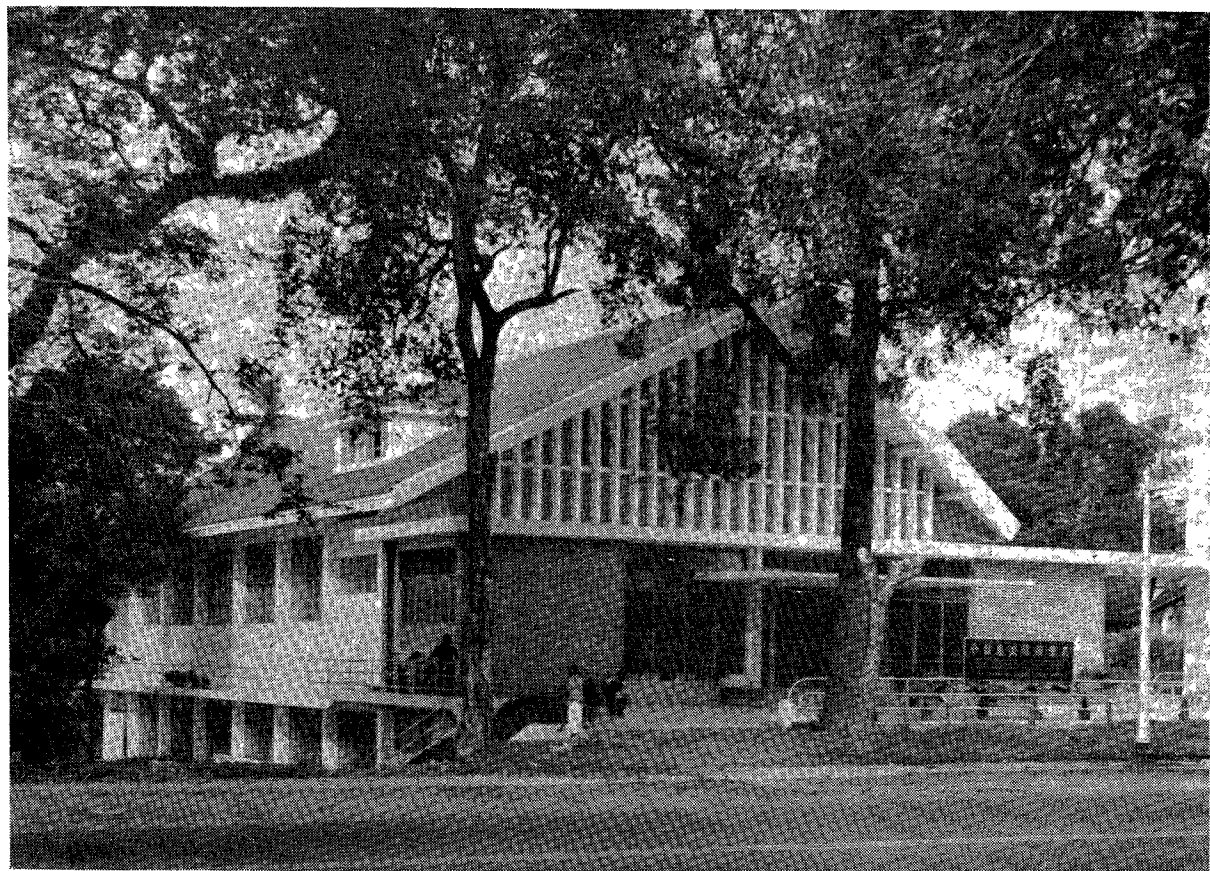


## *A New Church and the Story Behind It*

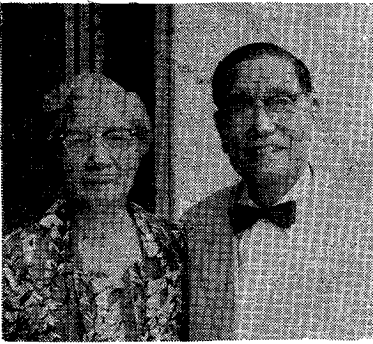
This modern church building with over 31,000 square feet of freehold land on the main thoroughfare of Thomson Road, Singapore, Malaya, is a free gift from Brother and Sister C. M. Lee for the use of the Chinese congregation. For many

years our Chinese believers in Singapore have been meeting in a small church built fifty-three years ago by the late Pastor G. F. Jones, the first pioneer Seventh-day Adventist missionary to Southeast Asia from the Australasian Conference, Australia.

This new church in a modern design is the first of its kind to be built in Malaya. The width of the building is fifty-five feet and there are no center posts. It will accommodate about 700 people in the main auditorium and the balcony.



*Front view of the new Chinese church on the street level of Thomson Road. On the left below the street level are the school premises.*



*A recent photo of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lee.*

Near the main entrance are two mothers' rooms where mothers with children may see and hear the preacher and yet the congregation will not be disturbed by any noises by the children. Under the main auditorium of the church provision has been made for a school with six large classrooms and two teachers' rooms. Plans are on foot to start a middle school in 1958.

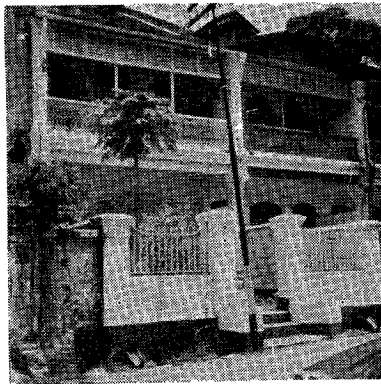
The following brief history of the contributors of this new church and why they built it may be of interest to our *Outlook* readers.

Brother C. M. Lee accepted the third angel's message at the time when the Penang Road church was being built and he became one of the first Seventh-day Adventist church members among the Chinese people in Singapore.

It was about the year 1905 that our mission had a treatment room at Sophia Road, Singapore. Through illness Brother Lee came into contact with the Adventist people who used the right arm of the message to bring him to Pastor and Mrs. G. F. Jones at No. 12, Dhoby Ghaut (now Handy Road), the location of the first Seventh-day Adventist mission home, for the study of God's Word in a serious manner, although from childhood Brother Lee knew his Bible quite well having been educated in Presbyterian schools in China. After having had Bible studies with Pastor and Mrs. Jones, Brother Lee volunteered to act as interpreter from the English to the Chinese in most of the Sabbath school programs and church services. He soon found an ex-preacher of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Chan Thiam Hee and his family, who were strict Sunday

keepers, but the Sabbath truth and the Advent Message led the Chan family to obey God and keep His Sabbath instead of Sunday.

