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AM I A CHRISTIAN?

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CHRISTIANITY is not a creed, nor can a creed make a Christian. Every Christian has a creed, deny it as he may; but it is not the creed that made him a Christian. Only Christ can make a Christian. "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new," can be truly said of man only after he has been "born again" in Christ Jesus.

It does not necessarily require Christianity nor a new creation in Christ to preach a creed or to teach dogmatic theology. One may be a hardened sinner, and yet teach the most correct doctrine. It is possible for one who breaks the law of God to preach the highest type of morality. The adulterer may denounce lust; the covetous man may wax eloquent against the love of money; the society man, voluptuous and pleasure-loving, may cry aloud against the love of the world.

Not zeal nor eloquence nor faith, nor liberality nor hospitality nor kindness to the poor, not strict observance of the law, yea, not even martyrdom itself, makes a Christian. A Christian must be born into the kingdom of Christ Jesus by the mighty power of the Godhead. He is a new creation, a new creature, born not according to the laws of science and scholarship and the wisdom of man, but from above. It is this new birth that makes the Christian.

When we ask ourselves, "Am I a Christian?" we are not to think of our creed, or our faith, or our position of responsibility in the church. Vain it is to ask, "Do brethren have confidence in me?" "Am I not sacrificing for Christ?" "Am I regarded as a good worker by my brethren?" "Does not my family love me?" We must bare our hearts, stripping them naked before God as we know them to be in His sight, and ask ourselves the simple question, "Have I received the new birth?" "Am I like Christ?" For Christlikeness is the ear-mark of the Christian. Everything else is camouflage, like paint and decoration and jewels on some old, wrinkled face.

When we inquire, "Am I a Christian?" we may judge ourselves by what Christ was when in the flesh. We must reproduce Him in our own lives. When we are like Christ in speech and conduct, in patience and forbearance, in love and kindness, we certainly are Christians and have attained Christlikeness. If we have not attained this character, but see gross failures and short-comings in our lives while we still plead for time and mercy, hoping and striving to do better, we may yet be Christians. If we have not attained to Christian perfection ought we not to exercise great sympathy for others who, like ourselves, may be striving to attain to this ideal?

When we ask ourselves, "Am I a Christian?" and are compelled to admit that there yet remains a great work which must be wrought in our behalf before we are like Christ, shall we deny to others the same privilege we crave for ourselves? Shall we loosen their hold on Christ, and set them outside the uplifting influence of the church so long as they will try again?

It is not a creed, nor dogma, that saves or that makes Christians. It is faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. All our hope and prospects of heaven are in Him. Every day we ought to settle the question, "Am I a Christian?" If we conclude that we are, then we must accord that same state to others even when they have not yet attained unto perfection.

Note and Comment

Annual Meetings in the Visayas

During the month of April annual meetings are usually held for the large constituencies that have been developing in the East Visayan and West Visayan Missions, including some of the larger islands lying to the southward of Manila. Pastor S. E. Jackson, superintendent of the Philippine Union, writes of the Lord's blessing attending these gatherings. Pastor Meade MacGuire was with the brethren all through these meetings. We anticipate receiving reports for inclusion in the next number. Constituencies totaling upwards of four thousand baptized believers are members of the missions in the Visayas.

Delayed by Sickness

Pastor and Mrs. L. D. Warren, of the Philippine Union, have been delayed in the homeland because of some special medical care required by Sister Warren. The doctors say this family can return to the Philippines by late summer if present prospects continue unchanged. Meanwhile, Pastor Warren is serving as head of the Bible Department in Mount Vernon Academy and as pastor of the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist church.

Brother and Sister M. F. Wiedemann, of the Philippine Union, have also been delayed for two or three months in the States. It is their present intention to return from their furlough in time to reach Manila by mid-June if providences permit.

Professor and Mrs. J. E. Riffel, of the Chosen Union, have been delayed for a few weeks, but planned to leave the Pacific Northwest the 7th of April for another term of service.

