission in the preparation of a program to be rendered in all our churches.

EDUCATIONAL

Whereas, there is a decline rather than an increase in attendance at our schools in the Far Eastern Division,

We recommend, that in 1933 a general effort be made in all our missions in the Far Eastern Division to bring a much larger number of our youth into our own schools, using the following methods and means:

(a) That the regular Educational Day Sabbath program be presented in all the churches, material to be supplied from the Division, and the Union Educational secretary to be responsible for supplementing it, adapting it and sending it out to the field. The date for this program is to be set by each union, preferably about a month before the beginning of the school year.

(b) That the pastor or church elder visit the homes of the parents in order to secure the attendance of their children.

(c) That some representative of the Union Training School be sent to the field each annual vacation for campaign purposes.

(d) That the principles of Christian Education be strongly presented to our members through the medium of our church papers.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR 1933

April 22, Missions Extension Offering

July 1, Christian Home Day

July 22, Mid-Year Offering

Sept. 2 to Oct. 14, Harvest Ingathering

Week ending Oct. 7, Week of Sacrifice

Dec. 9 to 16, Week of Prayer

(For Philippines, June or July)

Educational Day, M. V. Spring Week of Prayer, Literature Big Week, Dates to be set by each Union.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSES

Whereas, there needs to be a constant effort put forth to increase the spiritual and intellectual efficiency of our working forces, and

Whereas, it is the direct work of the Ministerial Association to carry on this endeavor through the Reading Courses and the Five-Year Evangelistic Course of Study, therefore

Resolved, that we put forth a more determined effort this coming year to enroll every worker, national and foreign, in the Ministerial Association.

We recommend, the following to be the Far Eastern Division English Reading Course for nationals:

1. "Old Testament"—read chronologically
2. "Notes on Revelation"—Bunch
3. "Patriarchs & Prophets"—White
4. "Church Manual"—McElhany
5. "The Ministry"

We recommend, that the Far Eastern Division provide credit cards for this Course.

JAPAN UNION:

We recommend, the following books for the 1933 Ministerial Reading Course, (Japanese):

1. "Church Officers and Their Duties"
2. "Old Testament"—read chronologically
3. "Great Controversy"—Vol. 1
4. "The Shrine Question"
5. "Savonorola"

We recommend, the use of the China Division Reading Course for the Chinese workers of Malaya.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

Resolved, that former recommendations for the promotion of Home Missionary work be reaffirmed and carried forward and that the several unions be encouraged to develop in their conventions and councils such advance plans as will make for the strengthening of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in their respective fields.

SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING COURSE

We recommend, That the foreign workers and as many nationals as can, take the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course which is found in the "Sabbath School Worker," sending all enrollments to the Division Sabbath School Department, and further,

That the Sabbath School Training Course for National workers should be strongly promoted in all unions each year.

EXTENSION OF MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

Recognizing the medical missionary work as the right arm of the Gospel, and

Whereas, in our Harvest Ingathering campaigns we are insistently urged by influential people to extend our medical work out into new centers where efficient doctors and nurses are scarce,

We recommend,

(a) That union and local committees give careful study to this matter with a view to opening up treatment rooms and medical clinics in the most needy places as rapidly as funds and medical workers are available.

(b) That in order to strengthen our believers in a knowledge of how to care for the sick in their communities, medical instruction by a doctor or an experienced nurse be provided as far as possible at Laymen's Missionary Institutes.

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCHES

Whereas, the realization of the Advent Hope, which is the glorious appearing of our blessed Lord, is conditioned upon the spiritual preparation of the church for translation, as well as upon the complete evangelization of the world, and

Whereas, the General Conference at its recent Autumn Council took definite action appealing to committees in all parts of the world to not only continue the program for greater evangelism but also to strengthen the churches by revival efforts, therefore

"We recommend to all our union and local missions,

"1. That following Christ's method, ministers be sent forth, where possible, two and two among the churches to do a thorough work of revival, by setting forth the advent message in its cardinal features, calling people unto repentance, re-consecration, and rededication of their lives and property, to the quick finishing of the work, and that special efforts be put forth to visit our people in their homes, studying with them their problems, praying with them, and giving them individual spiritual help where it is needed.

"2. That in view of the blessings promised to those faithful in paying tithes and offerings and the unprecedented need of funds, a special effort be made to get all of our people to pay a faithful tithe, and to resolve to give systematically a definite amount for missions week by week, to the end that our ministerial forces in the home field and our missionaries abroad be held in the field around the world, and the message go forth in greater power and strength.

