

Remember Indonesia

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The East and West Java Mission Sessions were held in March, also the Indonesia Union Committee meeting. These were all important meetings. Aggressive plans were made for the growing work in Java in the local mission sessions and the Union Committee gave serious study to the pressing needs throughout the expansive, populous Indonesia Union.

The distracted political conditions following the war, together with the difficulties during the war, have multiplied the problems facing the church. It has been a time of testing. Some have been imprisoned, others died from cruel treatment. Nearly one-half of the church membership at Ambon is missing, due largely to starvation. Nevertheless the church has stood the test and throughout the union the work has continued. The increase in membership is a witness to the faithfulness of the workers and laity.

Living conditions have greatly improved in the last year. Food is more plentiful and transportation facilities are also more adequate. While some sections of the field are still cut off, it is hoped that before long all the churches can be visited.

Following the meetings in Java, it was the privilege of H. R. Emmerson, P. L. Williams and the writer to accompany the officers of the union on a visit to the North Celebes, with stopovers at Makassar. It was a pleasure to meet again with the members in Makassar in their church building erected just prior to the war, and fortunately not destroyed although some looting was done. As we left Makassar, going by plane, we could look off to the valley of Torajalan where the work was started before the war. The man who had accepted the message in that field shortly before the war and who was leading out in promoting the work, is now dead and no one has gone into this needy field to take up the burdens he laid down. Here is a challenge which the Indonesia Union committee is endeavoring to answer in 1948. We pray that someone can enter this section of the South Celebes Mission soon.

Many people have been won to this truth by the workers and laity in the North Celebes Mission and the workers there are finding it difficult to meet the demands of a rapidly growing work. L. R. Winkler and his wife have just recently arrived in the Orient. They are locating in Kawangkoan and will head the school being established in that field. This is a new project, contemplated prior to the war but just this year getting started. Land purchases have been made and plans for the buildings have been drawn. The building material, aside from the hardware, will be cut

from the forest and hauled to the school site. Until sufficient buildings can be provided, the school will be accommodated in a rented building. Hundreds of youth are looking forward to the day when they can enroll. Because of the large number applying for admittance, we are sorry to say that many must wait.

The courage of the church at Menado, the port city of the North Celebes, is good as was shown by the number who attended the meetings. The church building suffered severely during a bombing raid. Temporary repairs have been made and the work goes forward even under handicaps.

Pastor Londa, the superintendent of the mission, and his staff of workers need our prayers. A. T. Siong, the secretary-treasurer, was happy to have the books audited by P. L. Williams and H. D. Johnson. He faithfully carried on during all the troubled war years and it is greatly to his credit that the mission books were faithfully and accurately kept during all this time.

The stretches of unentered territory present a challenge to the Indonesia Union. The Dutch government is making extensive plans to develop sections of New Guinea. Now is the opportune time to enter there with our work. Two of the workers volunteered for service in this promising field and with their families hope to enter in 1948 to pioneer the work there.

Plans were laid to reorganize the South Sumatra Mission and now that arrangements have been worked out for a mission session in North Sumatra, May 5-10, it is hoped that the growing interests in the island of Sumatra can be given more adequate supervision. There have been many baptisms during the interval but the membership of the mission in Sumatra is not known.

G. A. Campbell is now in North Sumatra to conduct the first colporteur institute since the war. Some literature has been printed by the Malayan Signs Press and this will give the colporteurs some long awaited books to sell.

The Indonesia Union is a needy but promising field. The staff of workers is inadequate to meet the pressing calls. Only four missionary families have been in the field during 1947. Two families have joined the staff thus far in 1948. Three more families are under call and two families are on furlough. The staff of national workers also decreased during the war and with no training school in operation additional workers were not in training.

There is a marked degree of courage and optimism manifested throughout the field and a promise of rapid advance if the necessary staff of workers can enter the open doors. Pray for the work in the Indonesia Union.

Second Baptism on Guam

Christmas day, 1947, witnessed the second baptism on the island of Guam. Six precious souls buried the sins of the past in the baptismal waters, rising to walk with their Lord in the newness of life.

This island of the Central Pacific was entered by the third angel's message toward the close of the year 1944. It took one of our American servicemen, who was then stationed on the island, to sow the seeds of truth in this stronghold of Catholicism. This young man had more than ordinary courage, a determination to let his light shine and an eagerness to spread this truth. One Sabbath, Henry Metzker, of Sutherlin, Oregon, a pharmacist's mate, first class, U.S.N.R., inquired at the home of Mr. Manuel F. Ulloa as to the location of a Seventh-day Adventist church on the island. The Ulloas were members of another faith and Mrs. Ulloa answered his inquiry with a question as to who and what Seventh-day Adventists were. That started the giving of a series of Bible studies which led to the acceptance of this faith by the entire Ulloa family. About one year later, Dr. A. N. Nelson and Pastor F. R. Millard, while on their way to join the American occupation forces in Japan, had the privilege of spending a little time on the island. At this time Brother and Sister Ulloa were baptized, together with six of their children and a nephew. From then on others were brought into the truth through the efforts of these first believers.