Campaigns during 1928

The Big Week campaign is set for June 2-9; Harvest Ingathering campaign, September 1 to October 13; Educational Day for China, August 11; for Malaysia, November 17; Mid-Summer Offering, July 21; Week of Sacrifice, November 24 to December 1; Week of Prayer, December 8-15; Annual Offering, December 15.

Ingathering Papers—1928

Those who have not yet placed orders for Ingathering papers and supplies for the present year's campaign should order without delay through their union officers, who in turn are passing these orders on to Brother H. W. Barrows, treasurer, 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

On Furlough

On April 14 Pastor and Mrs. R. R. Figuhr and children, of the Central Luzon Conference, sailed from Malaysia for the States on furlough. Pastor E. M. Adams, of Manila, is temporarily carrying the Conference presidency in the Tagalog field.

The Filipinos Still Advancing

Frederick Griggs

It was my privilege during December and January to again spend some weeks in the Philippine Union. The spirit of progress and courage which I have noted on former visits to these islands, still runs high. During this past year there have been one thousand nine hundred and fifteen baptisms. We now have in this union two hundred and forty-two organized companies, with a membership at the close of 1927 of nine thousand five hundred and sixteen.

Our brethren and sisters in the Philippines are looking forward with interest to the development of our health work. A tract of land containing fifty-six acres has been purchased upon which to erect a building for the care of the sick. It is very beautifully situated about six miles from the center of Manila. It is also planned to remove the junior college to this location when sufficient funds can be secured with which to do this.

Our Philippine Junior College is doing strong work. This is noticeable in all departments. The vocational features of the school are especially encouraging because of their advancement. The carpentry classes erected a home for one of the teachers this year, and last summer they put up a school building for primary work. These buildings have been constructed by the students under the direction of teachers, with but little outside help. Some very fine furniture has been and is now being made by the young men of these carpentry classes. Three boys are earning their school expenses by working in the garden, and two by hulling rice for the boarding hall. In various ways about twenty percent of the students are earning their full school expenses, and the number of self-supporting students is increasing. This is the first year the school homes have had a Filipino preceptor and preceptress, and the work they are doing is highly satisfactory. The college has dropped government recognition; that it may not be hindered in preparing workers for our cause.

The work in the publishing house is also making progress. During the year they have begun the publication of four church papers in the Ilocano, Talalog, and the East and West Visayan languages. They have brought out "Steps to Christ," "Bible Readings," and a song book in the Cebuano language. "The Great Controversy" is having a phenomenal sale, considering the intensely Catholic people to whom it is being taken. One canvasser sold 250 pesos worth of these books in one week, and nearly as many each week for several weeks afterwards. Financially the publishing house has done well. Besides paying the salaries of the manager and editor-in-chief, it has made a substantial gain.

The home missionary spirit of our Filipino church members is to be commended, and is no doubt largely responsible for the good number of baptisms which have taken place in that union.

Elder Meade MacGuire is spending some months in the Philippines. His messages of consecration are bearing fruit. A spirit of deeper devotion is being felt by workers and people in the places where he has been. Altogether our work in the Philippines is making wonderfully encouraging progress.

Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital Resolutions

During the annual constituency meeting of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital, a partial report of which has already been published, some resolutions of general interest were adopted, as follows:

(A) Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to our heavenly Father for the signal blessing that has been over the Sanitarium family of nurses and workers, preserving them from sickness and death and harm during the past year of such unusual happenings in China, and for His care that has been exercised over the construction work of the Sanitarium building, thus enabling us to complete the institution and to begin its operation.

(B) Resolved, That we express to Brethren E. C. Wood, O. G. Erich, and Ernest Hurd our thanks and deep appreciation of their arduous labors and careful supervision in connection with the construction work of the Sanitarium plant, homes for workers, grading and preparation of our roads and grounds; that we instruct the Secretary to convey our thanks to the management of the China Theological Seminary for the services of Brother Hurd and Brother F. A. Landis to assist in this work.

