



## Pessimism and Optimism

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**T**WO classes of people found in the world have a large following, yet neither of them are safe guides. One class is mentioned in Isaiah 56: 12, "Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day and much more abundant."

This class are not giving any thought of what may come tomorrow, next month, or next year. They are living today unconcerned about the future and making little or no preparation for what may confront them in future days. They are squandering today's blessings. They encourage themselves with a hope that tomorrow will give them greater pleasures than today. Some might call them optimists. In a sense they are, for they are looking on the bright side. But true optimism needs to have something more than fancy and false illusions upon which to rest its sense of security and hope.

It is good sense to calmly consider the facts and draw conclusions for the future from all available trustworthy sources. Solomon said "Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise." Proverbs 6:6.

God admonishes us to prepare for the future needs. He gives us information regarding future perplexities and troubles with definite information how we can be prepared for the evil day. Under His guidance we are to make the needed preparation now.

Of the future we read in "Great Controversy" page 622, "The 'time of trouble such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us." To meet such an evil day requires heart preparation. The word is that "they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Id. page 623. Knowing that we can by God's help deliver our own soul, it behooves us to be ready and then in confident trust in God's love and power be happy. That alone can be the basis of steadfast hope. Only those who have this experience are truly optimistic.

Now the other class are quite different. They are always borrowing trouble. They live in dread of something that they think is going to happen

yet have no evidence that it will come. There is the story of the man who made a long journey by team. On the trip it was necessary to cross a river. The bridge was old and known not to be safe. He feared it was already gone or would give way when he crossed. The stream was too deep to ford. After hours of worry he came to the river and there was a new bridge on which he crossed.

Too many are worried over what is going to happen. Perhaps nine-tenths of the things they worry about will never happen and the things that do happen cannot be otherwise, so why worry? I was greatly concerned when a boy by a rumor that the world was gradually cooling off and eventually every living thing on the earth was going to freeze. Since living in the tropics I realize my worry was unnecessary.

Some take a pessimistic view of the work. They are certain the best days are past. They can enumerate many reasons why the tithe and offerings are going to decrease. They are convinced the present conditions will cut down the number of baptisms. They see the mistakes of some brother or sister and are sure God will reject His people because of this condition which does exist to a greater or less degree in every church.

The old prophet started out to curse God's people but it did not stop the movement. "Behold, I have received commandment to bless; and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them." Numbers 23:20, 21.

Some carry three loads when God intended they carry only one. They carry along all the trouble of the past, all the worries of the present, and borrow all the fears of the future and then wonder why life is so hard and their burden so heavy. Let us forget the unpleasant past, trust God for the future, and by His help live in the glorious present.

The present advance of the movement is encouraging. Faster than we realize the work is moving on to sure victory. In the trying moments that must come to all let us be cheerful, and trust in the Lord.

## Netherlands East Indies Workers' Institute

By George A. Campbell, Acting Secretary,  
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Twenty-five workers of the East and West and South Sumatra mission fields were in attendance at the workers' meeting held in the Netherlands East Indies Training School at Gadobangkong near Bandung, Java, from June 2 to June 12.

This workers institute, the first of its kind held in the Netherlands East Indies, proved to be a real success, and it was felt by all that it was a very profitable gathering; for the workers discussed their many problems together.

Paster K. Tilstra, the acting Director of the Netherlands East Indies Union and Superintendent of both East and West Java, carried the responsibility of the meeting, leading out in a strong way. Pastor L. M. D. Wortman, the President of the Training School, conducted helpful Bible studies and other meetings. Brother F. H. A. Ficker, the Union Field and Home Missionary Secretary, together with the writer, presented the departmental phases of our work.



The Java and South Sumatra workers assembled for the Workers' Institute

A splendid spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the session, which was appreciated by all. It means much for workers in God's cause to come together occasionally to study their problems together, renew old acquaintances, make new acquaintances, and receive new inspiration and vision for a renewed effort in soul-winning. It was interesting to note that eight of these workers were brought into the truth through literature. Surely literature distribution is one of the best ways to proclaim the message, as the testimony of these eight workers will show.

There is a great work yet to be done in the Netherlands East Indies. We have hardly begun, as it were, when we consider the vast population of that interesting island field. There is so much to do, and so few to do it. Surely, as the Saviour says, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." May the Lord bless the few workers of the Netherlands East Indies, that their efforts will bring forth an abundant harvest in souls won to the Lord.