This second group to be baptized consisted of five Guamanians and one Filipino. Several others, who were not quite ready for baptism, are in a baptismal class and will be baptized by the worker who will be permanently assigned to the field. This third group will be composed of Guamanians, Filipinos and Palauans. A woman 64 years old, an older sister of Brother Ulloa, was among the number to be baptized. It did not take her long to be convinced of the Sabbath truth after the Ulloas had accepted it. She is very glad that her life was spared long enough to find the light. The Filipino is a young man who is at present working for one of the company contractors for the U.S. Navy. Before the war the Sabbath school secretary of his home town took an interest in him and worked hard to win him to God. It was during the war, when he became a member of the guerrilla band in the Philippines and experienced many answers to prayers and special deliverances, that he was impressed to give himself in wholehearted service to the Master. After receiving thorough instruction, he was ready for the sacred rite.

Won Through the "Signs"

The rest of the company baptized are members of the family of Miguel C. Taitano, who has been serving as superintendent of the Sabbath school even long before he was baptized. These were started on their way to the kingdom of God by the use of our missionary paper, *The Signs of the Times*. This came about as follows:

Sister Ulloa was teaching in the village school and, on her way to and from said school, she had to pass the police box. Mr. Taitano was one of the policemen and, being formerly a fellow member of a certain church, he and Sister Ulloa were acquainted with each other. At the time Bible studies were being conducted in the Ulloa home by several servicemen for some interested persons. As she passed by the box one day, Sister Ulloa extended the invitation to Mr. Taitano to attend this Bible class. He promised to come but when the time came for the holding of the class only one of his daughters showed up. The following week, however, he attended. When his minister learned about it, he was warned not to attend. He did not want to displease his leader so discontinued going to the class.

Sometime later, thinking that an article on the atomic bomb would be of interest to him, Sister Ulloa gave him a copy of the *Signs* with that as the subject treated on the front page. But in the same issue was an article on *The Sabbath*. Before reaching the police box on her way home the same day, Sister Ulloa overheard Mr. Taitano talking with another man on the Sabbath question. She approached them quietly with the question, "Did you read the paper I gave you, Mr. Taitano?"

"Yes, all of it," came the answer.

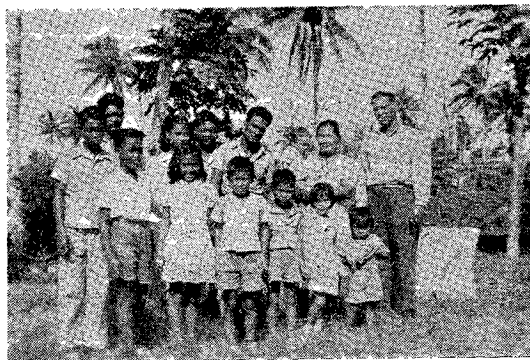
"Well, did you enjoy reading it?" she again asked.

"Immensely," he replied. Then he added the surprising remark, "I also read in the paper about the seventh-day Sabbath and from now on you can count on me as a Sabbathkeeper."

When he went home that day, Mr. Taitano consulted all the dictionaries and encyclopedias he could find about Sunday and Saturday to find out what these authorities had to say about them. He was given more papers on the subject and later someone loaned him a copy of the book, *Bible Readings*. Convinced at last of the Sabbath truth, he began attending the services with his family. He, his wife and one of his daughters were baptized. The other members of the family are attending regularly and are preparing for baptism. Not long ago Brother Taitano was elected to represent his village in the Guam Congress, but because he cannot keep the Sabbath in so doing, he resigned.

Another member of this baptismal group is Mrs. Magdalena T. Flores, a sister of Brother Taitano. She teaches in the Mongmong school where Sister Ulloa is the principal. She had her first contact with Seventh-day Adventists when a meeting was held at her home by the brethren, for her sister had manifested some interest in the message. Sister Ulloa continued to talk with her and provided her with literature. When it became evident that she would accept the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists, her sisters, who are members of another church, invited her to attend the Bible class being conducted by their minister to prove that the seventh day is not the right day to keep as the Sabbath. After hearing all the arguments in favor of Sunday keeping, she was convinced that there is no scriptural foundation for keeping it as a rest day. She then began to keep the Sabbath and with her children attends our services. The husband tried to dissuade her to the very last but she told him that she is determined to follow what she knows is the truth, regardless of the consequences. Now she is very active in passing on to her folks and other friends the message which brought great joy to her heart.