(C) Resolved, That our Secretary express to the General Conference, to the Treasury Department, to the members of the Sabbath School Department, to the Washington Sanitarium, to Doctor Henry Harrower, and to the many other donors, our grateful thanks for the provisions that have been made for the caring of the sick and the training of workers through the development and construction of the Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital.

(D) Resolved, That arrangements be made for the termination of the lease on the Avenue Joffre property at as early a date as possible, and that we request the Division to permit the Sanitarium to use the Range Road property east of the church building for a dispensary and City hospital.

(E) Resolved, That the freshman nurses' class for the year 1928-1929 be confined to fifteen members, eight of whom shall be from the China field.

(F) Resolved, That the Sanitarium staff be authorized to publish a quarterly four-page health bulletin to contain items of news interest from the Sanitarium and general health hints and instruction on how to maintain good health, making up a mailing list of old patients or prospective new patients of the Sanitarium to receive the bulletin, endeavoring in this way to increase the patronage of the institution.

(G) Resolved, That the name of our institution be the "Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital."

The Committee on nominations brought in their report, which was adopted unanimously, as follows: I. H. Evans, Dr. H. W. Miller, C. C. Crisler, etc.

Members of the Board: I. H. Evans, Dr. H. W. Miller, C. C. Crisler, J. G. Gjording, K. H. Wood, Dr. R. W. Paul, S. L. Frost, G. S. Luther, Dr. W. A. Woolgar, Frederick Griggs, H. W. Barrows.

Officers: I. H. Evans, Chairman; Dr. H. W. Miller, Vice-Chairman; G. S. Luther, Secretary; G. S. Luther, Treasurer.

GENERAL ARTICLES

Behold The Man!

He was a man of human mold,
 And neither cynical nor cold
 Among those gay young folk of old,
 Although His home was far removed
 From that which those about Him loved,
 Of royal birth was He, and yet,
 No kingly seal or mark was set,
 No gilded princely ornament.
 No admiration did He seek,
 Nor envious glances from the weak;
 No followed fad to emphasize
 Or prove, that Christians should disguise
 The faith that links them to the skies;
 No curious mode of speech or dress
 Or other cherished worldliness.
 For simple faith and holy trust
 Need not the trappings of the dust,
 And careless word and song are hushed
 When one may bend a list'ning ear
 And hear the angels whispering near.
 How strangely inconsistent, we
 Aspirants to His royalty,
 Won by His matchless purity;
 How cheap and mean of us to hide
 Our prince-ship neath our wretched pride!
Norma Youngberg.
Singapore, S. S.

Have You Registered?

FREDERICK GRIGGS

ONE of the most valuable books of this year's Reading Course is "Every-Member Evangelism." It is enlightening, inspiring and stimulating, but it will not reach its full measure of usefulness in this Division unless every member of the Division working force shall be a reader of "Every-Member Evangelism" and the other books, each of which is just as good as; and the "Testimonies" better than, it is.

Most of us have to bestir ourselves each morning to get out of bed and at our work. Likewise does each of us have to bestir himself daily in the matter of improving his time, and storing up a fund of knowledge for use in God's cause. This reading course has proven itself to be of immense value to some of our workers, so they tell us, and while some may be helped more than others, yet all will receive great benefit from pursuing it. It gives us sort of a family feeling as we read these good books to know that all the workers of the Division are likewise reading them. A good book is a true friend, and we should add many such friends to our friendship circle every year. These five books of this reading course are

only a part of what we should each read during the year.

Have you registered? If you have not registered in the Ministerial Association, and 1928 Reading Circle, do so quickly.

First Days in Yunnanfu

M. C. WARREN

WE reached Yunnanfu night before last. The Lord gave us a very good trip all the way through. It is not very easy to make the trip through Indo-China for one who does not speak French, especially when there are a lot of things to be put through the French customs. While I was in Hongkong I called at the Standard Oil Co. to try and get in touch with their agents. I was put into touch with an American engineer who was just leaving for Yunnan. He had been over here for years and was a great help to us in getting through Tonkin and making the train trip. It was very easy as soon as we reached the Yunnan border; for then we could use the Mandarin.

