



Indonesia Union Biennial Session

BY H. D. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

The Indonesia Union Mission held its biennial session from January 23-30, 1956. Sixty-five delegates gathered from the missions and institutions throughout Indonesia to discuss and lay plans for the work of God during 1956. A true spirit of co-operation prevailed as the national and overseas brethren sat down together to review the progress of the past few years and to lay down principles and policies for the guidance of the work in the coming months.

TITHE INCREASE:

The total tithe income from all of the missions in 1954 amounted to Rp.1,712,499.64. In 1955 that figure increased to Rp.2,122,866.61, an increase of nearly 24 percent.

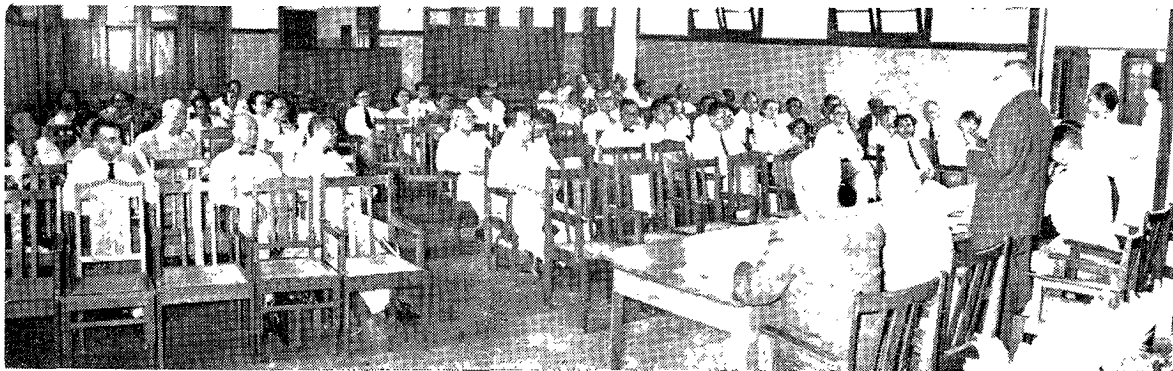
NEW MISSION ORGANIZED:

At the time of the biennial session a new mission was organized and named Nusa Tenggara. This mission is made up of the islands east of Java, namely Bali, Lombok, Sumbawa, Sumba, Timor, Roti, and the other islands which formerly were known as the Lesser Sunda Islands. The headquarters for

this mission will be at Kupang, Timor, and K. Mandias was appointed president of the field. Over a very short period of time the membership in this area has increased from a mere handful to nearly 200 souls who now rejoice in the third angel's message. A new church has been erected in Kupang which is already serving as a place of worship for the believers of that area.

MISSION TERRITORY ADJUSTMENTS:

In order to better administer the work in the Indonesia Union some territorial adjustments were made. Padang and vicinity, formerly a part of the South Sumatra Mission, was added to the North Sumatra field. The same is true of the Riau Islands and all of the territory north of the Indragiri River which was also formerly a part of the southern field. One reason for making this shift was the fact that transportation and communication are better from Medan to these areas than from Palembang. West Kalimantan (Borneo) was given over to the West Java Mission because better communications exist between Djakarta and West Kalimantan than between Bandjermasin and the latter.



C. C. Cleveland, president of the Indonesia Union Mission, is seen here giving his report to the biennial session. The meetings were held in the Bandung Seventh-day Adventist church.



A. V. Olson addressing the delegates at the ordination service on Sabbath, January 28, 1956, in the Bandung church at which time the following were ordained to the gospel ministry: D. N. Holm, W. L. Wilcox, Njoo Liang Seng, L. W. Mauldin, M. Patty, and A. M. Sitompul.

NEW SEMINARY DORMITORY:

As a result of the special appropriation from the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division, plans were laid for the early erection of a boys' dormitory at the Indonesia Union Seminary at Tjisarua. Additional necessary funds will be raised within the Indonesia Union field for this project.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL:

The following were voted the privilege of attending the Theological Seminary Extension School to be conducted in Manila from March 19 to May 13: Roul Tauran and Leonard Lesiasel from the Indonesia Union Seminary; Tan Peng Hong from the Bandung Mission Hospital; Kraft van Ermel, representing the Dutch churches; U. H. Manullang and B. Mahingkas of the North Sumatra Mission; M. Patty of the West Java Mission and Elman Hutapea of the Borneo Mission.