After some years, Mr. Chan Thiam Hee was employed by the mission to serve as evangelist for the Singapore Chinese Seventh-day Adventist church and later, after several years of faithful work, he was ordained to the gospel ministry. During 1907-1908 Brother Lee worked as a colporteur and he was the first man to sell our denominational books in the southern parts of Sumatra, Palembang, Banka, Java and Thailand.

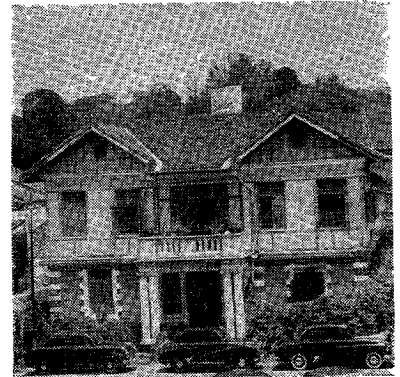


*Seventh-day Adventists began their medical work in Singapore in this building on Sophia Road. The treatment room is mentioned in the accompanying article.*

In 1909 Brother Lee joined our Signs Publishing House in Shanghai, China, working as translator and editor of our Chinese *Signs of the Times*. In 1912 he married the oldest daughter of Pastor Chan Thiam Hee. Inasmuch as the climate in Shanghai did not agree with Mrs. Lee, they returned to Singapore in 1914 with their one-year-old son, Martin. Brother Lee then joined the Singapore church and served as their minister. In addition to his regular preaching in the Fenang Road church, he also conducted a series of public efforts in a rented shop house at No. 67, Tanjong Pagar Road. Due to a weakness in his throat, Brother Lee lost his voice and he was advised by his doctor to ask for sick leave. This gave occasion for him and his family to visit Sarawak where Sister Lee's sister and her dentist husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tan,

had a dentist business. There were other dentists in Sarawak but this dentist and his wife were providentially brought there for some purpose.

In those days, Sarawak under the rule of the White Rajahs did not have religious liberty. The Catholics and the S. P. G. (Society for the Promulgation of the Gospel) were the only denominations allowed by the government to do missionary work. An interest was aroused in Kuching, Sarawak, by our pioneer colporteur, Brother Phang Soon Siew, who sent a letter to Singapore signed by quite a number of Christians (mostly S. P. G. people) asking our mission to send someone over there to teach them about our faith. This was in 1915 and in an attempt to follow up this interest the late Pastor F. A. Detamore sent Pastor Montgomery from Singapore to visit Kuching. He took with him a goodly supply of literature for free distribution. Unfortunately upon his arrival in Kuching, Brother Montgomery was not allowed to take these things in with him. All his books and his luggage were de-



*The first S. D. A. Mission Home at 12 Dhoby Ghaut (now Handy Road). The main hall was used for the Sabbath school and other services. The room on the left was the Singapore Tract Society. The first S. D. A. Mission school was held in the room on the right and Maude Thomas, Lawrence Fox and C. M. Lee were the first students. Mrs. G. F. Jones was the teacher. On the second floor were the living quarters of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Jones and other missionaries who later joined them.*

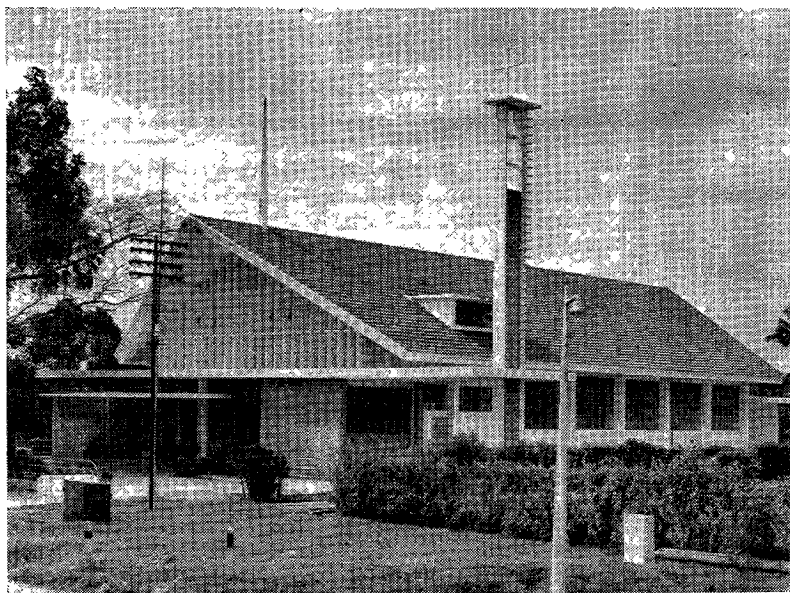
tained in the police station and he was ordered by the police to return to Singapore by the same boat.

Must these seekers for truth be disappointed and be left without further light to lead them into the Truth? It was at this time that the above-mentioned, newly married Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tan were looking for a place to start a dentist practice. They were advised by the late Pastor F. A. Detamore to go to Kuching so that Mrs. Tan (formerly Miss Amy Chan Teck Sung) might carry on Bible instruction on a self-supporting basis. As a result of their faithful work further interest was silently created in that country.

After his sick leave, Brother Lee returned to Singapore again to resume his duties. Unfortunately his throat gave him further trouble and once more he lost his voice. He was then obliged to resign.

While jobless and without money, an old friend of Brother Lee's came to his rescue by loaning him \$300 and guarantee payment for a good supply of photo goods so that he might go to Kuching and open up a photo shop which he named "Sarawak Studio." Brother and Sister Lee made a vow to God that no matter what might happen to them in their business they would keep the Lord's Sabbath, the same as when they were employed by the mission in years past.

Because they kept the seventh day Sabbath, the Lees passed through many severe trials and tests but later these proved to be blessings in disguise. People in those days seemed to choose Saturdays to come to the Sarawak Studio to have family group pictures taken. They of course found Brother Lee's studio closed. On some Saturdays groups and groups of people nicely dressed for their photos to be taken came and went away to patronize another studio when they were requested to come back some other day of the week. They said that these photographers were foolish to close their studio on Saturdays for that was the day most convenient for the people to come to the studio. Some became very angry for they had come long distances. There were others who out of curiosity came back and asked why the studio was closed on



*The western side of the Chinese church showing the depth of the building.*

Saturday instead of Sunday.

