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A Certain Hope



HE coming of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is right at hand. We cannot hold this fact too much in mind. Every day that passes brings that event nearer. It is an awful event to the unbeliever, but a happy one to the faithful. Our Lord Himself said that when the sun should be darkened, and the moon should not give its light, and the stars should fall from heaven; when there should be great earthquakes, and wars, and rumors of wars, we should know that His return to earth was near, "even at the doors." Nearly all the definite signs of Christ's return to earth as "King of kings" set forth in the Scriptures have taken place. Most of the great lines of Bible prophecy concerning this event have been fulfilled. There are but few predictions in the Bible timing this momentous occurrence that have not yet been accomplished, and these few are now in process of rapid completion. Indeed that moment is imminent when the mediatorial work of Jesus is to be ended, the judgment completed, and Christ the blessed Judge-advocate will pronounce the holy eternally so, and the unholy forever damned. That glorious hour is certainly impending; Christ's coming is "even at the doors." How careful, then, should every believer be to heed the admonition, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." How diligently should he "fight the good fight of faith," seeking to "by all means save some." But this hope and all this diligence must rest upon the solid foundation of a living faith to be enduring. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy," exclaims Peter. More sure than what?—hearing and seeing,—for Peter with others had been in the Mount of Transfiguration, and had heard and seen Christ receive from His Father honor and excellent glory. Indeed, we need to search diligently and daily the Word of God and to "Take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." The Advent hope is not a myth. It is based upon the eternal Word and promises of the eternal Father. In the certainty of this hope we are to steadfastly rejoice and vigorously labor "till He come." It is this hope and experience, and this alone, that enables us to be efficient laborers in Christ's vineyard.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

St. Matthias Group, South Seas

The St. Matthias group of islands lies to the north of the territory of New Guinea and about one hundred fifty miles off the mainland. There are two principal islands, Mussau and East Mira, and about thirty miles off East Mira is the small island of Nusi. The population of Mussau and East Mira is two thousand. Eighteen months ago they were ignorant pagans steeped in the darkest forms of heathenism. Pastor MacLaren went there, also eight Solomon Island teachers, and the response was marvelous. The natives threw away all their evil customs, killed off the pigs, polygamists gave up their extra wives, and chewing betel nut and smoking went as if by magic. Truly the Spirit of the Lord was working on their minds. This work is unique because no other mission society is there.

Six months after the work was started Brother Atkins went up to supervise the work on these islands, and the natives made still greater progress. When Brother Atkins went on furlough my wife and I were sent there for seven months. Just before Brother Atkins left, over one hundred and fifty were baptized, organized into companies, and instructed more fully in the Christian faith, and the ordinances were celebrated with them for the first time. A young people's meeting had been started, and I was astonished at the reports the natives gave. Not one could read, so signs were used to record their work.

My wife and I started to puzzle out their language, and after the first quarter we had all the eight companies studying uniform Sabbath school lessons, and learning the Ten Commandments in their language. Another baptism was arranged for. I went around the Island determined to baptize only the firmest and those upon whom we could rely, so I held an inquiry into each native's private life with the other natives of the village, and when we totaled up the number of baptisms I was surprised to find that there were over one hundred.

The work is the Lord's and no mistake. There are only two natives chewing betel nut out of a population of two thousand, all in eighteen months, and over two hundred baptized, and as many more in the baptismal class. Such a marvelous work as this in the Matthias group could not pass unnoticed, and strange to say, the government is opposing us. They want us to withdraw the taboo on swine's flesh, tobacco, and betel nut, but of course we cannot do this.

R. H. TUTTY.

Make Every Contact Count

We have had a busy time the last three months at our dispensary on the Tatau River, North Borneo. Arrangements have now been made so that people can come and remain here for treatment. A little shed has been built back of the dispensary where they can do their own cooking, and there are nearly always two or three persons staying there. Today some went home to Bellingin. They had been here more than two weeks. Bellingin is another river south of us and about two days' journey as Dyaks travel. Many have been entirely cured of the dreadful ringworm and the people have more confidence in the mission now than last year. A large number of villages are open to our teaching, and our folks are out every evening except the Sabbath, singing and preaching in four different places by turns. We have great hopes that these places will yield some good fruit, especially among the young people. Of course aggressive work is carried on among all who come for medicine. We are getting the seed in and expecting a glorious harvest.

The folks have organized a kind of jungle orchestra. It certainly is not very grand from our point of view, but it is simple and right to the point and the

Dyaks are very fond of it. Elam has translated several simple songs into the Dyak language and we sing them over and over again. We plan to have every point of our message translated into a bit of song eventually.

We have many visitors, many more than formerly. Our motto is "Make every contact count." We wish there was more progress to report. How grand it will be when there are baptisms every quarter and a real heart searching among these people. However it will come. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

Tatau River, Sarawak.

MRS. G. B. YOUNGBERG.

Plans for the Island of Formosa

We started last January to plan definitely to enter Formosa this year. An offering of cash and pledges was taken up at our union session for this purpose and now we are expecting to place a Japanese minister in Formosa this fall, and we hope one or two good colporteurs can accompany him. I expect to go with them and spend some time there helping to get them located, and started in their work. We will not have enough in our fund to cover this added expense, but hope to spring the tithe enough to meet the need. We had hoped the Thirteenth Sabbath offering of some quarters ago would yield an overflow for this island, but as you know, there was nothing to turn over to us from this offering.

