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A PULL ALL TOGETHER

I. H. EVANS

THE common saying that a pull all together means success is worth our pondering when some specific call comes for help. It is sometimes quite human to object to plans, or calls for men and money, when we did not suggest the call, or were not well situated to join in the doing. Yet our work succeeds, not because we are superhuman, nor because committee men are infallible in conclusions reached, but rather because when a plan has been suggested each member of the family joins in carrying the plan into effect.

WHAT THE BIG WEEK MEANS

The Big Week means a good deal to our work. It means an income of perhaps a quarter of a million dollars gold this very year. It means new literature published in the vernaculars where before none has been printed; it means the erection of additions to the printing plants which we have already outgrown; it means additional facilities to be used to increase the output of these plants; it means schools for the education of our young people; it means new school buildings; more teachers employed to teach the students; it means hospitals and dispensaries for helping the sick-poor, and restoration back to their families of many who would not otherwise recover from their illnesses. There is a world of progress and growth in this BIG WEEK idea.

THE BIG WEEK IS COMING SOON

There is much in being ready when a big thing comes. The difference between being ready and not being ready is the difference between *success* and *failure*. It's a small thing to fail. It requires no wit, nor forethought, nor effort. All that is needed is inaction. *That is failure*. Success means hard work and persevering effort. This BIG WEEK will succeed or fail in proportion to the effort put into it. If the whole constituency gets under this load and each does his part and his best we shall have *success*. Let us each plan for it, and pray daily that the Lord will bless those who lift and do their part in this time of our great need. Every man doing his full part means that we shall have a splendid sum with which to meet the many calls for new, aggressive work. Let us all pull together, and with all our strength.

GENERAL ARTICLES

Possibilities

Edward J. Urquhart

He who led the slave-boy, Joseph,
Through temptation and distress,
And exalted him in season
With the glory of success;

He who called the stammerer, Moses
From alien sheep and strand
To make him His law-giver
And guide to the promised land;

He who stood beside the captive
In Babylon of the plain,
Gave him power and gave him visions,
Turning every loss to gain;

He who through the years and ages
Has advanced each loyal one,
Whate'er his birth and standing,
Ere the setting of his sun;

Can He not of trusting children
Princes make and conquerors still?
Can He not through us do wonders—
E'en through us perform His will?

Seoul, Korea.

God's Prospering Hand

IN the opening meeting of the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference Committee, March 21, 1926, Pastor I. H. Evans, Vice-president of the General Conference for the Far Eastern Division, expressed gratitude to God that so many of the members of the Committee had found it possible to reach the meeting on time, notwithstanding the difficult travel conditions prevalent in some sections. God's prospering hand has been with His workers, and they have been kept while laboring amid multiplying perils. The only member not able to get through to the meeting in time is Pastor M. C. Warren, who recently suffered the despoilation of our commodious city mission headquarters in Chungking as the result of an attack by those in league with the anti-Christian movement. Travel on the upper reaches of the Yangtze is fraught with uncertainty.

The Chairman touched upon gains made in church membership, in tithes and offerings, in literature sales, and in the development of the Sabbath school work. He stressed the importance of the literature work, and other self-supporting lines of advance, and expressed the hope that the coming year might see a great increase in these lines.

The schools in operation are filled to overflowing. The medical work already established has brought help to many thousands; and now that Dr. H. W. Miller has united with us to lead out in this department, there is prospect of more rapid advancement. Dr. Donald Griggs and some nurses are in the language school at Nanking. The medical missionary work has never given so much promise of filling its appointed place in the Far East, as at the present time; and in every other department as well there are many encouragements.

The Chairman urged that every leader plan in faith for the accomplishment of great things for God during the year upon which we have entered. The General Conference have endeavored to do everything within their power, having appropriated heavily in an effort to cover our most urgent needs; and we must make the best possible use of these

sums of money coming to us through the year. Notwithstanding the liberal annual appropriations, our urgent needs do not begin to be met as it would seem they must be met in some way if ever we finish the work we have undertaken. We must pray more; we must seek for a fuller consecration; we must endeavor to multiply the efficiency of our native workers. We must do more and more ourselves, and we must have associates among the native laborers who are constantly growing in grace and in the ability to do large things for God. If only our working forces could be fully aroused to their infinite possibilities for service under the prospering hand of the Lord, we might double and quadruple the results now being attained in souls won for the kingdom.

In conclusion, the Chairman expressed appreciation for the spirit of love and brotherly unity that characterizes our large working force in this Division field, and for the assurance we have that we have a mighty God, and that loyalty and faithfulness and devotion on our part will make it possible for Him to lead us on to victory. c.

"Let Us Go Up and Possess the Land"

ADLAI A. ESTEB

I AM happy to be able to pass on to my associate laborers in the Division a good report of the progress of the book work in the Manchurian Union. Reports from other fields indicate that an increased amount of truth-filled literature is being scattered over the Orient.

The Far East truly is a big field. Our task is to warn upwards of 600,000,000 people, and we must avail ourselves of every means possible to sow this field with gospel seed. The task is a tremendous one, but we are well able to accomplish it. We have churches, schools, preachers colporteurs, believers scattered all over the field. The special work of each of us is quickly to tell the good news. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness; and then shall the end come." Through one agency and another this gospel is going to every one in the Far East,—all, whether by a preacher, a colporteur, a believer, a book, a tract or a magazine. By some means witness will be borne to all.

To do this work, we must have faith in God. Ten of the spies who returned to the camp of Israel, said, "We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." Caleb and Joshua said, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." As in the days of Caleb and Joshua, those who finish God's work in these last days will bring good reports. Our preachers, our colporteurs, all our workers, must have good reports. Yes; and our lay members must have good home missionary reports. Remember, of all the children of Israel, only Joshua and Caleb, *who had good reports*, finally entered the promised land.

If we do not take an active part in helping to spread this precious message, Jesus will surely not be able to say to us when He comes, "Well done; good and faithful servant." We must be good and faithful servants if Jesus ever speaks these wonderful words to us. Then let us be faithful in giving tracts, faithful in selling books or magazines, faithful in witnessing for Jesus whenever there is opportunity; faithful in living the Christlife; and let us be faithful also in giving a good report of the work the dear Lord is helping us to do, as we go forward in triumph to possess the promised land.

Mukden, Manchuria.



Evangelistic Efforts in Central Luzon

WE are opening a strong effort in Lipa, Batangas Province, beginning the 9th of March. We have secured an excellent location, and the brethren are enthusiastic. We hope to win a large number and to erect a good chapel in this large town as a result of the effort.

The work of our conference is moving forward encouragingly. The prospects are becoming better and better for a large harvest of souls.

R. R. FIGUHR.

From the Singapore Mission

PASTOR J. W. ROWLAND, director of the Singapore Mission, writes of beginning meetings in the Malay vernacular at Singapore in the hope of reaching some Baba-Chinese. Last year in the Singapore Mission about \$7,000 gold worth of literature and periodicals was sold. The brethren of the Malaysian Press are now getting out the health book in Arabic-Malay, and this will be ready for use before the close of the present year. Such a volume should be of help in our effort to reach the Muslims. In closing, Pastor Rowland expresses his hope and prayer that the Lord will help the workers in his mission to reach those of various races and tongues who may be trained as laborers for their own people. Pastor Rowland's communication was accompanied by a photo of a neat, commodious chapel and church school recently completed at Kuching, Sarawak, West Borneo.

Batakland English School

THE Batakland English School, located among the hills of Central Sumatra, about one hundred miles from the west coast, was opened about five years ago for the purpose of helping our Batak believers to gain an education and at the same time to serve as an entering wedge for the message of present truth. As we review the years of its existence we can trace many providences of God. In spite of restricting laws, the teachers have been able to teach the truth to the students, and as a result quite a number have been baptized. About thirteen promising young people have gone from here to the Union Seminary in Singapore to prepare themselves for usefulness in the Lord's work. Some of these have already had wonderful success in the canvassing work. The number of believers is steadily increasing. Figures cannot represent the influence for the extension of truth that this school has wielded.

The present enrollment is about one hundred twenty. Four teachers are devoting their time to this work, and since last year the school has received great help from the labors of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Youngberg.

Our school is situated in a forbidden country, but by the grace of God it is acting its part in fulfilling the great purpose for which our schools in all parts of the world are operated. Please remember the work and the workers here in your prayers.

SOELAGA SIREGAR.

In the Hills of Shinshu, Japan

"ONE of our men, Kamihira San," writes Brother A. B. Cole, of the Japan Union, "has been working in the hill country of Shinshu. He returned home for the New Year season, reporting almost five hundred yen (\$250 gold) worth of sales in the portion of the month he was away. Last week he again went to Shinshu, expecting to continue his work there indefinitely. We expect that this will mean an almost daily order for books to be sent him by the fastest possible means, and it is not impossible that he will hang up a record for the field. Would that we had a dozen men doing as well; it would make a vast difference to our sales records here, and to the success of our work."

The Morning Devotional Hours of the Spring Council

FROM nine to ten o'clock each day the brethren of the Far Eastern Division Committee in Council assembled united in a service of prayer and praise and Bible study, led morning by morning by Professor Frederick Griggs and Dr. H. W. Miller. These hours brought comfort and courage to every heart.