On May 17, 1917, the old Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, died and his son, Vyner Brooke was installed as the new Rajah. Being a photographer, Brother Lee was granted the special privilege of coming very close to the installation platform for the purpose of taking pictures of the new Rajah. This new Rajah proclaimed religious liberty for the first time in the history of Sarawak. Brother Lee was perhaps the first and only man at that time to realize the significance of this. He was confident that this would mean the open door for Sarawak to receive the third angel's message. In fact Brother Lee did not lose any time in informing our missionaries in Singapore about this religious liberty proclamation by the new Rajah, urging them to apply immediately for permission to open up our work in that territory. Brother J. W. Rowland was at that time the superintendent of the Singapore Mission, including Sarawak. Thank God! Our application for permission to preach the everlasting gospel was soon granted and ever since that time we have had full freedom to carry on our mission work without any hindrance. Incidentally, the Rajah was well pleased with the installation photographs taken by Brother Lee.

The most severe test came to Brother Lee's faith at the time of

the grand opening of the Sarawak National Railway which took place in Kuching on a Saturday morning. Brother Lee was asked to take pictures at the railway station of the Rajah and all the government officials who were to participate in the ceremony. Brother and Sister Lee were having their worship on that particular Saturday morning when two police officers came to the Sarawak Studio and asked Brother Lee to go and take pictures of that historic occasion. They were amazed by Brother Lee's refusal to accept such an opportunity to make himself better known. The police officer went away but soon came back to the studio with this word: "It is His Highness, the Rajah of Sarawak, who commands you to come and to come immediately." Brother Lee decided to keep God's Sabbath rather than obey the Rajah's orders and he told the two officers that it was his "hari sembahyang" (day of worship). If it had been any other day he would be only too glad to go. One of the officers said: "Mr. Lee, you know the word of the Rajah is law in this country and if you disobey he can deport you any time without notice." Brother Lee still refused to go with them and they went away in great anger. Brother Lee made it plain to these officers that he must obey God rather than man.

The following days, Sunday

through Thursday, were anxious and hectic times for the Lees. No one knew what might happen. On Friday, six days after Brother Lee's refusal to obey the Rajah's orders, something very unusual happened. The Rajah himself came with a group of police officers and walked into the Sarawak Studio. Great crowds of people waited on the outside to see what was going to happen and wondering what the Rajah and the police officers were doing in the studio. Brother Lee thought his fateful day had come and he felt very uneasy. He gave the Rajah his usual polite greeting. Instead of being stern and angry as was expected, the Rajah smilingly looked up at the glass roof and the side lights of the studio. He said: "So this is your studio, eh?" He put his hand in his hip pocket and pulled out something saying as he did so: "I have brought some films for you to develop and print for me because tomorrow is your Sunday." Brother Lee replied: "No, Sir, my Sunday is just the same as your Sunday but tomorrow is the Sabbath of the Lord according to the Bible." "O, I see," replied the Rajah, "that is why you close your shop on Saturdays. When you have done the developing and the printing, will you bring the pictures to my office." What a relief that Friday must have been to Brother Lee and his family after those high tension days!!

For eight years Brother and Sister Lee had many other wonderful experiences in Sarawak over Sabbath observance. The Lord blessed them in the establishment of our first chapel in Kuching, Sarawak, without financial help from the mission. This was at a time when the Sarawak Studio was hardly self-supporting. This studio was a place of business only six days in the week and on Saturdays it became a place of worship for those who were interested in the truth. As the studio became too small for the conducting of Sabbath school and other services, Brother Lee undertook by faith to rent a house at Gartak Street in Kuching and renovated it for a chapel with the late Pastor Chan Thiam Hee as its first pastor.

In 1923 Brother and Sister Lee came back to Singapore to look for better prospects for their business and the Lord has blessed them richly in their undertakings. For many years they had a great desire to enlarge the old church at Penang Road but somehow all the plans for alterations and additions to the existing church building when submitted to the government were disapproved. Finally Brother and Sister Lee decided to build a new church on a piece of their own land on Thomson Road that will not only meet the immediate requirements but those for many years to come. At the time Brother Lee did not have much ready cash with which to build this church but from past experiences in Kuching, Sarawak, he knew that the Lord would provide the means, so by faith he went ahead and started the building although it took longer time than if he had ready cash for it. Brother and Sister Lee are now happy that the Lord has honoured their faith and answered their prayers. The present attendance at the Sabbath services in the new church far exceed what was provided for in the old Penang Road church. It is the hope that some day in the not too distant future this spacious church will be filled to its capacity as a house of worship and that on the ground floor a high school will be established for the training of gospel workers for the glory of God's Holy Name.

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NOTE: We are indebted to Brother C. M. Lee for the interesting story told here as requested by us of the beginning of our mission work in Singapore and Sarawak. Brother Lee is still very active in church work as well as in his different business enterprises in Singapore. Today we have four churches in Singapore with a combined membership of 800. We have a training school with an enrollment of nearly 700, the Malayan Union Seminary. The Youngberg Memorial Hospital with a staff of about 90 is filled to capacity. Chinese, English and Malay literature is being published at the Malayan Signs Press. In addition to these institutions there are a large number of mission homes on the compounds

of the Far Eastern Division and the Union of Southeast Asia. God has richly blessed the seeds sown in those early years. Again we want to say Thank you to Brother and Sister Lee for recalling for us some of the experiences of the early days of the third angel's message in Singapore and Sarawak.

—C. P. SORENSEN

## Island of Madagascar Mission Station

By M. V. CAMPBELL, *President,  
Southern European Division*

The one mission station that impressed me most of all of the many scores which I have visited in various parts of the world is that of Tamatave, on the large island of Madagascar. Visiting this station I was greatly impressed with the missionary family who operated it. Brother and Sister H. Dronault had recently come from America with their three children and their furniture and were living out in the wilds many miles from the city of Tamatave. It was a new mission station, with some buildings completed, others under construction, and still others planned.

The station was located on the side of a hill above a mighty river flowing out to the sea. Along this river are many large native villages awaiting the gospel message. To help bring Christ to those villages the Missionary Volunteer societies of the Southern European Division had purchased a large ship which would house the family and make it possible to spend several days on journeys to the villages along the river. The home for the missionary had not yet been constructed. This fine family was living in a split-bamboo temporary house and in it they had their American furniture, including a piano.

