

Youngberg Memorial Hospital

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"Medical missionary work should have its representatives in every place in connection with the establishment of our churches . . . medical missions should be established in every city." *Medical Ministry, p. 322.*

Activity along medical lines was woven into the early days of the work in Singapore. Those who were here at that time gave considerable credit to the little treatment room operated for two years by Brother Davis at the corner of Orchard Road and Dhoby Ghaut. It played a large part in contacting interested people and in establishing the work in a strong way. This treatment room closed about the year 1909, and subsequent to that time mention has often been made of the fact that in this large city with its million people our medical work should be properly represented and should take its rightful place in presenting the truth to the vast number who have never heard the gospel story of salvation.

The need for a medical center in Singapore was repeatedly discussed when Union and Division committee meetings were held, but the time did not seem opportune for the establishment of such a work. Following the

end of the war in the Pacific, those who had to do with the re-establishment of our institutions, were unified in their convictions that a doctor should be called to serve in Singapore, and this beginning should be followed up as opportunities developed for growth and advancement.

Dr. George G. Innocent and family responded to this call. This decision on their part meant the turning away from a remunerative medical practice in California and again offering to give their services to the mission field. Prior to the last war Dr. and Mrs. Innocent had served in Korea and Siam. Immediately upon the arrival of the doctor a search was instituted in an effort to find a suitable location in which to open a clinic. After many days and weeks of following up leads and looking over properties that were available, it seemed that there was only one place that was ready for immediate occupancy and which came anywhere near meeting the requirements. This place is located about a city block north of the Malayan Union headquarters and the Malayan Seminary on Upper Serangoon Road. Inquiry revealed that this property could be purchased for 55,000 Straits dollars (about \$27,000 US).



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST YOUNGBERG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SINGAPORE

General Conference representatives and the Division committee concurred with the Malayan Union's decision to purchase the property if funds could be made available.

All who had a part in the thirteenth Sabbath offering received on December 28, 1946, will be happy to know that they have had a part in setting up the medical work in Singapore in this fine location. In the purchase of this building with its one and three-quarters acres of land, the funds used were a part of the 1946 thirteenth Sabbath overflow which Sabbath school members around the world gave to help further the work in the Far Eastern Division.

In addition to supplying the necessary space for clinic examining rooms, laboratory, pharmacy, X-ray, doctor's office, etc., there will be sufficient space for 14 in-patients. It has been decided to set in motion a special campaign to raise \$25,000 (Straits) with which to erect added accommodations for patients.

The name of this new medical institution is *Youngberg Memorial Hospital*, being so named in memory of one who gave of his best in service in three fields of the Malayan Union Mission and who was deeply interested in ministering to both the physical and spiritual needs of those in Southeast Asia. Miss Wilma Leazer, of the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, has been called to join the hospital staff and is at this time making preparations to leave the United States of America.

An official opening date has not yet been set but out-patients are being attended daily. In the near future an official "open house" will be declared and in-patients will be received. Those who labor in this institution solicit the prayers of God's people everywhere that their services may be fruitful and that many souls may be garnered in as a result of this undertaking.

"When connected with other lines of gospel effort, medical missionary work is a most effective instrument by which the ground is prepared for the sowing of the seeds of truth, and the instrument also by which the harvest is reaped. Medical missionary work is the helping hand of the gospel ministry." *Medical Ministry*, p. 240.

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A Big Day in the Philippines

The long-awaited event took place as scheduled—the formal opening and dedication of the new Philippine Publishing House on May 24. The board members, employees, and many friends of the institution gathered in the chapel at seven o'clock in the morning for the service. Pastor V. T. Armstrong, president of the Far Eastern Division, was the principal speaker. Also present from the Division office were C. P. Sorensen and G. A. Campbell. The Philippine Union Mission was well represented at the meeting.

Pastor Armstrong reviewed the fundamental principles that have guided the Seventh-day Adventist publishing work through the years, and set before us the mighty challenge of the present hour. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor M. E. Loewen, superintendent of the Philippine Union Mission.

Another service was held at half-past seven in the evening at which time Pastor Campbell reported on the activities of the other publishing houses in the Division field. Following him Pastor Ristau, publishing department secretary for the Philippine Union Mission, told what is being done by the bookmen of the Philippines. He challenged the new publishing house to stretch every facility in the production of literature for immediate distribution on a wide scale.