"Some of your ills you have cured;  
All of them you have survived;  
But what torment of pain you've endured  
For the ills that never arrived."

—Selected.

## A Brief Biography of Ellen G. White — No. 5

By Arthur L. White, Secretary,  
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"Abundant light has been given to our people in these last days," wrote Ellen White in 1907. "Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last. My writings are kept on file in the office, and even though I should not live, these words that have been given me by the Lord, will still have life and will speak to the people."—*Writing and Sending Out of the Testimonies to the Church*, pp. 13, 14.

Diligently Ellen White labored through her life to present in print the instruction and counsel God entrusted to her for the people. When her untiring pen rested in 1915, there stood as a literary memorial to her life work, a library of twenty-six published volumes aggregating 12,000 pages, two thousand articles from her pen in the leading journals of the denomination, and about one hundred tracts and pamphlets. There were also, in manuscript form, many personal messages of counsel dealing with personal problems on giving instruction for the conduct of the work in local or general fields, sermons, and general manuscript matter.

Mrs. White did not leave in uncertainty the future custody of these writings of such importance to the church. Rather, this responsibility was definitely assigned by her to five Trustees of her choosing who at her death were to supervise the continuing publication of her books in the English and foreign languages and take charge of the manuscripts. Those named by her were A. G. Daniells, F. M. Wilcox, C. H. Jones, C. C. Crisler, and her son, W. C. White. These men were chosen for life, and any vacancy which might occur was to be filled by some fit person chosen by the remaining Trustees.

On Mrs. White's death, this Board took charge of the work assigned to them. Working with the publishers, they have arranged for mechanical improvement of certain of the E. G. White books through re-illustration and re-setting of the type, bringing these volumes into line with current publishing standards. They have issued certain new volumes, such as "Messages to Young People People," "Testimonies to Ministers," "Fundamentals of Christian Education," "Medical Ministry," and the "Index to the Writings of Mrs. E. G. White."

"Messages to Young People" brings together into one volume the counsels addressed to our youth which originally appeared in the *Youth's Instructor* and the *Review and Herald*, which are not available to our youth of today. "Testimonies to Ministers" places within the reach of all, the messages of counsel of general application, which were originally published many years ago in pamphlets as "Special Testimonies." Other books issued since Mrs. White's death fill places of equal importance.

Completing the list of recent publications are "Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White," "Counsels on Health," "The Sanctified Life," "Medical Ministry," "The Life and Teachings of Ellen G. White," "Counsels on Diet and Foods," and "Counsels on Sabbath School Work." All of these serve to make more readily available counsel and instruction highly valued, but, prior to the issuance of these volumes, not generally available. In each case the issuance of these new books represents merely the gathering together of that

which was formerly published or was on file in manuscript form, and publishing it for general present-day circulation. It does not represent revisions or changes in the writings as they were left by Ellen White.

The second line of endeavor of far-reaching influence, has to do with broadening the availability of the E. G. White writings to those who do not read the English language. Good progress has been made in this work, as is indicated by the fact that "Steps to Christ" has been published in fifty-six languages and has had a circulation of 4,000,000 copies; "The Great Controversy" in twenty-five languages with well over 1,000,000 copies sold; and "The Ministry of Healing," in nine languages, with nearly a million copies in the field.

Frequently, because of the limited buying power of the people of other lands, and because the size of the book may expand as much as fifty per cent when translated, it is not always possible to publish large books in their entirety in the foreign languages. To meet such conditions, the Trustees have made abridgements of, or selections from, the larger books which are frequently used, where the full book would be out of the question. Such a procedure is in harmony with a sound principle enunciated by Mrs. White,—that it is better for a large number to have a part of what she had written than for a small number to have it all. The abridging of the E. G. White books does not involve the changing of the teaching or even of the wording, but merely a selecting of those chapters and paragraphs which will be of most value when the full book cannot be used.

The third major line of endeavor conducted by the Trustees, pertains to the custody of the Manuscript File. As stated, the principal lines of instruction were well covered by Mrs. White in print while she was living. As our denominational activities broaden, however, there are certain lines of instruction and counsel sent originally to a rather limited number of workers in the earlier days, which are now called for by a much enlarged group of workers engaged in the same lines of endeavor. A definite illustration of this is found in the book "Medical Ministry," which is a publication of many messages of counsel and admonition sent to medical missionary workers when our activities in this line were limited, and a few type-written copies reached the principal workers. Recognizing the tremendous growth in our medical work, and a large group of workers who would value the counsel sent out in early days, this book was arranged for, and published in 1932.