PASTOR V. T. ARMSTRONG.

Thirsting for the Truth

The work in the East Visayan Mission is onward even in spite of the depression. We have baptized two hundred and seventy six persons during the first six months of this year, and I believe there are still a few additional baptismal cards that should have been added to this list which have not yet reached the office.

While in Samar for a district meeting we saw a number of providential openings for the message. At one time when waiting for our boat we were requested by a man to go to his barrio to preach the message. We could not go, but Brother Llaguno gave him a bunch of tracts. When Brother Berghern and I passed through Lavizares near Allen, we met an American who promised to help us in our mission work. Over at Laong I sold a few Big Week books. I approached the supervising teacher and sold him the book, "Whither Bound." In the course of our conversation his wife, who was also a teacher, came to his office. They told us that they wanted to establish a church at that place. She stated that they were very thirsty for the truth. They are Protestants and are looking for the light. I trust that the book sold to them may be used, under the blessing of God, to lead them into the third angel's message. Just the other day I received a petition for help from Alburquerque, Bohol. On this island of Bohol at present we do not have a single worker. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

W. B. RIFFEL.

One Book Sale Creates a Church

When a book was sold to a merchant in the State of Chiapas, Mexico, a few years ago, the colporteur little realized how far-reaching would be its influence. The purchaser did not take much interest in the book at first, but later decided that he would compare its teaching with the Bible, and in this way he found the truth. He immediately began to tell his customers and friends of the wonderful light which had illuminated his mind and changed his life. Very few customers left his store without carrying with them literature or the remembrance of his enthusiastic ex-

planation of some point of truth. As the result of this earnest missionary work seventy-two converts were baptized last year.

The Sabbath school has a membership of one hundred seventy four. This company gives promise of being the largest in the Mexican Union. Not one of the members of this church ever saw a railway train, and they know little of modern inventions, although they occasionally see an airplane pass over their district.

One young Indian carried his mother, who is more than seventy years of age, in a chair on his back to meeting, in order that she might be baptized. Just before we left him, the merchant showed us a large box filled with images which had been used by the Indians in their worship before they accepted the truth. As the Indians desired that the images be destroyed, we made a bonfire of them. No signs of regret could be seen on the face of the Indians as these images, gaudily dressed in silks, were being reduced to ashes for they had found something better.

As we entered our canoe for the two and one-half days' journey down the river all joined in singing in the Spanish language, "God be with You Till We Meet Again." Some of the Indians walked along the river bank for a mile to wave us a final good-bye. The Lord is certainly doing a wonderful work among the Indians of Mexico.

—C. E. WOOD, in the "Mizpah."

A Whole Village Accepts the Truth in Africa

Southeast Nigeria is the land of the Ibos. Our work among the Ibos centers about our two stations Aba and Elele. Brother and Sister Edmonds are leading out at Aba, and Brother and Sister Vine are at Elele, which is about sixty miles southwest of Aba. This entire country is known as the Delta country and is low and very humid. From early morning till well-nigh midnight one perspires at the least exertion.

There is a great spiritual awakening in this part of the field. Village after village has sent delegations to our missionaries asking for teachers, but we have been able to respond to only a few of these requests. Pressed for helpers as the brethren have been, last year they formed an evangelists' class of lay workers. Eight of these evangelists went out and raised up eight companies of Sabbath-keepers. One company numbered ninety, and another one hundred and thirty. One mere boy went from village to village preaching the gospel. He took no food but depended on friends to feed him. He walked seventy miles and upon his return reported thirty Sabbath-keepers.

In the Calabar area, world famed in mission history for the work of Mary Slessor, a whole village accepted the truth and the chief sent to Brother Vine asking that a teacher be sent to teach them more. Scores of villages in this area are inquiring of the good way, and no doubt thousands of souls could be gathered in in the immediate future if only we had a few more workers. Brethren Edmonds and Vine are overwhelmed in endeavoring to respond to the many calls along with their other general mission duties.

One thing which no doubt has stirred up an interest on the part of many is the literature which has been circulated. Brother A. W. Cook who was sent out about a year ago to promote the literature work on the West Coast, has spent much of his time in southeast Nigeria. He has secured and trained seventeen or more full-time colporteurs who have sold thousands of pages of our literature. This is now bearing fruit, as shown by the interests that are springing up.

(Excerpt from an article by E. D. Dick in the *Advent Survey* for July, 1933.)



FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK



Splendid Advance in Soul-Winning Work in Chosen*

The Lord is blessing our work in Korea this year and we look for a great advance in this soul-saving work. During the union session in February it was recommended that each mission conduct fifteen soul-winning conventions during 1933. Accordingly Pastor Urquhart, director of the West Chosen Mission, in cooperation with the Home Missionary secretary, took charge of a series of such week-end conventions. In the South Chosen Mission the director, Pastor Pudewell, led out in five district meetings, so arranged that almost every church and company was represented at one of them. The departmental work was featured in a strong way at these meetings, three of which I attended. The evenings were given over to evangelistic services. At the district meeting at Chung up the names of eighteen interested persons were received on the last Saturday night, and I was told that they all attended the next Sabbath service.