CELEBES TRAINING SCHOOL STATUS:

The Celebes Training School which up until the time of the union biennial session has been a union institution, has now been turned over to the North Celebes Mission. The new board of directors will be composed of the North Celebes Mission executive committee in addition to certain school staff members and others provided for in the working policy of the Far Eastern Division.

S. H. HORN VISIT:

Delegates attending the biennial session were told of the visit Dr. S. H. Horn would be making to the Indonesia Union. Dr. Horn was a missionary in Java prior to World War II and his many friends were delighted to see him again. He visited churches in the West and East Java Missions and also in Sumatra.

BAPTISMS:

The number baptized during 1955 was the highest in the history of the Union. According to information then at hand, 1,472 souls were received into the church through this sacred rite, 70 of whom were formerly Muslims.

HISTORICAL PROGRAM:

On January 28 a special program was given in a large auditorium in the city of Bandung depicting some of the scenes which took place during the early days of the work in Indonesia. It was noted that the third angel's message was first proclaimed in Java just 50 years ago. The program brought to mind the wonderful progress which has been made in the last 50 years under the blessing of God.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Funds totaling Rp.1,369,406.91 were distributed to missions and institutions throughout the field. Of this amount, Rp.1,244,031.94 will be provided by the Far Eastern Division and the General Conference. The delegates expressed in an action taken during the session their gratitude to the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division for this generous assistance.

Capping Exercises at Rumah Sakit Advent

BY WILMA LEAZER,
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Ten student nurses who had successfully completed their pre-clinical work were capped at an impressive ceremony in the Bandung, Java, church on January 29.



The address was given by F. A. Mote. Dr. D. N. Holm gave the charge to the class and the caps were presented by Miss Wilma Leazer. This exercise was held at the close of the Union Mission biennial session and thus many of the workers from the island field were able to be present.

May the Lord bless these ten young people who have begun a professional training that will make them better servants in His work.



In the picture will be seen the nurses who were capped. Miss Wilma Leazer, director of the school of nursing, stands in the center behind the small table.

The Rise and Development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

(PART 6)

It was in the summer of 1852 while Elder James White and his family were driving from Rochester, New York, to Bangor, Maine, a distance of more than 140 miles, that Elder White wrote lessons for the Sabbath school. His first Sabbath school lessons were written by the roadside while the horses were eating their dinner. Sister White and her little three-year-old son, Edson, were traveling with Elder White. He was very much interested in his own son but at the same time he had a great burden resting upon his heart for the young people of the church. He knew that many times our young people were ridiculed for their religion. Often they had to suffer more mocking and persecution than did their parents. Elder White desired very much to do something that would help these young people understand the truths of the Bible and encourage them to be faithful. How could he reach all of these young people?

It was also in the year 1852 that the *Youth's Instructor* began to appear in print. It was in the first issue of the *Youth's Instructor*, August, 1852, that Elder White's Sabbath school lessons first appeared. He prepared lessons for each Sabbath of the month. They were prepared especially for the young people but the instruction given was also very appropriate for the older members of the church. Elder White also explained through the *Youth's Instructor* how to organize Sabbath schools and make them real soul-winning agencies. As Elder White visited the different churches he would encourage them to organize Sabbath schools.

Very early in the history of our work as a denomination the Spirit of prophecy gave instruction regarding the organization and purpose of Sabbath schools in our churches. One statement which means so much to Seventh-day Adventists is as follows: "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 20. Another important statement reads as follows: "Very much can be done for the education and moral and religious training of our youth by well-organized, properly conducted Sabbath schools. Time and attention should be given to this branch of the work; for its importance in its influence upon our youth cannot be estimated."—*Ibid.*, pp. 14, 15.

We mentioned earlier that it is only when a school is rightly conducted that it can be said to be one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth. These and many other statements given the Seventh-day Adventist church through the Spirit of prophecy helped us to organize Sabbath schools which are real soul-winning agencies in every part of the world.

In October, 1878, at a meeting of the General Association of Sabbath schools, the workers took up the question of Sabbath school offerings in order to provide for the necessary helps for the Sabbath school. The discussion brought out somewhat different opinions. Sister White approved of taking offerings and referred those present to the ancient temple services on the Sabbath. Finally a resolution was passed "asking both teachers and pupils to contribute one penny or more each Sabbath day." That was a very small amount but it began to swell into a very large offering.

The first gift to missions from the Sabbath schools was made in the year 1885 by the Upper Columbia Conference which at that time comprised the States of Oregon and Washington in America. The following year the California Sabbath schools, following the example of their northern neighbors, raised US\$700.00 for missions over and above current expenses. This amount was given to the Australasian field where the work was then just starting.