On the first day Professor Griggs cited several experiences of Bible characters, and of men in God's work to-day, as illustrative of principles underlying success in Christian life and service. "The task that confronts us is certainly a superhuman one," he declared. "We are set down here in the midst of peoples long established in heathenism and Mohammedanism; here we are to preach Christ and make disciples for Him. I am appalled over the conditions I find upon entering these lands. My heart aches for these people. I see them lugging their heavy burdens; and there is no help, no power, in me of mine own self, to bring them relief. I find that as I come in here among you and these people to give my life in an effort to help, there is a different feeling in my heart than I ever had before. About nine years ago I visited the Orient; but my visit at that time was a very different thing than is this present coming in among you to unite with you for the finishing of God's work in the Far East."

The speaker referred to experiences of Jehoshaphat, and of the disciples of the Lord Jesus when the Master-Teacher was upon earth. These experiences emphasize the value of full and complete surrender to God; for thus do we make possible the accomplishment of His will through us until the work in hand shall have been completed. Before us lies certain triumph, if only we consecrate ourselves and our all for Him to use as He may lead until the task that is ours shall have been finished.

The second morning Dr. H. W. Miller stressed the value of the experiences of Israel of old and of the apostolic church during the days of Paul in the development of a living faith in the power of God to bring to pass that which He sets His hand to accomplish. Joshua's testimony that of all the things that the Lord had prophesied should come to pass not one word had failed of complete fulfillment, may be claimed by us to-day as we go forward in the closing work that God has given us to do. Heaven is with us. No provision for failure has been made; only success lies before.

Some mornings were spent largely in prayer, and in praise. God has been drawing near by His Spirit, and the brethren have rejoiced in the brotherly love and unity that has prevailed throughout the Council.

The Publishing and Home Missionary Convention, Shanghai, China

April 1 to 8

J. J. STRAHLE

AN excellent meeting of Field Missionary and Home Missionary secretaries and publishing house managers was held April 1-8, at Shanghai, China. Elders Evans, Griggs, and Hall, and Dr. Miller led in the devotional services. Emphasis was given to spiritualize all our efforts in the distribution of gospel literature.

The opening meeting of the convention was one long to be remembered. The Spirit of the Lord came in, and touched hearts. Each worker was eager to receive help from God so that he might carry on his work in a stronger way than heretofore.

The Convention motto, "Forward with Increasing Success," became the keynote of the Convention. This motto is both a command and a promise. As we accept the command, "Forward," we shall be given "increasing success."

In the business sessions of the convention a spirit of real earnestness was manifested by all. Reference was often made to this fact. The brethren felt at ease, and spoke with freedom on the topics as they were presented. In the discussions of methods and plans for increasing our literature sales, the thought was constantly expressed that these methods must be spiritualized in order to bring about the best results.

We were thankful for the help the General Conference gave us in the presence of Brother H. H. Hall. His counsel was highly appreciated.

As in the case of the opening meeting, the last evening of the Convention was one that will long be remembered. All present expressed themselves as having become better fitted to carry forward the Lord's work. At the close of the praise meeting, Elder Evans gave us pointed and timely counsel, reminding us of the fundamentals of success in the publishing work, and of the assurance that if we are devoted

and give our lives fully for service, we shall triumph with the cause to which we have dedicated ourselves.

This Convention is going to mean much to the work in the Far East. We believe that definite steps will be taken to enlist all our workers, both foreign and native, in the development of our church members for active service in telling the good news of a soon-coming Saviour. And we can see by faith a great host of colporteur-evangelists going throughout this far-flung field pioneering the way, creating interests, and raising up companies and churches. May God help us all to be diligent in the great task of finishing the gospel work in this generation.

Sabbath School Membership Goal of the Far Eastern Division for 1926

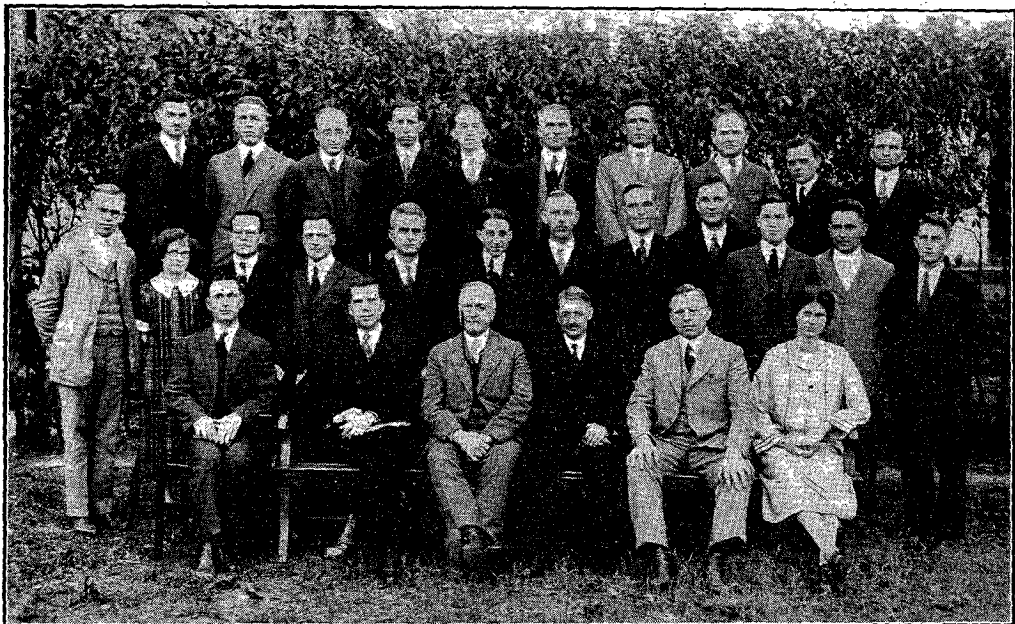
MRS. I. H. EVANS

THE growth in membership of our Sabbath schools in the Far Eastern Division from 21,034 in 1924 to 24,462 at the close of 1925 is one of the clearest evidences that, under the blessing of God, our Sabbath schools are fast becoming what they should be, a real evangelizing agency. In the recent annual meeting held in Shanghai, March 19-31, 1926, the Far Eastern Division Committee, recognizing the importance of our Sabbath schools, set the following membership goal to be reached during 1926:

"We recommend, That our goal for Sabbath school membership be an increase of the present membership to 30,000 by the end of 1926."

This goal can only be reached by every foreign worker doing all in his power, by example and exhortation, to bring as many as possible within the circle of his influence into our Sabbath schools. We must also induce our native membership to bring their friends to Sabbath school. They can do much to help if once they are conscious of their privilege. And we must remember that it is not enough to draw new members in. After we have interested people to come to the Sabbath school, we must make a special effort to hold them for the other services, and so win them to this message.

Let us set ourselves to reach this Membership Goal for our Sabbath schools in the Far Eastern Division during 1926, and begin NOW to work for it.



Workers in attendance at the Bookmen's Convention, Shanghai, April 1 - 8.

Rally-day Sabbaths in the Wu-Han Cities

FREDERICK LEE

THE Sabbath schools in the Hankow and Wuchang cities have been the scene of some very interesting as well as inspiring rally-days. The Union Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. Lee, has worked closely with the Hupeh secretary, Mr. Fan, in planning for these days. As a result we find renewed interest in the Sabbath schools in this center. This is as it should be, for we believe that where there is a lively interest in the Sabbath school, and all its purposes, there we shall find a growing church.

The first rally-day was held at the Tou Dang Chapel in Hankow, where we had a large attendance. The evangelist at this chapel manifested much zeal in promoting and preparing for this meeting. We look for greater endeavor in this Sabbath school during the coming year in reaching its goals. Our next rally-day was conducted at the Wang Gia Dun church, where our school is located. This was conducted mostly by the young people of the school, who took a great interest in making it a success. Two English rally songs were translated, and these were sung by a girls' quartet and a boys' quartet. The first part of the service was a rally program where all features of the Sabbath school were emphasized. One interesting feature was that conducted by two young girls and two small boys. It was partly a song, and partly a recitation, representing four roads leading from a valley into the high mountain. A picture of this was hung on the wall. The four roads leading to peaks of victory represented the four goals of the Sabbath school. Following the rally program, a model Sabbath school was conducted. The decorations about the room, the charts on the walls, the inspiring songs and recitations, led all to feel a greater interest in the Sabbath school. We believe that all went away with a determination to be faithful in attendance and in Bible study. Five new members were enrolled at the close of the program.

The next rally day was conducted in Wuchang. One interesting feature suggested and worked up by the evangelist, Pastor Mo, was a representation of four classes of Chinese people,—farmers, merchants, scholars, workmen,—all of which are necessary to make a successful nation. These represented the four goals of the Sabbath school, all of which must be reached in order to have a successful Sabbath school. Farmers represented Perfect Attendance. They must do their work regularly and on time. When it is time to sow the field or harvest the crops, they cannot delay, but must go forth and do the work. So the Sabbath school pupil must go to Sabbath school at regular times, and without tardiness. The merchant represented the Financial Goal; the scholar, Daily Study, and the workman, the Sabbath school workers, or those who go forth to save souls. Each person representing these different classes of people had something to say about the way their work was done, and this was applied to the various goals of the Sabbath school.