From time to time, issues of a local character arise in various places. Many of these are similar in principle to those which were dealt with in a local way by Ellen White when she was living. The messages given to meet such local conditions, as found in her manuscript files, are many times helpful today in meeting conditions of a similar character. At times it is deemed advisable to put formerly unpublished matter into print for general circulation. These releases are made through printed volumes, articles in our periodicals and various pamphlets and leaflets as may be arranged by the Trustees of the Ellen G. White Publications and the officers of the General Conference.

For eighteen years following Mrs. White's death, the originally appointed Trustees labored together in the fulfillment of their solemn trust. The files and work remained at "Elmshaven," near St. Helena, California. Elder W. C. White, who, following his father's death in 1881, had been associated with his mother's work, carried the office of secretary and devoted his full time to the several lines

of endeavor in the hands of the Trustees. During the past four years, however, four of the Trustees have passed to their rest. In harmony with the provision made by Mrs. White, others have been selected to continue the Trusteeship, and at present the following serve in this capacity: F. M. Wilcox, J. L. McElhaney, M. E. Kern, Steen Rasmussen, and the writer.

Early in 1938, in harmony with plans of long standing, the files and work of the office of the Ellen G. White Publications were transferred from the rented quarters in California, to the office of the General Conference at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. A commodious vault in the General Conference office building now holds the valuable records in the care of the Trustees, and the work is conducted from the world headquarters of the denomination.

Financial support for the work of the Trustees is provided by the General Conference as a part of the denominational activity, and the small royalty income from Mrs. White's books passes to the General Conference treasury. Neither the members of Mrs. White's family, the Trustees, nor others benefit financially from the broadening distribution of the E. G. White books.

And thus the work of broadening the influence of the precious messages given through the Spirit of prophecy continues, fulfilling the prediction: "Even though I should not live, these words that have been given me by the Lord, will still have life and will speak to the people."

(This is the last of the series on the life of Ellen G. White.)

## Young African Missionaries That Need Training

By W. E. Read,

Many of our young people in Africa know what it means to suffer for the truth's sake. One young girl in Nigeria decided to follow Jesus. Her brother flogged her so severely that she nearly lost her life. However, she recovered and by her love to her brother she ultimately won him for the Saviour. Now he is a baptized member of the church.

A little fellow named Matthias gave his heart to the Lord but his parents beat him and sent him away from home. He remained faithful to God, however, and friends took compassion on him and cared for him, but the Lord touched the hearts of the father and mother and now they are followers of the same Jesus, and baptized members of the church of God.

Everywhere the enemy is active in his opposition to God's people. In East Africa some of our believers were working on a European plantation; several of our young men were among them. They had labored there for a long time and were always granted Sabbath privileges. But soon a "Pharaoh arose that knew not Joseph" and without warning all were ordered to work on the Sabbath. There were forty-eight of our young people involved but nearly all of them chose to leave this remunerative employment rather than work on the Sabbath and be disloyal to God.

Pastor McClements, leader of our work in Nigeria, writes: "One missionary volunteer group hired bicycles and went to a place nearly fifty miles away. There they sang hymns and preached on the coming of Jesus. The result was that forty-four people became earnest Sabbath-keepers. Last year the Missionary Volunteers of another church

witnessed in no less than seventeen towns and won fifty souls to the truth."

Similar stories could be told from Uganda, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, from Liberia and from the Cameroons and Kenya. Young people go out in groups singing in the villages and witnessing for the Lord Jesus. As a result large numbers of people year by year are joining the Sabbath schools. In one place a number of young men who desired to be Christians were beaten thirty or forty times and given only half their food ration. One was chained and locked in a room for coming to Sabbath school, but all stood firm. As a result of their faithful witness there are now over one hundred Sabbath school members and thirty-nine in the baptismal class. But a little while ago these people were cannibals.

It is to train these enthusiastic young men and women of Africa that we are asking our Sabbath schools around the world to bring in a large overflow in the Thirteenth Sabbath offering this quarter.