Other plans were brought into our Sabbath school work, including the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings. In order that God's work might go forward more rapidly in every part of the world field, much money was given on the regular Sabbath days of each quarter, and then on the last Sabbath of each quarter a special offering was given which would help to take the work into still more places around the world. In 1919 the plan of giving Birthday Offerings was started in our Sabbath schools. In more recent years the plan of holding branch Sabbath schools and branch Sunday schools has been developed so that these schools have become great soul-winning agencies in many sections of the world field.

In most countries of the world Sabbath schools can be found today which witness through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are Sabbath schools in the jungles of Burma and Africa, in the mountains of Switzerland and South America, beyond

the Arctic Circle at Hammerfest, and in the tropics of the Caribbean Sea. They can be found in large cities and in small towns, or perhaps in the homes of believers. The aims and hopes and organization of the Sabbath school are the same wherever a Sabbath school is found. You can go into the jungles of Borneo or into the high mountains of New Guinea or into most any other remote place in this old world of ours and you will find the Sabbath school with its boys and girls and fathers and mothers studying the Bible lessons which have been prepared for our Sabbath schools. These Sabbath school members are preparing for a place in the kingdom of God where we shall come together from one Sabbath to another to worship before our Creator and Redeemer.

According to the latest statistics available at the close of 1954, we had 21,129 Sabbath schools in the world field. In these Sabbath schools we had a membership of 1,257,209. The total Sabbath school contributions for the year 1954 amounted to US\$5,862,458.49.

What a joy it is for us as Seventh-day Adventists to meet with our fellow believers on the Sabbath day where we can study the Sabbath school lessons which have been prepared for us by the General Conference Sabbath school department. How wonderful it is for us to be able to pray and to study together and to give of our means so that a large amount of money may be turned into the Lord's treasury to help take the gospel story to peoples in other parts of the world. The Sabbath school has been directed by God through the Spirit of prophecy. Once again we can see how the Lord has very faithfully led His people in this important branch of church service.

Let us not forget the text found in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." It is a glorious privilege which we have of meeting with our brethren. May the Lord keep us ever true and faithful and may we attend Sabbath school regularly here in this world so that we may have a part in the great Sabbath school of the hereafter.

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Progress in South Philippine Union

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Our second biennial session which was held in the chapel of the East Visayan Academy in Bulacao, Talisay, Cebu, February 7-15, was an occasion of rich spiritual refreshing for the 76 delegates and a large number of lay brethren in attendance. We were blessed not only by the manifest presence of the Holy

Spirit but also by the wise counsel and admonition of Pastors A. V. Olson, F. A. Mote and W. L. Pascoe.

All who were present were thrilled to hear the encouraging reports of progress in the cause of God in this Union field. During the past three years 94 churches were organized, an increase of 77 over that of the first biennial period. From 1951 to the close of 1955 an average of 2,859 souls have been brought to the truth every year, making a total of 14,296 for the past five years. During this time 2,280 members have been dropped from the church records because of death, apostasy or by letter or they are missing. This leaves a net gain of 11,464. Our present membership is now 32,105, or one Seventh-day Adventist for every 340 people in our territory.

We are sorry to report that with our increase in membership we have not kept up a corresponding increase in our tithes and offerings. The total offerings for 1953 to 1955 amounted to Pesos 262,859.25 but our weekly per capita giving dropped from P.074 in 1953 to P.059 in 1955. Our tithe income for the three-year period was Pesos 1,209,423.94 or a per capita yearly tithe income of P15.12 in 1953 and P14.07 in 1955. The delegates in attendance pledged anew to help in strengthening this weakness in our finances.

The high light of our session was the ordination of 20 consecrated young workers to the gospel ministry. This service took place on Sabbath afternoon, February 11. This was the largest group ever to be ordained at a union session in the history of our work in the Philippines. It is the hope that we may now be able to fill the many unanswered calls from the field for the services of an ordained minister.

One of the outstanding developments in our Union during this past biennial period is the building of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital in the City of Cebu. This is a 20-bed hospital built at a cost of Pesos 50,000. It is our hope that this right arm of the message will be an instrument in penetrating the hard shell of Catholicism in this thickly-populated province of Cebu. Another hospital in our Union, the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital in the city of Iligan, Mindanao, has just completed a Pesos 40,000 wing which has increased their bed capacity from 20 to 40 beds.