You can imagine the sorrow with which we learned that a few months later not only one cyclone struck this territory, but two, one almost immediately following the other. The cyclones did a great deal of damage to the mission station, but the indirect results of the torrential rains which accompanied them almost totally destroyed the whole mission property. The river rose more than forty feet, deluging and wash-

ing away most of the buildings, the farm machinery, the automobile—even the valuable mission ship was lost. The temporary building in which our missionaries were living was on the highest ground of all but the water entered it, rising higher and higher until the furniture was standing in five feet of water!

A great deal of money had been expended in the establishment of this station and its loss was a very heavy blow to the whole Division. This was when we thanked God for the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. Funds from the General Conference made it possible to restore the losses and start again. The new station has now been located much higher on the hillside, in fact on the very top of the high hill. There is no danger in the future of floods, though cyclones may pass that way again.

Disasters overtake our work in various parts of the world today. Surely it is a blessing to have a fund in readiness to meet these crises.

Let me say again: Thank God for the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering!

## Our Supreme Hour

By T. L. OSWALD, *Secretary,*  
*Home Missionary Department,*  
*General Conference*

All over the world the cry of a child sounds the same. Who asks the nationality of a hungry child? Or a child that mourns for a mother that has been swept away forever by a disaster or an epidemic? Human suffering observes no boundaries; neither does mercy or generosity. That is why, when the cry of those who are not as fortunate as we are comes to our ears, it touches our hearts and we respond to that need.

Each one of us will answer humanity's cry for help in an hour of need such as we are facing in so many lands. The hungry person anywhere in the world needs food. He needs friendship. He needs to know that someone cares. The individual or family that has lost all in a disaster, and receives help from the Adventist church, has a kindly feeling to the people of the

church. He knows that he is not alone—that he is not forgotten.

More than two million people received help in 1956 from the Seventh-day Adventist churches. What joy that has brought to those in need. And in return for what we have done for others, God has blessed us. Last year in our Disaster and Famine Relief Offering the members of our churches responded in a most liberal way. In North America alone, over US\$171,000 were given by our people. We say, Thank you for what you have done.

With part of that money food and clothing was sent to the twelve orphanages in Korea. Ten thousand dollars came from that fund for the refugees of Hungary. The flood refugees of India and Pakistan were shipped food and clothing provided from the 1956 Famine Relief Offering. Haiti, Colombia, and the people of the Caribbeans in the hour of their disaster and persecution all received food and clothing provided for from the offering. We could go on and mention other countries to whom we have sent relief in the time of disaster. In some of the communities that were overtaken by disaster here in the United States, they received help provided for from the fund.

Hungry people need not only food, but also the hand of friendship. They need to know that someone cares. In our Disaster and Famine Relief Offering which will be taken on Sabbath, May 25, we hope to receive in the North American Division US\$200,000 and from the rest of the world field US\$60,000 with which to help those that are in need. We appeal to every member of the church and to all our friends to make the offering on that Sabbath a very liberal one.

## VOP Trip

By J. R. SPANGLER

### KOREA

James E. Chase, associate secretary of the General Conference radio and television department, traveled in the Far East by plane, ship, train, auto, and afoot for three and one-half months beginning immediately after Christmas. As we slipped through the air lanes towards Korea, we anticipated the coldest winter in thirty-eight years.

However, the angels must have known that two Adventist brethren, unaccustomed to extreme cold weather, were arriving and they prepared a more suitable temperature for our stay in Korea. George Munson, who has been over-saddled with a multitude of duties, was assigned to lead out in the program. In the past the Korean Voice of Prophecy department has been like a race horse saddled with two jockeys but we are happy to state that progress is slowly but surely being made under the leadership of genial Brother Oh. More than 1,000 diplomas were given out at a Voice of Prophecy graduation exercise held in Seoul. Korea is a real gold mine for souls and virtually stands unexploited from the standpoint of the radio and Bible correspondence school, this only because of a lack of funds. We trust this picture will shortly change as US\$5,000 plus a new Ampex tape recorder were given to our radio work in Korea. This combination gift should see our radio programs on all nineteen Korean stations plus additional lessons and added help in the Bible correspondence school.

### JAPAN

Beautiful Mount Fuji saluted our plane en route to Tokyo's spacious international airport. The Eldridge corporation which consists of the president, Paul Eldridge, and vice president, Mrs. Retha Eldridge, has really had a double portion of God's Spirit in effecting the rise of a radio-Bible school empire which we hope will never fall. A new monument to this empire was just being erected in the form of new studios and offices for the radio work. The careful timing of the "never late" express trains made it possible for us to pack into one short week distances, stops and rallies which I feel sure exceeded the territory covered by the forty-year-nomadic trip of Moses and his friends. From Kogoshima in the south to Sendai in the north, the story was the same—excellent attendance, wonderful response and above all absolute proof of the tremendous impact our Voice of Prophecy—radio program has on the Japanese people. Whether it was train, tram or

taxi, the usual remark was, "Oh yes, I listen to your broadcast every Sunday!"

One outstanding feature of the program was a thrilling graduation service in Osaka when nearly forty precious souls received their diplomas. We will never forget the brilliantly kimono-clad VOP lady workers and the brethren who gathered for a special dinner that climaxed an all-morning session of VOP workshop discussion.

#### SCIUM

How glad we were that Milton Lee could tear loose from his busy public evangelistic work and spend a few days with us to see the challenge and opportunities facing us in Taiwan. It is amazing to see how this island fortress is literally being bombarded by our VOP work. From correspondence lesson number one to the Voice of Free China, we are, as a negro preacher would say, "pelting their heads with heavenly hail!" Pastor Wu, the assistant director of the VOP, held the reins of organization with a good hand which made every rally a total success.

Veteran missionary, M. C. Warren, newly-appointed administrator of our VOP school, is doing a most efficient and effective piece of work in promulgating salvation through these lessons. An added attraction was several trips to remote villages, one inhabited by tribal people. One was a mountain hike and while traveling behind Pastor Warren, who is on the verge of reaching that point in years which the General Conference has designated as retirement age, if so desired, I could not help but think that our Heavenly Father must have given to some of these dear old pioneers a bit of Adam's original youth and elasticity, or they must be blood relatives of Moses who at 120 had strength unabated and eyes undimmed!

In Hong Kong we witnessed the graduation of over 500 students. J. P. Anderson, another old timer who seems to have the secret of eternal youth, has ably led out in our Bible school for a number of years in that area. He with his lovable workers have really blanketed the Hong Kong-Kowloon area. Merely send out invitations to a service to their students and an overflow

crowd is guaranteed.

#### NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION

Edwin Gibb, who has recently been embraced by the arms of the publishing department, was our Voice of Prophecy general. His eight years of broadcasting over the powerful Manila stations' places us in the enviable position of being one of the two oldest broadcasters on that station since its inception. We met numerous radio station executives on our trip and no one was more courteous or attentive than the good Roman Catholic manager of our Manila station. Much VOP seed has been sown in the North Philippines, God's acre, and as a result 20,088 test papers were harvested during the first quarter of 1957. Contact was made with the religious radio station, Far Eastern Broadcasting Company, and we trust this will result in the carrying of our program. This union holds the distinction of being the only place in the Far Eastern Division where FAITH FOR TODAY is shown over television. We appreciate the loyal effort continuously manifested by Pastor Gibb and his staff.

#### SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION

A thirty-six-hour deck-passage boat trip which winds in and out among a number of the 7,000 Philippine Islands landed us at headquarters in Cebu City. The entire VOP staff gave us a six o'clock early morning welcome. Royalty could not have been treated better than we were. F. M. Arrogante coded out a most extensive trip which we succeeded in deciphering after seven days of hard travel. We have a strong radio work in the South Philippines and, unbelievable as it may seem, most of it is gratis. I might add that arrangements were made for several stations to sponsor *Your Radio Doctor*, *The Children's Hour*," and the Voice of Prophecy musical program. The most outstanding feature for 1957 will be the securing of 10,000 enrollments in the City of Cebu alone to till the soil a bit for the forthcoming-city-wide evangelistic effort to be held early in 1958. If this gigantic task can be completed our baptisms will be doubled.

#### SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION

Pastor Chase turned public evangelist in Saigon for one week when en route to Singapore and Indonesia. Thirteen persons came forward as a result of this work which was combined with medical talks by Doctor C. E. Randolph. Five thousand dollars (US) have just been donated to the three states now comprising what was formerly South Indo-China. We trust this will put our program on a sure footing. H. W. Peterson is the engineer of the Southeast Asia Union VOP. Mrs. L. C. Wilcox and Miss Jue Man Him are the conductors aboard the Malayan VOP train. They traveled to Malaya with us. This trip revealed the continued power of our Bible correspondence school. This union mission is a small division in itself with its diversities of habits and tongues. Pastor Chase visited Borneo and saw first hand the power of the gospel in the lives of the believers compared with those still in the clutches of heathenism.

#### INDONESIA

Revolt-torn Indonesia is still the recipient of our VOP lessons. Martin Laloan and a company of workers are doing a faithful job in sending the lessons to thousands of interested souls. A circle tour which included the fabulous North Celebes marked our memories with crowded churches and halls plus scores of graduates receiving their diplomas. Our Bandung rally was high lighted by numerous special musical numbers plus costumed children who represented all the territory of this vast union mission. It was our privilege to carefully check through the entire operation of the Bible school and find every worker carrying a real load.

The above report adds up to this conclusive fact that the Radio and Bible correspondence school are the greatest single Far Eastern agency in force today to reach the hearts and minds of thousands. We have received tremendous returns for so small investment. We only wish that our budgets could be doubled in every field and that adequate help would be provided to care for the lessons. Truly this is God's hour and our opportunity! As we

waved goodbye to Pastor Chase and he winged his way westward, making Bangkok his final stop, we could not help but express this wish: Come back again soon and again inspire us to do greater things for the Master through these God-given agencies.

### Sabbath School Associations in the South Philippine Union Mission

By F. A. MOTE

During the month of March, 1957, my wife and I attended camp meetings in the South Philippine Union Mission. It is inspiring to learn that in this union mission

field we have at present nearly 35,000 church members, and we also have 683 organized Sabbath schools with a membership of 39,028. The union and local mission officers and all departmental secretaries, as well as other workers, in this large union mission are all Filipinos. The only overseas missionaries serving in the entire field are located at Mountain View College where we have two families and one single worker, namely Pastor and Mrs. T. C. Murdoch and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hill, and Miss Luene Wakeham.

While attending the camp meeting for the Northern Mindanao Mission, the following report was given by the different Sabbath

school associations in that one local mission field. I thought it would be of interest for our brethren and sisters to know what is being accomplished by some of our Sabbath school associations and faithful Sabbath school members in this part of the world field.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offerings which come to the Far Eastern Division from time to time greatly help us in bringing still other hundreds and thousands of believers into our Sabbath schools and churches so that they may be prepared for service and for a home in God's eternal kingdom. Let us all take courage as we face the completion of the Lord's work.

Name of S. S. Association	Churches	Souls Baptized in 1956	Projects of the S. S. Association
1. Heaven's Aim	15	92	Baptismal robes and public address system
2. Magnetic	10	52	" " "
3. United Soul Winning	5	45	" " "
4. Mossa	18	78	" " "
5. Oriental Pacific Coast	3	18	Public address system P370.00 cash on hand
6. Agusan	17	68	Lord's Supper equipment and baptismal robes
7. Kapatagan Valley	10	34	Banner and baptismal robes
8. Maranao	6	30	Chapel building and baptismal robes
9. 3-D-K	3	36	Church school and baptismal robes
10. Eastern Zamboanga	25	112	Accredited elementary school and baptismal robes
11. Rescue	6	39	Baptismal robes
12. Salvapirlusinda	11	67	" "
13. Apo Lakeside	4	33	Baptismal robes and Lord's Supper equipment
14. Zenith-Energetic	4	45	Baptismal robes

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### News from Hong Kong—Macao Mission

By W. A. HILLIARD, *President*

On Monday, April 1, at the school chapel, the students and faculty of the South China Training College at Clear Water Bay,

brought in their Ingathering reports. Excitement ran high as band after band reported. When all the cash was in they had a total of HK\$10,501.90. This was HK\$501.90 beyond their goal.

A new church was organized at Shaukiwan, on the eastern end of Hong Kong Island, on March 23, 1957. The Hong Kong-Macao Mission began work there in 1953 when Miss Ethel Liang moved into a small chapel which was prepared on the ground floor of a new block of flats just one block off from the main road. Several evangelistic efforts have been held there during the intervening years. Last sum-

mer and fall the Voice of Prophecy Bible school conducted one effort which was followed by a second series of meetings held by Pastor W. W. Pohle. The church was organized with 24 charter members.