It is pleasing to see such initiative being manifested on the part of our Chinese workers in the different branches of our work. We must leave to them more and more the working out of such programs with such little direction and planning as it may be necessary for us to give.

We are happy to see our Chinese workers developing into leaders. The spirit of the various departments of our work is taking hold of them, and they are manifesting a greater interest in carrying them on to success. It is only

as all branches of the work are unitedly carried forward that we can hope to develop a perfect work in China.

An endeavor is being made on the part of the Union Sabbath school secretary to enlist a large number of members in the Teachers' Training Course for the year. We have three Chinese provincial Sabbath school secretaries in the Union, and they are responding energetically to all suggestions that are being made. We hope to see the Sabbath school department growing stronger through the efforts of this year. Our goal for Sabbath school membership at the close of this year is 3,250 and we intend to reach it. Our present membership is 2,700.

We are glad to see the work in Hupeh reviving. Last year was one of the best years in the harvest of souls and the sale of literature that Hupeh has had. With Brother Wearer in the field again we look forward to a good year in this section of the field. Kiangsi made excellent gains during 1925, and seems to be getting ready to make a rapid growth. With the return of our workers who have been on furlough from Honan, and Hunan we look forward to a long period of steady work and growth. That this may be so is the hope and prayer of all the workers in Central China.

Some Encouraging Figures

THE mailing department of the Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, has been a busy place for some months. Subscriptions have come in at the average rate of about 4,900 per month. The list at the end of February, 1926, had climbed to 58,508, a gain of 19,266 over February, 1925.

We are very thankful to report a financial gain for the *Signs* as a result of the increased circulation, together with the good circulation of the Anti-Opium Special. The February circulation report showed the sale of the Special still short of the half-million mark, the total sent out being 493,608 copies. In Central China, the Union where the largest number of papers have been used, it has been decided to work the territory more thoroughly, and we anticipate that several additional tens of thousands will be needed before the field is covered. Doubtless a half million copies will be used before the campaign is closed.

W. P. HENDERSON.

Malaysia's Book Sales for 1925

BROTHER H. I. SMITH, manager of the Malaysian Signs Press, announces an increase in sales during 1925 of \$17,242.67 Straits currency over the total amount of 1924; and he adds: "The Lord has certainly blessed the colporteurs this year with wonderful success, and we are very happy to have had a part in this advance. We remember the promise, 'The Lord watches over His word,' when we think of the literature being placed in the hands of the people in Malaysia."

A Scrap of Wrapping Paper

IN a town in Pangasinan a man went to the store to buy a can of sardines. The store-keeper wrapped it in a piece of paper. When the man returned home he read the paper, which was a piece of our *Ti Damag ti Pagarian*. He began keeping the Sabbath and teaching others, and now there is a big interest in that town.—*The Philippine Bookmen's Exchange*, for March 15, 1926.

The Big Week Missions Extension Fund—Far Eastern Division—June 5-12, 1926

Missions Extension Plan

J. J. STRAHLE

THE Lord has bestowed upon Seventh-day Adventists a wonderful heritage,—the blessed truth of the third angel's message. With it come duties and responsibilities. For this we are glad, because we desire to make known to our friends and neighbors the light that has shone into our hearts. Such a privilege comes to us in the Big Week campaign. This campaign is a means of raising the Missions Extension Fund, which is to be equally shared by the Publishing, Educational and Medical Departments.

The Mission Fund has enabled us to add a new language every fifty days to the already long list in which we were printing our message. Thus every two months a missionary in some language area is being provided with that greatest of all helpers in evangelism, the printed page. We are now teaching in 220 languages, but in 106 of these we still lack the printed ministry. We hope to enter some of the more important language areas this next year through the aid of the Big Week effort. Not only are the publishing interests to benefit by our Big Week activities. Medical missionary work, and mission schools will be strengthened. By further organizing and developing these branches of the Lord's work we shall do much to extend the message.

Brethren, an opportunity is now afforded you to help strengthen the Publishing, Educational, and Medical work. Surely every one in whose breast there is the desire to give this truth to others will want to lend a hand in the campaign and thus hasten the conquests of our message. This campaign will further the cause in three ways: (1) the sale of literature will bring in the funds for Missions Extension; (2) those who purchase the literature will receive the light of truth; (3) we who participate in the campaign will receive added spiritual blessing. Let us help send forth the threefold message through this threefold plan.

Big Week Suggestions

THAT the Big Week may be a success we must all plan early. Our field should be districted, and instruction given to all our workers and laymen. Tract societies should send out information, telling what supplies they have on hand in the way of small booklets and papers.

Have the Big Week Rally Day program in all our churches. Sabbath, June 5, taking up the Missions Extension plan and the part it has to act in giving the message to the world. Let us spiritualize our efforts, that the brethren may see in this campaign something more than the raising of money to extend our publishing, educational and medical interests. Give them a vision of its great soul-winning objective. Brother, sister, we count on you to help make Big Week, June 5-12, a success in the Far Eastern Division.

J. J. STRAHLE.

Big Week Facts

The Date: June 5-12.

The Location: Far Eastern Division Territory.

For Whom: Every Seventh-day Adventist and friend of the cause of missions.

Purpose: To provide the 1926 Missions Extension Fund with \$6,280 gold.

Enterprises to Benefit: Mission Dispensaries, Schools, and Publishing Houses.

Who should take part? All workers and church members, both adults and young people.

The Plan: Every Seventh-day Adventist to sell literature to place the message of truth in thousands of homes.

All salaried workers to give the profits of literature sold, with a day's salary, to the Missions Extension Fund.

The colporteurs to give the profits of their biggest day's sales during the Big Week to the Missions Extension Fund.

The lay members to spend six hours in selling literature, and to give the profits of the same. If unable to do this they are encouraged to give a day's salary to the Missions Extension Fund.

Opportunity for All: Those who are unable to take part in this worthy work will be given the privilege of contributing large gifts to the Missions Extension Fund.

J. J. STRAHLE.

Do You Know ?

That the Far Eastern Division requests for special projects from the Missions Extension Fund for the year 1926 amount to \$27,530 gold? Do you know that the General Conference will supply \$21,250 gold of the above amount required?

From the foregoing we may gather that we shall be short \$6,280. Do you know that we, every one of us in the Far Eastern Division, are asked to raise this \$6,280 through the Big Week Campaign? I hear you say, "The General Conference is very liberal with us, and we should do our BEST to raise this \$6,280 so the interests of the Publishing, Medical and Educational Departments may go forward unhindered."

Good! I am glad you are with us, and will help make the Big Week a great success.

J. J. STRAHLE.

The Big Week Plan

S. L. FROST

What is the Big Week Plan?

It is that plan that was started in 1920, by the Publishing Department of the General Conference, when in a special way this department took upon itself heavier responsibility for the publication and scattering of literature in mission fields. At that time our Publishing Department brethren saw more clearly than ever before the needs of the waiting millions of the Far East, India, Africa, Europe, and other countries. They resolved to help supply means so that the

Our Division Big Week Goal: \$6,282 Gold

The Big Week Missions Extension Fund—Far Eastern Division—June 5-12, 1926

work that was being done by the publishing houses in the United States could be duplicated in the needy mission fields.

They outlined and launched a plan designed to bring into service greater facilities in men and means for the scattering of truth-filled literature in all the world. This plan called for the setting apart annually of a definite week for a united campaign by the workers and lay members of this denomination in selling literature and in securing donations and special appropriations for the publishing work.

Have Good Results been Obtained from the Big Week Plan?

Yes. Only five years have gone by since the plan was started, but already we see very tangible results. About three quarters of a million dollars have been raised and expended for the advancement of the publishing interests in different parts of the world. The Far Eastern field along with the rest of the world, has benefitted much in additional men, machinery, equipment and improvements in the publishing houses.

The Present Plan

Last year the plan of the Big Week campaign was enlarged to include two other departments of our denominational work, namely: the medical and educational. The total for 1925 was \$135,000 gold; but because the enlargement of the plan was agreed upon so late it was arranged that for that year the medical and educational interests should receive benefit to the extent of \$25,000 each. However, beginning with this year, 1926, the plan calls for an equal distribution of the proceeds of the campaign among the three departments.

Who Should be in It

In the past, the publishing department has faithfully promoted this work. Gladly now should all three departments combine their efforts and enter the campaign with all the enthusiasm and energy that the needs of our rapidly expanding work demand.

With the promise in God's Word of a great multiplication of strength in unity, as stated so clearly in Deut. 32:30, "How should one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight," let us with consecrated zeal and renewed courage enter the field and get a great blessing to ourselves in experience, give a great blessing to others through the literature sold, and make the plan a very fruitful source of means for the advancement of the work of these three departments.

Our Schools and the Big Week Plan

S. L. FROST

Last year this denomination expended more than \$900,000 gold for the carrying forward of all departments of its in the Far Eastern Division field. Of that amount there was raised in this field, through the tithe, Sabbath school offer-

ings, Harvest Ingathering, Big Week, and other methods, a little over \$150,000 gold.

The educational work throughout the Far Eastern Division field at the close of 1925 shows an increase of about \$118,000 in the estimated valuation of school buildings and equipment over the 1924 report. The expense of maintenance of school work for the year 1925 was about \$160,000 gold. These items show that we are really expending large sums of money for the training of workers in this cause. In spite of large amounts already spent for the establishing and carrying forward of this work, year by year there is an ever-increasing demand for more and better trained teachers, for better facilities in all departments, and for additional buildings and equipment. With these increasing needs comes the added responsibility of providing means for continual expansion.