Many resolutions and plans were passed for the advancement of the work in our Union. Among these was a recommendation to send a missionary to Jolo to work among the Yacans and Joloanos, this missionary to be supported by MV funds coming from the four local missions. The South Philippine Union executive committee will select the missionary who is to go to this field. Jolo is an island in the southern part of Mindanao and it is inhabited by tribes of Moslems and infested with bandits.

A soul-winning goal was set for our colporteur-evangelists. It was recommended that this goal be 200 souls and that the four missions assume the following goals: East Visaya, 40; West Visaya, 80; Northern Mindanao, 40; Southern Mindanao, 40.

In the interest of our soul-winning endeavors, it was also recommended by the delegates that one or

more evangelistic teams be formed in the South Philippine Union for the specific work of conducting short evangelistic efforts in towns and cities where a good foundation has been laid previously by the securing of Bible correspondence course enrollments.

An action was also taken requesting the Far Eastern Division for the services of Elders J. R. Spangler and Milton Lee to conduct evangelistic efforts in the City of Cebu in 1957; Elder Spangler to work for the English-speaking people and Elder Lee for the Chinese.

Another action pertained to the Sabbath school membership. It was voted to endeavor to increase the Sabbath school membership from 38,581 to 57,000 by the end of 1957.

Biennial Session Nominating Committee Report

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and after due consideration of each name, the nominating committee brought in the following list of recommendations which resulted in the following appointments for the next biennial session:

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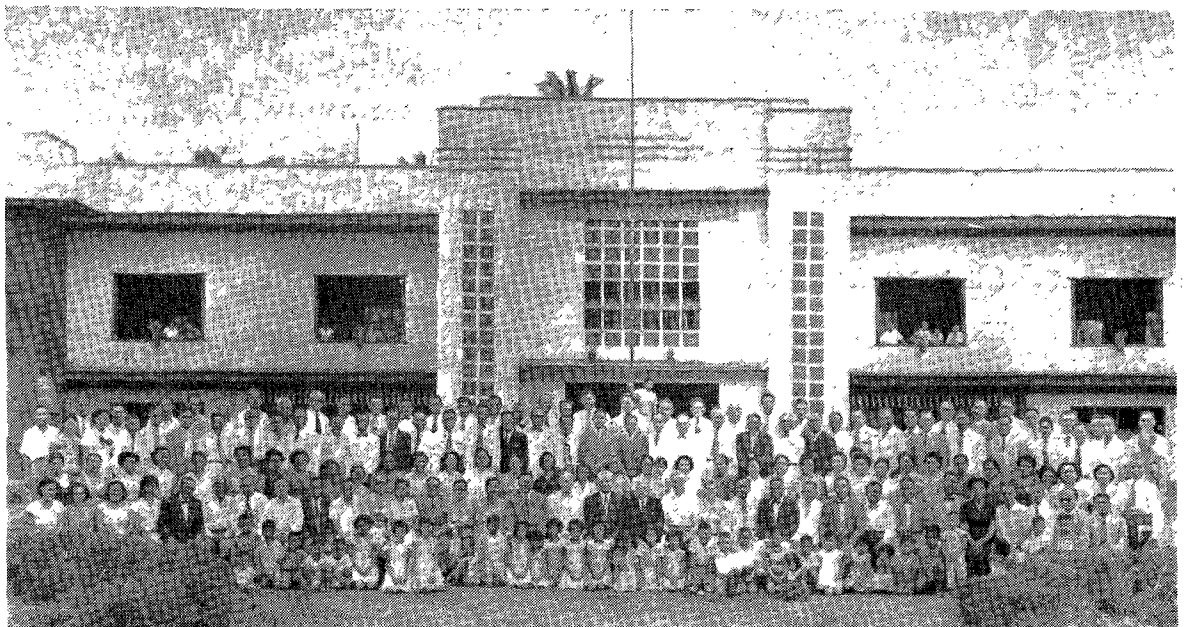
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Heard at the Biennial Session

In the South Philippine Union Mission there are three academies, one college and 78 church schools, the latter employing 86 teachers.

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Six MV camps were conducted in the different



The South Philippine Union Mission biennial session was held at the East Visayan Academy. In the picture will be seen the delegates and friends who attended the meeting.

fields of this Union with an attendance of 327. At these camps 519 vocational honours were issued and 31 precious young people were baptized.

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Twenty-one temperance rallies were held in the different municipalities of the Visayas and Mindanao.

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At the end of 1955 there were 163 colporteurs in the Union. Literature sales for the three-year period amounted to Pesos 800,385.92.

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The Sabbath school membership in the South Philippine Union now totals 38,581. There are 648 Sabbath schools.

