



The Division Biennial Council

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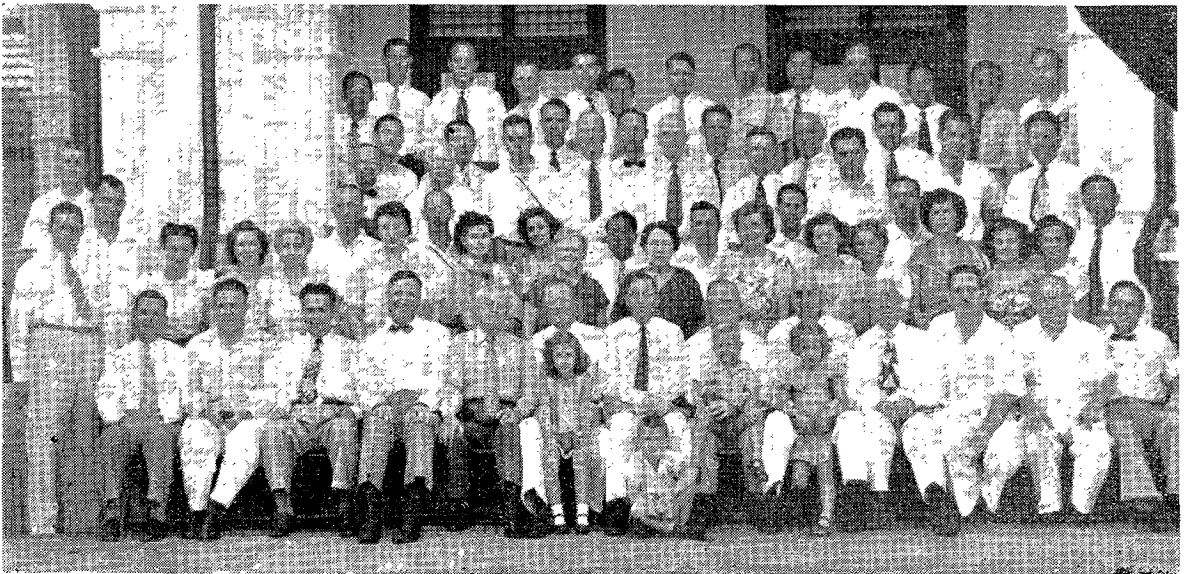
The thirteenth Biennial Division Council met in the chapel of the Far Eastern Division office February 10-18, 1951. Prior to the Division meeting, the educational, treasury, and medical departments had held pre-councils and the reports of their meetings will be issued by the respective departments and sent to the individuals directly concerned.

We were happy to welcome to our Division Council sixty delegates, including the three representatives from the General Conference in the persons of R. R. Figuhr, W. H. Williams, and L. R. Rasmussen. Brethren Figuhr and Rasmussen not only attended the pre-councils and the Division Council but they made extended trips through our field, visiting all of the Unions with the exception of Korea. W. H. Williams stopped in Manila and Tokyo on his return trip to the United States.

With the exception of T. Yamagata of Japan, the entire Division Committee was in attendance at the biennial session. All the treasurers and the union educational secretaries attended their respective pre-councils and a goodly number of the doctors, directors, and business managers of our medical

institutions were present at the medical pre-council. Doctor R. F. Waddell, medical secretary of the Division, acted as the chairman of their meetings. Some of our doctors were unable to attend due to the pressure of work at the hospitals or clinics, as the case might be. The presence of Dr. H. W. Miller, veteran missionary doctor in the Orient, was greatly appreciated by our medical group. W. O. Baldwin and his group of secretaries were also privileged to have an additional guest at their pre-council in the person of E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Conference department of education. Elder and Mrs. Cossentine had been in Australia for a number of months and so arranged their itinerary to India that they had a few days in Singapore, arriving in time to attend the meetings of the last day of the educational pre-council. T. S. Geraty of the South China Island Union came to Singapore for the educational meeting and he, too, was a welcome guest.

The daily program of the biennial session began at eight o'clock in the morning at which time there was a devotional service followed by prayer bands



Delegates and Visitors in Attendance at the Division Biennial Council

in which all the delegates participated. As has been our custom in past years, the evening meeting, 7:30 to 9 o'clock, was given to officers', departmental, and field reports. Excerpts from these reports appear on other pages of this number of the OUTLOOK. All reports were crammed full of faith-inspiring experiences and statistics.

Complete minutes of all transactions at the biennial session have long ere this been placed in the hands of the committee members. However, we feel that our OUTLOOK readers will be interested in reading about a few of the plans laid for the strengthening, furthering and we could hope the finishing of the work of God in this Far Eastern area of the world's harvest field.

At a session such as this, the report of the nominating committee is always a moment eagerly anticipated. The complete report will be found elsewhere in this paper. Perhaps a word of explanation might be injected here. The Philippine Union Mission has grown until it has a membership of 34,611 which makes it the second largest union in the world field. For that reason for some months, in fact years, the question of dividing the union has come up repeatedly. At our biennial session plans were finalized as to the method of procedure in so doing and some of the necessary officers were appointed. No doubt a full report of this epoch-making transaction will appear in connection with the report of the Philippine Union biennial session which will appear in an early issue of the OUTLOOK.

Four of our union missions will have their biennial sessions within two months of the close of the Division Council. The Korean Union meeting will have to be held off until such a time as it will be possible to again enter Korea.

Many resolutions and recommendations were brought to the Council by the Plans Committee. Among these were many stressing evangelism. These came to the Council under such headings as these: call to repentance, call to prayer, revivals and spear-head efforts. F. W. Detamore, Division Ministerial Association secretary, came from Ceylon to attend our meeting and he gave a great impetus to the work of evangelism. It is anticipated that he and his family will arrive in Singapore early in April. Brother Detamore and his corps of workers will hold their first evangelistic campaign in Singapore. The Malayan Union Mission has leased the Victoria Memorial Theater for fifty nights. Will you not join with us in praying that the city of Singapore may be stirred to accept this last-day message to a dying world.

The workers assembled in Singapore for our Division Council in a resolution of gratitude humbly and sincerely expressed deepest gratitude to God for His loving watchcare over each of His children, and for the many dear souls He has given us. An expression of thanks was also voted the General Conference for the substantial funds they have provided and for the excellent help given our field by the visiting General Conference brethren. Included in the resolution was also an expression of appreciation to our faithful people in giving their sons and daughters and their means for the advancement and progress of the work in the Far Eastern Division.

A note of sadness came into our meeting as we recalled that some of our faithful fellow-labourers had been called to lay down their lives in the various fields. A resolution of condolence was voted and this will be sent to the bereaved families.

A ministerial internship plan was adopted for our Division and at a recent committee meeting provision was made for 26 ministerial internships for each year of the two-year plan and these will be apportioned to the union missions and the Far Eastern Island Mission.

The new General Conference Wage Scale as proposed in percentages was adopted. This will replace the one we have been using the past three years and it does not materially effect the relationship of the various classes of workers in our organization and institutions.

Another report which is eagerly anticipated is that of the Budget Committee. In addition to appropriating for the foreign workers and their needs within the Division, there was appropriated a total of US\$285,545.00 for the various phases of our national work. A comparison of figures for 1950 and 1951 may be of interest.

	1950	1951
Division Administration and Unions ..	US\$169,485.00	US\$194,045.00
Radio and Voice of Prophecy ..	25,000.00	25,000.00
Tithe Percentage Fund added to Base ..	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total Base Appropriations ..	US\$202,485.00	US\$227,045.00
Specials:—		
Church Extension	US\$ 7,500.00	US\$ 10,000.00
Evangelistic Funds	—	7,000.00
Specials	*380,618.00	†100,494.58
Total Base and Special Appropriations ..	US\$590,603.00	US\$344,135.58

* The Autumn Council in 1949 gave special consideration to the providential openings in Japan and Okinawa and tagged US\$285,000.00 for new work in Japan and US\$15,000.00 to open the work in Okinawa.

† From Division Reserves, US\$14,000.00 was tagged for the South Philippine Union Mission headquarters.

We wish to assure the General Conference brethren and our people everywhere that these funds appropriated to us for 1951 will be used judiciously, keeping in mind the sacrifice which has made possible this appropriation of funds for the spread of the gospel in these benighted lands.

We cease not to thank God for the fine corps of well-qualified, sincere and consecrated workers, we have, foreign and national, on whom God has placed the responsibility of getting ready a people for His Kingdom so soon to be set up. Wars, famines, pestilences, and persecutions seem only to act as greater incentives for the more rapid spread of the truth. We do thank God that nothing can stop the onward progress of His message. We consecrate ourselves for greater service to this great movement, than which there is none greater in the world today.

Excerpts From The President's Message

We are gathered here from all parts of the Far Eastern Division to report how wonderfully God has blessed His work in these oriental lands and to study our program for the future. This is a late hour in the history of the world. Our plans must therefore be for an accelerated campaign of progress.

Our souls must be stirred as we realize that God has called us to labor for Him in these lands at this final, crucial hour in history.

The call of the hour is to evangelize. Soul-winning must ever be the center of all of our activity. Any service whether in our offices, institutions, or departments, that does not have the one supreme objective of soul-winning as the goal of all endeavors is a failure. The greatest need at this session and the greatest need in every field here represented is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In my report one year ago, mention was made of the dark sections of the Far Eastern Division, namely, New Guinea, that part of Borneo which is in the Indonesia Union, North Siam, great stretches of Indo-China and the west coast of Japan. During the past year the work in New Guinea has been strengthened. Calls from Timor and other parts of Indonesia have come for workers to instruct and prepare groups of interested people for baptism and church membership. Work in the Far Eastern Island Mission is expanding. On the Palan group of islands, our work has greatly strengthened in recent months. New centers in Siam, the opening of the work in Okinawa, and encouraging growth and expansion in Borneo, spur us on to renewed endeavor to enter all of these fields as quickly as possible.

The production and distribution of literature in the fields of the Far East are an inspiring example of the blessing of God upon this branch of the work. Three rehabilitated and two new publishing houses have strengthened our work and prepared the way for growth in the literature ministry.

More of our children and youth are now in our schools than at any previous time, yet this is not much consolation when we know there are still thousands not yet enrolled and present facilities do not grant them this desired opportunity. In connection with the training of our children and youth, the Missionary Volunteer activities are having a mighty influence. Our youth are sharing their faith. The governments are calling more and more of our youth into army service. We must prepare them for these experiences. In each Union Mission plans should be laid for the Medical Cadet training.

More and more of our laity are being enlisted in home missionary activities. More and more literature is coming from our presses for missionary work. The members have done much in the past to secure enrollments for the Bible Correspondence courses. Through the radio broadcasts and the correspondence courses, thousands are studying their way into the kingdom. The Ingathering campaign has been very successful during 1950. Reports show a splendid increase over previous years.

We are happy to know that 6,636 baptisms are reported for 1950. This is a wonderful achievement. There would no doubt have been more if political troubles had not interfered. At this meeting plans will be considered for a greater program in evangelism.

And now we face the future. Dark clouds of unrest, war and uncertainty veil the days ahead. We have more workers, more money, more opportunities and more problems than ever before. We must not put our confidence in money, numbers, activity, or circumstances. We must keep very close to the side of our Master. We have every reason for confidence and assurance for the future. We need not struggle with problems of the work in our own strength. The boundless resources of heaven are available to us. We limit the power of God by our lack of faith and our worry. The leaders

gathered here will set the pace for the work in the fields of the Far East. The church will follow us. What shall our answer be? Onward to victory under the influence of the Holy Spirit or delay, defeat and eternal loss. May God grant us a very special outpouring of His power at this meeting.