Did we as educators do our part last year in this campaign? Did our teachers join heartily in the Big Week plan? Did our schools, in harmony with the action passed by the Educational Convention and the Spring Council, arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week, when teachers and students went out to sell our literature and to assist in this good work? Surely we as educators, who are seeing such large sums spent for educational purposes, should feel a large degree of responsibility in helping to raise a proportion of these funds.

Let me quote again the action of last year: "In harmony with the plans for the Big Week Missions Extension Fund, which now includes medical and educational projects as well as the development of the publishing work,—

"We recommend, That our denominational schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week."

This year our budget calls for advancing work are heavier than ever. Our part in the raising of these funds should be proportionate to the great needs.

From the recommendations passed at the Spring Council of this year, our educational workers will see the part that it is hoped they will perform. Dear fellow educators, will you not do your part this year in making this campaign a complete success? Will not our school principals bring before the school faculties the greatness of the needs, and the urgency of the work? Will you not point out the practical benefits to be derived by teachers and students from going out in this way to increase the mission funds? Agree on definite days during the Big Week, when the school shall go out in this good work. Carefully organize the school, that the best results may be obtained.

The date recommended is June 5-12, 1926. Should some schools not be in session at this time, the week of October 17-23, 1926, is selected. The school should arrange for one or more days during one or the other of these selected Big Weeks. Let all our schools, especially those above six grades of work, lay definite plans for these field days and carry on a strong literature-selling effort.

Our Division Big Week Goal: \$6,282 Gold

The Big Week Missions Extension Fund—Far Eastern Division—June 5-12 1926

What inspiration there is in that good old hymn,
 "When the cross seems hard to carry,
 Lift! brother, lift!
 O'er the burden never tarry,
 Lift! brother, lift!"

May we all catch the inspiration of this hymn, and each one resolve to "lift the hardest" and "lift the longest" in this campaign. Thus may these important departments be promoted and sustained, and strong advance steps be taken in all lines of denominational endeavor.

Distribution of Funds

(Recommendations adopted during the Spring Council,
 March, 19-31, 1926.)

Missions Extension Fund

Whereas, The proceeds of the Missions Extension Campaign, raised through the Big Week plan, are now shared equally by the Publishing, Educational and Medical Departments, and are to strengthen our work; therefore,—

We recommend, (1) That each lay member be encouraged to sell at least \$1 (local currency) worth of our literature during the Big Week, the profits to be turned over to the church treasurer, to be applied on the Missions Extension Fund.

(2) That colporteurs share in the Missions Fund Big Week by giving the profits of their biggest day's sales.

(3) That Mission and institutional workers join in the plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their entire profits to the fund, in addition to their personal income for one day.

(4) That where lack of time or opportunity prevents the sale of literature during Big Week, mission and institutional workers and lay members be encouraged to make a contribution to the fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

(5) That one or more field days be held by all our sanitariums, publishing houses, and schools during the Big Week.

(6) That the goal for the Missions Fund Big Week be \$6,282 gold for the Far Eastern Division, which, distributed among the different unions, gives each union a quota as follows:

Union	Quota
Philippines	\$1,500 (gold)
Japan	300
Manchuria	200
Central China	753
North China	200
South China	1,029
West China	100
East China	750
Malaysia	1,000
Sungari-Mongolia	150
Chosen	300 \$6,282 (gold)

(7) That the date for Big Week, 1926, be June 5 - 12. For those schools which are not in session at that time, we recommend two field days during the week, October 17 - 23.

Basis for Dividing Far Eastern Division.

1925 Big Week Funds

We recommend, That in harmony with the general policy adopted by the General Conference concerning the disposition of Big Week funds, the Big Week funds received in the Far Eastern Division during the year 1925, amounting to \$2,110.29 gold be divided as follows:

That we transfer to our Publishing Extension fund two-thirds of the amount raised, or	\$1,406.86
That we transfer to our Medical Extension fund one-third of these funds, or	703.43
	\$2,110.29

Distribution of Medical Extension Funds

We recommend, That the Medical Extension Funds available for distribution, amounting to \$6,703.43 gold, be divided as follows:

To West China, for Tatsienlu Dispensary, (gold)	\$ 300.00
To South China, for additional equipment and facilities in the Kwangsi Dispensary	1,875.00
To South China, in favor of the Fatshan Dispensary, the sum of \$3,075, plus (due to changed conditions) the amount of \$750 budgeted for medical work in Foochow, or a total of	3,825.00
To the China Missionary Junior College, for use in beginning medical work in connection with the school,	703.43
We suggest that the school undertake to supplement this amount from its funds as may be necessary to open medical work in a small way as outlined by the School Board	
Total amount distributed (gold)	\$6,703.43

Distribution of Publishing House Extension Funds

We recommend, That the 1925 Publishing House Extension funds available for distribution be appropriated as follows:

<i>Japan Publishing House:</i>		<i>Gold</i>
An amount up to \$1,000 as may be necessary for completion of heating plant		
Balance to provide additional Operating Funds,		
	<i>Total</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Chosen Publishing House:</i>		
1 Font No. 6 Korean and Chinese type	\$1,500.00	
1 Book Trimmer	1,500.00	
For additional Operating Funds	1,000.00	4,000.00
<i>Signs Publishing House, Shanghai:</i>		
For sundry Equipment		1,944.94
<i>Philippine Publishing House:</i>		
Addition to Editorial Library		200.00
<i>Malaysian Publishing House:</i>		
Factory Furniture		350.00
Addition to Operating Fund		714.80

Our Division Big Week Goal: \$6,282 Gold

The Big Week Missions Extension Fund—Far Eastern Division—June 5-12 1926

General Objectives and Needs of the Division

Medical Department

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

The general intention of this report is to tell of our needs, and what we desire to do in the building up of our medical missionary program. Among the general objectives of our medical missionary work in the Far East are:

First, the development of a training center in Shanghai, ...to this end providing such buildings, facilities and accommodations as will afford to a select number from year to year a training in the knowledge of health and temperance and the nursing care of the sick such as is given in our home institutions, and through these means to train such persons as may be sent to us from various parts of the field, so that when graduated they can serve as head nurses and leaders in our smaller institutions throughout the Division. This centre of training should also afford such medical and surgical care for missionaries and native workers as to enable us to provide for their needs as fully as can our institutions in the homeland. We aim to make our field self-containing medically, just as we are striving to attain to a similar ideal in our educational and publishing departments.

Second, the establishment, in many points of our field, of small medical units, to be known as hospital-dispensaries, where a doctor shall be stationed, and in some instances a foreign nurse, together with such trained helpers can be supplied from among the native peoples, these centers to have accommodations for twenty-five or fifty beds for third class patients, and also a limited amount of space for second and first class patients. These institutions should be equipped with a small operating room and, where possible, an X-ray unit for diagnostic purposes, together with such other facilities as to enable us to train from year to year a group of nurses; these units to cost approximately \$10,000 gold for land, equipment and building, depending somewhat on the cost of land and buildings in the area where such hospital-dispensary is located.

Third, to organize our medical work so that time can be given by the workers to visiting churches, attending institutes and educating by means of lectures and demonstrations, our church membership throughout the Far East.

Fourth, to provide health literature by which to proclaim health principles. We hope to develop, in connection with our general publishing work, at as early a date as practicable, a health journal. We believe such a magazine might prove a record seller, and of great value to the reading population of these Far Eastern fields. Furthermore, we hope to issue tracts on the principles of Diet, Ventilation, Sanitation, Personal Hygiene, Health Foods, and similar topics.

Fifth. The preparation of healthful foods has been emphasized as a part of our health propaganda in foreign lands, as well as in the homelands. To develop a line of nutritious health foods for the natives of these fields and also for the missionaries, will not only tend to health development and economy, but will furnish a splendid industry for our native believers. Already a small beginning has been made in Shanghai and Canton in the production of health foods, and a cannery is being established at Yencheng. We suggest that careful study be given to this line of work, and its establishment in selected centers.

Further, we should like to see provided at an early date, through our budget or through the Missions Extension Fund, a medical center in Japan, where there is already on deposit 10,000 yen for a health institution.

We desire also to establish a health center in the Philippine Islands, where we have a church membership of approximately seven thousand members, and where we have about \$2,500 gold on hand for such an enterprise. With additional funds that can be raised locally, and with a helpful appropriation from the Missions Extension Fund, we should see a beginning made toward a small hospital-dispensary, with the necessary medical help, for the people of the Philippines.

We are in need of additional help to make possible a small hospital in connection with the dispensary at Fatsan. Our workers there are loyal, and are working under very adverse conditions, with few facilities. Yet our work has a splendid standing among the people of Fatsan.

In South China, at Waichow, we have a most unusual opening for medical work. Waichow is one of our oldest mission stations. There is no doctor within a radius of many miles, and we have no medical work among the Hakka people. There are no mission workers who have greater influence among that people than do ours, and we are assured that with substantial aid from the Missions Extension Fund we can quickly have a healthy medical center in Waichow. This would be a great uplift to the people of that area and a strong help in the development of the message in that field.