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The Radio department reported that at the present time there are four broadcasts, two in Cebu City, one in Cagayan de Oro City and one in Davao City. There are 10,521 active students in the Bible correspondence course. More than 2,000 have graduated from the course and 393 souls have been led into the truth and baptized since the beginning of the radio work.

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Two of our doctors serving at the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital have been elected to serve as president and treasurer of the medical association in the province of Lanao.

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Pastor T. C. Murdock, president of Mountain View College, in his report said this: "We have been very happy to see the molding influence of the school on the young lives and to see our school family gradually becoming a church family. Sixteen young people were baptized last December. As soon as these young people join the church they want to go out to win others. About 70 souls have already accepted the truth as a direct result of the efforts of our Ministerial Association."

Human Interest Stories

(We are indebted to M. M. Claveria, secretary-treasurer of the South Philippine Union Mission, for sharing with our readers some of the human interest stories related at their biennial session.)

One of the delegates who attended the biennial session was a converted pagan chief from the hinterlands of Mindanao who had to abandon 25 of his wives in favor of Christianity. When he was asked to make a speech the night when the Southern Mindanao Mission reported, he ascended to the platform, folded his arms, and with the dignity and bearing of a real tribal chief addressing his own tribe, he appealed to the delegates present for teachers to come and teach his people. He promised to give ten hectares of land for the establishment of a mission school.

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Pastor Loreto Duriquez of Southern Mindanao Mission, told this story: "During our evangelistic

effort last April, 1955, a certain gentleman began to keep the Sabbath. The wife of this man happened to be a very devout Roman Catholic and she did not want her husband to leave her cherished faith. One Sunday morning after mass, she talked to her priest. She said, 'Father, I want you to talk to my husband. I feel he is beginning to lose his mind.' 'What has happened to your husband?' asked the priest. 'My husband seems to have a very unique idea about religion. He is keeping Saturday instead of Sunday which we Catholic regard as the rest day.' Do you know what the priest answered? He said: 'You better leave him alone for really Saturday is the day of rest.' That reply from the priest brought a turn-about-face to the woman. From that time on she determined not to attend mass on Sunday and she began to keep the Sabbath with her husband. Not long ago I baptized them together with 15 others."

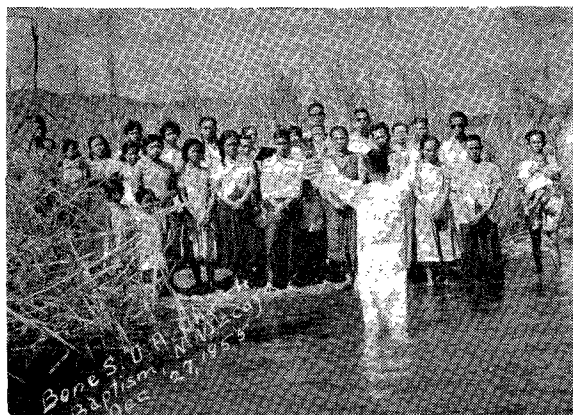
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Young people in the Philippines also make sacrifices or endure persecution when they accept the truth. Brother Rosalia lives in a town in the West Visaya Mission. When he first accepted the truth his father tried to prevent him from being baptized. He threatened him with these words: "If you join the Sabadistas (the Adventists) I will kill you." When the minister came he was baptized. When he arrived home his father was very indignant. He boxed him, beat him, kicked him until he was unconscious. The father left thinking the lad was dead. When the boy regained consciousness, he examined himself and to his surprise he could find neither scratch nor bruise. Brother Rosalia is still faithful and his desire is to see his father and the whole family accept the truth.

One Lay Preacher's Success

BY PRAXEDES P. RAMOS, *MV Secretary,*
East Visayan Mission

Sabbath, September 3, 1955, saw thirty-three precious souls, mostly in their youth, go down to the watery grave in the solemn rite of baptism at Consuelo, Camotes Islands, Philippines. Pastor D. B. Ladion performed the baptismal service. Eighteen



of the candidates for baptism were won by a young lay preacher, Dionisio Lavezoris, who is a farmer and part-time photographer. These folk attended the cottage meetings Brother Lavezoris conducted for twenty-two Wednesday evenings, from April to August this year. The Lord has honored the patient toil of this young man, and has allowed him to see the fruit of his sacrifices.

Brother Lavezoris plans to start other cottage meetings in another part of his island.

Tithe Promotion and Computation

BY V. L. MONTALBAN

(Concluded)

"Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 247.