—V. T. ARMSTRONG

Report of the Treasurer

The work in the Far Eastern Division is growing faster than we are able to keep up with it. There is great need both for men and means. The time outpouring of His power at this meeting so that every plan made and vote taken may be according to His will. The hour for advance has struck. Let us make our decisions at this meeting as if this was short and there is yet a great work to be done. A consciousness of the shortness of time is forced upon us by the world conditions. From the close of 1945, when workers began to return to the Far East, to this present time, there has been war or rumor of war and unrest in nearly all parts of this Division field. As we face these conditions, the words of the Master come to mind: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."—*Matt. 24:6*. What a challenge it is for us to press on and to endure knowing that "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."—*Ibid.*, Verse 13.

There is a great need for more workers. As we think of this, we are reminded of the statement from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, "There should be today in the field one hundred well-qualified laborers where now there is but one."—vol. 9, p. 249. Some or all may say, "Yes, that is a true statement but how may this be done? The income is not sufficient, so we cannot add to our present working force." In this connection the following counsel has been given in *Testimonies* vol. 9, p. 249: "Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi and see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's words, and be faithful in paying their tithe into His treasury, more laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld the tithes, or made use of them to support other lines of work."

Comparisons are not always appreciated but a few may be of some help and encouragement as we face the future and plan to quickly finish the work of God in this Division of the harvest field.

Year	Member- ship	Offerings	Per Capita	Tithe	Per Capita
1939	31,808	\$ 76,690.22	\$2.41	\$114,685.14	\$3.60
1949	47,515	256,163.96	5.39	434,582.67	9.15

Offerings not Including the Ingathering and Missions Extension

1939	\$ 33,054.85	Per Capita	\$1.04
1949	123,827.73	Per Capita	2.61

Ingathering and Missions Extension

1939	\$ 46,635.37
1949	132,335.53

From these figures it will be seen that some progress has been made but are we satisfied? No. So let us be faithful in doing our part, for we know God will be faithful for He has promised to be with us even unto the end.—P. L. WILLIAMS.

The Secretary Summarizes

Another year has become history. During this past year, war has again come upon the stage of action within our Division area and visibly disrupted the work in one of our union missions. In a recent issue of a leading news magazine published in the United States appeared a thought-provoking article. In the course of the article, the writer went on to state that at the moment there were six wars being fought on this old war-torn, battle-scarred world of ours and the following areas were listed: Korea, Philippine Islands, Indo-China, Malay States, Indonesia and Greece. I need scarcely call to your attention that five of the wars listed are going on within the territory of the Far Eastern Division. In spite of these handicaps, the work of God has gone forward and under His blessing we have made greater progress in evangelism, in souls saved, in church membership, in extending the boundaries of His kingdom within the territory of our Division, than in any similar period in the history of our work.

Advance moves were made in various areas of our Division field during 1950. The Far Eastern Island Mission held its first delegated mission session in March. At the Indonesia Union annual committee meeting last February, the brethren felt that the time had come to appoint a president for West New Guinea and thus this new-born mission baby was started on its way. Early in 1950, the Japan Union Mission asked E. E. Jensen and family to locate on Okinawa to pioneer the work there. Thus was laid the foundation for another mission. On the first of February, 1950, a worker was located in the heart of the Celebes, Indonesia, among the Toradjas. Reports are now coming to us of the first fruits from Toradjaland. During the year, our faithful colporteurs covered the little island of Timor, Indonesia, created an interest and a worker has been sent to that island to fan the smoldering interest. We have mentioned only a few of the many providential openings where we have pressed in while the doors of opportunity are yet open.

According to our records, we now have 43 ordained ministers in our overseas group and 106 in our national corps of workers, making a total of 159 ordained ministers in our Division field, including the 10 holding honorary credentials. We began

1950 with 114 overseas workers in the Division. During the year, 14 have returned to the home base permanently. This has meant that replacements had to be secured. At the close of December we had 92 overseas families and 21 single workers in the employ of our Far Eastern Division.

When the figures for 1949 were finally totalled, we discovered that there had been a total of 6,370 baptisms for that year. This was the largest number ever baptized in one year in this Division. However, we are happy to report that during the year 1950 we baptized 6,636 or 266 more than the previous year. This makes a total of 26,916 since 1946, inclusive, which is a number equal to the membership of the entire Far Eastern Division on July 1, 1935. What may not the future hold in store when under God the church and its workers are in that relationship to God that He can pour out His Spirit in the fullness thereof.

We appreciate the carefulness with which our secretaries have endeavored to secure accurate reports and at the same time encourage the field to keep up-to-date and reliable membership lists. The figures relationship to God that He can pour His Spirit in the fullness thereof.

Year	Membership December 31	Net Gain	Per Cent of Gain
1939 ..	31,808	188	.6%
1940 ..	33,602	1,794	5%
1946 ..	38,743	2,691	7%
1947 ..	38,225	518 (Loss)	0
1948 ..	42,809	4,577	11%
1949 ..	47,515	4,706	11%
1950 ..	51,830	4,315	8

As we compile this report, it is with the consciousness that God has led in the work of this Division this past year. The work of God goes on apace through human instrumentalities and that in spite of frail leadership. We regret to see the disruption that has come to the carrying out of our God-given commission in the accepted manner in some areas of our field. What we failed to do in times of peace and prosperity, we may have to do in time of war, trials and tribulations. God has been with us and we have the faith and confidence to believe that He will continue to be with us as long as we trust Him and rely upon Him for leadership.—

C. P. SORESENSEN.

Highlights from the Union Presidents' Reports

Indonesia Union Mission

The year which has just closed has been one of advancement in many of our endeavors. We have a total enrollment of 1,399 students in 18 schools with forty-two teachers. We have ten mission schools, five church schools, two academies and one junior college. Many of these students become colporteurs during vacation months. They go to all parts of Indonesia to spread the gospel in printed form. Many souls are responding to the messages of these books.

During the year 1950, we added to the church 1,158 souls. Of this number 1,076 were added by baptism and 82 by profession of faith. This brings our total church membership up to 9,500. Prospects are bright for the future. Calls are coming in faster than we can fill them. Borneo, Timor, New Guinea, and Toradjaland calls take priority over all other calls. We need workers to fill these calls.

We need your prayers and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

There are great possibilities in West New Guinea. Many of our Dutch members from Indonesia have migrated there and this makes a strong foundation for this growing work. We have organized churches at Sorong and Merauke, and companies at New Hollandia, Saramie, and Manokwari, and on the island of Japen.

The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School has become known throughout Indonesia. Within the past few weeks, a young man from Bukit Tinggi, Sumatra, came to my office and introduced himself as a new convert from that Gibraltar of Mohammedanism near Padang.

Our medical work is very young but growing fast. Our new hospital in Bandung is a credit to our work. A clinic is being conducted in connection with the hospital but in one of the native suburbs. A competent dresser and his corps of assistants are

D. N. Holm, M. D., the medical director of the hospital, visits the clinic each morning and takes care of the more complicated cases, and those needing hospitalization are taken to our hospital in an improvised ambulance.

Our new dental clinic was opened by Dr. Nantje Twijnstra at Medan, Sumatra, this past year. We now have a thriving dental clinic in the mission-owned property on Kartinilaan, a clinic which is a credit to the message we bear.

The Ambon Mission reported three baptisms for the first quarter of this past year. Since then civil strife closed the doors and Ambon was blacked out until the middle of December. Finally word came from our worker there, R. O. Walean, to the effect that four of our people and possibly five, lost their lives. Two were shot and two died of starvation. There is still a little mystery enshrouding the fifth brother but it is the consensus of opinion that he is dead. Our church still stands as a monument to the Gospel. This is the only church which weathered the storm of battle. It is wonderful how the Lord has protected this church building through two destructive wars. The first time was when the Americans destroyed the city, leaving only twenty percent of the city standing. This second battle was even more destructive than the former. But the little church still stands!

The souls brought to this truth in Indonesia during the year 1950, represent years of faithful seed-sowing by many former workers and missionaries, many of whom now rest from their labors but their works do follow them. If we earnestly sow the seed, God will give the increase. With former workers and missionaries, we can say as did Paul: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

—D. S. KIME

Japan Union Mission

The work in Japan opened in the fall of 1896, first in the Orient and second only to Africa. The work grew slowly. There were 1,256 names on the church books at the beginning of the last war and less than 900 were attending church. During the war, churches were abolished and all records were lost. After a careful search, following the war, only 435 were found ready for admission to the church on the profession of faith.

The following statistics relative to the building program which has been in progress in Japan are of interest:

	Completed	Under Con- struction	Bought Rebuilt	Total
Churches ..	19	5	3	27
Institutions ..	5	2	—	7
Workers' Homes ..	29	—	12	41
Missionary Homes	2	6	1	9
Totals ..	55	13	16	84

Seven churches and four institutions are contracted for and plans are being made for the same. The new churches are a credit to the denomination. Seven churches were dedicated in nine days.

Four missionary families have come to the field; one family was permanently returned and one family was transferred. The following field workers were added: 1 pastor-evangelist; 5 Bible instructors; 3 church school teachers and 2 colporteur leaders.

An Evangelistic Workshop was held in March of 1950. Plans were set on foot for 10-day spearhead efforts. On May 22 a nation-wide effort, under the auspices of the Voice of Prophecy, was launched.

Japan Union Mission has a junior college and an accredited junior and senior high school. Nineteen workers were sent to the field from the college during the year 1950 as follows: 12 evangelist-pastors; 3 teachers; 2 Bible instructors; and 2 office workers.

A new Publishing House was built in 1950. It is a modern, well-equipped press building. Net sales for 1950 were US\$38,538. At the recent colporteur institute, 105 were in attendance. Last year there was an average of one soul won per colporteur and some brought as many as 8 to the truth.

Fifteen nurses were graduated at the Tokyo Sanitarium and all passed the National Board. Of these, nine were baptized during their training. A new annex is under construction and plans are on foot for further expansion at the Tokyo Sanitarium.

The total membership of our Sabbath schools is 4,220. This is 247 percent of our church membership and gives evidence of the missionary work being done.

—F. R. MILLARD

Korean Union Mission

The land of morning calm has turned into a land of midnight darkness and of stormy strife. People have been uprooted from their cozy, straw-thatched houses and thrown into a large stream of wandering people who tread along the road either to the South or the North just as the present outcome of the battle demands. As the whole land has been in a movement of turmoil, the church could not escape, the consequences of war. Yet we have seen the hand of God protect His children in time of danger.

This report will not show much in the matter of statistics since no organized work could be carried on since the start of the war on June 25. Up to that time, we had had 236 baptisms. During the time of the war, only nine baptisms have been reported.

The following figures given me by the president of North Korea are of interest: They have 1,000 believers and 2,500 Sabbath school members. During 1948, they had baptized 137 souls and in 1949, 157 had taken their stand for the truth. Only five baptisms were reported for the year 1950.

The outlook at the beginning of 1950 was very good. We had 40 gospel workers, 100 lay preachers, and in all 2,700 baptized members in the Korean Union.

On the twenty-second of June, R. C. Mills, G. Munson, James Lee, and I left for Kangnung to dedicate a newly built church on Sabbath, June 24. On Sunday morning, June 25, the sound of shooting was heard. Kangnung is about a ten-hour drive from Seoul. When we arrived in Seoul, Monday morning at 3 o'clock, we found the women and children all ready to leave for the place of evacuation.

It took four months till the tide of war turned and permitted some of the missionaries to return to Korea. The American Ambassador sent in to the State Department a special request for Dr. Rue to return to Korea. On October 22, H. R. Emmerson, R. C. Mills, and I had the privilege of visiting Korea for a few weeks. Although destruction could be seen everywhere, yet it seemed at the time that the rehabilitation program could be carried on in full. However, the reverse set in and our plans were changed.