"3. That these meetings cover five to ten days in each church and that announcement of these meetings be sent ahead, calling churches unto prayer for the need of the church and special help for those not of our faith who may attend the meetings."

In order to make these plans effective,

We recommend

1. That all union and local mission leaders take this matter strongly upon their hearts, and enter unitedly upon this effort with great earnestness at once,

2. That in preparation for this effort, workers' meetings be held in each mission:—

a. To lay the burden of this endeavor upon the hearts of all mission workers.

b. To arrange for working teams or units.

c. To definitely outline the character of these meetings, and the leading features and objectives to be emphasized.

d. To assign churches to each team.

e. To arrange for announcements of these special meetings.

3. That the union staff, as far as possible, unite with the local mission workers in this revival work, and that they be assigned places on the various teams by the local missions, in counsel with the union officers.

4. That the Division staff, as far as possible, also unite in these efforts, and that their assignment be likewise arranged by the local and union officers, in counsel with the President of the Far Eastern Division.

Recognizing that there is a very vital connection between deep Christian experience and active service for God in the winning of other souls, and that a work of spiritual revival and the baptism of the Lord's people with the Holy Spirit should manifest itself in missionary work for neighbors and friends,

We recommend

5. That this feature of local church work be strongly emphasized in these revival efforts, and that special help and instruction be given to church officers and missionary committees that they may know how to successfully nurture the new converts and further extend the influence of the revival effort until every honest soul within the territory of the church has been brought under the saving influence of the Third Angel's Message.

EVANGELISM

Whereas, the fast fulfilling signs of the times give unmistakable evidence that we are rapidly approaching the end of all things earthly, and the Advent of our blessed Lord, and

Whereas, we have reached the time for the swelling of the loud cry of the message, when the earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord, and

Whereas, since the launching of the movement for larger evangelism two years ago unprecedented gains have been made in our church membership in all the world indicating that the

Spirit of God only waits for the cooperation of an awakened, willing church to finish the work and to cut it short in righteousness, and

Whereas, soul winning and actual gain in membership is to a large degree the real measure of success in the work of God, therefore

We recommend

1. That during 1933 the movement for larger evangelism be pressed forward with all possible energy and determination.

2. That mission committees make a survey of their field with a view to extending the influence of the message and raising up churches in new places.

3. That mission officers definitely study with departmental leaders, heads of institutions, and church pastors how to make their work definitely soul winning in character, setting soul-winning goals before their respective organizations at the beginning of the year.

4. That all union and local committees in the Far East set increased membership goals for 1933 equivalent to a gain of 10% on the membership of December 31, 1932.

5. That all ministers and elders who have the responsibility of receiving new members into our churches be urged to follow the plan of carefully instructing them in preparatory classes that they may thus become fully established in the faith before being accepted into church fellowship.

COLPORTEUR RALLY DAY

Resolved

a. That Sabbath, April 1 be appointed as a special day for the promotion of colporteur evangelism.

b. That all our ministers, pastors, and departmental secretaries, be invited to preach a colporteur rally sermon on this special Sabbath.

c. That the April "Far Eastern Division Outlook" be made an illustrated colporteur number.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

VOTED, That the Sabbath of the Mid-Year Offering, July 22, 1933 be hereby appointed throughout the Far Eastern Division as a special day of prayer and seeking of God in behalf of our soul-winning work in Chosen, Japan, Malaya, and the Philippines; and also that God may lead the way for the speedy entrance of the message in those sections of the Far Eastern Division as yet untouched, particularly Indo-China, Formosa, and the Caroline Islands.

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It is encouraging to note that whereas the tithing receipts have decreased, there has been a good increase in the Sabbath school and other mission offerings the past year, all of which indicates the fact that our people in Malaya are faithful even in these times of depression.

Notwithstanding the fact that baptisms for nine months of the past year aggregate 109 (as compared with 100 the previous corresponding period), the Union records a net loss of 44 in the church membership, due largely to the work of cleaning up church records.

The former Singapore and Malay States Missions were merged the past year creating a new organization known as the "Malay States Mission" with headquarters at Kuala Lumpur, and Pastor W. W. R. Lake in charge as director.

Harvest Ingathering receipts have been unusually heavy, and the goal is not only assured but will be greatly exceeded.

The Penang Sanitarium has operated satisfactorily and the balance sheet shows financial improvement as a result. Patients treated number 1,088 which is 143 better than last year. The Clinic continues to serve from twelve to fifteen hundred cases per month.