The Central Chosen Mission with Pastor T. H. Chai as director is also holding soul-winning Home Missionary conventions. At our recent committee meeting Pastor Im Sung Won told me that following the series of meetings held south of Sariwon, an interest was aroused about fifteen li out in the country, so he conducted meetings at this place in a rather dilapidated building used as a Temple of Heaven, and the meetings were well attended.

About a year ago a minister and his wife, formerly of another denomination, took their stand for the truth and started an interest at a place about eighty li from Seoul. They first began by giving studies, and later they held meetings, with the result that about fifty persons are now attending meetings on the Sabbath. One man who has taken his stand has donated half an acre of land for a church site, and also some money toward a building.

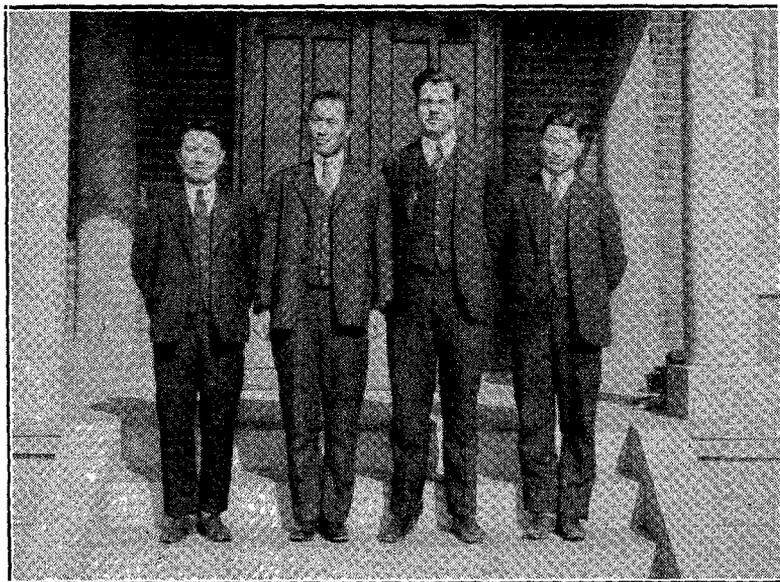
Pastor Pudewell recently wrote me of a ten-day effort

By H. A. OBERG

he had conducted near Masan in the southern part of Korea with very good results. He is encouraged to hold more of these ten-day meetings.

In Soonan, since the first of the year, the church members have been very active in missionary work. I was there the latter part of February, and was met at the station by one of these members who, as he walked along the road, was fairly bubbling over with interest about their Home Missionary work. He told me of the church organization, and the work the bands were doing. Each band was given definite territory to work. Already his band had encouraged seven

persons to attend church. Their method of procedure was as follows: One of the band would call on a neighbor and before leaving suggest that some folks come in to sing and pray for the members of the household. The neighbor usually consented, and Thursday evening would be proposed. At the close of the meeting on Thursday evening some one would mention that a service would be held at the church the following evening, and suggest that if the master of the house would like to attend he would call for him. Upon returning from the Friday evening



Pastor R. S. Watts, Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Secretary for the Chosen Union with the Secretaries of these departments for the three local Missions.

meeting with the neighbor, our band member would explain that the next day was the Sabbath, and invite his neighbor to attend Sabbath school and church with him. At the close of the quarter there were forty new attendants at Sabbath school and church.

At our church in Seoul practical meetings have been conducted for the women. At one time arrangements were made for a Korean nurse to come out from the Civic Center to explain how to make soy bean milk for the feeding of children, and tell the results obtained. She also gave an excellent talk on the feeding and care of babies, and all the women in the village were invited. At another time

* Extracts from Report given at Baguio, P. I., June 30, 1933.

a baby clinic was conducted for the entire day. In the morning our Korean doctor and a nurse came out to the church, and all the village mothers were again invited to come and bring their babies. Every baby's name was taken, and the child weighed and checked over carefully. Prizes were offered for the most perfect baby, and the second best one. Everyone was intensely interested. In the afternoon Dr. Rue came out and gave a lecture, and in the evening he conducted an outdoor moving picture lecture on bathing the baby, sanitary feeding methods, proper care, etc. About five hundred persons saw these pictures. Thus closed a very profitable day under the auspices of the Home Commission.

A series of leaflets has just been completed by the Signs Press on the "Second Coming of Christ." It was decided to issue literature on this subject as cheaply as possible and urge our church members to take part in its distribution, setting as a goal a piece of this literature in every home. A book of one hundred and twenty-eight pages was printed on "The Twelve Great Signs" to sell for thirty sen, and a booklet of forty-eight pages on "The Greatest Future Event" to sell for five sen. Several of our missionaries have personally contributed to this latter project so the little book can be sold for that price. One hundred thousand copies of a tract on the "Second Coming of Christ" have been prepared, and where a sale is not made a tract on the subject will be placed in the home. This is the beginning of a plan to do definite, continuous work on a large scale, and we hope to place literature on the "Coming of Christ" in every home in the country. We trust this endeavor will be highly successful in winning souls for the Master.

Some One Called My Name

By MRS. W. J. BLAKE

The recent Week of Prayer at the West Visayan Academy was an occasion of great rejoicing as the power of God was manifested in the meetings. Valuable help was given by Professor Cummins beginning on Friday night and continuing until Wednesday morning. Meetings were held in the evening at worship time, also in the morning at the chapel hour. Every day before the meeting in the chapel the students met in bands and earnestly prayed for their fellow students and for the success of the meetings. In his talks Brother Cummins showed the importance of confessing sin and giving the heart fully to Jesus to be made and kept pure. A good interest was manifested throughout the meetings.