During the day the publishing house was open to visitors and they swarmed to the place all day long to see the machinery and all in operation.

In 1905, R. A. Caldwell, a colporteur from Australia, began selling English and Spanish books on the island of Luzon. When in 1908 the work in the Philippines had been organized under the leadership of L. V. Finster, literature in the Tagalog was printed by an outside printer.

In 1913 a second-hand job press was brought from America and installed in the office in Santa Ana, a barrio of Manila; but since a periodical could not be run on it, such literature had to be printed by a commercial shop. After a few months of operation in Santa Ana, the print shop was moved to Vermont Street in Malati, another section of Manila, where the machinery was housed in a small barn.

In 1915 a small, one-story publishing house was built in Pasay, now a sector of Rizal City, with James Wallace as its first manager. As the work increased, the building was enlarged three different times, a second story was added, and the facilities for printing improved and expanded.

In 1945 the nation with whom we were at that time at war burned down our publishing house before retiring from Manila and the plant and equipment were a total loss. The General Conference, with the generous financial aid of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, made it possible to build and equip this new publishing house in Baesa, Caloocan, Rizal. The foundations were laid in July 1946. The building is of concrete and stone construction and measures 100 by 140 feet. All departments of the institution are located on one floor and housed under one roof. Most of the machinery was ordered as early as 1945 and much of it is new. Thus our plant is equipped almost entirely with modern and up-to-date facilities.

The plant has been in operation since February, 1948. It is now printing books and periodicals in Bicol, Cebuano, English, Ilocano, Ilongo, and Tagalog languages, with plans to add other tongues as they are needed. A total of 33 persons are employed by the Philippine Publishing House.

The Publishing Department of the Philippine Union Mission was reorganized in 1947. During that year 139 colporteurs in the field delivered imported books alone, mostly English, to the amount of P 159,294.04. With literature now available in the Philippine languages, and with some 400 colporteurs ready to distribute it, the proclamation of God's message for this time by means of the printed page is certain to go forward with ever increasing success.

R. L. ODOM,
Editor, Philippine Publishing House.

Philippine Union College

With more than 200 college students in attendance during the summer quarter, Philippine Union College has the largest enrollment in its history. Seventy more new students have sent in their applications to enroll for the coming school year.

On July 4, twenty-seven college students will be graduated, of whom eleven have completed a four-year college course. Practically all of the Bachelor of Science in Education graduates, as well as the ten Elementary Teachers finishing the two-year normal course, are being employed in the church schools and academies of the Union. Three are finishing the two-year commercial course, and three the two-year pre-medical course, with one Bachelor of Arts graduate.

As a climax to the work of the baptismal classes, a total of fifty-one young people were baptized by Pastors J. W. Rowland and T. Pilar during the spring quarter. Of these, twenty-six were elementary pupils, twenty-two were academy students, and three were college students.

Pastor A. M. Ragsdale, out-going Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Union Mission, assisted by the incoming secretary, Brother P. H. Romulo and by Brother Abawag, officiated at the investiture service held March 16 for the elementary pupils. The classes invested were as follows: twenty-eight Fireflies, seventeen Sunbeams, forty-two Builders, forty-nine Friends; making a total of one hundred forty-six future Companions, Comrades and Master Comrades. The investiture for academy and college young people is to be held at the College May 24.

Because of the call for teachers and workers from the different missions, P. U. C. gave away three of its faculty members. Mr. L. L. Quirante was taken by East Visayan Academy as principal; Mr. B. G. Mary went to Mindanao Academy as Bible teacher; and Mr. P. H. Romulo joined the Union Mission staff as Missionary Volunteer Secretary. The burden of extra teaching will be carried by the remaining faculty members.

Arrangements are being made for the entry of L. E. Keizer, from Bandoeng, Java, to be the first postwar student from the neighbouring union missions in the Far Eastern Division to enroll at Philippine Union College.

Philippine Union College has been recognized as the senior college for the Far Eastern Division, and is therefore responsible for the advanced training of the young people of nearly 40,000 members in this Division field. In the 12th Biennial Division Council which met in February at Singapore plans were laid for each of the union missions to send at least two of their workers to P. U. C. every year.