New work has already started in the New Territories, near the China border, at a small village called Chuk Yuen (Bamboo garden). Several members of our Yuen Long church live there and they form a good nucleus for work among the farming people of this community. A small building has been rented and Pastor Chung Wai Poh is looking for land where a small chapel can be built.

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### Fire! Fire! Teacher, There Is a Fire!

BY H. B. LUDDEN

*Business Manager, Japan Missionary College*

Kaji! Kaji Sensei! Sensei! Kaji desu yo! (Fire! Fire! Teacher, Teacher, there is a fire!) With these words and the jangling of the doorbell, we were rudely awakened from a sound sleep at 11:00 o'clock on Saturday night, April 6. Hurrying out with a jacket and pants pulled over our pajamas, we spent the next four or five hours fighting fire and directing some clean-up operations from the site where once stood a prosperous food factory.

One of the boys had just returned to the dormitory from a Bible study in a nearby village. Upon opening his room window before retiring he saw the fire in the factory just beyond the administration building of Japan Missionary College. Without further adieu he

had awakened us saying that the classrooms were on fire.

In about forty-five minutes after our arrival at the factory, the fire was about over—the worst part of it and it was at this point that the nearest volunteer fire department arrived. From then on until about three o'clock in the morning we had about eight or ten fire companies on our hands and all over the campus.

Our food factory stood on the far northwest corner of the school property and about 65 feet from our wood working shop and about 60 feet from a garage and store house. These last-mentioned buildings were saved from fire by a host of gallant students and teachers who formed bucket brigades from every fire barrel, hydrant and faucet from which water could be obtained. The Lord also sent a gentle wind from the south which blew the fire away from our other buildings. Had the wind been from the north as it usually is we would today have been without not only a food factory but most likely without an entire school plant.

The cause of the fire is not yet known but we certainly thank the Lord for His ever-present hand stretched out over us keeping us from harm—there were no injuries sustained. Only one building was

burned.

In addition to the loss of the building, equipment and inventories, the school's operating budget will yearly lose over US\$2,000 which usually came to us in the way of rent for the building. Then there is the loss in student labor and a number of workers were employed full time in the factory.

At 3:00 in the morning of the fire plans were laid for a temporary plant to house the bakery. By that same evening, just eighteen hours after the fire, all was in readiness for the cement floor to be poured in the garage and warehouse, our temporary quarters.

### Osaka Evangelistic Center

BY LEO VAN DOLSON, *Pastor,*  
*Kobe-Osaka District*

One year ago as we began planning for an evangelistic campaign in the city of Osaka we hoped that by the end of the year we would have fifty Japanese attending church services in this city with its three million people. As we began the year 1957 there were more than fifty people present for the weekly Sabbath service. There are now twenty-three baptized members in our Osaka church and twenty more are preparing for baptism. The way has been opened for us to use the new interdenominational Osaka Christian church which is located not too far from the lot we have purchased and on which we hope to build an evangelistic center. The use of this fine building mentioned previously is giving real prominence to our follow-up work.

We are daily impressed, however, with the need of going ahead rapidly with the building of our own center here. The president of the Japan Union Mission and his building committee are now preparing a final set of plans for the center. They envisage a three-story building with a welfare center and clinic facilities on the first floor. The auditorium on the second floor will seat approximately 275 people and it is being planned in such a way that not only can evangelistic meetings and the Sabbath services be held here but also other public service features. On the third floor will be provided workers'



*All that remained of the food factory at Japan Missionary College after the fire.*



apartments, three classrooms and a large youth hall. The classrooms will be used not only for Sabbath school but also for Bible study groups and English classes. The youth hall will be used for social and recreational purposes.

Recently we had the privilege of visiting again the governor of Osaka. As in the past, he commented favorably on the location of our lot which is located about a block from the prefectural government offices. He assured us also of his continued interest and support of our project.

The doors of opportunity are still open in Japan. Public evangelism is not easy in this stronghold of Shintoism and Buddhism. Nevertheless, our recent experience in the Osaka campaign demonstrates the fact that with God's blessing such work will result in large numbers being led to a knowledge of the three angel's messages. It is not easy for our Japanese people to keep the Sabbath. Most schools hold classes and give examinations on the Sabbath. Many business firms work seven days a week with only one or two holidays a month. Yet God blesses those who step out by faith and follow Him.

May we urge our fellow believers and friends around the circle of the earth to pray for our work here and will you do what you can to insure a large offering on the next thirteenth Sabbath for a large portion of the overflow offering on that day will go toward making the Osaka evangelistic center a reality this year.

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**Total Evangelism for '57  
in the Southeast Asia  
Union**

By H. CARL CURRIE, *President*,

It is a grand privilege to be a servant of the Lord, living in this age when we see all about us the stirring of the nations. With

breathless pace we are moving on to the brink of eternity. The discerning eye can see the lining up of forces for that final conflict, but of far more importance than the secular events of the world is what are God's people doing to prepare themselves and those groping in darkness for the ominous events that are about to overwhelm the world?

After the Battle of Britain, Mr. Winston Churchill in referring to the tremendous sacrifice made by the valiant airmen who so successfully defended England against the enemy invaders said, "Never in the history of mankind has so much been owed by so many to so few." God's people are also very few in number and yet there rests upon them the responsibility of giving the trumpet sound of warning to the entire world. The stirring words of Mr. Churchill should be equally applicable to God's remnant church today.

We in the Southeast Asia Union believe with all our hearts the only way to meet this challenge is through "total evangelism." That means every worker and believer must unite together under God as evangelists for Christ. To bring about such a condition there must be planned evangelism for every church and mission worker.

The first few months of this year it has been my privilege to attend the biennial sessions and annual meetings of our local mission fields. Usually we think of these meetings as being rather "dry" and boring but to me this year it has been a thrilling experience. The enthusiasm of our workers and leaders as they laid plans for this year's work was truly exciting to behold. Every worker in each of our missions is to have a part in at least one evangelistic series, which also means that every church member will have an opportunity to actively participate in the great evangelistic program for the year 1957. When the workers lead the way, God's people will follow.

To prepare our people for their part in this great program, revival meetings are being conducted in each of our churches. The messenger of the Lord has told us: "When we bring our hearts into

unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 246.