The encouraging work that has been done in the province of Honan has brought to us an appeal from the Central Union for a doctor for the province of Shensi. This outpost is fully a week's travel from our nearest mission station. The addition of a doctor to the two families of workers now there will do much to strengthen the mission now conducted in that distant province.

We might refer to the need of a small hospital at Chiao Tou Djen, and to plans already shaping for the early establishment of such an institution in connection with the college there.

We should also secure soon additional aid for Szechwan from the Missions Extension Fund, to assist Dr. Andrews, who has labored for years with very meager medical equipment. The doctor is anxious to devote more of his time to medical work, and is awaiting additional help and facilities to enable him to do so.

Dr. Gardner, of Penang, Federated Malay States, is laying broad foundations, and we look forward to increased demands from that field for enlargements and extensions of the medical work.

I could continue to enumerate many calls, showing that various fields are intensely interested in the establishment of medical missions in their territory. A beginning has been made, and we trust that in the Far East the next few years will witness such a rapid progress in developing the "right arm of the message," that the body may work harmoniously and mightily in bringing to the peoples of all these lands a saving knowledge of truth during the fast-closing days of earth's history.

Our Division Big Week Goal: \$6,282 Gold

Recommendations Adopted during the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee, March 19-31, 1926

Resolution of Gratitude

Whereas, Good things from the hand of the Lord have been bestowed upon us above measure during the past year, in preserving the lives and health of our workers and people amidst the distress of nations prevailing in the Division, and in giving to us increasing success in our soul-winning work; therefore,—

We do hereby express our gratitude to God for the multitude of His mercies unto us; and we renew our covenant of love, loyalty, and devoted service to Him for the accomplishment of still greater results in the winning of souls this coming year.

Division Department Standing Committees

We recommend, That Division Departmental Standing Committees be made up as follows:

Division Building Committee: H. W. Barrows (Chairman), I. H. Evans, H. W. Miller, Frederick Griggs, C. C. Crisler, W. P. Henderson, E. Wood.

Transportation Agents: H. W. Barrows (Chairman); the Union treasurers of the Japan, South China, Philippine, Malaysian, and Central China Union Missions.

Members of the Far Eastern Division Publishing Department: The General Conference divisional secretaries for this department; all Union field and home missionary secretaries within our territory; field and home missionary secretaries of local mission fields operated directly by the Far Eastern Division; the heads of the five publishing houses in the Far East, together with the chief editor of each as appointed by the Division Committee; the superintendents of all Union missions; also I. H. Evans, C. C. Crisler, and S. L. Frost.

China Fireside Correspondence School—Board of Management: S. L. Frost, Frederick Griggs, D. E. Rebok, W. A. Scharffenberg, C. C. Crisler, J. G. Gjording, H. L. Shull, Hwang Da Wei, Head of Bible Department of China Junior Missionary College.

Members of the Far Eastern Division Home Missionary Department: The General Conference divisional home and field missionary secretaries; the Union mission home missionary secretaries as appointed.

Members of the Far Eastern Division Medical Department: The Division medical secretary, with the physicians connected with all recognized sanitariums, treatment rooms, and hospital-dispensaries in the Far Eastern Division.

Members of the Far Eastern Division Sabbath School Department: The Division Sabbath school secretary; all Union Sabbath school secretaries; assistant editor of the (Chinese) *Sabbath School Helper*; editor of the (Chinese) child's paper

Members of the Far Eastern Division Educational and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Departments: S. L. Frost (secretary); I. H. Evans, Frederick Griggs, H. W. Miller, C. C. Crisler, C. A. Carter, H. O. Swartout; head of the Bible department of the China Missionary Junior College; the educational and Y. P. M. V. secretaries of Union missions; the heads of training schools in the Division; the heads of senior and junior middle schools; the superintendents of Union missions in the Far East.

On the Tithe

Whereas, Our tithe receipts have been steadily increasing from year to year, and this has been brought about at least in part through keeping the importance of this duty constantly before the church; and,—

Whereas, In order to encourage all our church members to bring to the treasury of the Lord the full measure of tithe from their income; therefore,—

Resolved, That we more diligently teach our people the benefits and privileges of the payment of a faithful tithe, and that to this end Professor Griggs be requested to prepare a small tract upon the blessings that come from faithful tithe payment; this tract to be translated and distributed as far as possible to all our church members.

Week of Sacrifice Offering

Whereas, This Council has had laid before it the most earnest and pressing calls for assistance in holding the ground already gained, and in meeting the calls coming from the unentered sections of this great Division field; and,—

Whereas, Through the Lord's servant has come to us the appeal to move forward, in the words: "And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee,'" (Test. Vol VI, pp. 28, 29); and,—

Whereas, In order to carry out this strong forward movement, we must greatly augment our present mission income; therefore,—

We recommend, (1) That the plan for the observance of the Week of Sacrifice, as provided by action of our 1925 Spring Council, be carried out in all our fields.

(2) That we request each church to set a goal equal to \$1 (local currency) per member.

(3) That we earnestly invite our conference and institutional workers to set an example in sacrifice, by giving one week's salary; and that we encourage the rank and file of our people, so far as possible, to join in a similar sacrifice, following the Bible principle found in 2 Corinthians 8:12.

(4) That for 1926 the Week of Sacrifice and the Mid-summer Offering be combined, and that the same be observed during the month of July; the date suggested for the offering to be taken being July 17, 1926.

Union Sessions—Dates

We recommend, That the dates for the 1926-27 Union sessions be arranged as follows:

Malaysia	January 21-30, 1927
Philippine Islands	February 11-20, 1927
South China	March 4-13, 1927
East China	May 20-29, 1927
Central China	September 2-11, 1927
Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division Committee	April 15-25, 1927
North China	May 6-15, 1927
Manchuria	May 20-29, 1927
Sungari-Mongolia	May 20-29, 1927
Korea	June 3-12, 1927
Japan	June 24 to July 3, 1927
West China	September 23 to Oct. 2, 1927

Ministerial Association Far Eastern

Division—Resolutions

Whereas, The Ministerial Association is organized for the improvement and spiritual uplifting of our working force by suggesting suitable books to be read, spiritual devotion, annual reading courses, and giving instruction in proper methods for conducting meetings, courses of lectures, proper church organization, and pastoral ministry; therefore,—

Resolved, (1) That all our workers be urged to become members of the Ministerial Association by applying for membership to the secretary of the Association, or to the superintendent of their Union.

(2) That all foreigners taking the Reading Course in English shall register with the Association's secretary.

(3) That all natives taking the Reading Course in their vernaculars shall register their membership with their Union superintendent.

(4) That each worker, whether foreign or native, be invited to pursue the Reading Course outlined for the Ministerial Association in his section of the field.

(5) That each Union superintendent shall bring to the annual spring meeting the list, name, cost, and publishing house address of the books that his Union Committee have previously suggested to constitute the Reading Course for the following year.

(6) That the Reading Course books for the following year be determined by the Division Committee in session at each Spring Council.

(7) That all workers order the books through the regular channels, the same to be charged through on salary account unless money accompanies the order.

(8) That the readings supplied by the Association's secretary, either in the *Christian Educator* (as in China) or in manuscript form to Union superintendents, shall constitute a part of the Reading Course for all natives, and, when read, shall count on credits as one book.

(9) That the Union superintendent report at the close of each calendar year to the Association's secretary, the number who registered, and the number who on December 31 of each year report as having completed the Reading Course for that year.

(10) That the Association's secretary, or the Union superintendent, shall issue Credit Cards annually, covering the work done in the Reading Courses of the Association, to all members reporting having finished the work assigned for that year.

(11) That the interims between sessions of the General Conference shall constitute a term of four years of reading, and shall be known as the first, second, third and fourth, and so forth, certificate year.

(12) That workers having received four annual Credit Cards, showing the completion of the Quadrennial Reading Course, shall upon forwarding the Credit Cards to the Association's secretary, or to the Union superintendent, be entitled to receive the Association's certificate, properly signed by the Association's secretary, or by the Union superintendent, as the case may require.

(13) That the secretary, during this meeting, shall transfer the names of all natives who have registered as members of the Association, to their respective Union superintendents.

(14) That the Ministerial Association duplicate and send out to English-speaking members of the Association, a copy in English of manuscript material regularly supplied the *Chinese Christian Educator* from the Association.

Ministerial Institutes, and Self-Improvement

Whereas, Ministers, evangelists, and other gospel workers, if they wish to become really efficient laborers for God, must be diligent in study, continually storing the mind with useful knowledge and improving in mental culture; therefore,—

We recommend, (1) That our Union committees wherever possible arrange for the holding of an institute or school of from two to four weeks annually for the evangelists and church leaders within their borders.

(2) That all workers be urged to subscribe for and read the church papers for their respective fields.

(3) That all be encouraged to obtain and read the Reading Course books yearly, and to follow carefully the plans of the Ministerial Association.

(4) That those who have not passed examinations in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History be encouraged to prepare for and take these examinations, and secure the Standard of Attainment certificates.

(5) That our Chinese workers be encouraged to avail themselves of advantages afforded by the courses of study offered by the China Fireside Correspondence School.