On Wednesday afternoon Professor W. P. Bradley took up the work and

continued until the close of the Sabbath. His first subject was "Learning to Pray," followed by studies on "Faith," "The Prodigal Son," "Jesus' Righteousness Covers the Sinner's Sin," and others. Every subject was presented in such a simple manner that even the youngest could grasp the real meaning.

The climax was reached on the second Friday night when the baptismal class was increased to twenty-four members. Every one in the dormitories who has not already been baptized is included in the list. The Spirit of the Lord was present in the service in a marked manner as, quietly and thoughtfully, the students came forward. At the close of the meeting the young people voluntarily divided into bands and continued praying in the dormitories. Early in the morning many banded together again in prayer for their fellow students and they are confident that God heard and answered their petitions because they see such changes in the lives of some of their classmates.

Sabbath completed the series of meetings. After the sermon by Brother Bradley, time was given for testimonies in which all willingly took part, dedicating their lives to Jesus and accepting His righteousness. One young lady, not an Adventist, said to her companion, "It seems as if some one called my name. I want to speak for Jesus too. What shall I say?" Her companion helped her to express herself in English and for the first time she testified for Jesus. Surely the Lord is calling the young people by name and wants them to fully accept Him and engage in His service.

The help of Brethren Bradley and Cummins was appreciated by all, and the work of this Week of Prayer will be felt, we believe, for a long time, and will greatly help in establishing the young people in their Christian experience.

Encouraging Results Attend Our Work in Penang

By NG HONG BOON

We praise the Lord for His many blessings which are being showered upon us in our work in the island of Penang. There is little doubt but that His Holy Spirit is unceasingly guiding us now the same as He piloted the ancient Israelites all the way to Canaan. Due to the valuable assistance of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner who divided their attention between the medical work and the Chinese church, many souls have been won to Christ. Professor and Mrs. V. E. Hendershot have labored untiringly for the last two years to advance this truth, and as a result the promulga-

tion of the three angels' messages has been steadily progressing and success has attended their endeavors.

I am very much pleased to mention the fact that a series of lectures in Chinese is being conducted at Butterworth on the mainland every Wednesday night. It is for the purpose of proclaiming the Advent message and the gospel of the kingdom to these men and women who live in the darkness of ignorance and idolatry that this undertaking is being carried on. At these public meetings it gives me much pleasure to notice the keen interest shown by certain persons in the congregation. The hope of ultimately winning them to Christ inspires us with enthusiasm. These services are being conducted at the home of one of our church members, and were brought about as the result of a discussion between these brethren and myself. The suggestion that meetings be held in this home was gladly received and immediately carried out. All the older members of the family participated in giving this project wide publicity by distributing handbills and tracts, and also by telling all their friends and neighbors about it. They also render assistance in other ways. The attendance of over sixty on the first night surpassed all expectations, and the little hall was crowded to the doors. Subsequent lectures are being held outside the house in the shade where the congestion is relieved. The pure air out of doors is more refreshing than inside, and more conducive to the close attention and concentration of the audience. We had good weather for seven consecutive nights, but on the night of the eighth lecture it was bad, however, we had a fair attendance, many coming from quite a distance. By the grace of God this earnest effort to promulgate the plan of salvation appears promising indeed, and it is only a matter of time before the seeds that are being sown will come to fruition. I have every reason to hope and believe that in view of the requests for Bible studies not a few will take their stand for the truth. Your prayers are solicited that the Almighty may abundantly supply the needs of those who hunger for the spiritual manna, and that a rich harvest may be reaped ere long.

In conclusion I wish to testify to the efficacy of trusting in the Lord, and to the miraculous success that He has given, not only in response to the efforts of our workers here in Penang, but to the endeavors of our people who are carrying the gospel light to all the world, that the great day of the Lord may be hastened. Verily His Spirit is with us now and always, "even unto the end of the world."

The Work of God Progresses in the Land of the Rising Sun*

By V. T. ARMSTRONG

I have not written a report, not even a preamble, but I am glad to say a word regarding our work in Japan. In January we held our union session at Naraha, which I am pleased to say was the best meeting we have ever held. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and three of our native men were ordained. The work in our different departments has been going forward encouragingly.

Brother Kraft has been holding strong colporteurs' institutes throughout the field. While our literature sales to the end of May show only a slight increase, yet this work is going forward, and we believe the end of the year will show a substantial gain. We have more colporteurs than ever before, and the local fields are all manned with secretaries. Brother Evens, manager of the press, is making some changes within the plant and has put in a typewriter and other new equipment which is going to prove a great help to our publishing work.

The school at Naraha has had a very good year, and there will be several baptisms at its close. The school for girls has had a larger attendance this past term than before. Two years ago we had only three girls in the dormitory, but it looks now as though the dormitory will be filled this next term. Two girls are coming from islands between Japan and Formosa. We have no members there but in some way they have heard of our school and have applied for admission. I should mention our church school for the foreign children. Miss Voth has been our teacher, and we have had eleven pupils in attendance this past term, and have had a good school. We will likely have a larger attendance this fall as two or three outside children have asked to enter.