In Bangkok, Siam, we have just finished a nice church building, whereas in Eastern Siam, where Pastor Abel has been laboring, we now have one convert, an Annamese, who was baptized recently. Only a beginning has been made in French Indo-China. Work has been opened in Cochinchina and Cambodia, whereas Annam, Laos and Tongking still remain untouched.

"God is at work in Malaya, and baring His mighty arm for the finishing of the work", were the encouraging words with which Pastor Gjording brought his report to a close.

Home Missionary Department

"From the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, we are given to understand that in all the vast universe of God there is nothing which our Father in heaven holds more precious than His church down here upon the earth. It is referred to in the Scriptures as the apple of His eye, as the sheep of His pasture, as the helpless child in the arms of an affectionate mother, and as the eaglets cared for and tenderly trained in their upward flight by the queen of birds." Thus spoke Pastor McEachern in introducing the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and then added:

"What a responsibility, therefore, rests upon the ministry to feed the flock of God over which they have been made overseers, and with what tenderness and loving compassion must those especially delegated to guide the church in Christian service approach their God-given task."

"The Laymen's Missionary Movement embraces every activity of the remnant church, having as its aim the enlistment in soul-winning endeavor of every believer from the youngest child to the oldest grandmother. The report, then, which we bring to you is really not the report of a department, but rather the cumulative summary of the combined missionary activities of the whole church."

A comparative report for three quarters of 1931 and 1932 was presented and this revealed increased activity in every line of endeavor, for the Division as a whole, and in most of the items of work reported by unions, separately. The percentage of reporting members stands at 70% on September 30 as compared with 62% one year previous. For the Chosen Union this percentage stands at 103.

One year ago this Division stood second to the top in point of reporting membership. It lacked, however, on several other items. Since that time there has been such advancement that on July 21 of this year the General Conference conferred upon the Far East the Gold Star, an insignia that shows which of the divisions stands the highest in every line of Home Missionary endeavor.

The watchword of this department is, "The Whole Gospel by the Whole Church to the Whole World in this Generation."

Philippine Union

Beginning with the year 1521 and at a point near Cebu, Pastor R. R. Figuhr, Superintendent of the Philippine Union covered briefly the history and geography of the Philippine Islands, in laying a foundation for his report of the work in this interesting field. The work here as usual began with colporteurs. In 1911 the first church was organized with 18 members, the majority of whom are alive and remain with us today. The large map which Pastor Figuhr displayed was covered with scores of orange dots each representing a church or company of believers, now over fifteen thousand strong, all raised up during the past 21 years.

Pastor Figuhr rehearsed miracles of grace and providences of God in connection with the work in the Philippines as a result of which many souls are being born into the Kingdom of God. Baptisms for the first three quarters reported by the six local missions total 1,320 bringing the church membership of 15,012 on September 30, 1932.

The blessing of God has attended the work in institutions as well as in the field. From the publishing house P87,333.43 in sales are reported for the first eleven months of the year, and while this is somewhat below former years, it represents more literature distributed because of the decrease in prices of books sold. The College and the academies are doing their part in training workers; while the Sanitarium has been doing a good work under the direction of a good Christian doctor who puts spiritual things before everything else.

Home Study Institute Oriental Branch

Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, principal of the Home Study Institute was not present but had sent a written report which was read by Professor Bradley. The year 1932 has proved to be another "banner" year in the operation of this institution as a few outstanding evidences will reveal:

By the close of 1931 a total of 1,630 individuals had matriculated in one or more courses of study with the Institute; whereas during the year 1932 an additional 341 new students were matriculated,—the largest number for any one year, and a number in excess of total matriculations during the first five years of the history of the institution. The grand total matriculations to date thus stands at 1,971.

Again, the total enrollment in courses aggregated 3,964 to the close of 1931, with an additional 825 for 1932 of which 341 were new students and 484 from old students. Total enrollments to date thus stand at 4,789. More courses were enrolled in during 1932 than in any previous year.

During 1932, 314 certificates were issued, bringing the total 2,010, which means that approximately 42% of those enrolled have completed their courses to date.

Total credit cards issued on the Five-Year Course for Evangelists stand at 3,177 of which 601 were earned in 1932. To date the large sum of 11,228½ credits have been issued to workers in the Far Eastern Division, Chosen ranking first among the unions with 4,895 of the total.

The work of preparing new courses goes forward steadily. New Courses are being developed at the rate of one each month. The Home Study Institute, which serves both the China and the Far Eastern Divisions is accomplishing a good work in that it serves hundreds who do not have the time nor the money with which to attend our resident schools.