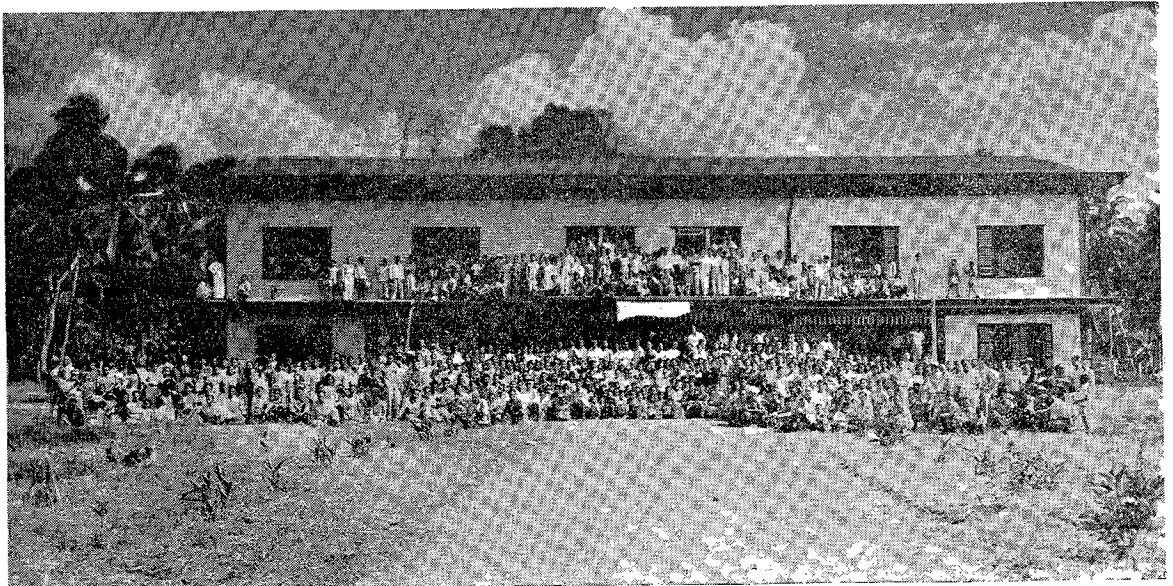
Young people who have finished their courses in the training schools of their respective unions are invited to take up advanced studies at Philippine Union College. Already the college president has sent application blanks to Siam and the Malayan and Indonesia Union Missions.

To provide ministerial graduates who are government recognized to teach Bible in the academies, as well as to improve the efficiency of ministers, the theological course was changed from B.Th. degree to the degree of B.A. with majors in both history and religion. The pre-medical course was raised from two to three years, and a one-year pre-dental course was added. In place of a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree, a student may now receive a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in commerce. These and other changes in curricula are being incorporated in the new catalog soon to be printed.

Mass production of siesta chairs has been launched by the shop to provide more work for students. On May 11 an order amounting to almost P 1,000 (\$500) was delivered. The shop also manufactures dressers, cabinets, chairs, office tables and other pieces of furniture upon order.

IRENE WAKEHAM,

Head of the Department of English.



GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST VISAYAN MISSION, APRIL 20-24, 1948

The East Visayan Mission General Meeting

The East Visayan Mission held its second postwar biennial general meeting from April 20 to 24 of this year. The meeting was held in the Academy Plaza at Bulacao, a suburb of Talisay, Cebu. The meeting was held at this place and at this time of the year due to the recent closing of the school and the two dormitories and the administration building could therefore be utilized for sleeping quarters for the brethren in attendance at this meeting. However, the two dormitories and the administration building were not large enough to accommodate the brethren who came from the six provinces in the East Visayan Mission. It became necessary to rent two large houses and more than ten smaller ones. There was an attendance of about fifteen hundred people. On the Sabbath, the last day of the meeting, there were about eighteen hundred in attendance. The conference session and other meetings were held under the big tent erected purposely for the occasion. The chapel of the Academy was converted into a meeting room for the young people and the dining hall was used for the children's meetings.

We are grateful to the Far Eastern Division for kindly sending to us Pastor C. P. Sorensen, secretary and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Division, to help us in the meetings and conference sessions. Likewise we want to extend our gratitude to the Philippine Union Mission for letting us have the services of Pastors Odom, Diaz and Ristau and Brother Romulo and Sister Ragsdale. They helped the brethren greatly by their talks and Bible studies all of which was greatly appreciated.