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MIGUEL C. TAITANO AND FAMILY.

Christian Home Council

During the month of March it was my privilege to attend three conventions in Java in the interests of the Christian Home Council. Mrs. I. C. Schmidt, the secretary of the Christian Home Council for the Indonesia Union, was in charge of these conventions and led out in a strong way. Her ability and versatility in speaking both the Dutch and the Malay languages was a real help in the meetings.

The first convention was held in Bandoeng. A large number of interested church members met each day during the three-day session and listened intently at the various subjects pertaining to the home were presented.

A second convention of equal length in period of time was held in Batavia. Again a large group of church members came each morning and remained through the day for the meetings. All manifested a very deep interest in the work.

The third convention was held in Soerabaja. At this place the largest group of people gathered each day to listen to the studies given. We were sorry that time did not permit us to dwell at length on each subject. This was especially true as we presented the material on food and health. It is the hope that at a later date more time can be given to a study of these important subjects. Surely the people are ready to study and anxious to learn more about raising the standard of the home. They are anxious to know more about the care of the health and also about food problems.

In all of these conventions large numbers of the young people attended regularly and were interested in the various subjects. They were particularly interested in the lessons on *Christian Story Telling* and songs and devices to help make the Sabbath school, and also the story hour in the home, more interesting to the children. We truly have an army of young people who are ready and willing to study methods whereby they can become better Sabbath School teachers and future home makers.

Classes giving attention to these subjects should be carried on in every church. We must train this vast army of youth. At the meetings conducted on *The Story Hour*, large groups of children were present and took great interest in the stories and songs presented. The Soerabaja church has organized a youth's choir and this fine choir gave much help in the way of special music.

The work of the Christian Home Council is beginning in a good way in Indonesia and we should remember Mrs. Schmidt and her co-workers as they plan to carry forward this important phase of the last day message to the people in the territory of Indonesia.

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Word from Indo-China

We quote from a letter received by J. M. Nerness from Richard Figuhr:

"They had a wonderful demonstration of the power of God in Dalat lately. It seems that a girl, married and the mother of a child about one year of age, was demon possessed. They went to all kinds of re-

ligionists, even to the Catholic priest, who advised them to visit a Buddhist shrine down near the coast in hopes that this would relieve her of the demon. Nothing availed and at last they came to Sister LeBris. They called a group of the church members together and had prayer for her. She was made entirely well and remembers nothing of her unfortunate period. The girl is a willing listener to Sister LeBris, but her husband is quite hostile and so they must tread softly.

"I don't know if you have heard of the attack on the convoy to Dalat. It took place about two weeks ago, and over two hundred people were killed. It is reported that sixty or more trucks were burned, and the goods were burned or taken off into the brush. There is hardly anyone in Dalat who did not have a friend or relative in that convoy. The stories we heard are gruesome to think about. There were three attacks, and the French soldiers used up most of their munitions in the first two attacks and had little left for the third. A mine was set off under the lead car and it blocked the road. The burned relics are strung along for about five miles, and the odor of decaying bodies hangs heavily in the air. We seriously feel it unwise to go out in the country very much more. Some of the survivors were taken out into the brush and were shown the supplies the Viet Minh have on hand. They've got everything from radios to Bazookas, and seem to be very well organized. The U.S. Vice Consul says they have attacks in Tourane every night. The Christian Alliance have lost three of their pastors up there. Things seem to be winding up all over the world, and we've got so much to do."

Brethren Wallace, Storz and Figuhr and their families and all the believers in the Indo-China Mission need the prayers of God's people that they may know how to carry on their work in these trying times.

C. P. S.

North Borneo Mission Annual Meeting

The North Borneo Mission annual meeting was held at Tamparuli, April 2-10, 1948. It was an eager, spiritually hungry group that gathered for the anticipated feast of good things. Though our work among the Dusuns of North Borneo is comparatively new, the mission now has a membership of more than 400 and a Sabbath school membership of nearly 1000. Three hundred, including the children, were in attendance at the first Sabbath meetings.

The North Borneo Mission is under the direction of Robert Youngberg, a second generation missionary, his father having preceded him as superintendent of the field. Elder A. G. Youngberg died in the internment camp at Kuching, Sarawak, during the last war. Pastors Armstrong and Pratt of the Far Eastern Division, and Pastors Nerness and the writer from the Malayan Union Mission attended the meeting. There was a keen interest throughout the meeting; workers and lay members responded readily to the calls for fuller consecration and deeper devotion to the cause and truth of God.