Japan has been a haven of refuge for us overseas missionaries while we have waited to go over to Korea. Under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Wangerin, a language school for our younger missionaries was organized. James Lee has started

work among the Koreans in Osaka and the prospects are good. A group of people is already keeping the Sabbath.

While watching the progress of the war from our place of refuge, and praying for our churches in Korea, we anxiously awaited messages which would tell us about our believers and workers. Soon word came through that some of our people had paid the supreme sacrifice. We do not know the exact number. Christians and outstanding men were killed in great numbers. A big group was executed under a bridge near our hospital. But there is also a bright side to the picture which seemingly depicts only war and terror. In many cases God has shown His over-ruling power and the lives of some of our workers have been spared.

When Seoul was evacuated the second time, hundreds and thousands fled before the on-rolling waves of war. Our believers left by boat, by train, by car and on foot. As the people fled before the Northern forces, the South, especially the city of Pusan, became quite congested. Daily 12,000 and more people would stream into this port city from all parts of the country. Therefore a plan was laid to evacuate the people to other islands, especially to Cheju which is the largest island in Korea. Dr. Rue was promised a boat for our believers, their belongings, and our jeep and three-quarter truck. Our people had to get ready in a hurry for they had only a few hours' notice. Dr. Rue was more than busy getting 1,000 workers and believers on this boat. R. C. Mills and I went by plane to Cheju. Already 40,000 refugees had arrived on the island. As we talked with the men in charge of the Civilian Assistance Command, they were very helpful and anxious for us to start a hospital on that island. They promised to give us a school building for that purpose. We have the staff as well as enough equipment to get started.

It took four days for our people to go to the island of Cheju. One year ago, Chong Tong Sim, the president of the South Korean Mission, appealed very strongly to the Union Committee to open again the work on Cheju. Now the doors have been thrown open wide to us. Our Korean workers and believers, as well as our missionaries, are anxious to go back to finish the task God has committed to us in the land of Korea.

—E. W. BAHR

Malayan Union Mission

Once I saw a coconut lying in the grass. It seemed that no one was interested in it and as I passed by I wondered if there was life in it. But one day after a long time, I saw a sprout breaking through the shell and husk. This answered the question. There was life in it! One day it would be a tree. One day it would bear fruit.

It seems that the Malayan Union Mission is something like that coconut. Only by faith have our brethren labored year after year hoping that some day a sprout of life would appear from within that would give promise of much fruit. Although our fruitage last year was small, we rejoice greatly that the sprouts have appeared and there will be much fruit soon and every promise of God will be fulfilled. I shall now give some reasons for our encouragement.

Two publishing houses are being operated in this field. Both report a good year. For fifteen years we have felt the need of publishing a periodical in this area for the overseas Chinese. About a year ago, fate dropped a heavy "baby" into our laps—the Chinese *Signs of the Times*, overseas edition.

In a single year, our subscription list has grown from 7,000 to 19,000 through the faithful endeavors of our publishing brethren.

God has blessed our Voice of Prophecy endeavor and through the three schools which operate courses in six different languages, thousands are being reached in places where other communications have been cut off.

This past year was marked by an awakening in several places to the importance of Christian education. Adventist parents are making a real effort to place their children in our schools.

For more than 30 years our people in Ipoh have longed for a suitable church building. Funds received from solicitation, gifts from church members, and special appropriations, enabled them to build and they have now met two Sabbaths in their new church home. In 1939, a beautiful site was purchased in the city of Penang and a sign was erected stating that on this site a new Seventh-day Adventist church would soon be built. That sign stood there during the war years and until a few months ago when the erection of a beautiful church home was begun and will soon be finished. In Thailand our people have long hoped for a place near the hospital in which evangelistic services could be conducted for the patients and for those interested through the Voice of Prophecy. This church home was completed in 1950. In Indo-China in the Cholon area a church was built for the Chinese and in the Phunhuan district a church home was built for the Vietnamese people. In North Borneo our largest church congregation, more than 250, has had the privilege of seeing the Tenghilan church rise in the place of the war-stricken hotel in which they have had to worship for so long.

Three new clinics came into full operation in Thailand and joined with our three major institutions in treating 114,146 patients in the year just closed. The Bangkok Sanitarium School of Nursing held its first graduation. In a few weeks a fine large unit of our Bangkok Sanitarium will be opened for patients. The Youngberg Memorial Hospital is to have a new 24-bed building. This hospital has purchased and circulated 12,400 periodicals in 1950, in addition to many tracts, books and Bibles. This is quite typical of our medical institutions as they undertake to do their part in spreading the message of truth.

On the north coast of Borneo is Marudu Bay. A worker was sent there in 1935 and a small station was built in 1937. This was abandoned in 1944. Six had been baptized but only one remained faithful. A few of our believers have now moved there and a great awakening has come. There are now 40 baptized members and over 200 Sabbath school members. The entire country is afire with interest in God's truth.

So the Spirit moves ahead with its life-giving power to awaken these latent fields. We see everywhere a new day in the things of God.

—J. M. NERNESS

Philippine Union Mission

The membership of the Philippine Union Mission now stands at 34,611. This is divided among nine organized and one unorganized missions. We have 557 churches with 457 workers in mission and institution employment. Of the workers, 328 are in the educational field, 75 in the medical, 56 in the publishing and there are in addition 397 colporteurs and thousands of lay workers. We have 45 ordained ministers. In our overseas group, there are

18 families and 5 single workers. During the year 1950, 4,558 souls were baptized. There were 2,252 young people baptized and of this number 599 were won by the young people.

"One soweth and another reapeth." I suppose there is no class of workers that does as much sowing as the colporteur. Our book sales for the year amounted to US\$398,242.00 and 322 souls were reported won to Christ through the labors of our colporteurs. In 1949, the sales were 70 percent English and 30 percent vernacular. This past year the percentage is 80 percent vernacular and 20 percent English. The press is to be commended for this very fine showing.

Pastor Yorac is broadcasting in Cebu under the name of Voice of Hope. We have 28 outlets a week over 4 long and 4 short wave systems, each 1,000-watt stations. They reach Guam, China, Okinawa, Formosa and at times Australia.

The Manila Sanitarium-Hospital, the Philippine Publishing House and the Philippine Union College are all on a firm footing financially. The Union Mission is indebted to these three major institutions for the payment during the past year of something in excess of 25,000 pesos in tithe on earned income.

You will rejoice to know that during 1950 the Philippine Union Mission became a million-peso organization in point of tithes and offerings.

We have received permission from the Division Committee to proceed with the purchase of a tract of land in the Quezon City section of the city of Manila, where soon the walls of the new Philippine Evangelistic Center will begin to rise. A dormitory for the nurses of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital is to be built this year. It will house from 60 to 90 nurses and will cost in the neighborhood of 125,000 pesos. Funds are on hand for this project, the major portion coming from earnings of the institution. We have also shaped plans for the expansion of the Lakeside Clinic in a new location on the edge of the city of Iligan, in northern Mindanao. The clinic is under the direction of Dr. R. T. Santos, and this little institution has for the past three years been sowing the gospel seed in the land of the Moros, around the beautiful Lake Lanao in central Mindanao.

As the year 1950 closed, we reached the halfway point of the 20th century. Time is running on and our work is not yet finished. I believe, however, that this year has brought to our experience a keener sense of the seriousness of the times and a far more vivid vision of the finishing of the work and the coming of Jesus. It has greatly encouraged us all to see the emphasis that our leaders are placing on the spiritual fitness of the church for the reception of the fuller measure of the Holy Spirit. Our workers have heartily responded to the call and we have already seen special manifestations of power in answer to our turning to God in this way. Now as we divide the Union, it is hoped that, under God, and with closer supervision there will be far greater achievements.

(A portion of the excerpts of this abbreviated report was taken from the report of the treasurer of the Philippine Union Mission, E. L. Becker.)

—E. M. ADAMS

Far Eastern Island Mission

By R. E. DUNTON, *President*

We are happy to report that in just a little over two and one-half years we now have on Guam alone about thirteen buildings where we once had not even a place to set foot on. We have three or-

ganized churches with a membership of approximately 130 believers, and we are operating two church schools. We have a small Book and Bible Agency and have recently started the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

On the island of Saipan, 125 miles north of Guam, Brother and Sister Guillermo Flores are laboring among a populace heretofore one hundred per cent Catholic. It has not been easy. Another Protestant denomination has had a resident missionary on that island for a number of years. But to date he has not had a single convert. We now have several keeping the Sabbath on Saipan and a number are deeply interested and are studying the truth.

Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Bowers have been laboring in the Palau Islands and at a recent meeting our second church was organized there on the island of Babelthap. We are planning for a large mission school there next year, but we have been perplexed to know where we could acquire teachers. The Lord provided the solution at Thanksgiving time when four well-qualified teachers were among the nineteen who followed their Lord into the watery grave. The first congresswoman of Palau is treasurer of our church; the adviser on ethnic affairs, the high chief—second in authority only to the American governor—these are both members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The special adviser to the governor is a deacon in our church and the superintendent of public schools is also a member. Judge Furber, legal adviser for the Trust Territory, visited us recently and he made this remark about our work in Palau: "I have noticed that all of the people here who are industrious, who are trying to do something for the people, and who are leaders on the island, are members of your church."

We are happy for what has been done, but our hearts go out to the thousands of people in the more than 85 inhabited islands of our mission which extends over thousands of square miles of water from the shores of Mindanao in the southern Philippines to the 180th meridian or the Date Line, and from the Bonin Islands south of Honshu, Japan, to the equator—a tremendous challenge in these short hours left to us. We are planning by the grace of Christ to have our work at least started in every section of this large area within the year. We trust that the truth will spread rapidly to the outlying places which are in some cases so primitive that women still go on hands and knees in the presence of men.

Will you not reserve a little corner of your heart for these people and unite with us in praying that the Spirit of God may be poured upon them to the end that the work may soon be finished and our Saviour come.

"The isles shall wait."

They shall not wait in vain.

They languish long

In grief and wrong,

In anguish wait,

In loneliness and pain.

"The isles shall wait."

But look! Truth's pure-lit ray

Has pierced the night!

On mountain height,

On headland rock,

Comes dawn and soon the day."

A.N.A.

Gleanings from Departmental Secretaries' Reports

Department of Education

With the one great objective of "Finding the Way of the Lord" in education, the Division educational board has just concluded the second council since the war years. One of its major problems was the preparation and adoption of a complete educational policy manual for the Division with the specific objective of aligning our policies with the true principles of Christian education.

Since each union was represented educationally in a special evening report, the report given by the division educational secretary is intended merely as a brief survey of educational development and problems of the field. A summary of our problems includes:

1. The realignment of our present program with the policies adopted in the 1951 educational council.

2. Further development of elementary Bible textbooks. Complete sets of the *Listen and Do* have been brought out in Japan and Malaya, with one set in Malay now on the press for Indonesia. Translation into the Japanese language is already complete for the revised Old and New Testament books. By special arrangement with the General Conference educational department, we are securing advance manuscripts of other recently prepared Bible books so that our translation here may not be delayed.

3. Buildings and new schools. The Japan Junior College is planning to erect a new administration building and a boys' dormitory. Indonesia is planning to locate a new school in North Sumatra. The Malayan Union is hoping to open a new school unit somewhere in the Marudu Bay area in British North Borneo. The Philippine Union is planning to develop a new junior college in Mindanao on a 2,500 acre tract of land in Bukidnon Province.