During the general meeting the new executive committee of the East Visayan Mission was elected. The following are the members of this committee and they will serve as such until the time of the next general meeting: R. S. Llaguno, chairman, L. L. Villanueva, secretary, A. O. Cabardo, D. B. Ladion, T. A. Layon, L. L. Quirante, and Abdon Capobres. The brethren at the general meeting requested the Union Mission to add two more members to the executive committee, and if this request is granted the local committee will select two additional members.

The officers and departmental secretaries elected to lead out in the work of the mission for the next biennial term are as follows:

- R. S. Llaguno—Superintendent
- L. L. Villanueva—Secretary-Treasurer
- T. A. Layon—Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer
- G. B. Silud—Educational and Home Commission
- R. C. Cuizon—Medical
- P. G. Almocera—Publishing

The appointment of a Sabbath School secretary was referred to the executive committee.

It was recommended that in churches where there are church schools the Missionary Volunteer Progressive Classes be fostered by the teachers in cooperation with the district leaders so that investiture services for the *Friend*, *Companion* and *Comrade* classes may be held at the time of the next general meeting.

We thank God in heaven for the countless blessings and mercies He showered upon His children thus enabling them to attend this important meeting. We believe that God came very near to us. We felt His presence at the meetings and blessings were received by all. The brethren returned to their homes feeling that the Holy Spirit had definitely touched the hearts of all privileged to attend.

R. S. LLAGUNO,
Superintendent, East Visayan Mission.

Items of Interest

Of the eight organized missions of the Philippine Union Mission, four have recently held general meetings for the transaction of business and the giving of spiritual instruction. Three missions have not as yet held general meetings because of their inability to provide accommodations for such large gatherings. The eighth mission, a section of the former Northern Luzon Mission, is the Northeast Luzon Mission which started functioning as a separate mission at the beginning of this year and for that reason there is no need for a business session at this time.

These meetings were well attended and a deep interest was manifested by both the youth and the adults in attendance. Intensity is taking hold of the world. We are glad to see a spirit of greater earnestness on the part of God's people. The average attendance at each of these meetings was over 4000 and on the Sabbaths an average attendance of 6652 at the four meetings was reported. At each mission session a special offering was received and this totalled 15,765 pesos or \$7,882.50. Of this amount 5,270 pesos were received in cash.

The officers of the East Visayan and the Mindanao Missions expressed their great appreciation for the presence and splendid help given by Pastor Chris P. Sorensen of the Division and also that of the Union Mission workers who were present. While the Northern Luzon Mission was deprived of Division help it was amply provided with Union Mission help.

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The total baptisms reported during the first three months of 1948 for the eight organized and the one unorganized mission was 766. This is a little less than for the same period of last year. One reason for this is the fact that some of the missions were busy getting ready for their general meetings during these months. Strong evangelistic work is being done in the various sections of the Union Mission. May God greatly multiply the results of our efforts.

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Brethren Loewen and Johnson spent the first two weeks of April in the Mt. Province Mission. They report a wonderful opening for work among the mountain people of that field, although transportation is difficult, necessitating long hikes and some very steep climbs. Eighteen souls were baptized.

E. M. ADAMS,
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Progress in Ubol, Siam

It will soon be two years since missionaries returned to Ubol and this time in the persons of the writer and his family. Very soon after our arrival the fine, concrete building, which one of the brethren had erected, was ready for occupancy and in September of 1946 the children returned to our Ubol Mission School.

There were only a few Christian teachers in the school but weekly Bible studies were held with the non-Christian members of the teaching staff. These efforts were rewarded when, in connection with the

evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor W. A. Martin during the months of November, December and January, five of our lady teachers were baptized.

During the past twelve months Mrs. Smith has been studying with a group of six girls. We were made very happy when these girls were baptized by Pastor A. P. Ritz in April of this year. These six young ladies have been accepted into the Bangkok Mission Hospital School of Nursing and they look forward to the day when they can take their place in the work as Christian nurses.

One of our great needs here is for a chapel that will accommodate all the students and which can also be used for our Sabbath services. Plans are under way for such a building to be erected and this will mean much in the furtherance of the work in this place.

The new school year began on May 17. We have more than one hundred boys and girls enrolled in the primary grades and about one hundred and seventy boys in the Matome or Standard grades. This year we have a much stronger Bible program than we have had for the past two years. With the blessing of the Lord we look forward to ever increasing progress of the work in Ubol, Siam.