Three high points in the meeting were: the voting of the company at Kiulu into the sisterhood of churches, the ordination to the gospel ministry of D. P. Siagian, and the baptism of 16 candidates on the last Sabbath morning of the annual meeting.

There is a bit of interesting history in connection with the raising up of the church in Kiulu. The work was first started by a lay member, Brother Dunko, a Dusun believer. The Dusuns are quite under the control of the witch doctors and their pagan superstitions.



REPRESENTATIVES FROM A CHRISTIAN DYAK VILLAGE.

The spirits of the departed are thought to live in certain parts of the jungle. The trees of such sections must not be cut without the permission of the witch doctor. If the haunts of the spirits are thus desecrated the people believe that the one cutting the trees will die. But our brother had learned the Bible truth regarding the state of the dead, and he had no fear of spirits or witch doctors. He decided to clear away the jungle. The people thought he would die but no harm came to him. Later when some of the people who had said he would die, had death come to them, they lost confidence in their witch doctors and turned to Brother Dunko. They became interested in knowing more about the true God. This interest was followed up by Brother Youngberg and Brother Bibi. The present church with 17 members and 100 Sabbath school members is the result of the interest awakened by a humble Dusun lay member.

An impressive ordination service was conducted on Friday, April 9, when D. P. Siagian was set apart to the sacred responsibility of the ministry. The introductory remarks were made by Pastor Armstrong; the ordination prayer was offered by Pastor Pratt; the charge was given by Pastor Nerness and the welcome was extended by Pastor Pohan. It was a good day for the church in the North Borneo Mission for the work was strengthened by the services of another ordained minister.

The early morning hours of the last Sabbath of the meeting will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed the baptismal service at the edge of a river flowing past the mission compound. Following the early morning meeting in the chapel, the group of candidates and others went directly to the place selected for the baptism. The hills, the trees, the sunshine, the birds and the flowing river all added to the inspiration of the scene. For the people of the surrounding countryside it was market day. They were carrying their produce up from the bamboo rafts, or unloading it from trucks along the roadside, as we crossed the bridge on the way to the river's side.

As they saw us gathering and heard the songs, many of them forgot the activities of the morning and stopped to witness what to them was a strange and probably meaningless rite. There was no demonstration and

we felt that these country people were impressed by the spirit of reverence that we felt in our hearts. Sixteen souls—most of whom were youth—were buried with their Lord in baptism and rose to walk in newness of life with Christ. Pastors Pohan and Sibarani conducted the service and 16 new names were recorded in the book of life.

It had been arranged for Pastor Armstrong and the writer to visit Kuching, Sarawak, on their return trip to Singapore. Brother C. C. Cleveland, the union treasurer, was at the mission auditing the mission books. He accompanied us the next day in our visit to the Ayer Manis school and two or three Dyak villages. With Pastor L. E. A. Fox, superintendent of the Sarawak Mission, as our guide, we took a bus to the 37th mile where the Ayer Manis (Sweet Water) school is located. After a short visit here and also partaking of a dinner, we visited a nearby Dyak village. This is a new village and is being built by Seventh-day Adventists and other interested people. It is called a Christian village. These folks are breaking away from their old villages in order to get away from the pagan influence of relatives and former associates. There is a marked contrast between the homes of these people and the ordinary homes of the Dyak people. Pastor Armstrong talked to these friends for a few minutes out in the open space in front of their homes, encouraging them in their desire for a better life. We later learned that nine of those present are preparing for baptism.

(To be concluded next week)

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PASTOR Fox (extreme right, rear) and a Group of non-Christians from a Dyak Village.

Evangelism in Singapore

Before His ascension Jesus spoke to the disciples saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." *Matt. 28:18-20.*

The Apostolic Church faithfully carried out this command, and in a few years Paul could happily report that, "the gospel . . . was preached to every creature which is under heaven." *Col. 1:23*. The large seaport cities, noted for their wickedness, where heathenism was rooted, seasoned and respected, they hesitated not to enter. "Philip was found in Azotus; and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea."

Acts 8:40. Paul purposed in the Spirit to preach the gospel at Rome, also in Spain. (*Acts 19:21; Rom. 15:28.*) "Even though the Holy Spirit witnessed in every city that bonds and affliction awaited," *Acts 20:23*, he kept steadfastly to his course till his journey was finished and his work done.