4. The student ingathering as revealed by the census gives us this picture: 12,738 students are enrolled in the schools of the Far Eastern Division. This is an increase of nearly 1,000 students. In spite of this encouraging report, we still have a minimum of 14,000 young people not attending our Christian schools.

We must translate the resolutions of our council into action in every school of the Division. This will not be easy and it will not be done without making some changes in nearly every school. Hope is found for us in the following words from the book *Education*: "With us, as with Israel of old, success in education depends on fidelity in carrying out the Creator's plan. Adherence to the principles of God's word will bring as great blessings to us as it would have brought to the Hebrew people." Page 50.

—W. O. BALDWIN

Parent and Home Education

Some progress has been made in the work of this branch of the department of education but it is pitifully small in comparison with the needs in this time of crisis in the world.

In February of last year, the first campmeeting ever held in the Far Eastern Division was conducted in the Celebes and I was privileged to attend and to help conduct the meetings for the children. We

began with about 350 children and lost count at 650 the last day of the meeting. Mrs. I. C. Schmidt and Miss Frieda Clark also helped in these meetings. After the camp-meeting, Mrs. Schmidt, Miss Clark and I held conventions in Soerabaja and Bandung.

The latter part of March, Mrs. Schmidt and I met in Palembang and held a three-day convention. We had an attendance of about 60 during the meetings. From there we went to North Sumatra and spent the greater part of two weeks holding meetings in many of the churches. In other parts of Indonesia there are groups meeting for study. In Java and Celebes, as well as in Sumatra, they are carrying on the good work that Mrs. Schmidt started.

Mrs. F. R. Millard has been appointed the secretary of the Parent and Home Education work in Japan. She has a deep interest in the work and we do appreciate her efforts to foster it. In Malaya, Mrs. L. C. Wilcox is the secretary but she also works full time at the Voice of Prophecy office. Just prior to the war, Mrs. James Lee was appointed to carry this work in Korea. When Mrs. Ragsdale left the Philippines, Mrs. Odom was asked to take the work in that field.

The call of the hour throughout the world is for a revival and it should begin in the home, the foundation of all society.—MRS. V. T. ARMSTRONG

Home Missionary Department

I regret that I cannot give a full and complete report of Field Adventuring from all the unions. The Korean Union was all ready to start when the 38th parallel was crossed. The Philippine Union lost no time in getting behind this plan. In his yearly report on Field Adventuring covering the year 1950, Pastor Diaz gives the following figures:

Special tracts distributed ..	376,300
Homes visited	182,478
Persons definitely planning for Bibles studies	1,375

As the direct result of Field Adventuring in the Philippines this past year, seven were baptized in the West Visayan Mission; several families are now keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism in the Northeast Luzon Mission; a sister has been reclaimed in the Central Luzon Mission; and nine were baptized in the Northern Luzon Mission. We recognize that a new project like this takes time to get under way but we feel sure that the year 1951 will find all unions promoting strongly this splendid plan.

Wherever classes for training Light Bearers have been started, they have met with a ready response. In the book, *Training Light Bearers*, we have 258 pages of material which is needed in every church. W. E. Doughty said, "The world will be evangelized in the generation in which the church rediscovers the spiritual functions of laymen and adjusts its teachings and program of work to call out and utilize the lay forces of the church."

Never have we launched an Ingathering campaign when the conditions seemed to be more unfavorable than in the year 1950. In spite of this, campaigns were launched in all the unions except Korea and God greatly blessed in each campaign. A total of

US\$133,678.28 was gathered in this past year and this is a gain of US\$1,565.29 over the previous year. Two of our schools did exceptionally well. The Philippine Union College raised US\$6,000.00 in six weeks. The Malayan Union Seminary group reported a total of US\$3,802.28, largely as a result of two field days.

During 1950, the U.S. Census was taken in just three weeks. This was made possible through the work of 140,000 enumerators under 8,764 supervisors in 200,000 districts. If the nearly 52,000 members of this Division under the leadership of our 1,709 workers would contact only five families on each of the two Home Visitation days of 1951, 500,000 families would thus be reached.

The following words quoted from the servant of the Lord are especially fitting at this time:

"In this connection my mind reverted to the activity of the advent believers of 1843 and 1844. At that time there was much house-to-house visitation and untiring efforts were made to warn the people of things that are spoken of in God's word. We should be putting forth even greater effort than was put forth by those who proclaimed the first angel's message so faithfully. We are rapidly approaching the end of this earth's history; and as we realize that Jesus is indeed coming soon, we shall be aroused to labor as never before. We are bidden to sound an alarm to the people."—*Mrs. E. G. White, Remnant Church*, p. 66.

Medical Department

The work above all work,—the business above all others which should draw and engage the energies of the soul,—is the work of saving souls for whom Christ has died."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 227.

Here in our Far Eastern Division we have a dozen medical institutions representing a capital investment of well over a million U. S. dollars. Might we not do well to pause for a moment in order to analyze our objectives and take stock of our inventories, yes, and perhaps in some cases recheck or even alter our course.

God is using the medical centers, the clinics, and dispensaries of this great Far Eastern Division in proclaiming His truth for this time. Many people passing through Bangkok tell us of the fine work being done and the uplifting spiritual influence emanating from our health institutions in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Malaya.

The rendering of institutional care requires nurses, technicians, doctors, office, and various types of service personnel. Our doctors have come largely from our denominational medical college, our office workers from our schools, as well as through the opportunities of advancement within our work. Professional nursing demands a type of skill that cannot be obtained solely in an apprenticeship. The need for consecrated, well-trained nurses in our institutions has ever been one of our greatest needs. This need becomes more acute in the mission field and can be solved only as our sanitariums and hospitals operate schools of nursing—at least one in each language area. As God leads in the expansion of our institutions to the point where they may possess adequate facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of disease, and to the size where they can operate accredited schools of nursing, let us manifest our faith by our works and unitedly support the program that we are told is of "heaven's own order."

—R. F. WADDELL, M.D.

The Missionary Volunteer Department

We take pleasure in bringing you another report of the young people's Missionary Volunteer department. The number of societies in the Far Eastern Division has increased by about 100 and the membership has kept growing steadily upward until it now registers nearly 18,000, or a membership equal to 35 percent of our church membership. Taking into consideration the main activities of our work—members reporting, number observing the Morning Watch, the Progressive class work, and missionary endeavors, we find an upsurge in every column for the period of this past year. We attribute this in a large measure to more and stronger leadership, more vigorous promotion, availability of denominational literature for personal inspiration and for missionary purposes, and a ready response on the part of our young people to a consecrated and efficient leadership in the missions and in the local societies.

During the past year, the war situation has somewhat interrupted our flow of reports from the union missions, especially Korea. The same can be said in a measure for Indonesia. In spite of incomplete reports, we note with pleasure that a total of 2,393 young people were baptized last year. Our Missionary Volunteers reported that 923 young people were baptized who had been won to the truth through the efforts of our youth.

It is with pleasure that we have noted the amount of material made available to our societies and young people by our mission M. V. leaders. This has involved a great deal of translation of program material, instruction to officers, and Progressive Class requirements and direction. *Messages to Young People* has been translated in whole or in part by several of our unions and will soon be available to our youth. We have noted with pleasure, too, that in the holding of our mission general meetings, more and more of our missions are making provision for their young people and juniors.

Since our arrival in the Division field almost four years ago, we have scarcely made a trip nor met an appointment but that there were groups ready for investiture. During this past year, 2,000 have been invested in the three junior classes and 98 have been invested as Master Guides (formerly Master Comrades). Six hundred Vocational Honor tokens have been awarded. Not included in these figures, for this investiture was held during the fourth quarter, we cite with pleasure and pride the investing of 101 individuals with about 135 pins and over 400 Vocational Honor tokens at the Malayan Union Seminary early in November. This work was done through the leadership of our young people under the sponsorship of J. L. Pogue. Our Malay church, though only one year old, also had an investiture service in November when eight young people mounted the first round of the Progressive Class ladder. Our young people are responding to leadership.

A new inspiration came to our field with the introduction of junior camps. A Junior Leaders' Training Camp was held in the Philippines during the summer of 1949. Since that time a total of about seven or eight camps have been held in the various missions of the Philippines under the direction of P. H. Romulo and his local mission M. V. secretaries. Y. Seino, M. V. secretary in the Japan Union Mission, reported the holding of eight senior or junior camps this past summer. A camp was to have been held in the North Celebes but internal

strife prevented this. We believe that soon all of our union missions will be sponsoring these summer camps for their junior and senior young people.

It has been suggested that I might say a word about Medical Cadet training. Four years ago when passing through Manila on our way to Singapore, we spent most of our time in consultation regarding Medical Cadet training. Since that time, Philippine Union College and all of the academies in the Philippine Union have endeavored to give this training for our young men there face compulsory military training. R. S. Lee, when attending the Master Comrade camp in the Philippines, chanced to see the Medical Cadet corps in action at the college and he went back to Korea and began the training at once. We are faced with the question of what we can do for our young men facing the eventuality of war service, as well as what contribution of a positive nature we can make to civilian defense should our countries be attacked. Our program as a people should ever be positive, and that especially as it pertains to our young people.

—C. P. SORESENSEN

Publishing Department

Encouragement comes from reports of interest created by our literature during 1950. In Borneo, 60 persons are reported to be keeping the Sabbath. On Japan Island, 24 persons are calling for a worker. On Timor Island a church is being organized. On Sunda Island a Sabbath school was started by a student colporteur. C. A. Williams, publishing secretary of the Korean Union, in a letter dated January 24, 1951, writes: "Down in the Pusan area only last week two of our colporteurs were seen with a large pack of literature on their backs in the midst of famine, disease, and destitution, faithfully carrying on the good work with what literature they have been able to bring down with them from the twice-abandoned publishing house." The publishing department of the Japan Union reports 77 souls won to Christ. Japan had 78 colporteurs in the field during 1950—approximately one soul for each colporteur. Colporteur-evangelists of the Malayan Union had a good soul-winning year in 1950. The Philippine Islands report between three and four hundred baptisms from colporteur-evangelist contacts during the year. The Publishing work has begun in the Far Eastern Island Mission and a rapid growth is expected in the circulation of our truth-filled books and journals in that island field.

Approximately 36 books were translated by the editors of this Division during 1950, and most of these manuscripts were put into print.

During the past year, there was an average of 658 colporteur-evangelists in the Far Eastern Division. They worked 752,249 hours and delivered US\$670,526.46 worth of literature. Approximately 70 scholarships were awarded to student colporteurs during 1950.

The 1951 Far Eastern Division publishing department objectives are as follows:

1. To double the colporteur sales force.
2. To maintain a publishing department family spirit.
3. To have publishing houses and publishing department secretaries.
4. To help each colporteur-evangelist sell more "benefits" and less "books."
5. To arouse more able national writers to prepare manuscripts for publication.

6. To help each colporteur understand the art of suggestion and offering brief prayers in the homes of the prospects.
7. To co-ordinate the efforts of our colporteur-evangelists with that of ministers, Bible instructors, The Voice of Prophecy, and trained laymen for more efficient evangelism.

Never in the history of the church has the responsibility and opportunity of circulating truth-laden publications to the millions been greater. We enter the new year with great courage believing that the Far Eastern Division will soon be delivering one million U. S. dollars' worth of literature annually. The greater the circulation, the greater the harvest. We thank God for His blessing upon the publishing work, and as we observe fulfilling prophecy, our faith in the final triumph of Christ's kingdom is strengthened.

The Sabbath School Department

According to our latest Division Sabbath School report to the General Conference, we now have 1,277 Sabbath schools, an increase of 38 over last year; and our membership stands at 63,241, an increase in membership of 10,258.