It is rather hard to find a place here to rent, but we trust that the Lord has a place for our workers. The attitude of the people is very good. It reminds one of former days. This place has a wonderful climate.

Language Records in Chosen

FROM brethren in the Chosen Union we learn that Mrs. R. W. Pearson received the highest grade awarded in Seoul Language School, where thirty-five are in attendance. Brother Pearson's grade was only two points lower—well up toward the top. Brother Pearson, however, had already taken over the responsibility of carrying the union book work, and for this reason it is certainly a matter of congratulation that he should stand as well as he did at the close of his first year's language work. The prospects for a large distribution of literature in Chosen the present year are excellent.

On Furlough via Europe

Pastor and Mrs. B. L. Anderson are sailing from Hongkong per s. s. "Trier" of the N. D. L., the 5th of May for Europe and the United States. They anticipate meeting Pastor J. N. Anderson at Cairo.

Summer School for Chinese Teachers

THE Spring Council decided to open the Summer School June 20 to August 1. This year special work is offered the teachers and evangelists. It was voted for all Educational and Young Peoples' Secretaries to be present. It was also voted to invite the Missions to send in as many evangelists as can be spared for the six weeks, especially from Mandarin-speaking China. East China Union alone plans to send in at least twenty-five evangelists and twenty-five teachers.

Pastors J. G. Gjording and W. E. Strickland are invited, together with S. L. Frost, W. A. Scharffenberg, and other educational men, to be the instructors in these special courses for evangelists. The East China Union is preparing a Five Year Course for evangelists, and we hope to use the First Year program this year.

The school is being repaired, cleaned, and painted, so that everything will be ready when the time comes.

Batakland English School

PASTOR D. S. KIME, of Sipogoe, Sumatra, reports that their English School has opened with an enrollment of sixty-five in the English and forty-five in the Malay department—a few more than at the same time last year. Pastor Kime is reroofing the buildings. He reports an encouraging prospect before the work in Batakland.

How Publishing House Employees at Manila Spent a Holiday

THE birthday of the national hero of the Philippines, Bonifacio, is usually observed as a holiday. On November 30 of last year the publishing house employees were given the day as free time, and all the workers chose to go to Santa Ana, Paco, and other districts of the city of Manila, to sell literature. The 1928 calendar in various Filipino dialects was sold in combination with the Tagalog *Ang Tanglaw* for twenty-five centavos, which is twelve and a half cents gold. All the profits from this day's efforts were given to the Missions Extension Fund.

Reports from the Field

A Spiritual Feast

REPORTING concerning the Biblical Institute held in the South Fukien Mission February 29 to March 14, Pastor B. L. Anderson, director, writes as follows: "Elder MacGuire was with us from the 29th of February to the 14th of March, and conducted a much appreciated and very helpful Bible Institute. It was meat in due season. The message that came to us all, I verily believe, was from the Lord. Our native workers expressed themselves as being much benefited in a spiritual way.

"Doubtless you have already received from Brother Carman a report of this Bible Institute, as I have asked him to give you a report of this spiritual feast. At the present he and Brother Wilcox are itinerating in the country among the stations, especially visiting some of the churches where we are conducting church schools. We expect them back next Sunday."

Colporteur Institute In Japan

J. J. STRAHLE

AT the new Japan Industrial Training School twenty-eight colporteur evangelists recently attended one of the best and largest institutes ever held in Japan. From the beginning the Spirit of the Lord was present. The colporteurs were deeply impressed with the sacred responsibility God has placed on them to go and bring the truth to the people of Japan. Several recruits were in attendance. Brethren Koch and Maeda-san are doing excellent work. The colporteurs have determined to make 1928 the best year in their experience. The regular colporteurs, numbering twenty-one, have set a good literature sales goal, \$33,000 yen. Adding what the seven student colporteurs will sell this summer, the literature sales for 1928 may reach the \$40,000 yen mark. The colporteurs are definitely planning to win fifty souls to the truth during this year. I have faith to believe that we are on the eve of great things for the Lord's work in Japan. We shall soon see the day when the colporteur of Japan will be selling \$100,000 yen worth of truth-filled literature in one year.