Even in this modern age when men can travel through space three times the speed of sound and glibly talk of the day when they will be making a trip to the moon, yet it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1 Corinthians 1:21. In Romans 10:14, 15, the apostle asks a very vital question for which God is holding His people accountable in giving the correct answer. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

We in this union, over whose territory fly ten different flags, are determined by the grace of God to meet this challenge through "TOTAL EVANGELISM."

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**Northern Luzon Academy**

By JUAN AFENIR

The 1956-57 school year at Northern Luzon Academy has just ended. Forty-nine academy graduates received their diplomas and thirty who had completed the first six grades were presented their certificates.

The closing exercises of the school began on the evening of March 20 with a program by the children who had completed the elementary grades. This was followed by a presentation by the academy graduates in the afternoon of the following day. Pastor Catalino Basconillo, chaplain at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, led out in the consecration service on Friday, March 22. Pastor W. J. Hackett, president of the North Philippine Union Mission, preached



*Thirty-three of the thirty-nine students who were baptized at the Northern Luzon Academy during the school year 1956-1957.*

the baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath morning, March 23, and Pastor J. D. Cristobal, religious liberty and public relations secretary, delivered the commencement address on Saturday evening.

In some respects, 1956-57 has been one of the best school years the academy has ever had. While at the beginning of the school year the enrollment was only 288, the year closed with an enrollment of 295 which is rather unusual. The current accounts receivable was practically nil, thanks to the sympathetic understanding between the management and the constituency. Discipline problems had been reduced to the minimum due to the fact that everybody had been busy with his or her definite assignments, and also the Christian spirit which pervaded the classrooms, the campus, the dormitories and elsewhere.

But more gratifying than all the material advancements made by the school was the baptism of thirty-nine precious young people in the course of the school year.

At the Agricultural Fair in Dagupan, the Northern Luzon Academy enjoyed the unique distinction of being the only private school in Pangasinan that exhibited its farm, garden and poultry products. Government officials who spoke of the academy as one of the best private schools in Pangasinan were convinced of the advances made at the school in agriculture and poultry.

The signal triumph of the academy has been the dignification of work. The students heartily participated in the work program when they observed that their teachers were not ashamed to use their hands

in helping them. Aside from their work assignments with the students, the teachers had their own gardens in which they grew tomatoes, egg plant, Baguio beans, etc.

One of the most encouraging current achievements of the academy was the winning of a prize awarded by the YWCA at a convention held in Manila, February 23-24. The prize consisted of a certificate of merit and tools, such as rake, shovel, fork and a sprinkler. The fine school garden was thus recognized.

At the end of March, Eliseo Santos, the treasurer, showed in his financial statement a net gain of about 1,500 pesos. The poultry and culinary departments showed a very encouraging margin of profit. The school has also been able to provide work for the students who wanted to earn part of their expenses, 3,194.16 pesos having been earned in that way.

The success of the academy this year has been due largely to the efficiency and Christian spirit of the principal and business manager, Pastor Demetrio M. Hechanova, Jr. This young man in his early thirties can be seen daily seemingly working on a twenty-four-hour schedule but he is never too busy to help, be the need great or small. He is a very unassuming young man and when he was asked the secret of the advance strides made by the school, he modestly answered: "In carrying on the rather heavy program this year, I cannot help but give loving and heartfelt appreciation for the unstinted and loyal support of my fellow teachers, parents, and students." Assisting Principal Hechanova is a group of keen

and active men and women who are one hundred per cent behind him in his program of bringing Northern Luzon Academy up to standard.

"Prospects for the coming school year are very bright," said Brother Hechanova. "We are going to launch an intensive and extensive campaign and I see no reason why we should not have a substantial increase in the enrollment. We hope to get most of the third and fourth-year students from the Northeast Luzon Academy. Said school will become a Junior Academy beginning this year. This summer work on the new water system will begin. Our funds are limited for this work but we'll go ahead with the money available."

We have observed, however, that there are still many problems which cannot immediately be solved for lack of funds. The home economics and laundry buildings should be rehabilitated. More and better classroom furniture is needed. Better teachers' cottages would add to the beauty of the campus. A class in woodworking could be offered if a shop with needed equipment were provided.

As we leave the campus of this growing academy we can say that we are completely sold on the educational philosophy advocated by Seventh-day Adventists and the resulting program -Northern Luzon Academy is attempting to carry out. Our hearts yearn for our young people who should come, whatever the cost, to the shelter of this school from the onslaught of the enemy of the youth and where they will be nurtured in the wisdom of God under the guidance of sympathetic Christian teachers.

## News Items

● An evangelistic effort has recently been concluded in the town of Alicia, Isabela, Philippines, by Pastors Trofimo Atiga and Catalino Bautista. At the close of this effort more than sixty souls had been won to Christ as a result of the earnest work of the evangelistic team. A church has been organized in the town of Alicia and the new believers are rejoicing in their new-found faith. We thank God for this new interest.

● After several years of planning and working for a new site to which to transfer the Northeast Luzon Academy, a very fine piece of land has been secured and the transfer will soon be completed. This new site is between Alicia and Cauayan, Isabela, Philippines. It consists of a little more than twenty-three hectares of land. It is good agricultural land with plenty of water. Prospects are bright for an academy on this location for there is ample room for agricultural activities for both teachers and students. The mission committee of Northern Luzon is looking forward to an up-to-date building with the necessary facilities and this will greatly strengthen our educational work in the northern part of the Philippines.

● At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the North Philippine Union Mission, Pastor A. E. Gibb, formerly ministerial and radio and Bible correspondence school secretary of the union mission, as well as pastor of the Pasay English church, was appointed publishing secretary of the union. Pastor Gibb's former duties will be taken over by another. In addition to his new duties as union publishing secretary, he will also be the circulation manager of the Philippine Publishing House.

● The new wing which is being added to the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital is progressing nicely. This new addition will serve as the outpatient department. Well over 100,000 pesos have been solicited from friends and businessmen in the city of Manila for this project and the money-gathering program is still going on. When completed this new building will greatly aid the hospital staff in handling the many patients who come for medical aid.

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### Pastor E. van Alphen Attacked by a Mob

In a letter just received from H.

D. Johnson, he writes as follows:

"We have just received word from Ambon (Indonesia) that Brother van Alphen and possibly other workers have been severely beaten in a village on the island of Ambon. It seems that they were conducting an evening meeting in this village with one of the native brethren doing the speaking. They were just ready to close the sermon part and show some pictures when a village official rushed in demanding that they stop the meeting. Brother van Alphen got up from his place in the audience and stated to the official that they had permission from the authorities to hold the meeting. Said official then beat a tattoo upon a piece of bamboo which he apparently held in his hand and a mob of young fellows rushed in and began to beat up Brother van Alphen and others who tried to defend him.