Let us thank God for what He is doing in the hearts of men everywhere and pray that in our own lives we may know victory over sin. Thus we may be ready for the coming of the Lord, ready to welcome Him when He returns.

## Changes

By C. D. Forshee,

Another General Conference has come and gone. It was a meeting to which the whole world field had been looking forward for a number of months. From reports received from those in attendance it was a good meeting, and will no doubt bring courage and strength to God's people for the trying days ahead.

At such meetings, changes are usually made in our working forces, and this proved to be no exception. These changes will bring to us both sorrow and joy. They bring to us a tinge of sadness as members of our family sever their connections and move to new fields of labor. Again there is a spirit of joyous anticipation as new workers come to fill the places made vacant by those leaving. Both of these experiences have come to us here in the Division office, and no doubt were shared by those in the field as they heard of the changes made.

We are sorry that Brother C. L. Torrey, who for the past five years has served as our Division Treasurer, did not find it possible to return to this field. Brother Torrey came to us at the time of the General Conference of 1936. Upon him and Brother Armstrong rested the burden of moving the Division office and equipment from Baguio in the Philippine Islands to the beautiful city of Singapore, and of setting up temporary offices here until a permanent home could be found. Those who have visited the Division compound at 800 Thomson Road and inspected the spacious office and grounds, will agree that a fine work was done. We who follow after appreciate the comfortable homes and convenient office which we now enjoy.

While Brother Torrey's work in the office did not allow him to be in the field as much as he would have liked, yet he was able to spend some time each year in visiting the various unions. Those who came in contact with him were greatly helped by his private and public ministry. At the same time his kindly and timely advice regarding financial matters has been of real value in bringing the finances of the various institutions and organiza-



*Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Williams, who will arrive in Singapore early in September. Brother Williams is the recently-elected Division Treasurer*

tions to the sound position they now enjoy. It has not been easy during these days of rapid changes in the business world to preserve an even balance.

We appreciate, Brother Torrey, what you have done and wish you and Mrs. Torrey much of the Lord's blessing and the very best of success in your new field of labor.

We are happy to know that Mr. Paul L. Williams will soon be with us to take up his duties as the Treasurer of the Division. Brother Williams comes to us with over twenty-one years of experience in our neighboring China Division. He and Sister Williams have labored in Nanning, Canton, and Hong Kong, and for a total of fourteen years Brother Williams has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the South China Union, where Sister Williams has also assisted in the office. We anticipate that their services will be of great value to the work throughout the Division and to the treasurers in particular.

Brother and Sister Williams, we wish to take this opportunity of welcoming you to the Far Eastern Division, to our pleasures and joys, and to our problems and perplexities. We are glad you are coming.

## Statistical Correction

At the time when the statistical number of the Outlook was prepared, the total sales report of the Japan Publishing House was not available. This has since been received, and the amount for the year 1940 in US dollars is 30,146.57. The amended total for the Division now becomes 144,512.37.

W. P. B.

"Those who minister to the people need to eat the bread of life. This will give them spiritual strength; then they will be prepared to minister to all classes of people. The piety, the spiritual energy of the church is sustained by feeding on the bread that came down from heaven." — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, p. 308.

"It would not do for God to make Christianity profitable in a physical or in a financial way to those who serve Him. . . . God cannot afford this. He must put all men on an equal basis. If any difference is to be made, it is better that the way of the Christian be made a little harder." — M. L. Andreasen.

## The Medical Work in Palau

By J. O. Bautista,

In our pioneering work in this field, we have always felt the need of a strong medical work, —the right arm and great entering wedge of the third angel's message. What we have been able to accomplish along this branch of our work is very meager indeed. In the evenings, Mrs. Bautista gives hot-water treatments in the homes of those who need them. About the middle of 1939, the Union sent us a supply of medicines, and since then we have been enabled to render help to a greater number of people, especially those who have trouble with their ears, eyes, and stomachs, and those who are afflicted with sores and other skin diseases.

We are glad to report that even from the little efforts we are putting forth at present we are seeing some encouraging results. Some months ago, Mrs. Bautista attended to one of our young sisters who was suffering from a pain in her side. At that time she came in contact with this sister's mother, a gray-haired woman named Mokorong. She was a strong supporter of the native religion, and as such she is considered a "hard nut," because such persons are generally hard to convert to other religions, especially Christianity. When the invitation was extended to her to attend our meetings, she refused at first, saying that she had no money to bring as an offering. But she was told that she did not need to give any if she did not have the money.