Home Missionary Department—

Laymen's Evangelism

Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy says, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers," thus emphasizing that it is the purpose of God that every believer should be a soul-winner; therefore,—

We recommend, That in every mission greater emphasis be laid upon the plans for developing the soul-winning possibilities of the church membership. To this end we reaffirm plans outlined during the Spring Council of 1925, and emphasize the practical value of the following definite methods of organization and approach:

(a) That the territory surrounding each church or company be divided into districts of convenient size, the combined districts to be regarded as the home missionary field of said church or company.

(b) That the first Sabbath of each month be designated as Home Missionary Day.

(c) That the Home Missionary program as outlined by the Home Missionary Department of the Far Eastern Division, be followed insofar as may be possible.

(d) That a Field Day be held at least once a month in all our churches and companies, preferably during the week following the first Sabbath Home Missionary Day.

(e) That all church members be encouraged to undertake to spend some time each week, wherein they may carry to their neighbors the ministry of life, in godly conversation, Christian comfort, Bible readings, judicious use of literature, and ministry to the sick and needy.

(f) That careful follow-up efforts be made for every person manifesting any interest.

Fostering Home Missionary Work

Recognizing that those who visit the churches should give the brethren instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work, and that the local directors come most closely into contact with the laymen,—

We recommend, That the directors of missions carry continually the burden of the home missionary work on their hearts, and as they go from church to church, supplement the work of the native home missionary secretaries.

Young People's Department—Devotional and Educational Features

Whereas, The devotional and educational features of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work, such as the Standard of Attainment plan, the Morning Watch, the Bible Year, and the Reading Courses, as well as the missionary work, are all invaluable in increasing the mental and spiritual experiences of the young; and,—

Whereas, Because Union Educational and Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretaries are not free to travel and to promote these features in the schools and churches, greater results are not seen in these lines; therefore,—

We recommend, That those who are leaders in our church work in the unions and local fields bear these features in mind, and as they go from church to church and from school to school, help the church and young people to sense the importance of these features and faithfully to carry out these plans.

Home Missionary Department—Leaflets 2 and 5

We recommend, (1) That Leaflet No. 2 of the "Home Missionary Series," entitled "Organization of Churches for Missionary Work," be translated into the leading vernaculars in which we have constituencies, and placed in the hands of every worker and church elder; and further,—

(2) That Leaflet No. 5 of the "Home Missionary Series" be translated into the leading vernaculars in which we have constituencies, and placed in the hands of every church missionary secretary.

Week of Prayer—Missionary Volunteer Day

We recommend, (1) That the date for the Annual Week of Prayer be December 11-18, 1926.

(2) That the school and Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer dates be as follows: Korea, May 29 to June 5, 1926; Philippines, July 3-10, 1926; North China, Japan, and Malaysia, March 12-19, 1927; South China, March 26 to April 2, 1927.

(3) That the first Sabbath of these dates be observed as Missionary Volunteer Day in all our churches, and that during this week special effort be made by our workers to reach all the young people.

On Emphasizing the Principles of Christian Education

We recommend, That whenever and wherever possible, workers visiting schools and churches be urged to speak upon and emphasize the principles of Christian Education in order that our church members, old and young, may become more fully informed than hitherto of the special place our educational work is to fill in this message, the principles underlying our school work, and the sacred responsibility resting upon all to stand loyally to these principles.

Educational Day—Dates

We recommend, That Educational Days be observed in the various Union Missions as follows: For the Philippine Islands, May 1, 1926; for China and Japan, August 7, 1926; for Malaysia, Nov. 20, 1926; for Korea, March 5, 1927.

Church Membership Goal for Year 1926

We recommend, That the goal of the Far Eastern Division for additional church membership during the year 1926 be a net increase of 5,000 members; and that in this connection we strive to bring these new converts into a deep Christian experience that will quickly fit them for effective service in home missionary work and other lines of soul-winning endeavor.

Graduation of Schools—Philippine Union

Resolved, That the request of the Philippine Union to advance the work done by the Artacho and Jaro schools to eight grades, be granted.

Teachers—Raising the Efficiency of—Summer Schools

We recommend, (1) That the controlling committees strongly urge attendance at the summer schools each year of all permanent teachers who at present do not hold certificates or whose present certificates are unsatisfactory to the Educational Department of the Union; and further,—

(2) That all those attending be asked to take the examinations and qualify to receive teachers' certificates either from the Educational Department of the Union, or from the Division, as may be arranged.

Summer Schools

Whereas, In order to do efficient work in our summer schools for teachers, it is necessary that the work done be of a standard to merit school credit; and,—

Whereas, It will be impossible to do work of standard value under six weeks' time; therefore,—

We recommend, That these summer schools be of six weeks' duration.

On Marriage

Whereas, Our experience has taught us that disregard of the plain counsel of the Word of God respecting the marriage of our people with unbelievers or those not of our faith often leads to sorrow, disappointment, and shipwreck of faith; therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge our workers of experience to give to our young people counsel and instruction on the subject of marriage at appropriate times and places emphasizing the sacredness of the marriage covenant and the need of divine guidance in taking any step vitally affecting their future happiness and usefulness, as well as warning against the danger of marriage with unbelievers or those of a different faith; and further,—

Resolved, That in the Orient, where marriage arrangements are often made by a third party, all our workers keep free from arranging a marriage, or completing an arrangement, in which one of the contracting parties is a believer and the other a heathen. And further,—

Resolved, That in the marriage ceremony, simplicity be observed, and that some such simple formula as that in "Manual for Ministers" be used; also that we look with disfavor upon the ring ceremony, and upon our ministers officiating at marriages of believers with unbelievers or with those not of our faith.

On Divorce

In view of the alarming increase in the number of divorces in the world, and of the growing disregard for the sacred vows of marriage, many seemingly considering marriage only a business arrangement to be entered into for personal advantages; and,—

Whereas, There is constant danger of our people being drawn away by the spirit of the times and looking with complaisance upon that which the Word of God condemns; therefore,—

Be it resolved, That we greatly deplore the evil of divorce, and place emphatic disapproval upon any legal action for the separation of those once married, on any ground other than that given in Matthew 5:32.

Central China Union—

Extension of Yencheng Hospital-Dispensary

We Recommend, That the Central China Union Mission be authorized to arrange for the extension of the Yencheng Hospital-Dispensary, providing for the erection of additional buildings estimated to cost fifteen thousand dollars Mexican; also providing for additional furnishings and equipment not to exceed five thousand dollars Mexican; the cost of this enterprise to be covered by using funds outlined below:

Funds held in Trust by the Central China Union for this enterprise \$4,095.06 Mex.
Amount allowed from 1926 Medical Extension funds, \$3,000.00 gold

The balance to be met from additional funds to be raised by special solicitation or through Harvest Ingathering campaign, together with such funds as this institution can save toward this enterprise in connection with its 1926 operations.

It is understood that plans for the proposed buildings are to be submitted to the Division Building Committee for approval; also that the work shall proceed only as fast as funds are available for this enterprise.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Griggs—

Assignment to China Missionary Junior College

We Recommend, That Dr. and Mrs. Donald Griggs, now in the Nanking Language School, be assigned to the China Missionary Junior College, in order that he may be placed in charge of the medical dispensary department which the College proposes to operate.

Malaysian Union—Acting Chairman

We Recommend, That Pastor J. W. Rowland, of Singapore, be hereby appointed acting chairman of the Malaysian Union Mission Executive Committee, to serve during the absence of the superintendent on furlough.

China Christian Educator

Whereas, The China Christian Educator contains instruction and help for ministers, church officers, and gospel workers, with articles and information for teachers and educational workers, and also carries in each issue the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer programs, with important suggestions and counsel concerning various features of our denominational work; therefore,—

We Recommend, That publishers, missions, and departmental secretaries earnestly endeavor to get this magazine into the hands of all classes of our workers, and the missionary society leaders.

China Missionary Junior College—

Summer School for Evangelistic Workers

In response to a request received from East China, North China and Manchuria, that a summer school for evangelistic workers be held in connection with the summer school for teachers at the China Missionary Junior College, Chiao Tou Djen,—

We Recommend, That provision be made for the holding of a summer school for evangelistic workers, beginning with the summer of 1926, at Chiao Tou Djen; Kiangsu, under the auspices of the China Missionary Junior College as an integral part of their work; and that to this end a committee be appointed to give study to the detailed arrangements necessary for the successful carrying out of this plan.

Named as the committee: D. E. Rebok (chairman), J. G. Gjording, B. Petersen, G. J. Appel, Frederick Griggs, S. L. Frost.