ELDEN B. SMITH,

Manager, Ubol Misson School.

Evangelism in Saigon

A wave of evangelism has swept over the city of Saigon and all of our workers have caught the spirit. It started on May Day with ten nights in the suburb of Dakao led by Nguyen Phat Minh. Our little street chapel holds 80 persons, tightly pressed together, but the sidewalk, too, was filled and the building's facade furnished toe-hold for more. Our ushers formed the habit of choosing their audience carefully. Children were assigned to the windows and late-comers were given standing-room-only. We gave the full message and it was fully received.

In case someone should challenge the brevity of our ten-night stand, let me say that we, too, wavered at first. Should we have a long series or a short one. Currently, we favor the short. It seems that in our country even a full length, say 40 nights, is insufficient either to fully indoctrinate or to witness the necessary change of life leading to baptism. So we simply consider this short series of meetings merely a spearhead. Ten evenings can bring true conviction. Our evangelist gets the names and addresses of persons who consider themselves Seventh-day Adventists in the probationary class and who attend Sabbath school and church. After six months of regular attendance and careful Bible study with our worker, followed by a ten to fifteen nights series, fifty per cent, according to past figures, will be ready for baptism.

But I have digressed from the story of the month of May. On the 11th, without an intervening night, Brother Le Van Ut opened a series of meetings in the suburb of Ban Co. These meetings were also held in a newly built chapel and therefore required no financial outlay. There is no electricity in Ban Co and we wondered if the crowds would come without the drawing power of slides and motion pictures. We hung up the kerosene lanterns, pealed the portable organ and welcomed twice as many as in the previous series. This chapel seats 120 Vietnamese. (The Vietnamese are made of a compressible material). Outside of the chapel there are always 80 or more. The door and two windows are large and they can arrange themselves quite comfortably. Cooler out there, too!

The plan for this series calls for a new speaker every night. Evangelists, colporteurs, office workers, pressmen, foreign workers and capable laymen taking their turns. We are not convinced as to the wisdom of this method but as long as it works we cannot criticise. Last night was the ninth meeting and to date exactly fifty have come to the altar asking to be enrolled in the probationers' class. To these add fifty more who had joined before the opening of the series, and who are regular attendants, and it will be seen that virtually all the inside-the-walls hearers have given their hearts to the Lord. The little church which was opened for services in March is full on the Sabbath, too.

Now to the South, across the river, we go next Sunday night, the 23rd, after two nights of rest. A large interest precedes us there due to the work of Nguyen Hun Nha. We searched all one morning for a place in which we might hold our meetings. Finally we found a proprietor who would let us use his school-room. Classes close at 5. Curfew is at 7 and all must be in their homes by then. We can have the intervening hours free of charge, he said, and the audience can sit on the school benches. We will stretch a wire from a nearby shop and have our gospel pictures, also.

I should have waited, I suppose, a week or two so that I could have reported on the results of these meetings also. But I am impatient to share the Lord's good things with our *Outlook* readers. After the Khanh Hoi effort we are trying some open-air preaching in the city's western refuge quarter and there will not be much time for writing.

E. H. WALLACE,

Superintendent, Indo-China Mission.

Items of Interest

Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Wilcox recently left for Siam where they will conduct a camp for the nurses of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. A fine group of more than thirty nurses has completed the first year of training. A third at a time of this group will be granted a vacation of two weeks at Hua Hin in southern Siam. A Missionary Volunteer camp program, under the direction of Brother and Sister Wilcox, has been planned for each group of nurses.

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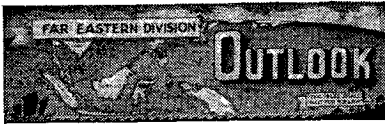
We are happy to announce that all of our major items of press equipment have finally arrived. The superintendent of the Malayan Signs Press, V. D. Bond, and his staff of helpers are busy assembling this equipment and putting all in its proper place. In a few weeks our presses should be operating to near capacity. We will then produce a supply of much needed and long-awaited literature. This the various sections of our field have long anticipated.

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The housing situation at the Union compound should soon be relieved somewhat. Two foreign homes have been under construction for the past several months. They are now nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy very soon.

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Plans have been approved and the contract let for the construction of one and one-half duplex houses for our national workers. These are to be built on the land recently purchased which adjoins the Union compound on the west.