The next Sabbath she attended church. Her relatives who are members of our church showed much interest in her and gave her some money for an offering. After hearing the message preached for some time, she was convinced and converted. Before long she began to give her tithe; now she gives her offerings regularly and even raises money for the Investment Fund and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Before she could be baptized, however, she had to give up her chewing habit. It was surely a hard struggle with a habit which she had acquired in childhood, but God gave her the victory over it. She was buried with her Lord in the watery grave on December 10, 1939, to walk in the newness of life.

Several others will be ready to receive baptism in the near future who have been drawn to the message through the medical work, either directly or indirectly.

There is a great need of educating the natives in this field in the principles of healthful living. Because of superstition, ignorance, and unclean habits, sickness and suffering are seen on every hand. Diseases of the skin and the respiratory organs are common and those who are sick with contagious diseases mingle freely with others.

It is planned to have a treatment room in connection with our church building which we hope will be erected soon. Once such a unit is established, it will be very easy to gain the confidence and friendship of the people, thus paving the way for the entrance of the message into their hearts. Already, some whose attitude toward us has been far from friendly are now favorable to us because of the help they have received.

Those who have found relief will be our best advertisers as we have learned from experience. Anything good done for them is noised far and near. One day we met an old woman walking with the aid of a walking stick, trembling as she went along. Mrs. Bautista told her we might be able to help her. After giving her fomentations on the

back three times, she could walk long distances, sometimes even dispensing with her stick. Many people are surprised at her improved condition, and she tells everyone that she has been helped by us. Thus others are being drawn to us who otherwise would not want to approach us at all. Mrs. Ochiai has joined in this work and is rendering valuable help. Even then, cases are coming to us more than we are able to take care of. People in the main island have heard what we are doing, and they request us to visit them and heal their illnesses. If we can secure the services of a full-time medical worker, we believe more will be accomplished in bringing physical blessing to the people and in the saving of many precious souls for the heavenly kingdom.

(The above was article written some time before Brother and Sister Bautista returned from Palau to the Philippines, —Editor).



Medical work made  
the first contact  
with this Palau  
believer

## The Printed Page in The Philippine Islands

By E. W. Bahr,

The Philippines is one of the outstanding countries where the printed page has wrought wonderful results during the past years as well as at the present time. The word of the Spirit of Prophecy has proved to be true where it says: "The work of the canvasser-evangelist whose heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good. The presentation of the truth in love and simplicity from house to house is in harmony with the instruction that Christ gave his disciples when He sent them out on their first missionary tour." — *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 98.

It was my privilege during the few months of my stay in the Philippines to visit most of the centers of our missions and to become acquainted with the colporteur-evangelistic work and also to assist with colporteur institutes. We did not have a very large attendance during these recent institutes as we have had in past years, however, I felt a good spirit of cooperation and a desire to save souls, which was manifested by the colporteurs. It did my heart good to listen to the testimonies of our gospel messengers and to learn of how they succeeded in bringing precious souls to the Lord.

As long as the love of Christ for lost sinners is the motive of their labor, the proclamation of the gospel by the use of books and periodicals can not and will not be in vain. This knowledge will stimulate all servants of God to lend a helping hand in order to revive the colporteur-evangelistic work, especially in the fields where this feature has become a little weak.

In conducting the colporteur institutes in the different fields, the field secretaries and directors did their best in promoting and advancing the colporteur work. Elder Urquhart from the Union and Brother Leland gave good spiritual instructions which were much appreciated. In South-Central Luzon Mission one colporteur met an interested person to whom he gave a Bible study until twelve o'clock at night. As the colporteur could not handle alone the interest created, he wrote to the mission office for help. As a result of his labor in that place, already thirty-nine have been baptized in three baptisms. In this same mission one colporteur, together with the field secretary, came to a village where they were overtaken by a strong rain and storm. The storm became stronger and the house where they stayed was destroyed. They had to sleep outside with the sky for a roof. Although they were drenched by the rain, they held a meeting. Many became interested and after several months these two colporteur-evangelists met several persons from the same place who asked them, "Do you know us? We read your books and now we are baptized members." These experiences help to encourage the workers.