The Sungari-Mongolian Mission

MAX POPOV

(Synopsis of a report rendered by Pastor Max Popov, acting director, during the annual meeting of the Far Eastern Division Committee)

IT is to the glory of our dear Heavenly Father that I shall read this brief report of what has been done during the past year in our mission.

To God belongs all the praise and honor; for He has kept the workers and members in perfect unity as one family in doing that which He has entrusted to us. As a result of His watchcare and the mighty movings of His Holy Spirit, we were able to raise the following funds:

Tithes of workers	Mex.	\$2,508.46
Tithe of members		6,030.84
Home Missionary work		1,324.94
Foreign Missions		191.42
S. S. Offerings for 12 Sabbaths		2,943.86
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering		762.06
Y. P. S., Foreign Missions		78.84
Y. P. S., Home Missions		47.82
Big Week Fund		319.85
Midsummer Offering		69.90
Harvest Ingathering		2,013.30
Annual Offerings		78.55
Total Mex.		\$16,369.86

Besides this, We were able to sell literature:

Periodicals for	Mex.	\$1,407.60
Books		\$3,507.14
		\$4,914.74

237,468 tracts were distributed and paid for by donations for Home Mission Funds.

19,029 monthly papers were used.

The Dorcas Society raised in clothes and other supplies \$320.00 for the poor.

And the very best of all, the Lord helped us to bring the message to many that were in darkness, and to receive it to our midst ninety-two persons by baptism, and nineteen by vote, totaling one hundred eleven.

The brethren and sisters in the Sungari-Mongolian Mission are very grateful to the Lord for all He has done during the past year; and we pray that He shall help us to do more during 1928.

A New Malay Hymnal

THE Division office is in receipt of a beautiful hymnal in Malay, published by the Malaysian Signs Press in 1928. There are one hundred eighty selections, including many of the standard hymns as published in "Hymns and Tunes" and "Christ Our Song." The page is a little larger than the old

"Hymns and Tunes" published by the Review and Herald, and the typographical work is clear, an excellent quality of white paper having been used. The volume is sent out in cloth and in paper binding at \$1.20 Straits for the cloth and \$0.80 for the paper. The title of the hymnal is "Lagoe Sion."

From the Brethren at Waichow

DURING these months of unrest in South China, when no women and children of our staff are allowed at interior stations, the men are doing what they can to carry on. At Waichow, headquarters of the Hakka Mission, Pastor J. P. Anderson and Dr. H. C. James write in mid-March of blessings received at that station notwithstanding its recent occupation by troops.

"The Doctor and I have been back from Canton for some time," writes Brother Anderson. "The country is in the worst state I have ever known it to be in—much worse than last December. In Canton conditions have improved, but in the outlying districts nearly everything is under the control of robbers.

"Up at Hoyuanhsien, where we were robbed last November, one of the Basel Mission men was journeying with his wife from Laulung to Kuchik, when they were both carried off to the mountains by robbers for a few days, but eventually were released. Two of our own workers among the Chinese were carried off, but managed to escape. The past few days reports have come to us that twenty thousand from the Hai-Lukfung districts have entered the East River district, just beyond us. The Government at Canton is sending out many soldiers to clear up these districts of the opposing elements, and we hope that order will be restored. Boat traffic is still wholly tied up on the East River above Waichow. But if the Government troops are successful, we should be able once more to visit our out-stations.

During the recent occupation of our properties at Waichow, the soldiers did not do any damage to our things in the home. We are grateful to the Lord for this mercy.

"Dr. James and I are anxiously awaiting the word to go forward with the building of the hospital-dispensary here."