Credentials and Licenses

We recommend, That credentials and licenses be issued to the following for the quadrennium:

Ministerial Credentials

I. H. Evans
C. C. Crisler
S. L. Frost
S. H. Lindt
H. O. Swartout
Giang Tsung Gwang

J. J. Strahle
Frederick Griggs
Dr. H. W. Miller
D. E. Rebok
T. T. Babienco
F. H. DeVinney

Ministerial Licenses

E. R. Thiele
W. A. Scharffenberg
Paul Quimby

Missionary Licenses

H. W. Barrows
Mrs. H. W. Barrows
Mrs. S. L. Frost
W. P. Henderson
Mrs. D. E. Rebok
Mrs. E. R. Thiele
Miss Edyth Roberts
J. A. Guild
Mrs. H. O. Swartout
C. S. Luther
Mrs. G. S. Luther
Mrs. H. L. Shull
H. L. Shull
Yeh Kwen Gan
David Hwang
Roger W. Paul
Miss Effie James
Mrs. J. J. Strahle
Ida E. Thompson
Fred A. Landis
Mrs. Fred A. Landis
Mrs. E. W. Miller
Mrs. Frederick Griggs
Ernest Hurd
Mrs. Ernest Hurd
Dr. H. C. James
Mrs. H. C. James
M. P. Knowles
Lo Gan Ching

Mrs. C. C. Crisler
Mrs. I. H. Evans
Miss Bessie Mount
Mrs. W. P. Henderson
Mrs. W. A. Scharffenberg
Miss Dorothy Wheeler
Miss Tillie Barr
Mrs. J. A. Guild
Mrs. S. H. Lindt
C. A. Carter
Mrs. C. A. Carter
Shih Shi Gwang
Peter Cheng
Lu Shou Dao
Dzo Tien Ming
Mrs. F. H. DeVinney
Mrs. Roger W. Paul
H. C. White
Mrs. H. C. White
Miss Lulu Osborn
Mrs. Paul Quimby
Mrs. H. W. Miller
Dr. Donald Griggs
Mrs. Donald Griggs
Otis C. Erich
Mrs. Otis G. Erich
Miss L. Ruth Stickney
Mrs. M. P. Knowles

China Missionary Junior College—

"Mrs. Emma J. Anderson Home"

Resolved, (1) That a vote of thanks and sincere appreciation be extended to Dr. E. H. Thompson, of Burbank, California, for his continued and substantial financial support of the general policy of the Far Eastern Division to provide homes for our foreign workers wherever these homes are deemed essential for the preservation of health and efficiency for service.

(2) That one of the mission homes to be constructed during the next few months at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu Province, China, for the use of teachers, from funds being supplied by Dr. E. H. Thompson, be known as the "Mrs. Emma J. Anderson Home" in harmony with Dr. Thompson's desire.

East China Union—

Gradation of Anhwei Mission Junior Middle School

Whereas, A request has been received from the Anhwei Mission, through the East China Union, for authorization to continue the present gradation of their school; therefore,—

Resolved, That the East China Union be authorized to arrange for the continuance of the Anhwei Junior Middle School on the basis of carrying grades one to eight, inclusive.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

Whereas, We realize that as workers and believers in the Far Eastern Division it is our privilege as well as our duty to do our utmost in assisting the Mission Board in financing our great worldwide work of giving the third angel's message to every land; and,—

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering Campaign affords one great avenue for gathering funds for this work, and is in itself one means of bringing this message to the attention of the people; and,—

Whereas, Experience has demonstrated that our territory is a fruitful field for this campaign,—

We recommend, (1) That all our fields be thoroughly organized to take a vigorous part in this annual campaign.

(2) That this campaign begin September 4, and close by November 6, 1926; and that each field endeavor, insofar as is consistent with local conditions, to bring their campaign within the time appointed.

(3) That our Ingathering goals for 1926 be:

(a) Every worker spend at least forty hours in personal solicitation work.

(b) Every lay member who is enlisted spend at least ten hours in the field.

(c) That the goal for the Far Eastern Division for 1926 be \$35,450 gold, to be apportioned as follows:

Philippines	\$3,500 Gold
Japan	5,000
Manchuria	1,300
Central China	5,500
North China	1,250
South China	2,500
West China	1,000
East China	5,000
Malaysia	8,000
Sungari-Mongolia	400
Chosen	2,000
	\$35,450 gold

(4) That the Harvest Ingathering Campaign be organized so that all our workers and as many of our lay members as possible be enlisted in this good work, as follows:

(a) That each field be carefully districted for this campaign, each group of churches being definitely assigned to a mission worker who shall be responsible for the success of the campaign in that particular district.

(b) That Union and local mission committees so plan the work in their respective fields as to enable all of their laborers to give their undivided attention to the Harvest Ingathering effort for a definite period of time.

(c) That all our schools be encouraged to have one or more field days in which all teachers and all students, as far as consistent, shall be organized to go out and solicit funds.

(d) That Union and local secretaries of Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments be asked to unite in securing the co-operation of all our missionary societies and the young people in the Ingathering Campaign.

(e) That September 4, 1926, be a grand rally day in each church, using the special program prepared by the Division Home Missionary Department.

(f) That the churches report each week to the mission office their progress toward their goals.

(g) That during the campaign the local mission office send weekly to their churches a statement listing the churches engaged in the campaign and marking those with a star that have reached their goal.

Unauthorized Solicitation

Whereas, Unscrupulous people are using Harvest Ingathering methods in soliciting funds for their own use, utilizing Harvest Ingathering magazines and others of our papers for this purpose; therefore,—

We recommend, (1) That our churches see that only responsible persons are provided with literature for missionary purposes.

(2) That mission and church officers use all proper measures to put a stop to unauthorized or illegal public solicitation.

Home Commission for the Far Eastern Division—

Members

Resolved, That the following-named persons constitute the Home Commission of the Far Eastern Division: Professor Frederick Griggs, (secretary); S. L. Frost, Mrs. A. B. Evans, J. J. Strahle, Dr. H. W. Miller, Mrs. B. Miller, Mrs. Frederick Griggs, Mrs. K. H. Wood, Mrs. R. W. Paul, Mrs. S. E. Jackson, Mrs. V. E. Hendershot, Mrs. Melchor Elauria, Mrs. Ai Fukazawa, Mrs. A. N. Anderson, Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, Mrs. Frederick Lee.

Annual Church Officers' Conventions

Inasmuch as the spiritual strength of our church is the measure of the strength of this movement, and the strength of the church depends largely upon the consecration and efficiency of its officers, therefore—

We Recommend, (1) That each mission conduct at least one church officers' convention a year, in which instruction shall be given in

(a) The organization of the church as a spiritual working force

(b) Detailed instruction regarding the work of the elder as a shepherd of the flock, and the responsibilities resting upon the other officers of the church; the duties of the Sabbath school officers, the Home Missionary and the Missionary Volunteer leaders.

(2) That such representatives be invited from each church and company as the mission committee may deem advisable.

(3) That the mission committee make such provision as may seem best for the expense of travel and entertainment of those attending.

We Recommend, That W. I. Hilliard be appointed to serve as treasurer of the Central China Union Mission during the absence of the present incumbent, Brother Arthur Mountain, on furlough; this appointment to become effective at such time as may be determined by the Central China Union Executive Committee.

We Recommend, That with the consent of the Shanghai Sanitarium Board of Management, Brother and Sister Malcolm Knowles be invited to connect with the Central China Union, for service in the Yencheng Hospital-Dispensary as nurses, for one year, during the absence of Miss Edith Johnson on furlough.

We Recommend, That the Board of Management of the School for Children of Missionaries, be made up as follows H. W. Miller (Chairman), Frederick Griggs, S. L. Frost J. G. Gjording, H. W. Barrows.

We Recommend, That Professor Frederick Griggs be appointed the Secretary, and Professor S. L. Frost the Assistant Secretary, of the Ministerial Association for the Far Eastern Division.

Church Extension Funds—\$2,000 Gold

Voted, That the \$2,000 gold of 1926 Church Extension Funds available for distribution beyond the amounts already assigned, be awarded as follows:

South Chosen	\$250 Gold
Im Po (Cantonese Mission)	325
Menado, Celebes	250
Benkoelen, Sumatra,	50
Chapel for Province of Kirin	100
East China Union	220
Kiangsi, Kandjou	170
Changteh, Honan	200
Repairs on Mission Owned Property at Kobe and Hiroshima	200
North Fukien	100
Philippines	135

Whereas, The China Missionary Junior College requests authorization to establish a small hospital-dispensary in connection with their institution at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu; the same to be conducted under the auspices of the College Board and management; therefore,—

Resolved, That in harmony with the request of the College management, authorization be given for the establishment of a small hospital-dispensary at Chiao Tou Djen, Kiangsu, as an integral part of the China Missionary Junior College plant, on a basis that will involve the incurrence of financial obligations only to the extent that funds are already in hand to cover the same.

Literature Sales—Disposition of Profits

Resolved, That our workers be asked to adhere strictly to the following Division policy dealing with the sale of literature by salaried workers (this policy to take the place of that adopted April 26, 1923, and recorded on page 52 of the Division Minutes):

(1) That workers on mission salary join in the Extension plan by selling literature during Big Week, applying their profits to the Fund, in addition to one day's wage.

(2) That profits from sales made in connection with the Harvest Ingathering Campaign be considered as part of our Harvest Ingathering receipts.

(3) That where paid workers devote definite time, aside from the Big Week Campaign, to literature selling, the profits be reported as receipts.

(4) That profits from miscellaneous sales, such as are made when traveling, holding Bible studies, etc., be considered legitimate receipts for the worker.

(5) That the profits on the sale of special issues of our periodicals (with the exception of Big Week literature) shall be considered Harvest Ingathering receipts, and turned into said fund in the Union treasury of the territory wherein said sales were made.

Gratitude and Consecration—Sabbath School Work

Whereas, During the past year, in spite of difficulties and perplexities in many parts of this great field, our Sabbath school work has shown an encouraging increase in membership, in reaching the various goals, and in offerings; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our thanks to Him whose fostering care has been over this work, and consecrate ourselves to greater zeal and faithfulness in His service during the coming year.