Medical Department

A written report of the Manila Sanitarium work as prepared by Dr. H. A. Hall was presented by Pastor Figuhr in the absence of the Doctor. The dispensary work in this institution is on the increase, in fact has doubled during the past year.

Substantial amounts of charity work is being done,—in fact 14% of all in-patients, and over 50% of all out-patients have been charity cases. Patients of many nationalities have been admitted. Ten baptisms are reported as the results of the work of the Sanitarium. The first class of nurses to graduate will receive their diplomas in February or March, three of whom will doubtless join the staff of the Penang Sanitarium, while another plans to take up service in the East Visayan Mission.

Inasmuch as the Doctor's report was confined largely to the work of the Manila Sanitarium, the union superintendents gave some facts for their respective fields.

Pastor Figuhr, and Pastor Mote of the West Visayan Mission, told of the work of Dr. Vizcarra, a self-supporting physician who is carrying on a successful practice in the City of Iloilo.

Pastor Gjording was able to give a good account of the work accomplished by the Penang Sanitarium and Clinic; of the little dispensary operating on the Tatau River; and of the medical work carried on by Sister Pickett and Pastor Wentland in French Indo-China.

The Tokyo Sanitarium is enjoying a good patronage. Since the addition to the original building was completed last September and the capacity thereby increased, more money has been coming in and the institution is showing up on the right side of the ledger. The three-story treatment rooms located in Kobe, recently donated to the denomination, are under the direction of Nurse Nomura who is also conducting evangelistic work in the City of Kobe.

For Chosen, Pastor Oberg reported as follows:

"Medical work started in Korea in 1908 when Dr. Russell located in Soonan and began practice in a Korean mud-walled building. God success attended his work. A few years later a small brick building was erected which has been enlarged several times until now we have a commodious institution.

"At the first Council of our newly organized Division two years ago, when General Conference representatives were present, the future of the medical work in Chosen was discussed by the Division Committee. It was felt that Soonan, being merely a village in a fairly sparsely settled section, was not a desirable location for a representative medical institution. It was felt that plans should be launched at once looking toward the building up of a sanitarium in the outskirts of the city of Seoul. In pursuance of this plan, Dr. Rue moved to Seoul and opened up rooms in the Keijo Building, where he has had quite a successful practice. This fall a small hospital was leased for three years in a more central part of the city. A water-treatment room was built. An operating room has been fitted up and an x-ray and other therapy machines installed. The plan is that this shall be our City Clinic as a feeder to our proposed sanitarium.

"The Soonan institution is manned with a Korean doctor and a small corps of workers. During the first ten months of this year they had 4,502 patients with an income of Y4,833.18. The City offices had 2,409 patients with an income of Y4,180.48 and the small dispensary outside East Gate had 765 patients with an income of Y508.48, or a total of patients numbering 7,676 and an income of Y9,522.14."

Ministerial Association

"The Ministerial Association is established for the purpose of helping our Ministry throughout the world to constantly advance in spirituality, in breadth of vision, and to grow in wisdom and the knowledge of God. It is to assist our young workers in every way possible to get well started in their work and to strengthen and encourage them."

Professor Frederick Griegs, Association secretary for the Far Eastern Division, in reporting for the past year stated that of 77 foreign workers, 43 enrolled in the Ministerial Reading Course, and to date

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News Notes

Professor Frederick Griggs returning from the Autumn Council reached Manila, December 5. On the same boat came V. T. Armstrong of Japan, also H. A. Oberg and H. M. Lee of Korea to attend the Division Council.

Pastor J. G. Gjording, Superintendent of the Malayan Union, coming from Singapore reached Manila early in December via Borneo where several weeks were spent itinerating enroute. Brother E. J. Johanson, Secretary-treasurer of the Malayan Union, also reached Manila on December 5 coming from Singapore direct. These brethren being members of the Division Committee, came to attend the Council. Pastor Gjording's family joined him in Baguio.

Reaching Manila on December 19, Elder J. A. Stevens, General Conference Home Missionary Secretary since 1921 is making his first visit to the Far East. Elder Stevens is attending conventions and the Philippine Union Biennial Session, and will also be in attendance of similar meetings to follow for the Japan, Chosen, and Malayan Unions. A most hearty welcome is extended Elder Stevens.

Dr. H. A. Erickson, wife and two children arrived in Manila on December 15 from California. Dr. Erickson comes here to relieve Dr. Hall as medical superintendent of the Manila Sanitarium during the latter's forthcoming absence on furlough.

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five have finished. Of 271 national workers, 153 enrolled in the 1932 Course, 15 of whom have finished to date. Thirteen members have already enrolled for the 1933 Course.