Since its inception in 1912, fifteen million dollars have come into the General Conference treasury on Thirtieth Sabbaths, and nearly two million dollars have gone forward in special projects as the result of the overflow plan. Overflow offerings have come to the Far Eastern Division in recent years as follows:

Fourth Quarter, 1946	US\$36,242.54
First Quarter, 1949	39,688.01

The Far Eastern Division has just had another opportunity to promote and receive the overflow offering, this time for the fourth quarter of 1950. Strong promotion was given to this offering, and we have every reason to believe that the final figures will reveal that the offering was a very liberal one.

In spite of the fact that Korea has been unable to report for two quarters of the period under review, and also that the Indonesian currency was devaluated as of July 1 1950, the year just closed shows a gain over 1949 in total Sabbath school offerings of over US\$1,000.00.

I was glad to find on a recent visit to Japan that all of the new churches being built there have made provision for the young people and children. "The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls. The order of working may be faultless, the facilities all that could be desired; but if the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure; . . ." —C.S.S.W. p. 61.

Our reports show that we have 164 branch Sabbath schools in the Division. This is a good start but the time has come when every one of our 1,277 Sabbath schools should have one or more branch schools. In Japan, the Japan Junior College at Naraha has eight well-organized branch Sabbath schools. Three of these are held in Buddhist temples. All are managed by students under faculty supervision. The Kisarazu church, located seven miles from the College, is largely the result of the branch Sabbath school held there. The church was organized with twenty-five members and on November 26, 1950, their new church building was dedicated.

The Sabbath school is an evangelizing agency, and in most cases where new work is started it is the first organization that is set up. The year 1950 is in the past. We cannot change the record. The year 1951 is before us. Let us strive under God to make our Sabbath schools in this Division real soul-winning agencies.

—F. A. PRATT

Report of the Division Builder

Why do we go to the expense and trouble of constructing buildings? We do not erect imposing and monumental buildings to batten someone's pride. We do not build to make a name for the Seventh-day Adventists, nor to impress people with the wealth of the denomination.

We build for one objective only, that of facilitating the proclamation of the Gospel. We are wasting both time and money if we construct a building that will not serve a definite purpose in advancing the work of God in the earth.

We must have schools to train workers. We need hospitals to demonstrate the Spirit of the Master. We need offices to care for the administrative and financial phases of our work. We need publishing houses to proclaim the Good News by means of the printed page. We need homes for the missionaries and the national workers. We must have churches where the people may come for spiritual help.

The following is a summary of the buildings built in the Far Eastern Division during the last five years, 1946-1950:

Hospitals and Auxiliary Buildings ..	26
School Buildings ..	36
Publishing Houses ..	4
Homes ..	153
Churches ..	48
Administrative Buildings ..	16
Total ..	283

Expenditures for the above buildings have been as follows:

Medical Institutions ..	US\$ 919,573.00
Educational Institutions ..	552,761.00
Publishing Houses ..	273,149.00
Churches ..	422,225.00
Administrative Buildings ..	483,179.00
Total ..	US\$2,650,887.00

Nominating Committee Report

This was the thirteenth biennial session of the Far Eastern Division Committee and the following appointments were made for the next biennial period:

FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

<i>Asst. Auditor and Cashier</i> ..	W. J. Blacker (until departure)
	M. N. Hempel
<i>Division Builder</i> ..	H. R. Emmerson
<i>Parent & Home Education</i> ..	Mrs. V. T. Armstrong
<i>Transportation Agent</i> ..	P. L. Williams
<i>Asst. Transportation Agent</i> ..	M. N. Hempel

Asst. Transportation

<i>Agents — Unions</i> ...	Union Treasurers
<i>Editor, Far Eastern Division OUTLOOK</i> ..	C. P. Sorensen
<i>Secretary, Commission for Medical Cadet Service</i> ..	C. P. Sorensen

We recommend, That the name of E. M. Adams be recommended to the General Conference Committee for appointment as Division Field Secretary, assigned to the Philippines.

FAR EASTERN ISLAND MISSION:

<i>President</i> ..	R. E. Dunton
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> ..	C. G. Ollver

INDONESIA UNION MISSION:

<i>President</i> ..	D. S. Kime (until departure on furlough)
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We recommend, That the Division Committee arrange to have a successor for Elder Kime in the field prior to his departure on furlough.

<i>Union Field Secretary</i> ..	D. S. Kime (after furlough)
<i>Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor</i> ..	H. D. Johnson
<i>Editor, Indonesia Language</i> ..	M. Diredja
<i>Editor, Dutch Language</i> ..	P. Klop

JAPAN UNION MISSION:

<i>President</i> ..	F. R. Millard
<i>Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor</i> ..	W. I. Hilliard
<i>Editor</i> ..	K. Kuniya

KOREAN UNION MISSION:

<i>President</i> ..	E. W. Bahr (until furlough)
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We recommend, That a call be placed for C. W. Lee for president of the Korean Union Mission, his appointment to become effective upon his release from his present position.

<i>Vice-President</i> ..	Chung Tong Shim
<i>Union Field Secretary</i> ..	E. W. Bahr (upon return from furlough)
<i>Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor</i> ..	C. U. Pak
<i>Editor</i> ..	Mrs. Theodora Wangerin

MALAYAN UNION MISSION:

<i>President</i> ..	J. M. Nerness
<i>Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor</i> ..	C. C. Cleveland
<i>Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Auditor</i> ..	K. T. Kong
<i>Editor, Chinese Signs of the Times, Overseas Edition</i> ..	Samuel Tsai

NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION:

<i>President</i> ..	M. C. Warren
<i>Vice-President</i> ..	J. O. Bautista
<i>Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor</i> ..	E. L. Becker

Editor R. L. Odum
Assistant Auditor .. . H. L. Dyer (until departure for furlough)

SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION:

President Gil de Guzman
Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Auditor .. V. M. Montalban
Financial Adviser and Auditor E. L. Becker
Assistant Auditor .. H. L. Dyer (until departure on furlough)

ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION COMMITTEE:

Far Eastern Division .. H. R. Emmerson, M. N. Hempel, W. J. Blacker (until departure)
Far Eastern Island Mission .. R. E. Dunton
Indonesia Union Mission .. A. Pasuhuk
Japan Union Mission .. S. Ogura
Malayan Union Mission .. S. F. Chu
South Philippine Union Mission .. V. M. Montalban

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Evangelism in Japan

By P. H. ELDRIDGE

The prospects for effective evangelism in Japan have never looked brighter. 1951 finds us facing a tremendous opportunity with better facilities than we have ever had before. More than twenty new church buildings will make it possible for us to hold meetings in Japan's large cities with a minimum of expense and in quarters which will be both suitable for our purpose and representative of the gospel which we preach.

The closing months of 1950 were utilized in laying an effective ground-work. Under the auspices of the Voice of Prophecy, efforts were held throughout Japan.

Meetings continuing for forty nights were held in Sapporo, Tokyo, Chiba, Kisarazu, Kobe, Kurume, Kagoshima, and Hiroshima. Those in Yokohama were held for thirty nights. In the following places ten-night efforts were carried on: Kumamoto, Moji, Ito, Odawara, Urawa, Kamakura, and Ookayama (Tokyo). In several places where the church buildings were not completed last fall, spearhead efforts will be held this spring.

These meetings use the Voice of Prophecy enrollments in the area as a nucleus, and new people who attend are enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course so that thorough grounding in the doctrines is possible. Our experience in Japan since the war has proved that combining Bible correspondence work with public and personal evangelistic endeavor is very effective in bringing people to the point where they will be baptized and unite with the church. About fifteen young workers have been taken on as ministerial and Bible instructor interns, and this gives us a much greater capacity for maintaining the

personal contacts with new believers which are necessary to bring them to a decision.

Fortunately, the interest of the Japanese people in Christianity has not appreciably lessened in recent months. In fact, world conditions which have placed this country once more in the spotlight have presented an ideal background for our message. We are praying now that the Lord will bless our use of these new facilities before another war shall end our opportunity.

Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital
Expansion Program

By ERNESTINE GILL

On the afternoon of September 8, 1950, a crowd assembled in the court between the Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital building and the Amanuma church to witness the formal ground-breaking ceremony for the new wing of the hospital. This was the beginning of the expansion program which had been under way for a considerable time, and marked a real cornerstone in the history of the hospital.

Since the medical work reopened at the Tokyo Sanitarium in 1947, it has been apparent that larger and better facilities would be necessary to meet the needs both for the community and the school of nursing. St. Luke's Hospital, the only other foreign-styled hospital in Tokyo, had been taken over by the American Occupation Forces which left only our hospital to serve the needs of Japanese, overseas missionaries and business people. The necessity for bed-space for patients has been keenly felt. The Occupation Forces, seeing the necessity of higher standards of medical and nursing education, had set up a medical and nursing department with the express purpose of raising the quality of training given to medical students and nurses. Consequently, minimum standards had been set for schools of nursing requiring a 100-bed hospital to provide adequate experience in the following departments: surgical, obstetrical, medical, pediatrics, clinical and communicable diseases.

When the Tokyo Sanitarium school of nursing was reopened, the hospital board had voted to make this school such that it would meet the standards for accreditation. Therefore, students were admitted with the understanding that they would be graduated from a recognized school. The hospital board therefore began to plan for enlarging the hospital or expanding in a new location. It was felt by all that the hospital site was not desirable so other more centrally located properties were sought. A number were found but always there was some undesirable feature. Finally, the Hodogaya property was purchased which is just nine miles from Yokohama. The plan was to build a new sanitarium-type of hospital and tubercular unit. However, after long deliberation, it was felt that the distance from the city would be too great to ensure a good patronage so these plans were abandoned. More searching continued and each time desirable property was found but the price was too high or there were strings tied to it. The British Army Hospital was vacated and a request was made for us to take over that institution which would accommodate a maximum of 150 patients, but the American Army decided to use it for its own purposes. We began to realize the futility of trying to move the institution elsewhere. The Japanese community surrounding the hospital sent a petition for us to remain here.

Finally, as a last resort, plans were laid to enlarge the present building and prints were drawn up to that end. When these were completed, a campaign was launched to raise funds to help us finance the project. Mr. Marvin Reeder was chosen campaign manager. After weeks of work and planning in cooperation with the hospital board and staff, and of getting data and pictures for brochures and a prospectus, he entered on the next phase of the project, that of contacting the public and raising donations. He found himself faced with a tremendous task. To meet all of the potential contributors would mean calling on thousands of people. Then there was the language difficulty so Elder Millard, with an assistant, made contacts with the Japanese. A. K. Davis and Warren Hilliard were also asked to give some assistance. This campaign was launched in May and was getting well under way when the Korean war broke out. Liberal donations had been promised amounting to \$20,000.00. The families of the business men were sent home so their contributions were either held back for a time or withdrawn entirely. This made our fund gathering program much more difficult and, of course, the returns were minima as compared with what they might have been.

The admonition, "Have Faith in God," gave us courage to continue our project in spite of the war and other difficulties. The contract was let out and the public announcement that we would continue our building program was made. This gave much hope and confidence to the missionaries and others remaining in Japan. The Japanese repeatedly expressed their appreciation for our desire to enlarge our work in the face of possible war. It made them realize that our work is based upon something more substantial than material foundations. There have been many difficulties and problems thrown in the way to make us realize that the devil must feel our work is important so he is trying in every possible manner to thwart it. But the work is moving forward and God has wonderfully blessed us. For this we are profoundly grateful.