"Those churches who are the most systematic and liberal in sustaining the cause of God, are the most prospered spiritually. . . . The spiritual health and prosperity of the Church is dependent in a great degree upon her systematic benevolence.—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 405.

"God is not dependent upon man for the support of His cause. He could have sent means from Heaven to supply his treasury, if his providence had seen that this was best for man. He might have devised means whereby angels would have been sent to publish the truth to the world without the agency of men. He might have written the truth upon the heavens, and let that declare to the world his requirements in living characters. God is not dependent upon any man's gold or silver."—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 390.

"Whatever necessity there is for our agency in the advancement of the cause of God, he has purposely arranged for our good. He has honored us by making us co-workers with him. He has ordained that there should be a necessity for the co-operation of men, that they may keep in exercise their benevolence."—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 391.

"The Lord could carry forward His work without our co-operation. He is not dependent on us for our money, our time, or our labor. But the church is very precious in His sight. It is the case which contains His jewels, the fold which encloses His flock, and He longs to see it without spot or blemish or any such thing. He yearns after it with unspeakable love. This is why He has given us opportunities to work for Him, and He accepts our labors as tokens of our love and loyalty."—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 261.

"Our heavenly Father bestows gifts and solicits a portion back, that He may test us whether we are worthy to have the gift of everlasting life."—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 408.

"Many poor men who are now content to do nothing for the good of their fellowmen, and for the cause of God, might do much if they would. They are as accountable to God for their capital of physical strength as is the rich man for his capital of

money."—*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 400.

Suggestions or recommendations on tithing promotion and computation:

- a) Testimony and consecration meetings.
- b) Encouraging the brethren to increase income thereby increasing tithe, by planting vegetables and raising poultry, etc.
- c) Teaching children to pay tithe and give offerings.
- d) Reading passages from the Spirit of prophecy regarding tithing before the offering is received during the second service of the church.
- e) Symposium on the blessed experiences in faithful tithe paying.
- f) Request church treasurers to be prompt in issuing tithe receipts to the members and in remitting to mission offices the mission funds.
- g) Encourage the church treasurers to place on bulletin boards of the church the monthly remittance to mission office. To accomplish this is to have a triplicate copy of the church treasurer's record for the month without recording the names of the givers on the third copy, only the receipt numbers and corresponding amounts.

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Colporteur-evangelist, Vicente Duldulao, entered the canvassing work two years ago. In 1953 he was assigned to work in Basilan City. One day as he

was canvassing from door to door, he came to the modest home of a Protestant family. The daughter of the family heard him give his canvass as he presented the book, *The Great Controversy*. She ordered the book and became much interested. She suggested to her sister that she, too, read it. As a result these two young ladies accepted the truth and were baptized. The colporteur responsible for the conversion of these two girls can be seen in the accompanying picture.

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Ordination Service

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Sixteen workers were ordained to the gospel ministry at the second biennial session of the North Philippine Union Mission. Pastor F. A. Mote, president of the Far Eastern Division, was in charge of the service and he was assisted by Pastors A. V. Olson, W. L. Pascoe, W. J. Hackett and Edwin Gibb. Nineteen workers were recommended for ordination but only sixteen were able to be present for the service held on Sabbath afternoon, February 18, in the gymnasium of Philippine Union College. Those ordained were: H. L. Dyer, L. L. Quirante, I. C. Ladia, L. E. Conzaga, secretary-treasurer, educational secretary, publishing secretary, and singing evangelist of the North Philippine Union Mission, respectively; R. G. Manalaysay and J. Bangloy, president and faculty member of Philippine Union College, respectively; J. M.

Hererra, principal of the Philippine Union College academy; E. A. de Leon, chaplain, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital; I. Hernando, A. Constantino and M. Isberto, district leaders, Central Luzon Mission; A. Halcón, district leader, South-Central Luzon Mission; A. T. Aristorenas and J. D. Haniel, district leaders and T. Barizo, departmental secretary, Southern Luzon Mission; and A. A. Damocles, church pastor, Mountain Province Mission.