Into the wicked, idolatrous city of Corinth, where paganism was strong, seasoned and respectable, came also the heralds of the cross. The Jews made insurrection and brought Paul to the judgment seat. His work was dangerous and extremely difficult. There were times when he was lonely and afraid. But everywhere God has honest souls who are wistfully looking to heaven, praying with tears for someone to come and bring them the light of truth. Paul was deeply burdened for souls and God worked with him. "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." *Acts 18:9, 10.*

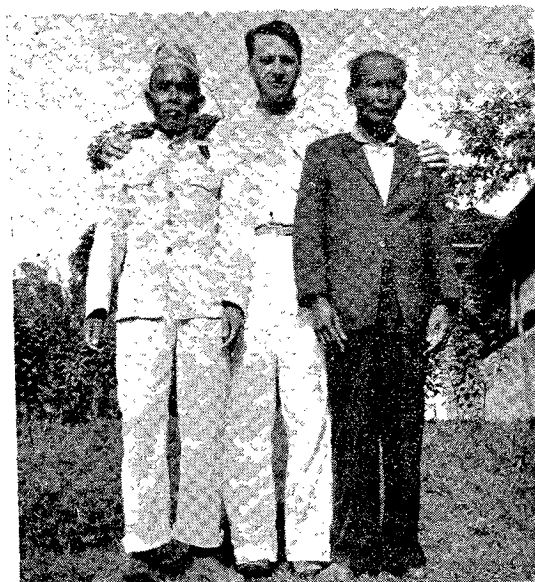
"All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance." *Vol. 7, p. 33.* God's servant has given many testimonies urging us to give the last message of mercy to the large cities which are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah for wickedness. In a letter written in 1909 she wrote: "The message, that I am bidden to bear to our people at this time, is work the cities without delay, for time is short." *Letter 168, 1909.* Again in 1910, the call was sounded: "The inhabitants of the ungodly cities, so soon to be visited by calamities, have been cruelly neglected. The time is near when large cities will be swept away, and all should be warned of these coming judgments."

The city of Singapore with a population of almost a million must hear this message in a greater way than ever before. Everywhere the light of truth is to shine forth, that hearts now in the sleep of ignorance may be awakened and converted. In all countries and cities the gospel is to be proclaimed with greater power than ever before. This is the last message of mercy. There are no more to follow.

The Chinese form by far the largest population group, numbering 728,000. Malays, Indians, Eurasians and Europeans make up the remainder of the population. During the occupation our church members suffered many losses. Some were put to death by the enemy, others, having no pastor to guide and lead them, became discouraged. A great work was done by the young people who carried the responsibilities of the services. Several baptisms were held as the result of the work done by the youth and Sister Amy Tan, who did Bible work in the homes of the people.

Our work so far has been mainly to get acquainted with the people, and lay plans for a greater work in the immediate future. We are in hopes of getting a suitable hall in which services for the public may be conducted. This is not always easy to find for good assembly halls are scarce in Singapore. We are awaiting word from the management of the Y.M.C.A. as to the possibility of renting their largest hall for a period of five months, three evenings each week.

Shortly after the Union session in March, services for the Seminary students during their chapel period were started. The primary purpose of these services is to give the students living outside the dormitory an opportunity to hear and accept the truth. Up to the time of the beginning of their vacation, we were meeting five times each week, three in the morning during the chapel period and twice in the evening during the re-



PASTOR PETERSON and the Two Dyak Chiefs who attended the Malayan Union Biennial Session.

gular worship time. The majority of these students are not members of our faith. Hence, a fruitful field lies next door to us and such an opportunity could not be passed by.

A Bible class, conducted by C. C. Cleveland, meets every Sabbath afternoon at 3:30. The 20th Century Bible Lessons are studied and a systematic plan is followed whereby the whole message will be covered. The class now has met for several weeks and has an enrollment of fifty. Many opportunities are presenting themselves. People seem anxious to learn about the Bible and God's plan of salvation. Two weeks ago a community Bible class was started in the home of a family who are members of the English church. A large number were present at the two meetings held thus far.

We are happy for the increased attendance at the Sabbath services and at the prayer meeting. It is an evidence that God's people are awake to the shortness of time and the necessity of getting ready to meet Jesus when He comes. Our first baptism was held May 1, when six young people were buried with their Lord. Two of these were young men—converts from the Mohammedan faith who had been won through the efforts of lay members of the church.

Our church is quite inadequate for the building up of our work in a strong way. The location is not desirable, and more rooms are needed for the Sabbath School divisions. At present there is only one room where the different age groups are obliged to meet together. This is not as it should be. If conditions are favorable, under God's guiding hand, we are thinking in terms of building a new church in the future.

We realize that what is to be done must be done quickly. The last movements will be rapid ones. God's judgments are in the land. Great changes are soon to take place. The calamities in different parts of the earth, the unsettled state of society, and the alarms of war are most portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The Spirit of God is gradually being withdrawn from the earth. Soon impending destruction of large cities, now almost given over to idolatry, will take place. We are nearing the great and final conflict. Every advance move made now must be made with increasing effort;

for Satan is working with all power to increase the difficulties in the way.