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From Here and There

Sunday evening, June 20, H. W. Peterson, pastor of the Singapore English church, began a series of evangelistic meetings in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. There will be services every Sunday and Wednesday evening until the close of the year. Pastor Peterson and his corps of helpers solicit the prayers of God's people in behalf of this effort. Singapore has a population of about one million. A great burden for these many souls rests upon Brother Peterson and the other workers in Singapore.

S. Y. Chung, M.D. left San Francisco June 4 for Seoul, Korea. Dr. Chung has been in the States for some time doing postgraduate work.

W. U. Hoetapea, assistant treasurer of the Indonesia Union Mission, spent a few days in Singapore recently. He was returning to Bandoeng, Java, after spending a number of weeks in the North Sumatra

Mission assisting in the work of that long-neglected field due to political barriers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bahr have arrived in Seoul, Korea. Pastor Bahr is to be the acting superintendent of the Korean Union Mission until such a time as R. S. Watts can be relieved of his duties with the Korean government.

A class in Red Cross First Aid is being conducted at the Philippine Union College. Three hours of class work are being given each day and the instructor is a Philippine national Red Cross worker. All the local missions who were financially able to do so were invited to send their respective Missionary Volunteer secretaries to attend this two-weeks' class.

V. T. Armstrong, P. L. Williams, C. P. Sorensen and H. R. Emmerson are at this writing attending the Japan Union Mission session in Tokyo, Japan. They have just attended a similar session in the Korean Union Mission. They expect to return to the Division office shortly after the first of July.

Colporteur institutes are the order of the day in the Philippine Union Mission. G. A. Campbell is assisting Eric Ristau in conducting these institutes. With the new Publishing House now in full operation, there is a bright future for the colporteur work in the Philippine Union Mission.

Mrs. V. T. Armstrong left Singapore for Los Angeles, California, June 8. She will visit her mother, two daughters and one son and other relatives before returning to Singapore late in the year. V. T. Armstrong will attend the Autumn Council in Denver, Colorado, in October and will join Mrs. Armstrong following that meeting.

E. L. Becker, assistant auditor of the Division, is auditing the books of the Malayan Union Mission. Later in the summer he will go to Manila to audit the Philippine Union books. Mr. Becker and family are laying plans to spend their vacation in Baguio, the vacation resort of the Philippine Union Mission.

Plans have been drawn and approved for the construction of two duplex houses on the Division compound. The work will be done under the supervision of the Division builder, H. R. Emmerson.

K. Tilstra, superintendent of the Indonesia Union Mission, is spending his furlough in the United States.

He will remain there another year in order to secure his American citizenship papers. He is located in La Sierra, California, and his boys are attending school there. Brother Tilstra writes that he is anxious to return to the Indonesia Union for the work in that field is uppermost in his thoughts. He feels, however, that this is his opportunity to arrange his citizenship papers both for his own good and for that of his three boys.

In a personal letter to the Sorensens, Mrs. W. O. Baldwin tells of the packing and crating going on in their home preparatory to sailing for the Far East. Professor Baldwin is to be the educational secretary of the Far Eastern Division. They expect to sail within the next few weeks though as yet they do not have their bookings.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Pearson and family left Seattle, via Northwest Airlines, on May 24 for Seoul, Korea. The workers in the Korean Union Mission will welcome their arrival, especially will that be true of Dr. G. H. Rue who has been under a very strenuous program at the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital.

J. H. McEachren in a personal letter to P. L. Williams states that he is now laboring in the Colorado conference. He is the general field secretary in that conference and will assist in all lines of conference activity. Pastor McEachren was formerly the Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary of the Far Eastern Division. He closes his letter to Brother Williams with this statement: "I still wish I were over in Singapore with you good Far Eastern Division folks. Betty will graduate soon as a registered nurse."

Robert Dunton has arrived on Guam from the Pacific Northwest. V. T. Armstrong and C. P. Sorensen recently spent a busy week on Guam assisting Brother Dunton in organizing and planning for the work in that new field. Another baptism was held and a church organized. The full story of this visit will appear in a future issue of the Outlook.

H. W. Barrows of the General Conference auditing department is due in Singapore the last of June. Brother Barrows will audit the books of the Far Eastern Division. While in Singapore he will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. A. Pratt.