Today, January 28, as we view the new wing, we see the concrete structure of the second floor completed with the forms almost finished for the roof. We anticipate the day when this new wing will be completed for we are operating under most difficult handicaps. Part of the present building has had to be torn away which has reduced our space and has completely cut us off from the kitchen and dining room. Our room space has been considerably reduced so the demands for more beds has necessitated the opening of a temporary ward in the old publishing house building. This had been intended for a demonstration room for the school of nursing. Patients have been placed in various rooms of the private homes on the compound to meet the needs so it will be wonderful when the new wing will be finished. This is the first of three new units to be added. Next will come the unit providing a new operating room suite on the top floor, and a new kitchen and dining room on the first floor. Later, as means will permit, the third and last wing will be added which will enlarge the hospital to a 107-bed capacity. This will provide a complete new clinic unit, x-ray, laboratory, pharmacy and ample space for medical offices, business offices and so forth.

To make all of this possible, the Amanuma church will have to be moved to another location. Already one house has been moved to the other end of the compound to provide badly needed parking space for the many automobiles that are parked around the hospital each day. Other buildings will have to be moved. The Publishing House has already

moved to its new location at Hodogaya to relieve the cramped situation and provide space for the school of nursing and hospital storage and maintenance area, so badly needed. The plan is to eventually turn over the Amanuma compound to the hospital and the Union offices and residences will be moved elsewhere. We solicit an interest in your prayers that God will bless our medical work and prosper it as He has in the past. Last year's income was multiplied many times over previous years so we are confident that God has a plan and a purpose for us in the expansion of the medical work in Japan.

Realizing the need of further expansion of the medical work in Japan, we are looking forward to the day when institutions can be opened in Hiroshima, Kobe, Yokohama, and elsewhere as the Lord directs. We are training personnel for that purpose. The first milestone in that program was passed today when fifteen young women were graduated from the school of nursing and awarded their diplomas as the token of a successful completion of three years of training. It is hoped that by next year when another class will have been graduated, we will have sufficient nurses to place in these other areas where medical work is so badly needed.

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Evangelism Among Koreans in Osaka

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When World War II ended in 1945, there began a great exodus among the two to three million Koreans living in Japan and the majority of them returned to their homeland. Of those who remained in Japan, it is estimated that approximately 300,000 live in Osaka, and 450,000 in the Osaka-Kyoto-Kobe area. Our missionaries who remained in Japan and settled in Kobe were not slow in seeing the opportunities surrounding them nor in accepting the challenge. A spearhead effort was started in Osaka early in December with meetings for fifteen consecutive evenings. A good interest was shown from the beginning. Y. Kimura, who is in charge of our Korean church in Tokyo, went to assist the writer and Elder E. W. Bahr. A Sabbath school was started the second Sabbath of the effort with an attendance of around twenty-five. This effort was continued in another hall with four meetings each week. Already a number have decided to keep the Sabbath and over thirty are coming out regularly for the Sabbath service.

One of this group was a member of a Pentecostal group. When this company disbanded some ten years ago, he and his family joined the Presbyterian church in Osaka. He soon became a deacon and his wife the leader of the Women's Society. They have now turned in their resignations, stating that they have found the "chee-lee" (truth) and are joining the "Advent Church." Mr. and Mrs. Oh, daughter Maria, and a daughter-in-law are now looking forward to baptism. Their son is away on a business trip but it is anticipated that he will also accept the truth upon his return.

One Sabbath morning, a clean-cut, fine looking college law student named Kim came to Sabbath school. He continued to attend the meetings for several evenings. One evening just before time to start, the electricity went off during a rainstorm. It was cold and I suggested that we all gather around the stove and have a question and answer meeting. Mr. Chun, our Korean assistant in the meetings, asked me if I had heard of Mr. Kim's dream. After my negative reply and a great deal of urging from us he told it to us as follows:

"Friday night, December 23, in my dream I was at my home in South Korea and was trying to persuade my uncle to go with me to Japan. He would not go, so I started out alone in the twilight. With the fall of darkness, I lay down in the field and went to sleep. Upon awakening in the morning, I found myself completely uncovered. Glancing around, I saw several women working in a nearby field, and in the field next to me was an old woman who volunteered to go to the village near by and get me some clothing. As she walked away, I happened to notice my coat lying near my head and hastily threw it around me. I called to her and she, seeing that I was covered, returned to her work. I started for the village myself and then awoke. The next morning I started out on my bicycle with no particular object in mind. My thoughts were troubled about this queer dream. I rode by the meeting hall and then turned back to see an old friend of mine who worked in the office on the main floor. Mr. Chun met me at the door and invited me to the Sabbath school service. I enjoyed it so much that I have continued to come." And then turning to me, he asked, "What do you think that dream could have meant, Mr. Lee?"

Taking my Bible, I turned to the third chapter of Revelation and other texts and read to him about our naked spiritual condition, and our need for new raiment—the "white robes" of the saints. We continued for more than an hour studying verse after verse. At the close of our study, I turned to Mr. Kim and asked him if he now understood the dream better. He assured us that he felt the Lord had sent him that impressive dream to get him to realize his spiritual nakedness, and to seek for spiritual clothing. He has continued to attend all of the meetings.

The evening I left Osaka for the Division Council in Singapore, G. W. Munson, who was to conduct the meetings during my absence, with the assistance of Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, as translator, and I finalized on a semi-permanent place for the meetings until we can get a church built. A splendid site has been located just two minutes' walk from the Tsurubashi station which is the intersection for two elevated electric lines and two street car lines. Thus excellent transportation facilities are provided for all Koreans living in different parts of the city. However, the most favorable feature of this location is that it is thirty minutes' walking distance for over half of the Koreans in Osaka. This location faces a broad thoroughfare and is on an elevated piece of land thus assuring the church of a prominent place in the local skyline. With the erection of this church, it will be possible to use it as an evangelistic center for Osaka and continue to feed into it from smaller efforts held in each of the Korean communities in Osaka.

This development of the work among the Koreans in Japan is one blessing that has come as the result of the war in Korea. It is our prayer that a strong work will develop there and that it will continue to grow even after we missionaries return to our posts of duty in Korea.

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Graduation

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The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing held its second graduation exercises since liberation on November 17-19, 1950. Eight members of the graduating class had looked forward to this date with much anticipation for they had waited ten long years to finish their nurses' course.

Miss Bessie Irvine, director of nurses, was the adviser. With hard work and careful planning, in spite of very limited time and overcrowded schedule, the graduation exercises were a success. The Manila English Church was beautifully decorated with flowering plants and palms. The class motto, "Others," and the aim "Living to Serve," featured in pennants of blue and gold which were the class colors, completed the decorations. The consecration service was held Friday evening with Elder Eric Ristau as the speaker. He stressed the importance of doing medical missionary work. Living to serve others was the theme of the message Elder Edwin Gibb gave at the baccalaureate service at the Sabbath morning hour.

The commencement exercises started promptly at 7:30 Sunday evening with Mr. Romeo D. Brion, assistant manager of the Philippine Union College, playing the processional. Once more the Manila English church was filled to capacity with friends, relatives and distinguished visitors who came to witness the mid-term graduation exercises. The members of the faculty marched in first and they were followed by the students and then the members of the graduating class.

Professor Rogaciano Imperio offered the invocation. "Come Unto Me," was beautifully sung by Mrs. Earle Hilgert. The commencement address was eloquently delivered by Dr. A. N. Nelson, president of the Philippine Union College. Once more the members of the graduation class were reminded of what service really means.

The graduating class, standing in a semi-circle facing the audience, pledged their loyalty to the nursing profession by repeating the Florence Nightingale Pledge as they were led by Miss Bessie Irvine, R. N. Excellent music contributed greatly to the success of the program. It was indeed a real privilege to hear Professor Celso M. Estrella, from the Conservatory of Music of the University of Philippines, play "Romance from Second Concerto," on his violin. He was accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Richli on the Hammond organ.

The conferring of the diplomas by W. C. Richli, medical director of the Manila Sanitarium-Hospital, followed. To show their appreciation to their Alma Mater, the graduating class presented their gift, a costly bulletin board, through their class president, Mrs. Benjamin M. Carbajal. Before the benediction was offered by Dr. F. T. Geslani, a vocal solo was given by Mr. Ulysses Carbajal. The song was entitled, "How Lovely Are the Hands of God."



Members of the
1950 Graduating Class

*Manila Sanitarium-
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Nursing*

Mr. Romeo D. Brion played the recessional while the graduates marched out of the chapel. They were followed by the members of the faculty, students, and visitors who congratulated them on successfully completing their long and difficult course.

Joy filled the hearts of those who had a part in the education of these eight graduate nurses. Five of these new graduates have definite calls to connect with various phases of the nursing profession in the organized work in the Philippines. As they go forth in service for the Master, we hope and pray that they will be living examples of the Lady with the Lamp.

(Since the writing of the above story, we have received word that all eight of these graduates have passed satisfactorily the government qualifying examinations and are now Registered Nurses of the Philippine Republic.—A.A.)

Sanitarium Nurses Pay Tithe

By H. A. MUNSON, *Business Manager*

During the past year, both the Manila Sanitarium management and the student nurses have felt the need of some arrangement whereby the students could pay their tithe. During that period our students received no actual cash payment for their work. They were given their board, room, and laundry for the work they did, and charged just for their tuition, books, and uniforms. Under this plan, the students had no way of estimating their tithe and no money with which to pay tithe.

Late in 1950, the Sanitarium Board gave study to this problem and appointed E. L. Becker and the writer as a committee to work out a plan and present it to the Board for approval. This was done and, after the Board had discussed it and made some changes and improvements, it was voted to put the plan into effect for the year 1951.

The plan is a simple one which provides for the payment of all students at a certain rate per hour for the different classes. They are also charged a moderate rate for board, room, laundry, and tuition. The business office figures their tithe from their time sheets and charges this to the account of the student. The Sanitarium then passes on the amount of the tithe to the mission.

Early in January, this plan was presented to the students. They showed a lively interest and asked

many questions. One could quickly see that here was something that appealed to them. Their eager faces and nods of approval soon told us what their vote would be. They felt that one of the big advantages of this plan was that they would be paid for the time they worked and would feel that they were doing more toward earning their way.

Slips of paper were passed to them and they were told to just write their names on the paper if they wanted to have the tithe deducted by the business office. In many cases they could not restrain their enthusiasm and, instead of just putting their names on the paper, they added such messages as these: "I am willing to pay tithe. The plan is very good."; "I appreciate the new plan very much. I am willing to pay my tithe."; "Personally, I like the plan for it will be a help to God's cause."; "The plan is very good and I am glad to give my share to the Lord."; "Really, the plan is wonderful. I pray that this will help us and bless us in the Lord's work."

We surely appreciate the consecration of this fine body of students and it is our prayer that the paying of a faithful tithe will result in great spiritual blessings for the students and also be a blessing to the institution.

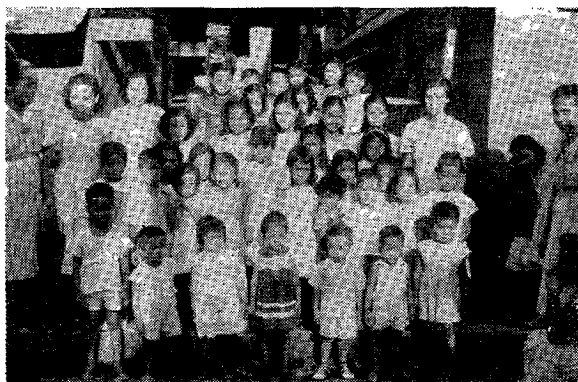
Manila Sanitarium Nurses Are Active

By H. A. MUNSON

The student nurses at Manila Sanitarium and Hospital are very active in many lines of missionary work. As these nurses serve the patients, they soon make friends and then follow up this friendship by visiting the patients in their homes. On some of these visits, the nurses have been impressed by the numerous children in the neighborhood, and, being good missionaries, they asked if the children would like to have them come and tell stories on Sabbath afternoons. The parents readily accepted the offer and promised to gather all the children together each week.