In The Romblons

W. H. BERGHERM

I WAS able to take a small boat on my return from Manila that calls at the beautiful little island of Romblon, and thus had an opportunity of spending a few hours with our two Bible workers there. This was my second visit to this new island field, the first being about four months ago when I visited there in company with Elder MacGuire. At that time we baptized our first believers and the work was just beginning, having been started through funds given us from the Mid-Summer offering. Shortly after our visit we were able to send an evangelist with a tent. But, after preaching nine nights, our evangelist was suddenly called home by the sickness of his wife, and it seemed to all of us that our effort would fail.

We did our best to find some experienced worker to send to fill up the gap, but everyone was busy, and we had to wire our two Bible workers to get along as best they could, which we fully expected would amount to taking down the tent. However, God doesn't see things as man sees, and His Spirit can do a mighty work through a very humble instrument. Those two Bible workers could not even boast of six grades at school, but I am happy to tell you that governors and councilors and presidentes came to listen to them, and the meetings went right on without interruption. Many have been converted, and now calls are coming in from other neighboring islands for other tent efforts to be held. About thirty have been prepared for the next baptism, which is to be held soon. Among them is one who for many years has been a cock fighter and whose rooster recently took second prize in the annual cock fight. But he has sold his rooster and given up his vices and has opened his large house to our brethren for Sabbath School. He was the same one who, when we were there before, opened up the Aglipayan church for our stereopticon lecture, as he was the leading member of that church.

It is truly a token of the last days. The Lord is finishing the work. The islands are reaching out for salvation. We expect to open up the Cuyo islands after our general meeting.

"The greatest work that can be done in our world is to glorify God by living the character of Christ." "Testimonies," Vol. 4. p. 439.

Further Word from the Romblons

UNDER date of March 20, Pastor W. H. Bergherm writes from the Romblons as follows:

"My heart rejoices and overflows with praise to our Heavenly Father this morning. Again we must say, 'What hath God wrought! Yesterday evening, as the glowing sun sank over Romblon harbor, thirty-three souls were being buried with their Lord. These, with our former baptism of nine, give us a total of forty-two souls baptized in the faith, whereas six months ago, we didn't have a single baptized soul here in these Islands!

"In many ways the work here is different than anything we have seen before. But this is not all. The entire population seems to be looking to us for the truth. Our workers report they have never been so busy in their lives as they are here. Every night they go out until twelve and one o'clock in the morning giving Bible studies. There is no ridicule from any quarter. They are respected. Practically every town in these islands is calling for a worker, and we must branch out and plunge into it.

Then there are the Chinese. Every Chinese buys our Chinese magazine. Two have been attending my meetings almost regularly since I came. They say they are desirous of entering. Oh, it is good to be here!

Now what can we do? The island of Tablas must be entered. We must strike while the iron is hot. To advance our lines as we should we ought to throw two more workers up here. Would it be possible to secure more funds for this from the Mid-summer Offering for new work?

Literature Notes—Malaysia

BROTHER V. L. BEECHAM is visiting Java, Ambon, Menado, and other centers in the interests of home missionary work and colportage. It will take Brother Beecham several months to make the round of the field.

A student colporteur in Siam, in association with Brother R. P. Abel, sold *Ticals* 353.00 worth of books in a market town in a few hours. At three markets they sold *Ticals* 601.50 of books for cash. A tical is worth about forty cents gold.

It is planned to print and bind seventy thousand books at the Malaysian Press in Singapore during the present year.

Church Building in Medan

PREPARATIONS have been made for many months for the erection of a church building and church school quarters at Medan, Sumatra, the headquarters of the North Sumatra Mission. Pastor I. C. Schmidt, director, has been collecting funds with which to supplement Mission Board grants, and is now making a final effort to round out the total sufficiently to enable those who build to supply the church with proper seats and other furnishings.

Recently Pastor Schmidt was accorded the privilege of filling an evening program hour at a broadcasting station in Medan, thus sending forth all over Sumatra and through the Malay States a message on "Signs of the Approaching World Crisis."