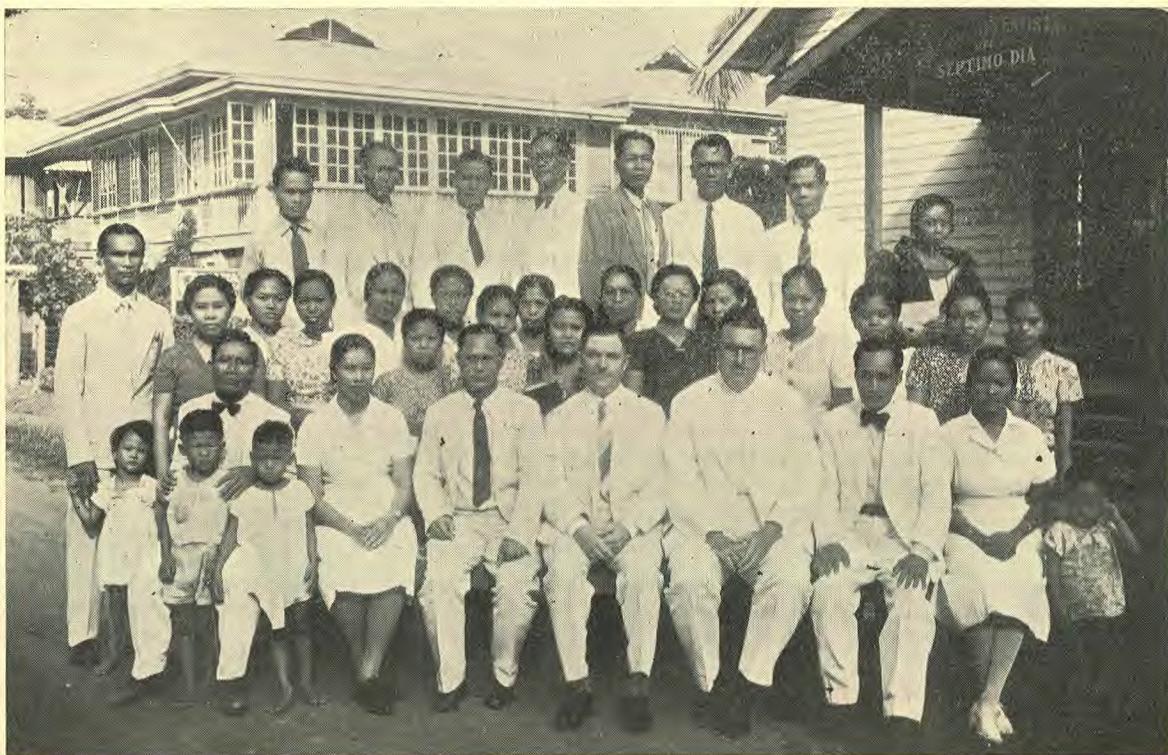
The largest attendance in our colporteur institutes was at the one we had at Cebu, where our long-experienced field secretary, Brother Sta. Rita, leads out in a strong way. About fifty colporteurs were present. The assistant colporteur lead-

ers are also very enthusiastic about their work. One experience related by Brother Sta. Rita at the close of the meetings bears out the statement of Sister White on page 6 of the *Colporteur Evangelist*; "It is true that some who buy books will leave them on the shelves or place them on the parlor table and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read."

A certain rich man bought a book from a colporteur. As he was afraid that this book would influence his children because it was an Adventist book, he wrapped it carefully with paper and hid it in the ceiling. When he died his children came and divided everything including the furniture among them. After everyone had his part, one of them thought that perhaps the father had hidden some valuable things in a secret place, so everyone went and searched around. Finally one of them went to the ceiling and found something wrapped in paper. He thought that he had found something very precious, and all the children waited for the package to be unwrapped. They were spellbound, but to their astonishment, it was only a book, "The Great Controversy."

"What shall we do?" one of them said. "We can not divide that book." They decided that they should all read the book in turns. Everyone of them read the book and all of them became Adventists. Surely, God has His hands over the precious seeds of His word. Brother Sta. Rita told me that in 1940 there were forty souls who were baptized as a result of the colporteur work and that fifty-eight are now waiting for baptism.

In the West Visayan Mission one book leader made the following testimony: He had a good profession but left it in order to canvass. His friends warned him not to do so, saying, "You have a big family to support and it would be better



Colporteur Institute of the West Visayan Mission, 1941

for you to stay by your profession." He went on canvassing and once in his way he was almost killed by a carabao, but a man came and stopped the carabao and saved his life. While canvassing he often told the people to invite their neighbors in so that he could preach to them. In one place twenty souls were interested in the truth.