In connection with the Five-Year Course for Evangelists, fostered by the Association, 42 students have enrolled in Chosen, 11 in Malaya, 58 in the Philippines, a total enrollment of 111 to date.

Home Commission

Mrs. J. H. McEachern reported for the Home Commission activities which have been launched the past year. "The work of parents underlies every other." Hence, the importance of the instruction that it is the aim of this department to give, for the betterment of our homes in the Far East. Eight Mothers' Societies are already

At Manila, just prior to the Biennial Session of the Philippine Union a Bookmen's Convention was held beginning Dec. 19. Elder Stevens of the General Conference, with Pastor J. H. McEachern and Miss Edith McPherson of the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments of the Far Eastern Division are leading out. Quite a full attendance of the Field Missionary, Tract Society, and Home Missionary secretaries, as well as the Mission Directors from the Philippine Union were reported in attendance on the opening day.

Continued good reports come from the South Central Luzon Mission, P. I. Here are extracts from a recent letter written by Pastor Dalisay, the director:

"The work is going forward in every district of our field. God is going ahead of us and places are being opened for evangelistic meetings. A letter has come telling of an interest created by our books in the southern part of Batangas province. The district leader is going there to make investigations and follow up the interest. In the northern part of Alabat island, east of Tayabas, our experienced Bible worker has definitely planned to hold meetings. She is alone there but will be assisted by her adopted son. According to her letter of last week, there is a good interest. She went there doing Harvest Ingathering work, but as she was met by the people she was asked to hold cottage meetings.

"We are all of good courage in the Lord. The financial depression is teaching our people to be more faithful to God. They take it as a sign of the soon coming of the Saviour. In nearly every church I find a new life. The indifferent ones are beginning to show signs of spirituality. Members who have not been seen in the meetings for a few years are now coming to the services and testify of their desire to be faithful. The Lord is indeed working, and we want to follow his leading."

functioning here in the Division. The preparation of lesson material, etc., has been going forward, along with promotion which should materially enlarge the work of the Home Commission before the close of another year.

Educational Department

The Secretary of the Department of Education, Professor W. P. Bradley, presented an interesting survey of our educational work in the Far Eastern Division. He pointed out that the number of schools in operation and the attendance has decreased somewhat the past year due largely to the effects of the financial depression. During this time, however, improvements in buildings and facilities have been made, and a general wholesome condition exists in our educational work.

The total enrollment in our 78 schools is

In reporting to the recent Autumn Council held at Battle Creek, Michigan, Mr. H. E. Rogers, denominational statistician presented the following facts based on the latest returns available:

"Our work is now conducted in 141 countries, by 21,607 evangelistic and institutional laborers, who are using in their work 455 languages and dialects. The increase in languages during the year was 38, or one new language added every ten days. During the last five years the number of languages added was 176, or one new language added every 11 days.

"The number of members added by baptism during 1931 was 34,859, the membership now standing at 336,046. The gain in membership shown by the receipts from North America for the first six months of 1932 was 6,498, the membership now standing at 134,285. The membership of the churches in all the world is 342,435, and of the Sabbath schools, 412,186.

"While the amount of funds received has fallen short of the receipts of former years, the increase in membership of 21,793 is the greatest yet made."

"There are 68 publishing houses and branches, 196 schools carrying advanced grades having an enrollment of 24,177; 58 sanitariums and hospitals, and 54 treatment rooms. In the total of 417 institutions there are employed 10,757 persons. The advanced schools graduated 1,717 at the close of the last school year, and sent out 1,228 persons into some branch of our work at the close of the year.

"Denominational literature is now produced in 152 languages, in the form of 6,387 different publications, one copy of each costing \$1.885.80. There was an increase of 421 in the number of different publications issued. The value of denominational literature sold during 1931 was \$4,002,774.54.

"The number of primary schools is now 1,937, with 2,584 teachers and 66,288 enrollment. We own 3,025 church buildings, an increase of 257 church buildings for the year."

3,875 as compared with 4,009 a year ago. One hundred seventy-four teachers are employed which is one teacher less than last year. The number of students taking College work increased from 52 to 54 the past year.

In closing, Professor Bradley called attention to the importance at the present time of holding before our people everywhere the purposes of our Christian schools, and the advantages which are offered by them. "As we cooperate with God in carrying out His plan for the young people, we can expect His blessing in their developing lives. We want these young people saved in His Kingdom. We want them added to the ranks of our church. We want them to swell the number of those who are going to take part in the completion of this gospel work. Our Christian schools offer their services for the realization of both these aims."