With sorrow we record the death of Brother Elias Mandjotak, from tuberculosis, February 25, 1928, near Tarcoeteng. The plan had been to ordain him soon to gospel ministry. Another will be brought in from East Java to carry a portion of the work formerly entrusted to Brother Mandjotak.

News Items from the Philippines

FIVE young men were graduated March 6 from the Philippine Junior College; namely, Zoilo Cahilig and Leopoldo Gaje, of West Visaya; Andres Jacobe and Pedro Cabansag, of Northern Luzon; and Antonio Mary, of Central Luzon.

Pastor F. L. Chaney is temporarily released from the Union secretary-treasurership, in order that he may serve as director of the East Visayan Mission for such time as no permanent director is available. The work in East Visaya is being especially blessed of Heaven.

An addition is being made to the Philippine Publishing House in Manila, thus enlarging the space required by the editorial and business offices. An addition has been made to the Manila publishing house nearly every year since it was established.

In many places throughout the islands evangelistic meetings are being held, and several groups of believers have already been baptized, with others to follow. The prospects are good for a fruitful year of soul-winning.

Back to Nanning

THROUGH Pastor C. C. Morris, superintendent of the South China Union, we learn that Dr. D. D. Coffin found it possible to get down to Hongkong for medical supplies, and left again for Nanning the 29th of March. On the return trip he was accompanied by Mrs. Loren F. Schutt, who is to unite with her husband already in Nanning, as a member of the medical staff of the Nanning Hospital-Dispensary. Brother Morris writes: "Dr. Coffin has been doing some operating that has brought the work of the institution to the attention of the public in quite a marked way. They are having good patronage, the people show a good spirit, and the hospital has a bright future before it. The work of Brother Schutt is much appreciated, and his wife will also be a great help to the institution."

East China Union Colporteur Institute

(Feb. 10 to March 2, 1928)

JOHN OSS

DURING the year 1926 an institute of three weeks' duration was held in our union; and the results were so satisfactory that the Union Committee voted to conduct a similar institute this year, which was to be held in the city of Shanghai.

The time set for the holding of this institute was February 10 to March 2. Twenty-six colporteurs and leaders were in attendance. The institute was conducted somewhat differently from the usual colporteur institutes, as classes were formed, text-books used, and regular recitations were conducted.

We had classes in Bible doctrines, denominational history and gospel salesmanship. Much time was spent in drill work and studying the magazine and books to be sold. At the close of the school written examinations were given in all classes.

We greatly appreciated Brother Strahle's help, who gave us timely instruction on methods of literature distribution and the necessity of spiritualizing the work and making it a greater soul-saving agency.

The colporteurs expressed themselves as having received much help from the institute and went into the field full of courage, and we are looking for increased sales and greater spirituality in their work.

The Book Work in Shantung

ADLAI A. ESTEB

I REACHED Shantung the last of February. We have been hard at work, covering the field. We succeeded in getting together eleven colporteurs. By bringing the great unworked village territory before the brethren and showing them the possibilities and the responsibilities, we find that new courage has come into their hearts. Reports of the workers since the institute have been good.

It is truly a privilege to get right out into the thousands of villages where the name of Christ is not heard and do this work of spreading the light among the millions still in darkness. And how responsive these honest farmer-folk are! Just to give you a definite example of their appreciation, I will copy a translation of a letter sent us by a delegate appointed by a village where we had been on a preaching tour the day before:

"Yesterday your visit to our village brought us great blessings. We regret that we didn't entertain you appropriately. Our village has appointed me, Mr. Wu Hsing Yuan, as their representative to especially express to you our gratitude, and to present to you this poem which manifests merely a fraction of our sincere appreciation of your efforts in our behalf:

"You are giving your lives for the service of men,

You are giving your hearts full of love as a friend;

We are finding ourselves, we are learning the truth,

We are changing ourselves and receiving new birth.

But my village—my people—with darkness still cope,

Transformation is coming—in you we have hope.

Mr. Wu Hsing Yuan."