After having conducted a small institute in one part of the large Mindanao field where Brother Cometa is doing a good work, I attended a district meeting. In the West Visayan field in the island of Leyte, it was my privilege to attend three district meetings. The best one we had in a place called Sangahon. Our believers were very responsive to the message and revealed their earnest desire to give their life entirely to God and take an active part in the finishing of the work. It was a very impressive scene when Pastor Sabrine at the end of the meeting led thirty-three dear souls into the watery grave and baptized them. When this group including many young persons and sisters as well as other older ones stood by the shore in the quietness of the passing day, all felt the presence of the Lord, and with tears in their eyes these dear souls decided in their hearts not to live any longer for themselves but for Him who died for them. Among the thirty-three souls were twenty who were a result of the work of one lay preacher who went from door to door scattering tracts and giving Bible studies. Some of them were brought in by the colporteurs.

What a great work could be done if lay members as well as colporteurs would make use of the truth-filled literature. Who would like to join the great force which is already laboring untiringly? Who will follow the call, "Go ye into my vineyard and labor?" Surely, you shall receive your proper reward.

## School Opening Time

By W. P. Bradley

It is the time when schools are opening for a new year in the Philippines, and good reports are commencing to arrive concerning them. Professor L. M. Stump, President of the Philippine Union College writes:

"Our classes are beginning, but registration has not yet finished. We have to date enrolled as follows, in the various departments:

Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	120
High School	-	-	-	-	-	180
College	-	-	-	-	-	109
Special	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total						414

On this date last year, the enrollment was 486.

"Because of unsettled conditions, many of our students who had sent in their applications have cancelled them. However, we are of good courage, and, if we can retain those that we have, we will have enough to keep the College running. I understand the academies are all going to have an increased enrollment, especially in that so many of the students are remaining in the provinces.

"I am very happy at the way our school is getting along at the beginning of this year. There seems to be a good spirit and good cooperation."

Professor R. R. Senson, Principal of Northern Luzon Academy reports:

"You will be interested to hear that this year we have broken all previous records in our enrollment. To date we have a total enrollment of 321. In the high school department we have 227 stu-



Mr. and Mrs. F. H. A. Ficker of Batavia, our new workers in the Netherlands East Indies, who came to us from South Africa. Brother Ficker is the Union Field Missionary Secretary, and is busily engaged in language study at the present time.

dents. In the first year alone there are 120. This makes our problem very perplexing. We do not have enough teachers and the best that we can do is to divide the first year classes into two divisions which are still too large. But what else can we do? We do not have sufficient teachers to cope with the situation. Some teachers have to teach seven periods a day beside their extra-curricular work.

"We are so happy that the addition to the administration building is completed minus the ceiling and other things. We hold our chapel in the second story of our administration building. We do not know what we would do if we did not have this addition. You will recall our chapel seating some time ago when you visited our school. It was pretty crowded then, and our enrollment was about 125 or 130 in the high school. We felt that we had to go ahead in putting up the addition, although we were not really prepared to finance the project. We hope that by the end of this new school year we shall be able to clear up any obligation that we have with the mission, and I believe that, God helping us, we shall be able to square up all our accounts with the outside world within the next six or seven months. I do not like to see us indebted with anybody.

"We are of good courage in the Lord. My teachers are all devoted to their tasks and I do not believe you will find any group of teachers anywhere that are more cooperative and loyal to the administration than this one."

Professor U. M. Oliva of the East Visayan Academy writes:

"You may be interested to know about our enrollment. The academic enrollment is 94, and the enrollment for grades five and six is 24. You will note that we have some increase in the High School. Last year we had 75 against 94 this year. We have a big first year class. I rejoice over this little progress of God's work in this school. We have a good number of students in the dormitories. This shows that our people are now awakening to the value of Christian education.

"We have made some improvement in our dormitories. We are now putting in lockers for our students, and we have installed in both dormitories fluorescent lamps. Our water supply is excellent. We are making more beds and more chairs. The dining room and kitchen have been screened. We have enclosed a part of the ground floor of the boys' dormitory for the first year class."