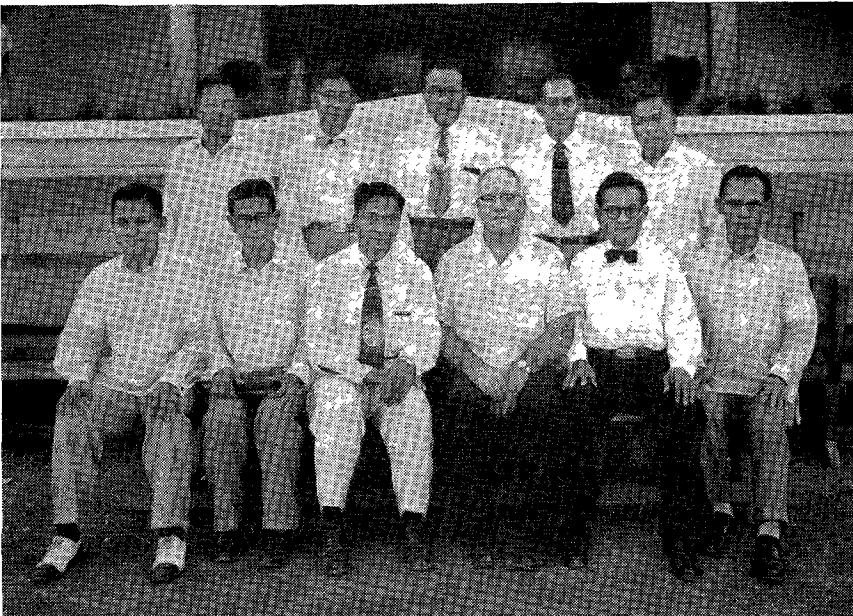
The three workers who were not able to be present for this ordination service were: T. Atiga and V. Cacho, district leaders in the Northern Luzon Mission and F. Berto, district leader in the Mountain Province Mission. An ordination service for these workers is being planned for in the immediate future.

The ordination sermon was delivered by F. A. Mote. W. L. Pascoe led in the ordination prayer and the charge was given by A. V. Olson. W. J. Hackett and Edwin Gibb extended the welcome. Forty-three ordained ministers were present for this occasion and they joined with those already mentioned in welcoming the newly ordained ministers to the gospel ministry.

There was great rejoicing throughout the ranks of the ministry and laity alike as a result of the addition of this large force of newly ordained ministers to our corps of ministerial workers in this field. We solicit the prayers of our OUTLOOK readers for these men as they work for their heavenly Father.

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There is nothing more precious in the sight of God than His ministers, who go forth into the waste places of the earth to sow the seeds of truth, looking forward to the harvest . . . He imparts His Spirit to them, and by their efforts souls are led to turn from sin to righteousness.—A. A. pp. 369, 370.



The group of workers ordained when the North Philippine Union Mission held its biennial session.

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Evangelistic Meetings in Bangkok

(Excerpts from a report given by Pastor Milton Lee to the Division office family at their morning devotional period on March 29, 1956.)

Upon my arrival in Bangkok shortly before Chinese New Year, I found that the brethren had made arrangements for the Chinese evangelistic meetings to be held in a large hall down town for five nights. We wondered if anyone would come to the meetings for there are so many activities among the Chinese at Chinese New Year's time and at best it is not easy to get people out to a Christian meeting. We were happy indeed to see 800 people in the hall on the opening night. New Year's night we had to move to another hall on the outskirts of the city and to our great surprise 500 were present that evening. Later when we moved the meetings to the Chinese church we had a nightly attendance of about 100. When we had completed the series of public meetings, we continued with 20 Bible studies on subjects which we had not been able to present previously.

Soon after my arrival, Brother Jepson, chaplain of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, came to me expressing the desire that I do something for the student nurses in training at the hospital. For many years efforts have been put forth to win the Thai people but the results have been very meagre. The Buddhist religion has such a hold on the Thai people that to give it up and become Christians is almost like renouncing their nationality. The doctors at the Sanitarium and their wives together with the other foreign workers, have put forth untiring efforts to win the student nurses to Christianity but with little

success. It was felt that if the majority could be won to Christianity the influence on the rest of the Buddhist nurses and workers would be much greater.

The only open night other than Saturday was Friday night and it was thought that Saturday night would not be a good night for the students. Hence the meetings for the student nurses were held only on Friday evenings. A series of eight subjects was presented on "Christ the Only Way." Four appeals were made to accept Christ as their Saviour with the following results: when the first altar call was made seven indicated their desire to accept Christ and on succeeding Friday nights four, five, and eleven came forward making a total of 27, two of whom were not nurses but Thai workers in the hospital.

At the beginning of the meetings there was evident a feeling of hostility towards Christianity on the part of some but this soon disappeared. We thank God that His Spirit has turned the tide in the Bangkok school of nursing so that now the majority of the students are Christians. We expect to see more of them step out. A Christian Band has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Eller and Miss Klein. The wives of the doctors are taking an active interest in these girls. It was inspiring to meet with them in their weekly worship period.