Our sanitarium work is going well. Generally from June to September is a slack time, but already several have engaged rooms for August, and we believe the patronage will be better this summer than last. Our second class of nurses was graduated the 19th of June, and a new class will start in the fall. While we cannot take in more than ten young people we have applications from twenty.

I have visited all the churches and companies this year and have been greatly encouraged to see the spirit that is manifested by our people generally. An increase in tithes and offerings, in missionary work, together with new interests springing up in the field, is a good indication for a successful year.

In the Kyushu district new interests are developing. A young man who attended all our meetings in Ka-

goshima last March asked us to come to his town for a meeting. We went and were glad to find a good company gathered to hear the message. Since then I have heard that this young man and his sister have applied for baptism. At Kurume we have a new company. These members had helped formerly to build the Methodist church in that city. Now they are meeting in a building without a floor but are already laying plans to gather money and build a Seventh-day Adventist church. At Moji we have long felt the need of a church building. Now we have secured land, and have funds in hand for the building. By fall we hope to have the new church built.

On the island of Shikoku we have two churches but no worker. We have had workers there in the past but they were transferred to other places. While visiting this island last spring we were invited into the country to speak at the close of a woman's meeting. We found most of the people of the village assembled and they listened attentively to the message. These meetings were made possible by the good work of one of the new members who lives in the village. One man who was recently baptized in this place had been a policeman but because of an accident has retired and is now on the pension list. This gives him time to do much missionary work.

At Tokushima we have a company of nine members who are new in the truth and very faithful. They have a good Sabbath school and are paying tithe. I was there for two days and we had meetings during the day and in the evening. There has never been a worker located in this city, but from time to time different ones have visited them. Pastor Dietrich is calling on them quite regularly and we believe this company will soon grow into a strong church.

Special meetings were recently held in Yokohama and some have taken their stand for the truth. The wife of the purser on one of the large Japanese passenger boats has been baptized. Another sister who has a shop on the Motomachi has joined us. The work there is growing. For many years we have hoped to see a church in this important seaport. Money is in hand for a church building and parsonage and land has just been secured in a good location. I have plans to submit to the committee and we hope the buildings can be erected before fall.

A church building in another place has been deeded to our mission. It was erected by some Christian people of a different belief, but the principal

donor was a young man who about four years ago became interested in our message, and meetings were held in his home. Later these had to be discontinued and we feared that nothing was going to be accomplished. Last year, however, while this man and his wife were in prayer the Spirit spoke to them and said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The next day they heard the voice again. They decided to keep the Sabbath and he told the church in his village of his decision. Since then he and his wife and mother have been baptized and now the church building has been given to us. A good interest has sprung up in this place and we look for more fruit. This family has already given liberally to the support of the work. They are also actively engaged in the distribution of literature and have sold as many as five of our large books in a day.

In Okayama there is a good interest. We have a colporteur there and he has a little Sabbath school on Sabbath morning and another in the afternoon. About seventy or eighty children gather for the exercises and several of the families show a real interest and we believe some will be ready for baptism later. One family has become deeply interested through treatments given by our colporteur. One member of the family was sick and the doctors said that it would take at least two years before a cure could be effected, but when these people heard of our method of treatment they asked the colporteur to come and give fomentations. In three days the sick one was well. They then gave the colporteur money as a token of appreciation, but he sent it in to the office and the family was greatly impressed when the receipt for it was received. As a result of the honesty and devotion of our canvasser the members of this family have been influenced to study the message.

We have had trouble in making our money meet our needs, and yet we are glad that no workers have been dropped on this account. We have been greatly encouraged to see the way the church members are responding to the situation. The church at Hiroshima has set its goal for tithe very high, and has requested the committee not to drop workers or cut the wages of our Japanese workers any more. The way the tithe is coming in is really most commendable. The church in Kobe has paid as much tithe for the first quarter of 1933 as they paid during the entire year of 1932.

We are not discouraged in these times of cut budgets. With the spirit of devotion and sacrifice which is possessing our people in the field we believe the work will continue to grow. We are thankful for the way the field has opened up and we believe the same God who has done this can find ways and means to finish the work in Japan.

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Mindanao

By Pastor and Mrs. L. B. MERESHON

Mindanao! What thoughts of Moros, bolos, pirates, men running amuck, and evil doings of all kinds come to most of us when the name is first mentioned. There comes a vision of great high hills dotted with grazing cattle; of immense rolling plains and fertile fields; of cocoanut palms and mighty forests; of locusts that almost darken the sun as they fly over head; of barrio after barrio with church steeples and chiming bells, with no representative of the truth in them. Then too comes the vision of little chapels in fifty different places along the north, west, and south coasts. The east coast is quite bare except along the northeast corner in Surigao. I said the east coast was bare. I will have to retract that statement, for here is a letter from Brother Somoso in Surigao telling that a brother, an ex-presidente and judge, whom I baptized in March of this year, has gone to an island off the east coast of Mindanao, and stirred up an interest. Let Brother Somoso tell it in his own words. "You have just baptized him (the ex-presidente and judge of Gegagnit) two months ago, but last month (during their convention) he was already able to preach in our chapel in Cebu. He is really a talented man and I look upon him as a real co-worker in my wide territory. Just about a week after he was baptized he visited an island bordering the great Pacific solely for missionary endeavors and he reported to me a good number of interests. It was his first visit but he received orders for Bibles and song books. A woman known as the vilest in the island wept bitterly when he offered prayer. She immediately lives according to the light she receives and at the same time suffers severe persecution. When he bade them good-bye, three of them were weeping on the seashore, earnestly requesting him to come back to give them further instruction. I promised to go there by the 24th of June. Oh may this spirit continue to be among the brethren in our churches during these days while probation lingers!"