God's command is, "Go forward!" "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." *Acts 18:9, 10.* Our courage is good. We sincerely believe that God has many souls in this city, and as the invitation is given they will come to the Marriage of the Lamb. We earnestly solicit your prayers and co-operation in behalf of our work in this great metropolis.

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East Java Conference Session

The conference session for the East Java Mission was held in Soerabaja, March 10-14. There was a good attendance. Many years had elapsed since the brethren had had the opportunity of gathering in conference session, therefore this was an occasion for great rejoicing and great earnestness.

Even though the political situation was somewhat tense, yet there were a few present from this troubled territory. It was gratifying to see several delegates from the interior (Republican territory). Heretofore it has been next to impossible for us to contact the work there but now the Lord has changed things and the work is beginning to open up again.

V. T. Armstrong and P. L. Williams were present from the Division office in Singapore. Their discourses gave a spiritual tone to the meetings and all were inspired. H. D. Johnson, M. G. Laloan and the writer were present from the Indonesia Union Mission office which is located at Bandoeng. All assisted in the services of the conference.

Brother M. M. Kauntul, superintendent of the East Java Mission, gave the welcoming address to the conference. The spirit of the conference centered around the thought of the ushering in of the Kingdom of the Lord.

Every department of the work was well represented. The need for church schools was stressed. We must rightly train our youth for the work of the Lord. We hope that in time our larger churches will be conducting such schools.

The work of the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary departments was ably presented by Brother M. G. Laloan and each department laid definite plans for progressive work in the future.

For years the work among the Javanese languished but now progress is being made and many new converts were among the representatives at the conference. We hope this branch of the work will continue to grow with the rich blessing of the Lord.

Each worker gave a short testimony concerning the work in his locality. In this way all became acquainted with the progress of the work as a whole, as well as difficulties encountered.

"For when thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." *Isaiah 26:9.* Surely the people of Indonesia have been through sufficient difficulties the past years and if the

lessons have been rightly learned, this also can be a great blessing to the people.

Those in attendance at this meeting felt that we had a good conference and that it was good to have been there. Pray for the work in East Java.

D. S. KIME,
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West Java Conference Session

The West Java conference session opened March 18 with nearly full attendance. All the churches were represented. West Java for the first time in years was able under the blessing of the Lord to assemble in conference session. This opportunity was greatly appreciated by all.

V. T. Armstrong and P. L. Williams were present from the Division office. The Union Mission was represented by D. S. Kime, H. D. Johnson, I. C. Schmidt, Mrs. I. C. Schmidt, M. G. Laloan, L. Hogendorp, K. Mandias, D. Batoebara, and H. Kosakoy.

The prevailing thought throughout the conference was the finishing of the task before us. The way so long closed has now been opened for aggressive work and now is the time to step in and take advantage while the doors are open.

It was definitely decided that we give more time to Bible reading and public efforts this year. Evangelism in all of its phases was stressed. More books, more Signs, more tracts to be distributed by the faithful colporteurs and faithful members of the churches.

We were so happy to know that through the war years, and especially the last two years, the tithes and offerings were excellent. We trust that God will continue to add His blessing and that God's people will strengthen the work by their means, prayers and strength. This truly will be pleasing to God.

The business of the conference was cared for in a systematic way and without a dissenting voice. Real church schools are one of our most important needs. Some time was given to this important subject and by the help of the Lord, church schools will spring up among our churches throughout the field. Pastor I. C. Schmidt, with the help of the committee, will do all possible to make these schools reach a high standard of attainment. It is truly difficult to think of a church without a church school. It seems almost impossible for the work to expand in a healthful manner without the proper instruction being given to our youth so that they may receive a sure foundation for their faith and a spirit unhampered by the influence of wordly schools.

A proper educational system helps to produce young people with high ideals. Therefore under favorable conditions our young people's societies will grow and the product of our schools and societies will mean better trained workers for the future.

Our Missionary Volunteer societies have as their Union Missionary Volunteer secretary Brother M. G. Laloan, who has great sympathy for our young people and understands their needs.

Brother E. van Alphen has the supervision of our army of colporteurs. We have high hopes for a successful year with our books and other literature.

The West Java conference session came to a close and we adjourned until the next session which will be two years in the future. We solicit your prayers for this needy field.

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Items of Interest

On April 3, Pastor F. R. Millard conducted the first baptism to be held in the Irumagawa church. Nine persons had taken their stand for the message and were buried in baptism in the waters of the Iruma River. Among the candidates was Sister Shimizu who had donated the funds for the attractive church building. This building had been constructed in Irumagawa even before there were baptized believers in the city. The local worker is Brother Kensaku Yasui.