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#### DIVISION NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jewkes and their two small daughters, Elaine and Marilyn, and Mrs. C. D. Forsee sailed from Singapore on August 2, 1941, to return to their homes in America. We trust and pray that these friends and fellow-workers will have a safe and pleasant journey and a happy reunion with friends and families in their homeland.

Among the first of the delegates to return from the General Conference are Pastor E. A. Moon and Pastor Phang Yin Hee, who arrived in Singapore on August 9. Pastor Mandias accompanied them from the United States as far as Manila, and there he transhipped to go direct to Java. It is a pleasure to welcome these friends back to the Far East and to hear their good reports of the meeting in San Francisco.

Pastor and Mrs. W. W. R. Lake passed through Singapore recently, returning to Sarawak from Australia, where they enjoyed a short holiday. Both looked very much refreshed from the change of climate.

Pastor Bowers, who was Acting-Director of the British North Borneo Mission, has returned to Singapore. Pastor G. B. Youngberg, who arrived in Singapore on August 9, will soon be back in his field in Borneo.

Professor and Mrs. A. M. Ragsdale and daughter, Marylou Joyce, sailed from Manila on June 30 for their furlough. Their friends wish for them a pleasant voyage and a good rest at home.

The Division and Union compounds were happy to have as their guests for a brief period a number of workers who were passing through Singapore on the way to India and South Africa. Those enroute to India were: Miss Gladys Hurd; Mr. and Mrs. Roccoe Lowry and daughter, Lobeth; Mr. and Mrs. William McHenry and daughter, Nola; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Champion and children, Patricia, Robert, and Dorothy. Those going to South Africa were: Dr. and Mrs. L. Paul Foster and daughter, Barbara Jean; Miss Helen Lude; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Edwards and daughter, Shelagh; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Vixie and children, Joyce and Donald; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Blake, Mrs. W. J. Blake, and Miss Bessie Irvine arrived in Manila on July 31, returning from furlough.

#### "SO YOU'RE THE SECRETARY"

By Rosamond D. Ginther

This is the title of a new book just off the press, prepared particularly for the secretaries of our Sabbath schools who are looking for something that will help them in writing their report week by week in such an interesting and helpful setting that those who are present at Sabbath school will look forward to hearing this feature of the program. For several years there has been a growing demand for help of this kind. To meet this demand, Miss Emma E. Howell, who for some time was the secretary of the Takoma Park Sabbath school, was asked by the General Conference Sabbath School Department to prepare a manuscript that would give not only a series of reports, but also some instruction to secretaries as to their duties and how to discharge them in their relation to the Sabbath school. Hence the book, "So You're the Secretary," is sent forth on its mission with the hope that it will make the work of the successful secretaries even more successful, and aid those who are inexperienced to become more diligent in the discharge of their duties, and see in their calling a very definite service to God that will help to make the Sabbath school one of God's greatest soul-winning agencies.

In her book, Miss Howell gives twenty-nine reports. The following are a few of the titles:

- "A Sabbath School If"
- "The Hands of Time"
- "An Air Line Report"
- The Seniors and the Sabbath School"
- "The Magic Mirror"
- "A Home Division Report"
- "The Sab. School Tool Chest"
- "The Sabbath School Keys"
- "A Newspaper Report"
- "Sabbath School A B C's"
- "A Radio Report from the Mission Field"
- "Pen Pictures of the Sabbath School"

Miss Howell was for a number of years connected with the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, so has had a wide and active experience, not only in missionary volunteer work but also in the Sabbath school. In her book she gives definite and helpful instruction as to the duties of the Sabbath school secretary, and exalts the privileges and opportunities that come to the faithful secretary. Those who are secretaries, or who hope to fill that position at sometime will want the book. It is cloth bound, lettered in gold, and contains a hundred and twenty-eight pages. Price US\$1. Order through your Tract Society.

Genuine conversion is needed, not once in years, but daily. This conversion brings man into a new relation with God. Old things, his natural passions and hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong, pass away, and he is renewed and sanctified. But this work must be continual; for as long as Satan exists, he will make an effort to carry on his work. His heart needs to be barricaded by constant watchfulness and prayer or else the embankment will give way; and like a mill-stream, the undercurrent of wrong will sweep away the safeguards. No renewed heart can be kept in a condition of sweetness without the daily application of the salt of the word. Divine grace must be received daily, or no man will stay converted.—Mrs. E. G. White.