Brother Somoso reports twenty-five or thirty persons ready for baptism, and I am leaving on August 2 for a visit to his district. On the way I will visit Brother Cabardo at Kinogitan where he reports twenty prepared to go forward in baptism. Down at Cantilan and still further south at Mati, almost due east of Davao, comes word of interested ones. So we hope it will not be long before we have some lighthouses along the east coast of Mindanao. Surely the Lord is going before us and preparing the people for His truth.

Down at Pisan and Balatacan thirty souls are awaiting baptism. We have no worker in these places. At Momugan we have a good interest

started. Some have been baptized including two young Moro women, and several more souls are to be baptized as soon as I can find time to visit them again. At Kuswagan, where a tent effort has just closed, eight or ten are waiting to be baptized. At Curuan and Zamboanga several are waiting until our next visit to be baptized. Word comes this morning of two new places in the Davao district where there are interested persons. Hardly a week goes by but what we receive word of new places being opened to us to go and preach to interested ones. Three weeks ago we counted the places where we have interests and found fifty. Since then four new places have been reported.

One hundred and sixty-four souls have been baptized here in Mindanao so far this year, and we have about one hundred more waiting to be baptized as soon as we can find the time to visit them. It looks as though we might go over the three hundred mark in Mindanao alone this year.

How is it done? About ninety per cent of those already baptized were interested by church members for "The people (members) had a mind to work," and God is blessing their efforts. Several church members have five or more souls to their credit. It has been a great inspiration to me as I have examined the candidates, to hear them say, "Brother A or Sister B first brought the truth to me." When I have had one after another tell me that Brother A or Sister B first interested them in this message, and find that Brother A is just an ordinary farmer, or Sister B is simply a common housewife helping out in the garden or on the farm, it makes me realize what a wonderful help these lay members will be when we can give them some training along soul-winning lines.

The Laymen's Movement is on in Mindanao, even though we have never had any special meetings to instruct our members. To have a Laymen's Convention here would puzzle us to decide whom to leave out, for we could not afford to call all those who have won souls, to attend the convention. Our only solution would be to hold several of them in different parts of the island.

We are praying for God's blessing to rest mightily upon these humble, devoted soul-winners. Our workers are having about all they can do to instruct and prepare for baptism those interested by the church members. Pray for us. Pray for Mindanao that the outpouring of the Spirit may continue, that we may find the honest-hearted ones waiting for the truth, and prepare them for a home in the earth made new.

We could tell of persecutions endured, we could tell of deliverances from persecutors, from invading locusts, from storm and flood, but we rejoice to tell of the mighty power

Three Splendid Institutes

By J. H. MCEACHERN

Pastor M. F. Wiedemann before leaving for his furlough in America had planned to hold five regular Colporteurs' Institutes, but these have been carried on by Pastor F. A. Mote who was asked by the Philippine Union Committee to leave his work as director of the West Visayan Mission to carry forward the colporteur ministry in the Philippine Union. It was my privilege to be associated with Elder Mote in the first three of this series of institutes, and his strong leadership has made them among the best that I ever attended. God has greatly blessed Brother Mote.

While writing this account, I am in attendance at the Central Luzon institute. Forty-three regular colporteurs and new recruits are present, and the director of the mission, Pastor F. A. Pratt comes out from Manila every day to join with these workers in their morning devotions. Not only his good instruction but his sympathetic interest in the colporteurs' problems is a great help and inspiration.

The institute for the South Central Luzon Mission was held at Calamba the home town of the famous patriot of the Philippines—Jose Rizal. This was a most appropriate place for a group of colporteurs engaged in carrying the gospel message in the Philippines, to meet and reconsecrate their lives anew to their noble work. Twenty colporteurs were in attendance and the director, Pastor Dalisay, was present at every meeting. His only regret was that his field did not have more colporteurs. The field missionary secretary, Brother Umali, has other recruits in mind who will enter the work when he gets time to give them the necessary training.

The East Visayan Mission chose Cagayan down on the southern island of Mindanao as the location for their institute. The territory of that mission is so large and scattered that it was thought to be more efficient and economical to hold two institutes. Thirty were present at the Cagayan institute, and the director, Pastor W. B. Riffel, expects that as many more will attend the other institute which will be held later for the northern section of the field. I have assisted in scores of Colporteurs' Institutes in many different countries, but I cannot recollect ever having attended a better organized or more spiritual gathering of this kind than that held in Cagayan. This institute, the first of the series, was a blessed prelude to the excellent ones that have followed. Two more, one for the Southern Luzon Mission, and one for the Northern Luzon Mission, are yet to come. The colporteur work is onward in the Philippines.

of God in winning souls to the last day message.