The first Branch Sabbath School was started by Miss Consejo Caspe (third adult from the left in the first picture), with Miss Parreno and Miss Sabino as her helpers. They soon had a very interested and enthusiastic group of thirty children.

Shortly afterwards, a second group was formed by Miss Rebecca Real (standing center, picture number



2), and Miss Alavanza on the extreme left. They are using picture rolls sent by friends in the Rest Haven Church, British Columbia, Canada. They have a group of 50 children meeting each Sabbath afternoon. All the papers and supplies used are also donations from our people in the United States. Since these pictures were taken, Miss Alavanza has started a third Branch Sabbath School with 30 children in attendance.



We are glad our missionary-minded nurses will take time from their busy program of work and study to bring the gospel to people around our institution. The girls are enthusiastic about this work, and report that the children like the meetings so well that they want them during the week as well as Sabbath afternoons. We know the seeds being sown will some day grow and bear fruit in the hearts of the children and their parents. We are confident that we will see souls in the kingdom of God as a result of the missionary labors of these faithful nurses.

Obedience Brings Blessings to the East Visayan Academy

By M. C. WARREN
President, East Visayan Mission

Friday evening, February 2, 1951, I conducted the vesper service at the East Visayan Academy. A very good spirit was present. It was there when I entered the assembly hall. My soul was blessed as we studied the life of victory.

One reason for the good spirit manifested was the fact that the principal and the teachers, with the cooperation of the students, are trying to follow the blueprint for a Christian school. Following

the pattern had led to the dismissal of the tenant who had been cultivating the academy land. The privilege of cultivating the soil has been given to the students. At first there was no great enthusiasm shown in the working of the land. It became necessary to call a non-Adventist, who has a carabao, to do the first plowing. The peanuts were planted and the boys cared for them. Although all enjoyed watching the peanuts grow, yet there was not very much enthusiasm until harvest time. Then there was more help offered than could be utilized. Alf wanted to have a part in reaping the harvest. That marked the beginning of real interest in farming. Now the academy has a carabao and the boys, on their own initiative, have been out plowing as early as three o'clock, or even earlier, in the morning.

It has been impossible to purchase yellow corn. Therefore, after harvesting the peanuts, the ground was planted with the yellow seed corn because it supplies better nourishment for the students than white corn, and because our highly developed breeds of chickens thrive better on yellow corn. The corn was growing very well until the rains failed. The need for rain became so serious that it was made a subject of prayer by the teachers and students. Friday afternoon the prayer was answered. Brother Atil could not take a siesta for he said he wanted to get out and watch the Lord pour out His blessing upon the cornfield. Principal Hechanova joined him and they began to prepare another field for sowing beans while the soil was moist. At our mission office, four kilometers away, we had no rain. Brother Hechanova in his prayer on Friday evening thanked the Lord for giving the rain. It was a lesson of need and of answered prayer that made all hearts rejoice that evening.

The Lord has instructed us, "Study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools." Vol. 6, p. 179.

Another part of God's plan for our schools reads, "... students in our schools are not to be served with flesh foods..." Vol. 9, p. 157. The food served in the dining room of the East Visayan Academy is such that we can ask the Lord's blessing upon it. It is the diet that God gave to man in the beginning, after which He said, "... it was very good. . . ." *Genesis* 1:31. God is blessing our students and teachers as they follow this part of His plan. Rice is a very good food if used before it has been devitalized and demineralized by polishing. With the desire to provide the best food possible for the students, we asked Pastor Somoso to secure from Dansalan a rice huller. This enables us to purchase palay at harvest time and then store it to be hulled as is needed. Thus we are giving the students fresh, unpolished rice to eat and labor to help pay their expenses.

"The grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables, contain all the nutritive properties necessary to make good blood." *M. H.* page 316. Red unpolished rice and yellow corn are the best grains procurable. Obedience always results in good—a whole train of good as in this matter of student diet: good food, good blood, good health, good spirituality, good grades, good youth with good prospects for becoming good workers preparing themselves and others for a goodly land.

As teachers and students seemed drawn together in expressing their thankfulness for the Lord's blessing, the thought came to me, "Is this academy developing into a school of the prophets?"

We realize it is not yet a school of the prophets. We also realize that only a beginning has been made in following the blueprint. But God has blessed this beginning and we believe that He will continue to bless as we follow His plans for His schools.

The Publishing Work in the Southern Mindanao Mission

By J. O. BAUTISTA, *President*

The colporteur work in this field enjoyed phenomenal growth during 1950, the first year of its existence as a mission organization. As we compile the figures for this report, we find much to thank the Lord for, and exclaim with joy, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."—*Ps. 118:23*.

At the time of the division of Mindanao into two missions, twelve colporteurs were working in this section and these constituted our bookmen's army at the beginning. A goal of 48,000 pesos in deliveries for the year was set for us. This seemed to be a big amount to reach by such a small band. But, following an intensive recruiting program carried on by our energetic publishing secretary, our colporteur force gradually increased in number so that at the close of the year, we had 53 full-time workers. The 48,000 peso goal was more than reached in eight months, for according to our reports, 50,526.08 pesos' worth of books had already been sold by the end of August. The total deliveries for the year amounted to 98,887.75 pesos which represents 201 percent of the goal.

While this good record can be a just cause for rejoicing, yet we are aware of the fact that greater results can be attained when extra effort is put forth by our colporteurs. This was brought to light during the time of the Colporteur Efficiency Endeavor which took place November 5 to December 2, 1950. As a result of this campaign, November became the banner month in our colporteur work with 26,979.30 pesos' worth in orders and 16,102.60 in deliveries.

Our bookmen live up to their name of colporteur-evangelists. Brother M. Panaguiton and his wife are always on the lookout for interested people. They then arrange to give them Bible studies until they are prepared to receive baptism. Of the 24 persons baptized in Pagadian, Zamboanga, during the year, 18 were brought to a knowledge of the truth through this couple. Every time I have the opportunity to visit in their home, I am impressed with the great burden they carry in their hearts for lost souls. On one occasion, Brother Panaguiton arrived home when we were in his house. He reported: "Pastor, I got only seven orders for books today, but I found two people interested in the message."

J. Agra organized a Sabbath school in Katiao, Buluan, Cotabato. Eight of the members of this school are now awaiting baptism. On August 31, 1950, Sister J. R. Redulla presented three persons for baptism at Astorga, Sta. Cruz, Davao. While canvassing in Tupi Koronadal, Cotabato, Brother E. Espina created an interest in the message in the person of the sultan of Bilaans, a non-Christian tribe. Later, Brother T. Cordova, another colporteur who talks the dialect of said tribe, went to assist him in presenting the third angel's message to these benighted people. The people of the entire village have already built a house of worship, although not one among them has been baptized as yet.

Some of our colporteurs have played the role of trail blazers. Brethren S. Magsipoc and P.

Andrade prepared several people for baptism early in the year in two towns on the eastern coast of Davao which, up to the present time, constitutes an unentered section of our field. Last September, two young men, A. Javero, and H. I. Espanola, entered Jolo with our truth-filled books. A minister was assigned to that island in 1946 who worked there for six months without apparent results. But through the contacts made by these young people, (a third young man joined the two a month later), several influential Joloanos have become interested in the message. Now plans are on foot to hold an evangelistic effort in that big center.

A total of 53 souls have been baptized as a result of the personal labors of these colporteur evangelists.

During the Ingathering campaign, almost all of these self-supporting workers took an active part. The 48 who did their share raised the amount of 1,728.40 pesos, or an average of 36.00 pesos each. The highest amount raised by one colporteur was 128.00 pesos.

An institute was held in Davao City, December 10-16, 1950. There were 70 in attendance, 19 of whom were new recruits. For the first time, Elder Eric Ristau, the publishing secretary of the Union Mission, was privileged to attend a meeting of the colporteurs in the field. It proved to be his last opportunity to do so before he and his family returned to the United States. During the institute, the suggestion was made to the colporteurs that in setting their individual goals in hours, deliveries, and souls, that they include the number of books and booklets they would like to set aside each month, the proceeds from which would be given for the work of evangelism. A total of 90 books and booklets were pledged for the purpose.

May the Lord's blessing continue to attend the work of our missionary-minded and self-sacrificing colporteurs in the winning of many precious souls for the everlasting kingdom. And may their tribe increase!

Missionary Work Report For The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, May - December, 1950

By ESMERALDO DE LEON, *Chaplain*

The last eight months of the year 1950 was a period of intense soul-winning work by the workers of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. It was a period of activity which was pregnant with results for the kingdom of heaven. God has shown His mighty presence with us in our work of restoration—restoration not only of the physical but the spiritual life of every patient that came to us, and their relatives and friends were not neglected. The following experiences have taken place in the hospital.

A Protestant minister came for treatment. Examination by our doctors revealed that his kidneys were bad. The man told us that he had been under treatment of specialists where he lived and they were treating his heart. There had not been any improvement and hence his coming to our hospital. He was operated on and recovered wonderfully. He went home happy and contented. But he went back to his faulty dietary habits and his trouble came back. He came to our institution for the second time and was again healed. Again he was advised to guard his eating habits and not be guided merely by appetite. He thought, however, that we were just telling him this from a purely religious point of view. He did not listen to the advice which resulted in

his coming back again for the third treatment of the case. This time he nearly lost his life. When he was prostrate on his bed one evening, with very little hope of seeing the light of the next day, a request for prayer reached my office. In the presence of three of his daughters, we had a season of prayer in his behalf. The healing processes became manifest that very evening. The patient recovered. He was again cautioned by the attending physician that he must change his dietary habits or he would soon die. The man went home with a very high regard for our work. He is now physically sound and in his ministry to his church he is carrying the gospel of health as taught by our church.

An Unbeliever

A man almost lost his breath when I revealed to him that I was the chaplain at the Hospital. This introduction is necessary or the patients may mistake me for a physician and then ask questions which only physicians can answer. Upon seeing the unusual reaction upon the man when he heard that word "chaplain", I assured him that nothing was wrong but that I was just making my regular round of visiting all of the patients. He then confessed that, upon hearing my introduction, he feared that his case was so serious as to bring to his bedside such a man of religion as the chaplain of the hospital.

The patient then told me that he was a Catholic by baptism but that he did not remember when he went to church last. He confessed that he was an unbeliever. He did not believe in God. He requested something to read that would help him. But before this request could be granted his case turned from bad to worse. He had to be isolated but his wife never left his bedside. In one of our seasons of prayer, the wife told me that she had never felt nearer to God in all her life than during the brief period of her stay in the room of the sick husband.

Hardly had I started my work in the office one morning, when a young man stepped in saying that his sister needed me right away in her room. Seeing the urgency of the request on the face of the young man, I immediately went to that familiar room, and there I found the wife disheartened and in tears as she stood by the side of her husband, the patient who was the subject of our seasons of prayer. As I walked nearer the patient, the wife muttered: "Our private physician has given him up; the priest had been summoned and had already pronounced the words of absolution. Will you please pray for us who will be left behind?" These statements helped me understand why their family physician and a priest were in the lobby of the hospital.

I asked the wife if she believed that even in that condition God could do something for her dying husband. Her answer was a faint "Yes." We therefore closed the door and knelt to send our petition to the Healer of healers. After this season of fervent prayers, we parted. Before noon of that same day, I was informed that the sick man had asked the wife to give him something which would relieve him of his intense hunger. He had been healed.