Distribution of Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Funds

We recommend, That the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow funds held in trust in favor of the Central and North China Unions, to the amount of \$1,922.68 (gold) be distributed on

the basis of one-half to each field, authorizing the North China Union to use their portions in connection with the Peking church building enterprise, and appropriating the Central China Union's portion to them for church extension, with the suggestion that the Central China Union Mission Committee reappropriate this fund to help meet urgent needs in connection with the erection of chapels throughout the field.

We further recommend, That the Thirteen Sabbath overflow fund, amounting to \$2,558.85 (gold), received during the second quarter of 1925 and passed on to us to be made available for use in the Philippine Union, be held in trust as the nucleus of a hospital fund to provide buildings and equipment, on the condition that the Philippine Union undertakes to raise \$7,500 (gold) during 1926 and 1927 from within the field, making in all a \$10,000 fund; and that we make a request in the 1927 Budget for \$10,000 in order that we may have available in the spring of 1928 a total of \$20,000 (gold) with which to establish a small medical institution in the Philippines.

Sabbath School Membership Goal—Year 1926

We recommend, That our goal for Sabbath School Membership be an increase of the present membership to 30,000 by the end of the year 1926.

We recommend, That the following be the goals for the Missionary Volunteer work for 1926:

Young people won to the truth	540
Standard of Attainment certificates issued	385
Reading Course certificates issued	755
Bible Year Certificates issued	660
Number observing Morning Watch	5,000
Offerings for Home Missions through M. V. Soc.	Q.\$300
Offerings for Foreign " " " "	Q.\$800

Japan Union—Proposed Hospital-Dispensary

Resolved, That a vote of gratitude and appreciation be extended by the Far Eastern Division executive committee to Dr. S. Tatsuguchi, of Hiroshima, Japan, for his munificent gift of ten thousand yen, placed in the treasury of the Japan Union to be held in trust until such time as a beginning can be made in establishing a small yet well-equipped medical institution and training-center in Japan.

Shortage of Foreign Workers

Pastor Frederick Lee called the attention of the Council to the fact that notwithstanding the calls for forty or more workers brought in by the various Unions for consideration by this Council, not one worker above those already allowed through provisions made at the time of the Spring Council a year ago, has been added to our working force, owing to the shortage of funds which makes impossible any advance along this line.

Close of the Council

The Chairman expressed gratitude to God and to those in attendance for the spirit of harmony that had prevailed throughout the Council. Many have come in with requests only to be disappointed. Others have received a portion of that which was desired. God can add His blessing to the projects now being undertaken, and in His own time and way He will provide for the imperative needs not yet covered by the budget or by special provision.

Pastor C. C. Morris, superintendent of the South China Union, pronounced the benediction, and the Council was thus adjourned *sine die*.

I. H. EVANS, *Chairman*,
C. C. CRISLER, *Secretary*.

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Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans, Dr. H. W. Miller and Miss E. A. James sailed by the S. S. "Korea-maru" for the States from Shanghai April 10. Accompanying them were Pastor and Mrs. L. V. Finster of the Malaysian Union, and in Japan they were joined by Pastor and Mrs. F. H. De Vinney.

During the Spring Council Professor Frederick Griggs was appointed secretary of the Ministerial Association for the Far Eastern Division, as announced in the proceedings appearing on another page of this issue. Correspondence concerning the work of the Ministerial Association, should be addressed to Professor Griggs at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

Contracts are being let for the bridge across the canal separating the Shanghai Sanitarium property from Rubicon Road; also for the wall to surround the property, and for one or two of the service buildings located at the rear of the main building, construction on which will be undertaken by early fall if present plans carry.

Among the major appointments made during the Spring Council, is that of Pastor C. C. Morris, of Foochow, Fukien, to the superintendency of the South China Union Mission with headquarters in Hongkong. The resignation of Pastor F. H. De Vinney, who is taking up work in the States, has led to the transfer of Brother Morris to Union responsibility, although he continues to carry for the time being the directorship of the North Fukien provincial mission. Mail for Pastor Morris may be addressed to him at P. O. Box 310, Hongkong, China.

Brother and Sister Arthur N. Bierkle, in language school at Nanking, have been assigned to the Central China Union for service in Kiangsi.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Griggs have been assigned to the China Missionary Junior College, where they will be leading out in hospital dispensary work connected with the college.

Born to Mrs. M. C. Warren, of Chengtu, Szechwan, on February, a son, Donald Marcellus.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Bierkle, of Nanking, on March 29, a son, Orville Arthur.

"Steps to Christ" in Panayan

From the manager of the Philippine Publishing House we have recently received a copy of "Steps to Christ" in the Panayan, a dialect used on the islands of Panay, Guimaras, the Romblons, and Palawan. This is the second dialect into which "Steps" has been run in the Philippine Archipelago, the first having been Tagalog. Brother Moon writes further that the selling price of the book in paper covers is to be seventy-five centavos, subject to home workers' discount.

Special Announcement

The long-looked-for Index to the combined writings of Mrs. E. G. White will come from the press early in May of this year. The book is being issued by recommendation of the General Conference. It will contain nearly 850 pages, printed on Bible paper, limp binding. The retail price is \$3.50.

The book is being published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association. The purpose of this announcement prior to the date of issue is for general information, but primarily a request for advance orders.

The publishers are putting out detailed advertising which will give fuller information than can be put in this paper. Advance orders should now be placed in order to secure a first edition copy. In all cases the orders must be placed with your Book and Bible House.

Place your order early. Price, postpaid, \$3.50.

Special Notice

All mission laborers, pastors, elders, and church leaders should give careful attention to the special instruction now being sent to the field regarding the Missions Extension Fund.

United action will assure success. Let every leader and officer stand at his post of duty, faithfully carrying out instructions. If the leader himself is true to his trust, the laymen will follow his good example.

Keep at hand for ready reference the letters and information sent you. Be informed and enthusiastic, and you will be able to carry out faithfully the prepared program.

The needs are so great, the demands so small, and the plan so simple and workable, that there should be no difficulty in getting every layman to take part in the Big Week campaign.

J. J. Strahle.

Secretary, Home Missionary Dept.

En route to the General Conference

Several of our mission workers now on furlough in the States, are soon to be en route to the General Conference. Some will be returning to the Far East very shortly following the close of that meeting. Others who are now leaving Oriental ports for the States on furlough, plan on attending; these include Pastor and Mrs. L. V. Finster of Malaysia, Pastor and Mrs. E. M. Adams of the Philippines, Pastor and Mrs. K. H. Wood and family of the Kiangsu Mission, China; Pastor and Mrs. H. O. Swartout and family of China.

Aside from those taking their regular furlough at this time, the delegation to the General Conference from the Far East has been limited to a few, in order to minimize expense. Among those going are Pastor S. Miyake, of the Japan Union; Pastor Juan O. Afenir, of the Philippine Union; also some of the officers and departmental secretaries of the Division Mission. Most of these will be returning very soon following the close of the General Conference,

some arriving in Shanghai early in July. Let us all unite in prayer that the coming session of the General Conference may be deeply spiritual.

The Bookmen's Convention

With sales totaling more than twenty times the amount sold when our Far Eastern publishing houses were founded fifteen or twenty years ago, the managers of these houses and the Union field and Home Missionary secretaries are meeting in a general convention in Shanghai under auspicious circumstances. Brother H. H. Hall, of the General Conference Publishing Department, is meeting with them, and Brother J. J. Strahle and W. P. Henderson of the Division are doing their part. All the superintendents of Union missions are lending their full support to the book work by uniting with the bookmen day by day in the Convention program, covering many phases of the book work, and running from April 1 to 8, inclusive. The motto chosen for this Convention is "Forward with increasing success." Reports of the proceedings will be given in a later number of the Outlook.

The Soul-Winning Goal

In another column is announced the soul-winning goal for the Far Eastern Division during the year 1926. That this is not based on fanciful hopes, is evidenced by many providential leadings in fruitful fields of endeavor. Reports already in hand indicate a period of intense activity in several sections of the Division, and God is adding His blessing. He Himself has declared through His word, "I will do great things." Prayer and faith, and zealous, well-directed effort, will accomplish much when accompanied by the blessing of our wonderful God. The sum total of goals already taken by individual provincial missions, is considerably in excess of the goal named by the Division Committee. In the name of our Lord and Master let us say of the possible attainment of our soul-winning goal, "We can and we will."

The Ministerial Association

On page 11 of this issue of the OUTLOOK appear the recommendations of the Ministerial Association adopted at the Spring Council of the Far Eastern Division recently held in Shanghai. These recommendations outline the purpose of the Ministerial Association, and the plans of the reading course. We hope that they will be carefully read so that every worker in the Division may have an understanding of the work of the Association.

The Ministerial Association is formed to increase the efficiency of the working force of the Far Eastern Division. The readings which are prepared each month and sent to each member will give instruction in the best methods of gospel work. The readings are chosen with great care. While they suggest but a small amount of the reading which every worker should do during each year, they will be of distinct help to the gospel work. The Ministerial Association has as a goal of a one hundred per cent membership of the mission force of the Far Eastern Division. If you are not a member, will you not immediately enroll for the 1926 reading course?

Frederick Griggs,
Secretary.