Departmental Page

Brief Report of the Publishing Department

(Presented at the 1933 Mid-Year Council of the Far Eastern Division)

By J. H. MCEACHERN

Some years ago, when we were but a small denomination compared to what we are today, an admiring enemy of this church wrote the following comment on the efficiency of our publishing work:—

"The Seventh-day Adventists are among the shrewdest and most inveterate propagandists in the world. They cease neither day nor night to propagate their wierd and materialistic interpretation of the Scriptures.

"Their use of the printing press furnishes us a fine example of their foresightedness.

"Though they are numerically a small religious body, they own and operate no less than 300 separate publishing boards, wisely distributed throughout the world. They employ 2,500 colporteurs, and issue publications in 87 languages. They distributed literature last year to the value of \$2,100,000. It is by such activity that they are enabled to so rapidly enlarge their numbers and influence in the world."

Even in those years when the membership of the entire denomination was but a little more than 100,000, the work of our colporteurs was an astonishment to other Protestant denominations. They attributed our rapid growth to the use we made of literature. More recently a leading Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, remembering how Luther had awakened Europe in the 16th century by the products of the printing press, said, "Every Seventh-day Adventist is a Martin Luther. Their literature and their work are the worst things the Roman Catholic Church has to meet today."

1932 A GOOD YEAR IN THE FAR EAST

One year ago when we were assembled in the mid-year council, we were able to present a report of our colporteur activities which showed that in spite of the financial depression our literature sales were not only holding their own but were showing gains from month to month. At that time we were about the only division in all the world that was weathering the storm and keeping up our sales. This continued till the end of the year, bringing us out on December 31, 1932,

with a total of \$106,797.99 as compared with a sale of \$101,960.86 in 1931.

At the close of 1932, our colporteur army had been recruited up to a strength of 258 men as compared with 190 the previous year. The decreased buying power of the people had brought our average sales per hour down from 47 cents in 1931 to 36 cents per hour in 1932. This, however, was more than overcome by enlisting a larger force of colporteurs. The total number of hours worked was increased during 1932 by 78,381.

The scattering of our soul saving literature among the 141,000,000 inhabitants of this far-flung division had reached an average of seven-thousandths of a cent per capita in 1931. In 1932, we sold an average of eight-thousandths of a cent to each eternity-bound soul within the territory the Lord has intrusted to our care. There are yet plenty of available customers to encourage us to revive the canvassing work that it may be carried "forward with increasing success." Our possibilities for growth in the publishing work are almost without limit. O, for more colporteurs and more literature to meet the crying needs of the present hour.

The following tribute recently paid by a non-Adventist to the literature workers of this denomination, we feel, is especially applicable to our faithful bookman army of the Far Eastern Division:

"Seventh-day Adventists have established a chain of publishing houses that belts the globe. These plants—fifty-eight in number—are located at strategic points throughout the earth, so that the various language areas can be reached most advantageously. At the present time they are issuing their literature in approximately 145 languages and dialects, and their goal is ultimately to have every man studying the gospel message in his own tongue.

"Seventh-day Adventists distribute most of their book literature from door to door. More than 2,700 colporteurs every day traverse the highways and byways of the world, taking the printed page from home to home. These missionary salesmen sail along the wa-

ters of the Amazon into the interior vastness of Brazil; on muleback they go among the valleys of the high Andes; afoot they trudge the lonely jungle trails of Burma and Java; astride a bicycle they pedal from village to village on the wide African veldt; by wheelbarrow they wend their way among the rice fields of China; on sleigh they visit the far-flung farms of Canada by winter; up and down the streets of the teeming metropolises of the world, everywhere and every time, with no heat too hot, no cold too frigid, no mountain too high, no stream too deep, do these dauntless and consecrated literature ambassadors of Christ go in the blessed ministry of the printed page.

"And what is the fruitage of their labor of love? Thousands in all parts of the world are every year learning for the first time of the love of Jesus Christ and the beauty of Christianity as a religious system."

(By Henry M. Porter, Author and Financier of Denver, Colorado)

What Cargo To Carry

"Late last winter a severe storm swept the North Atlantic. All ships in the storm area were duly warned and made all haste to make a sheltered port. Some of the slower vessels were caught, and many, not being able to weather the gale, went down.

"One ship, carrying a cargo of lumber, though battered beyond any possibility of navigation was kept afloat by its buoyant load.

"The sea of life is just as susceptible to storms as is the North Atlantic. Are you carrying a cargo that endangers your safe passage? The vain philosophies and traditions of men would soon become waterlogged and sink your ship in a real storm.

"Storm warnings are being sounded now. Why take unnecessary chances? This old world is soon to be embroiled in a storm of unbelievable proportions. Load your ship with truth; with the promises of God to His people; load up with a saving knowledge of the third angel's message."

—The Sligonian.

What greater call to the "daily study" of the Sabbath school lesson could we have than this. God is giving us these splendid lessons from His Holy Word that when the storm breaks we may be fully prepared to quickly sail in to our Haven of Rest. How doubly precious will all these promises of God be then.

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News Notes

In a letter recently received from Brother E. Bahr who has returned to Chosen from his furlough in Germany, he says: "We are now again settled in Korea for the next few years. After arriving here I went out for four weeks with the colporteurs and the Lord blessed us richly. We are glad to report that the report for June was the best one we ever had. We sold Yen 5,027.93 worth of literature. I hope this good line of work will grow in the future."