One morning, the wife relayed to me that her husband, before coming to the Sanitarium, had a very erroneous impression about Seventh-day Adventists. He had heard that they did not eat the best food; they did not drink the best drink; they did not smoke; and they kept Saturday for Sunday.

"They must be a queer people," he had said. But now that he was on his way to complete recovery he had confessed that "the Seventh-day Adventists are the best people he ever had met." Would to God that everyone of us might come up to this high regard of one who is an unbeliever. When one of our male nurses visited him after he had left the hospital, he remarked: "Is that magazine for me?" at the sight of a copy of the *Signs of the Times*. He had come to know that magazine during his stay at the hospital. He added: "I have a special interest in that magazine now for I know that your God saved my life. I am, of course, very glad for your coming to visit me."

Ready for Baptism

During my regular round of visiting, I found a man who was suffering very much from pain. After a brief conversation with him, which to a certain degree helped him forget his pain, I asked if he believed in prayer. His eyes brightened with this new hope and he said: "Yes, please pray for me."

The next day at about the same time, I was with him again. At this time his face bore a smile which gave evidence that his condition was much improved. He told us that he felt much better than the day before and he recognized that it was prayer that had brought the improvement. We believe the same. Taking advantage of this opportunity, I assured him that God loves us, knows our sufferings, and that, if we will only call upon Him, He will hear our prayers. He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die for us and this is God's pledge that He will hear our prayers. Evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested for when I finished speaking, tears were rolling down the man's cheeks, and he said: "I wish to listen to more words like those you are saying now." This second visit ended with a brief Bible study with this patient. From that day, Bible studies were given him regularly every day during his stay. He asked if he might purchase a copy of the Bible. We sold him one. This man left the hospital with Jesus in his heart.

During the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, many of those who were converted and added to the church were given the seeds of truth by Jesus' preaching. Seeds sown need to be watered by that early rain. The wise man has said: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." *Ecc. 11:1*. Yes, we are taking every opportunity at Manila Sanitarium and Hospital to sow the seeds which will bear fruit unto the eternal kingdom. In a not distant future, we expect to see the fruits of many of our efforts when the latter rain shall be poured upon the earth.

The following is a brief summary of our work for the last six months:

Missionary Contacts	1,003
Literature Distributed	2,727
Prayers for Patients	178
Enrolled in the Bible Correspondence School	19
Number of Homes Visited	83
Number of Bible Readings Given	104
Candidates Ready for Baptism	7
Patients Sent to Mission for Follow-up	11
Branch Sabbath Schools Conducted by Nurses	3
Membership of Branch Sabbath Schools	95

News Notes From P. U. C.

Sacrifice and giving were the keynote of the Christmas season at Philippine Union College this year. The students in the Academy particularly demonstrated this spirit by personal sacrifices to raise money for the proposed Manila Evangelistic Center. To date they have contributed a total of 339.20 pesos. As they gave their gifts, a number of these young people wrote short statements to express their spirit of sacrifice. Those that follow are typical of many testimonies to the joy of giving felt by these students:

The afternoon of Sunday I worked,
An hour of daily overtime too—
That I may give something to Thee.”

“New socks and a new shirt
Shall I not have;
These I give to Him,
My Redeemer and Lord.”

“I’ll forget my hairdo
And my pigtails remain,
That I may give my money
For our friends over there.”

“For the many that will be drawn
To God a little nearer,
For them who languish in sin,
This I give—my diamond earrings!”

The desire to bring joy to others also made itself felt in the Christmas gifts taken by the students to the Filipino, Chinese, and Japanese prisoners in the National Penitentiary at Muntinlupa. For many months, students and teachers have been working for these men, and baptisms have resulted from all three groups. Christmas gifts of food, to supplement prison diet, were particularly appreciated by the prisoners.

The question arises sometimes as to whether these men, particularly the Japanese who are under sentence of death, have not become Seventh-day Adventists with the hope of getting clemency. A testimony to the type of Adventists these men really are is supplied in a recent report by Masayasu Ito, one of the Japanese prisoners, regarding one month’s missionary work conducted by his group in the prison:

- 30 *Signs* given to Filipinos
- 24 *Signs* used in English classes
- 30 *Signs* circulated among Japanese brethren
- 29 *Signs* distributed to English-speaking Japanese
- 29 *Instructors* circulated among English-speaking Japanese.

Several of the Japanese who read English have been translating articles for publication by our press in Japan. Brother Ito reports that four articles were completed during a recent month. He further states that 26 of the men were faithful in keeping the Morning Watch during that time. These earnest brethren face a very uncertain future. It is our prayer that some of them at least may be spared to return to Japan to witness for Christ.

Two new teachers have joined the P. U. C. faculty during the second semester. Mr. Alfonso Roda, formerly a worker in the South-Central Luzon and West Visayan Missions, and more recently a graduate of the Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., has returned to teach Bible and History. Mrs. R. L.

Odom has taken over four sections of English Composition to lighten the teaching load carried by Mrs. Earle Hilgert. The work of these new teachers is much appreciated as it is a real strength to the College during a year of record enrollment.

The final weeks of every school year are always a time of excitement and anticipation—class organizations are busy, annuals are in process, seniors are anxiously planning for their future work. The senior class officers this year are: Herminio Reyes, president; Benjamin Montalban, vice-president; Ana Chan, secretary; Maggie Tan, treasurer; Rudolfo Montalban, assistant treasurer; Trofimo Atiga, chaplain; and Jorge Benedicto, sergeant-at-arms. They are laying plans for a new kind of commencement exercises on April 1, which will combine elements of both the traditional class night and the commencement program. The staff of the *Balintawak Memoirs* is much in evidence taking pictures for an annual which this year for the first time will present all the students of P. U. C., the Academy, and the Extension Division in Mindanao. The book will be made up of informal pictures showing three-fold Christian education at work.

Several members of the Class of 1951 have already accepted calls to denominational work. This class is by far the largest in the history of P. U. C. The school year of 1950–1951 will see 111 college graduates go forth from the doors of the College and the Extension Division. More than seventy-five percent of these young people desire denominational work, and practically all the rest are going on for further study, either here or in nursing or medical schools. P. U. C. is preparing an army of young people for the Lord’s work.

—EARLE HILGERT.

The Bible in the Philippines

During the year 1950, the American Bible Society distributed in the Philippines 978 Bibles in Bicol, 5,678 in Cebu, 5,422 in Ilocano, 82 in Pampango, 6,144 in Panayan, 964 in Pangasinan, 255 in Samar, 4,086 in Tagalog, 402 in Chinese, 4,097 in English, 157 in Spanish, and 17 in other tongues. Besides the entire copies of the Bible, a total of 8,363 of the New Testament alone, and 46,677 other portions of the Scriptures were distributed in the various tongues used in this country.

The Bible Society in Manila received a shipment of 10,000 Bibles in Panayan from New York on October 13, and by October 31 it had shipped out 6,100 copies of these.—P. U. M. Reporter.

Our M. V. Project

The young people in the Philippines are undertaking the task of supporting a worker to labor for the Moros of Mindanao. Pastor A. N. Somoso, who has had experience as an evangelist, departmental secretary, and mission president, has responded to the Macedonian call in Moroland. Many of the men holding high government positions there now were once his pupils. He has a good command of the Maranao language. At the present time fifty percent of the Missionary Volunteer offerings received throughout the union go to the missionary project in Moroland.—P. U. M. Reporter.



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FROM HERE AND THERE

● Miss Gertrude Green arrived in Singapore on the 25th of February. Her boat schedule made it possible for her to attend the Malayan Union Mission biennial session before she left for Bangkok where she has now joined the staff of workers at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

● Sunday, March 18, was the day for the grand opening of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital new addition. The following from the Malayan Union office were privileged to attend this long-anticipated event: J. M. Nerness, C. C. Cleveland, L. C. Wilcox, K. O. Tan, Dr. G. G. Innocent, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Milne. H. R. Emmerson of the Division had gone to Bangkok the previous week to help in making last minute preparations. We hope to bring to our readers a full story of this momentous event in an early issue of the OUTLOOK.

● L. R. Rasmussen, who has spent several months visiting the educational institutions in the Division, and who also attended the Division Council and some of the union mission sessions, has now returned to the States. He went by way of Bangkok and while there attended the opening of the new hospital as a representative from the General Conference.

● As this number of the OUTLOOK goes to press, six men from the Division office are in attendance at the Philippine Union biennial session, namely, V. T. Armstrong, P. L. Williams, C. P. Sorensen, F. A. Pratt, W. O. Baldwin, and B. M. Wickwire. This is a very important meeting for the final plans for dividing the Philippine Union into two union missions are being formulated, and the necessary officers appointed. Following the meeting, F. A. Pratt and B. M. Wickwire will visit Guam; V. T. Armstrong and C. P. Sorensen will go to Japan to attend the biennial session of that union; and P. L. Williams and W. O. Baldwin will return to Singapore.

● Miss Frieda Clark left Singapore by boat for North Borneo on Wednesday, March 21. She will spend her vacation in North Borneo and Kuching, Sarawak.

● Robert Youngberg and family have been transferred from North Borneo to Penang where Brother Youngberg will serve as chaplain of the Penang Mission Hospital.

● Pastor and Mrs. A. Mountain have been asked to locate in Jesselton, North Borneo and Brother Mountain will assume the presidency of the North Borneo Mission.

● R. R. Figuhr, vice-president of the General Conference, is also attending the Philippine Union session. This was the former field of labor for Elder Figuhr and we know he will enjoy renewing old acquaintances and hearing about the wonderful progress of the message in the Philippines. He will also accompany the Division men to the Japan Union meeting.

● Word has been received at the Division office that Miss Elizabeth Rogers expects to sail from San Francisco on the 30th of March. Miss Rogers has been on furlough the past year. She has spent a portion of the year in study, having taken a course in anesthesia.

● R. M. Turner, who was called to labor on Guam in 1949, has now been invited to come to Singapore to assist in the evangelistic campaign soon to begin under the di-

rection of F. W. Detamore. Elder and Mrs. Turner and their three children are spending their vacation in Japan enroute to Singapore.

● Since leaving Singapore last August, F. W. Detamore has been conducting an evangelistic effort in Ceylon. The meetings have now closed and the Detamore family will soon be on their way to Singapore.

● The Penang Road English church is anticipating the day when they can move to another location. H. W. Peterson, the pastor, and members of the Malayan Union Mission Committee are negotiating with another church organization for the purchase of their property on Balestier Road. This is a much larger building and will provide ample room for the children's divisions and youth meetings. It is also the plan to hold evangelistic meetings for the public in this new church which is in an excellent location.

● Mrs. J. L. Pogue is eagerly anticipating a visit from her mother, Mrs. J. W. Rowland of Manila. Elder Rowland has served as the Bible teacher at Philippine Union College for a number of years. He and Mrs. Rowland are returning to the States within a few weeks but, due to close boat schedules, Mrs. Rowland will precede him to Singapore in order to have a little more time with Lola Jane and her family. Elder Rowland will join them later and they will then proceed to America. The Rowlands will be greatly missed at Philippine Union College where they have endeared themselves to teachers and students alike.

● Misses Irene Wakeham, Nellie Ferree and Phyllis Naude are now enroute back to Manila where they will resume their duties at the college after spending a year's furlough in the States and in the case of Miss Naude a portion of the time in South Africa also.

● Mrs. V. T. Armstrong is attending the North Borneo and Sarawak mission sessions in the interest of the Parent and Home Education work.

● Born to Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ludington, at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, a daughter on Sunday, March 25. A welcome to Donna Jean and congratulations to the Doctors Ludington.

● Dr. R. F. Waddell and Elder A. P. Ritz and their families are expected to arrive in Singapore April 1. They are scheduled to sail on April 4 for America via Europe.