During my stay in Bangkok I also had meetings two mornings each week for the children in the ten-grade church school. This school is under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Milne.

On Sabbath, March 24, a baptismal service was held. Ten of the candidates were the first fruits from the Chinese effort, eight were students of the church school, and four were student nurses, making a total of 22 persons. An altar call was made at this service. We were overwhelmed to see 12 students from the church school come forward. These were joined by 20 Thai student nurses and five more from Chinese effort. These 37 are now members of three baptismal classes preparing for the next baptism which is scheduled for Sabbath, July 28. Please pray for this good interest in Bangkok.

*The group baptized
at the close of the
Bangkok evangelistic
meetings. Seated
(l. to r.) are the
workers connected
with the effort:
Kok Chee, C. R.
Jepson, Milton Lee,
V. L. Kon, H. S. Hui.*



BANGKOK, THAILAND

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● A teachers' institute was held in Japan during the month of March, just prior to the opening of the school year early in April. Twelve elementary teachers, 13 kindergarten teachers, and the teachers from the three Middle Schools (Junior High Schools) were in attendance. Christian education is making headway in Japan.

● The Korean Union Training School which is a junior college recently graduated 20 young people. Thirty-nine graduated from the high school division this year. It was in 1919 that the first class graduated from the Training School and since that time 66 young people have completed the course offered in said school.

● Twenty-four young ladies graduated from the school of nursing at the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital on March 19, 1956. This is the largest class in the history of the institution, and the fifth since the beginning of the Korean War.

● During the union sessions which have been held in the Far Eastern Division the past few months, 75 workers have been ordained. At the two union sessions held in the Philippines 39 were ordained or voted ordination; sixteen were voted ordination in Indonesia at the time of their meeting, and a group of six were set apart for the gospel ministry when the Malayan Union held its biennial session. Japan and Korea report the ordination of six and eight, respectively.

● Dr. J. R. Kiger is the new medical director of the Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital, in Pusan, Korea. The Doctors Kiger have both served on the staff of the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital since their arrival in the Orient in 1953.

● Word has been received to the effect that 160 students are enrolled in the Theological Seminary Extension School now being conducted in Manila, Philippines. Representatives are there from nearly every union mission and detached mission in the Far Eastern Division.

● Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Syphers and their two daughters spent a few

days on our Division compound on their way to the homeland for their first furlough. Dr. Syphers is the medical director of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. He expects to do postgraduate work at the College of Medical Evangelists while in the States.

● Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson and their four children visited friends on the Division and Malayan Union compounds the first week in April. Brother Jacobson has served as the manager of the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq.

● Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brodeur and two sons arrived in Singapore on April 11. They are returning to the States after a term of service in the Indonesia Union Mission. We wish them bon voyage and much success as they once again enter the literature ministry in the homeland.

● W. N. Andrews, MV and educational secretary of the Malayan Union Mission, recently made a trip to Bangkok in the interest of the English church school now located on the grounds of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital compound. He reports that five acres of land have been purchased on the outskirts of the city of Bangkok but within city limits. New buildings will be erected and in due time the church school and secondary school will be moved to this new location. Mrs. R. M. Milne is the principal of the school and she and Pastor Milne and others have worked untiringly in their endeavor to find a suitable location for this growing institution.

● A Medical Cadet camp is to be held at Pulau Senang April 15-22. Thirty-six cadets will be in attendance and 50 hours of instruction will be given during that week. The instructors will be W. N. Andrews, James Wong and Anwar Bey Siregar. It is also the plan that one of the doctors from the Youngberg Memorial Hospital will spend some time at the camp to give physical examinations and to assist in the First Aid classes, etc.

● Miss Wilma Leazer, director of the school of nursing at the Bandung Mission Hospital, writes encouragingly of the work as it pertains to nursing education. We quote from a recent letter: "Things

are progressing nicely at the Rumah Sakit Advent. We all wish we had a new hospital coming up in the near future but I guess we will have to continue operating in a make-shift hospital for some time to come.

"This school year will soon close. Graduation comes the last part of May. We are working to the end that our school of nursing may become recognized as an accredited school. In order to do this all of our students must have Government middle school diplomas. We are sending our students for special work this summer so that they may be able to pass the government examinations. They will then receive full recognition for the work they are doing at our hospital. If they did not take this extra work and pass the examinations their diplomas from here would only be the equivalent of those given practical nurses. In the future we will require that all students entering our school of nursing have a middle school diploma from the government middle schools. A new class will begin on June 1 and then our heavy program begins all over again."

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