The following good word has been received from Brother V. T. Armstrong of Japan: "I am glad to tell you that our tithe shows a gain of 1,800 yen for the first six months of this year. Book sales within the field show a gain of 500 yen and export sales a gain of 3,600 yen. Offerings are just a little ahead of last year. Baptisms are 59 for the first six months of 1933, and were but 28 for the same period of last year. We hope we may see even a greater gain during the last half of 1933."

Professor F. R. Millard of the Japan Junior College who has recently been appointed as the Sabbath School Secretary for the Japan Union, has been out on a trip through the Japan field. Professor C. F. Thurston has been looking after the work at the school in the absence of Brother Millard. Brother Thurston will likely be out in the field during the first part of September for a visit.

The following encouraging word has been received from Elder C. K. Meyers: "I have just returned from a visit to Ethiopia, and have been able to promote the gift of another hospital with a doctor's home. In fact it is possible for us to look toward occupying the whole of Ethiopia with medical service in time."

The report has come to us that Brother Felipe Corcoro, one of our faithful colporteurs, was killed while traveling in the mountain districts of Northern Luzon. The particulars regarding his death have not been received yet, but his case is being investigated by the constabulary in that section of the country, and we will write more about this as the facts come to hand. Brother Corcoro was an

earnest Christian young man and we are sorry to lose him from our force of colporteurs. His faith and trust in God were strong as indicated by letters which he wrote shortly before he was killed.

Brother Eugene Woensner, the treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, with his wife and son left Baguio on Wednesday, August the 9th for Manila, and sailed the 12th for America on their furlough. Brother Woensner will attend the Fall Council at Battle Creek in October. We wish Brother and Sister Woensner and Merlin a most delightful and restful vacation. Their address for the present is as follows:

Mr. Eugene Woensner,
Care Mr. Oscar Woensner,
Sanitarium, California, U.S.A.

Professor Frederick Griggs has just returned after a trip of several weeks in the Philippine Islands. He visited the West Visayan and Southern Luzon Missions attending Ministerial and Church Officers' Institutes. He reports many very encouraging features of the work in these missions.

Mrs. F. L. Pickett of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, has been confined to her bed most of the time for a number of weeks owing to a serious accident which occurred while she was traveling in the interior. She with others was riding in an oxcart when they came to a high place in the middle of the trail. In some way her feet and legs were drawn under the cart and one leg was very severely injured. We sincerely trust that Sister Pickett may soon fully recover from this accident. Let us remember her in our prayers.

Sister W. W. R. Lake of the Malay States Mission has been seriously ill from heart trouble, and for many weeks our workers have been praying that God would restore her to health. The following encouraging word has recently been received from Pastor Lake:

"I have just recently returned from one of my tours having been away from home for almost a week, and was agreeably surprised to see the improvement in Mrs. Lake. I believe both the reaction from the cool, bracing air of Brastagi and the medicine are doing the work."

Shortly after the district meeting in Chungup, Korea, the worker there wrote to me saying that last year a copy of "Great Controversy" was sold to a Korean whose brother was the local preacher for a certain church in the town. This preacher read the book and became interested in it. He showed it to his district leader who, seeing the pictures, and not taking time to read it, concluded it to be a fine book. Later the worker had some arguments with his superior, and not receiving satisfaction, resigned his posi-

Echoes from the Bangkok Effort

"As we were leaving the home of a young Catholic man who has been good enough to bring his violin along to the meetings and help out with the music," so Brother Ritz related one noon, "he said, 'I want you to pray for me so I will do what is right.'"

"I could be a Christian," said a young man to Brother Detamore today. "I was educated in a Christian school in Penang," he continued, "and I am interested in Christianity. I have been very much interested in the lectures." How strikingly similar this is to the testimony of a young Siamese by the name of Bun Thin, whom we told about earlier.

"I promise you," said another to one of the brethren in a visit one day, "that I will do whatever is right. If I see the Sabbath is the right day to keep holy I will keep it." That same man had said here in the hall that he wanted to do what was right. He is a man of influence elsewhere, and the devil will do all in his power to keep him in the folds of darkness and doubt and uncertainty. However, God is able to deliver all who will trust Him.

"I want to be a Seventh-day Adventist," said a young man to Brother Ritz, the other day. "Have you ever heard anything about us before?" I asked him. "Yes," he replied, "years ago I was in the Europe Hotel in Singapore. I used to enjoy hearing Pastor Lake preach." So there is one straying lamb that has been roaming around for years with what he heard in Penang Lane smouldering in his heart. Now come the fires of the Bangkok effort to warm up this life and bring a soul back from death. God is surely merciful to human beings.

"You made a daring statement in the 'Bangkok Times'" said the manager of the largest British department store here. "What do you refer to?" "You said that anyone guilty of breaking the fourth commandment was guilty of the whole ten, had offended in every point," he added. That led to an interesting visit. He had not thought of it just that way. To him it had not occurred that it was God only could make a day holy, that our stopping business on a day of the week was not able to make that day a holy day. "But does it really make any difference?" he asked. To which we replied that it is plainly a question of whether God meant what He said or not. If He did then THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD still, and, as we are pondering that fact, His good Spirit adds one more point to it, IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK. He was silent on that, in fact the conversation swung in on the subject.—evolution.

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tion, and is now enthusiastically attending our church, and studying the truth.