A baptismal service was conducted in the Amanuma church in Tokyo by Pastor P. H. Eldridge on March 20. At that time seed sown by Pastor V. T. Armstrong, some fifteen years earlier in a public effort in the city, bore fruit. Three of the eleven candidates baptized on that day had first heard of the truth through those meetings long ago. Three others were the result of work by laymen. Five were nurses at our Tokyo Sanitarium. One of this number had been led to the message by the godly influence of one of our Adventist sisters who at the time was sick with tuberculosis at the Imperial University hospital. All were students of the *Voice of Prophecy* and eight had completed the course.

On Sunday, March 28, we were happy to welcome to the compound Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Konzack with their children. The usual, repeated prearrival inquiries had been made concerning the docking of the *Great Republic*, and the information had always been that the boat was to be in on Monday, the 29th. Consequently, all preparations at the compound were made with that date in mind. Then, without warning or ceremony, in drove a jeep about five o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Who did we see getting out of that jeep! Mrs. Konzack with Marlace, Judy and Janice, and Mrs. Adams with Elvin, Marvin and Keith. We hope that their subsequent impressions of Japan will erase the rather harassing introduction, for in spite of what it must have seemed like with no one at the dock to meet them, we are glad that they are with us and we welcome them with the whole heart.

A greatly appreciated gift has been made to the graduate nurses of the Tokyo Sanitarium by the nurses of the Portland Sanitarium in America. These missionary-minded nurses in the States heard that our nurses here were having to use large dark-room clocks in taking the pulse of patients and so generously gave money for the purchase of wrist watches. We thank these Portland nurses for their gift of love.

In order for Nippon San-Iku Gakuin to admit students in the junior high school age level, it has become necessary that the school be incorporated under Japanese law. Word has been received that the applications made by Nippon San-Iku Gakuin have been given favorable consideration and that accreditation has been given under date of March 31. This is the first time that our school has held such standing.

The visit of a union conference president to Japan before the war resulted in the gift of a practically new

Dodge pick-up truck to the school at Naraha. Restrictions on gasoline made it impossible to get a license for the vehicle then. It consequently waited in the garage for the time when it could be used. Then came the war. Not very long ago the mission located the long-lost Dodge pick-up with the letters "JOAK" painted on its sides. The process of reclaiming the vehicle has been started and we hope that in the near future it will return to our possession.

More than 200 student applications flooded the office at Naraha, and of this group only 109 could be accepted. Even so, the students will be crowded together. Some of the teachers have had to open their homes to make room for the overflow. The new school year began April 15.

A group from our mission headquarters (Brother Kelstrom, Sister Fukazawa and Brother and Sister Eldridge) have recently completed a short series of meetings in a small fishing port town on the Pacific Ocean side of the Island, about seventy-five miles north of Tokyo. The interest there had been created by an earnest laymember who operates a small drug store in the town. After three people had been baptized as a result of her work, she made a special trip to our headquarters to beg for someone to come and hold evangelistic services.

A ten-day series of meetings was planned, with services to be held both in the afternoons and evenings. Attractive posters were prepared and placed in strategic places around the town. The first evening meeting was attended by about fifty people, including perhaps eight or ten children. Before the war, missionaries would have thought this a very good attendance, but under present conditions the workers believed that the group could be considerably increased. The next morning, therefore, they went through the village, passing out a printed list of the topics to be considered during the ten days and inviting the people to come to the meetings. These invitations produced immediate results. From that evening on the small hall was crowded. Night after night the same people came, showing their continued interest. By the time this ten-day series ended, seventy people had enrolled in the *Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course*. A very fine group of new people had begun attending the Sabbath School held in the home of our laymember. Within a few months we will no doubt be able to organize a church in this place.

Dr. Yasuko Matsumura, of Nakaminato, is responding to a call from the Union Committee to connect with the staff of the Tokyo Sanitarium. She has been practising for a number of years and will be a valuable addition to our medical work. Her brother, Yutaka Matsumura, is the pharmacist at the Sanitarium.

At a ceremony held March 10, the cornerstone for a Seventh-day Adventist church in Ashiya, on Kyushu, was laid. The work there is the result of the faithful witnessing in the village of Miss Anai, a graduate nurse of the Tokyo Sanitarium Training School. She aroused the interest of her friends in our message and soon a small group was meeting regularly for Bible study. Eventually a worker was called and meetings held, the result of which was the baptism of seven believers. The material for this church building was donated by the Army, and had been taken from old buildings that had been torn down to make space for the near-by air base. Three young people from Ashiya are attending Nippon San-Iku Gakuin.