"Brother van Alphen was severely beaten about the head and we are told that someone attacked him with a piece of sharpened bamboo, a splinter of which had to be extracted from his cheek after the battle was over.

"It seems that some sort of conspiracy had kept the police away from the meeting so they were unable to protect Brother van Alphen. The police did come later and they were very angry that the people of the village should treat a foreigner in the way they had. The police and the local religious department authorities seem intent to make a case out of this matter against those who perpetrated the attack. In other words, the government authorities are very much embarrassed over the incident and are doing their best to make amends.

"Brother van Alphen is having very severe headaches and cannot stand to have visitors for very long at a time. Sister van Alphen who wrote the letter requested our prayers in his behalf."

C. P. Sorensen later received another letter from H. D. Johnson in which he stated that the office in Bandung had telephoned to the van Alphens and they learned that Brother van Alphen was very weak from loss of blood but that he was making steady improvement. They did not feel it necessary to bring

him to the Bandung Mission Hospital for medical care. We truly express our sympathy to Brother and Sister van Alphen in this their hour of trial.

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### M. V. C. Commencement

BY IRENE WAKEHAM

With the largest class in its history, 34 college and 10 academy graduates, Mountain View College's fourth commencement exercises were held March 14 to 17, with Pastors R. E. Parks and F. A. Mote, and Dr. R. S. Moore as the speakers. Other week-end visitors included Pastor W. L. Pascoe, Mrs. Mote, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Moore and Dennis and Kathleen, and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. LaSage.

The academy group presented their class night program on Thursday night, March 14, and the college seniors gave theirs on Saturday night, March 16. Pastor Parks spoke at the consecration service Friday night, and Pastor Mote gave the baccalaureate sermon Sabbath morning. Dr. Moore was the commencement speaker Sunday night.

The number of seniors contrasts encouragingly with the seven college and seven academy seniors who made up last year's senior classes. Of the 34 graduates, 12 finished the Associate in Arts course, 9 the Associate in Agriculture course, 7 the Associate in Commercial Science course, and 6 the Secretarial course. Twenty-two of the group were among the pioneers who spent the first year at M. V. C., although some had been out a semester or more in the interval. Many of the seniors plan to continue their education at Philippine Union College.

"To Answer When Duty Calls," and "Humility Before Honor" were the Aim and Motto of the academy senior class. The college seniors chose "To Go Where He Leads" for their Aim and "For Greater Service" as their Motto.

## NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Dr. Robert C. Rosenquist and family left Los Angeles on April 30 en route to Manila where Dr. Rosenquist will relieve Dr. E. C. Hedrick while the latter is on furlough. The Rosenquists will visit Honolulu, Tokyo, Taipei and Hong Kong en route and should arrive in Manila about May 24. We welcome Dr. Rosenquist from the College of Medical Evangelists to our field for the next year. We wish for Dr. Hedrick a pleasant furlough. Much of his time will be spent in postgraduate study.

● Following the South Philippine Youth's Congress in Cebu City, Pathfinder Leaders' and MV Leadercraft Training Courses were conducted with the assistance of Pastor C. D. Martin from the Division Office. A total of 67 certificates were granted to those completing the courses.

● On Sabbath, April 20, a baptism was held at a spring about a kilometer away from the North Sumatra Training School. On this occasion thirty-one students were baptized. Mrs. R. A. Figuhr, wife of the principal of the school, writes that it was a very nice service and it was a joy to the faculty to see so many of the students take this important step. Mrs. Figuhr also mentions that the well driller has moved his rig onto the school grounds and is all ready to start drilling for water. They look forward to the day when the students will have running water in their buildings and thus not have to carry water long distances as they have been doing.

● We glean the following interesting items from a letter just received from V. E. Kelstrom, president of the Far Eastern Island Mission: "I have just returned from a three weeks' visit to Palau where I held an effort and also conducted the Week of Prayer at our school. I also had the opportunity to visit all of our isolated church members and scattered companies on the different islands. The last Sabbath was a blessed event. On that day Pastor Toribiong held his first baptismal service since his ordination. He baptized 19 souls.

"This is the largest baptism in the history of our work on Palau. A few weeks ago Pastor Jimeno conducted his first baptism on Guam. We are very happy that these two men were ordained at our session last fall. We believe they will greatly strengthen our work here and prove a real blessing to the field."

● Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Wentland, Jr., and their two sons recently returned from furlough. They are now located in Saigon, Vietnam, where Brother Wentland is the principal of our training school in that city. We welcome the Wentlands back to the Far East!

● Miss Signe Nelson arrived in Singapore on May 19. She is now beginning her third term of service as a secretary in the Far Eastern Division office. The office staff were especially happy to welcome Miss Nelson back to Singapore.

● Miss Edna Mitchell, matron at the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital, Victoria, Australia, visited friends in Singapore en route to the United States where she will visit a number of our medical institutions.

● The young people who attended the Far Eastern Academy from out in the field have now returned to their respective homes. Elfred Lee returned to Korea; Joy and Ted Anderson to Manila; Sonya Van Allen also to Manila; Ronald Oliver left for his new home in Jesselton, Borneo; Ruth Christensen returned to her folks in Taiwan and April Phil left for the States where she will join her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pihl, who preceded her there. Their friends on the Division compound will be happy to welcome them back when school opens again early in August. In the meantime we wish for them a happy holiday.

## At Rest

Friends and associates of Dr. Ola Ketchum Gant were saddened at the news of her passing on January 20, 1957. At the time of her death she held the rank of professor in the CME School of Dietetics following a long career with the Ad-

ventist Church in the field of diet and nutrition.

She began her professional life as an assistant dietitian in 1925 at the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital. After serving there for one year she joined the faculty of Madison College, Tennessee, for three years while attending Peabody College for Teachers for which she received her B. S. degree in 1929.

From Madison College, Dr. Gant served successively at Southern Junior College, Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital, CME, La Sierra College and Philippine Union College, and The International Nutrition Research Foundation. She concluded her services at the latter place in 1955 and again joined the CME faculty a little over a year ago.

She received her master of science degree from the University of Colorado in 1935 and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1943.

Funeral services for Dr. Gant were held at La Sierra, California, on Tuesday, January 22.

—Medical Evangelist

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