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News from Here and There

About one year ago, Brother Dja-maan Soelaiman, our faithful and zealous Malay Moslem convert, who accepted the truth in Kuala Lumpur in 1940 and suffered many persecutions for Christ's sake, contacted two polished young Malay Moslems in Singapore. He brought them to Brother R. A. Pohan's home where they received regular studies from the Bible. As their interest in the truth grew, they became faithful members of our English Sabbath school and soon took their stand for the truth. On Sabbath, May 1, we had the privilege of witnessing their baptism. For this we are very grateful to the Lord. Let us remember them in our prayers that they may remain faithful and loyal to the truth and in their partnership with Christ for service and sacrifice. Very little effort has been put forth to bring Christ to the two million Moslems in Malaya. May God place a deeper burden for souls upon His people. Let them remember that all the host of heaven stands ready to cooperate with them in the finishing of the work.

A letter from R. H. Howlett, now on the staff of La Sierra College, tells

of their joy in receiving and reading the *Outlook* each month. He writes: "We are looking forward to the time when we can return to Indo-China." The latch string hangs out, Brother Howlett!

Unpacking and setting up of new equipment has been the order of the day at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital here in Singapore. As soon as Dr. Innocent can secure the necessary staff of workers, this institution will be well patronized. Many are now on the waiting list. In the next issue of the *Outlook* we hope to give a full story of this new institution in our midst.

Six young people were baptized in the Singapore English church, Sabbath May 1. Some of these are students at the Malayan Seminary. Pastor H. W. Peterson officiated at the service.

May 5-10, is a time of rejoicing in the North Sumatra Mission. They are holding their first mission session since 1941. D. S. Kime and H. D. Johnson are in attendance from the Indonesia Union and V. T. Armstrong, P. L. Williams and G. A. Campbell from the Division office are also present to give counsel and guidance. A full report of this meeting will be given later.

F. A. Pratt and wife are vacationing in Bandoeng, Java. Following this vacation period, Brother Pratt will assist in Home Missionary and Sabbath school conventions in the Indonesia Union. Mrs. Pratt will return to Singapore.

C. P. Sorensen left Singapore April 17 for the Philippines. He will spend a number of weeks in the southern part of that field, attending academy graduations, general meetings and youth's meetings. Following the dedication of the new Philippine Publishing House, he and V. T. Armstrong will go to Guam. It is expected that Robert Dunton will have arrived on Guam by then and the Far Eastern Island Mission will be organized. Following their visit to Guam, Brethren Armstrong and Sorensen will go to Japan and Korea to attend the first postwar Union Mission sessions in those fields. P. L. Williams will also be in attendance at these meetings.

H. R. Emmerson, our Division builder, has been more than busy at the Division office drawing plans for the various institutions still to be built in various parts of the Division field. He will leave for Bangkok on May 11. While there he will counsel with Dr. R. F. Waddell in regard to the building of the new Sanitarium

and Hospital. Plans for this institution were drawn by Brother Emmerson and have been accepted by the General Conference. Brother Emmerson's next stop will be Manila. Plans are on foot for a new Union office building there and he will counsel with the officers in regard to this project. Later he will go to Korea and Japan to study plans for the school buildings to be erected in those fields.

The vacation period at the Malayan Seminary has been extended to May 17. This is a precautionary measure due to the increasing number of polio cases in Singapore. Professor and Mrs. J. H. Lawhead have utilized this vacation time in visiting churches in the interest of enrolling students for the Seminary. They are now in Penang but will return to Singapore soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlyn Bond and daughter, Carol Lee, have recently arrived in Singapore. Brother Bond is to be the manager of the Malayan Signs Press. A reception was given in their honor at the Seminary on a recent evening. Members of the Seminary faculty, the staff of the Malayan Signs Press and all the families on the Division and Union compounds were present. At the close of the evening's entertainment, consisting of speeches, music and games, light refreshments were served. We welcome the Bond family to our midst. Presses will soon be humming at the Malayan Signs Press for the work of rehabilitation is going forward.

We are happy to report that E. H. Wallace, superintendent of the Indo-China Mission, is now back in Saigon and once again actively carrying forward the work in that troubled field. He reports a class, numbering more than 40, is being prepared for baptism.

Brother Y. C. Wan, Sabbath school secretary for the Malay States Mission, was a welcome visitor to the Singapore English Sabbath school, May 1. He gave a brief report of the progress of the work among the Sabbath schools in this local mission.

The Philippines are all set for military conscription. The young men registered April 1-7 and during the month of May there is to be a drawing and the men whose name are drawn will then have to report for service. The Philippine Union College has a medical cadet corps training this school year. This is under the direction of Professor Carl T. Jones. A War Service Commission has been set up in the Philippine Union Mission.