The Lord has richly blessed us in our trips in the field. It has been my privilege to see some wonderful transformations of grace on these trips.

Our first trip took us on a journey of about five hundred li right into the heart of Shantung. We went part way by boat on the Yellow River, until we met with such wind that we were forced to land and hire wheelbarrows to the nearest village. Here we hired a cart to take our baggage the remaining one hundred fifty li. The Lord was with us all the way. One night we were in a village where the bandits were demanding \$50,000 that very night or they would punish the people. We could

not get away, as it was already dark, and a terrible storm was raging. Dust came in clouds. Providential, indeed, was this storm; for it seemed to keep the bandits in hiding through the night, and at dawn we hastened on our way, praising God for deliverance.

We were able to scatter literature and bring the truth to village after village. As we journeyed along we handed out tracts and spoke a few kind words of love to the people. One morning I opened my Bible to the text which reads: "Passing through the valley of Baca make it a well." How comforting that we can pass through the desert and leave it filled with fragrant flowers sown in love. I walked a good deal of the time, which afforded me opportunities to meet the people along the way and give them literature.

Our Church in Bontol

FAUSTO H. JORNADA

BONTOL is a barrio of Sibalom, Antique, West Visayan Mission. It is about eight kilometers from the town. It is situated in a most remote place at the foot of a mountain called "Amayong." The way is hard for there is no constructed road by trail and carabao's path. The worst of it is the crossing of rivers about five times, and yet it is the same river.

In this barrio we have a small church with the membership of sixteen organized in the year 1923. After three years the membership was about forty or more. But all this growth comes mostly through efforts by themselves.

Last October I baptized eighteen candidates which were added to the Bontol church. These are all won by the members without any help from any paid worker of the mission. The last report I received, they have ten or more additional candidates to be baptized soon.

Their ways of working are most interesting. They use Sabbath afternoons to work for the Lord by going out to neighboring barrios, singing, distributing literature, and answering questions concerning our belief. By this way, they find some interested ones, and they follow up interests by teaching inquirers the doctrine.

If this church can do something for the Lord, why cannot other churches do the same?

News Notes From Japan

V. T. ARMSTRONG

LAST year Japan set a worthy example in the investment fund offering. Perhaps a few illustrations of how the money was raised will be an encouragement to others.

One colporteur set aside five sen on each large book sold. A sister became the family barber, and laid aside for the fund the regular price paid the barber when he cut the children's hair. An old woman who lives on a small monthly allowance found she could buy vegetables slightly cheaper by walking to a market some distance from her home, and thus each week a few pennies were saved for the fund. A man gave the waste paper from his workshop, which netted considerable for the year. Another sold the old newspapers, and gave the proceeds to the fund. A lay member gave one day a month to neighborhood canvassing, and a lady sold some of the old family keepsakes; and these funds were turned in.

Thus by little sacrifices and economies the fund grew. Much more might be saved for this cause if every member kept the needs of the Lord's work in mind and made personal sacrifices.

Sister Takagi spent a month giving sewing lessons in the city of Utsunomiya. The Governor's wife attended the class, and our sister watched her opportunity to speak a word regarding our message. Elder Kuniya was recently invited to the Governor's house for meetings, and found thirty of the leading people of the city assembled to hear him preach. Thus a new interest is awakened through the efforts of a lay member who did faithful home missionary work.

Last year Brother Kraft and a student colporteur visited the secretary of the Government prisons. They gave him a canvass for "Patriarchs and Prophets," and received his order for ninety-five copies. A short time ago an order for sixty-five "Daniel" was taken. And now the official has ordered one hundred seventy copies of "Steps to Christ." All these books are going into the prison libraries in Japan. The official commented on our literature, and said it was just what they wanted to place in the hands of the men in the prisons. Surely this seed will also be the means of warning men, and leading some to eternal life.

March 25 we set the stakes and turned the first sod for our medical unit; also for the addition to the publishing house. When these two building projects are completed, they will be a great aid in our work. Dr. Getzlaff is finding much to do. People continue to come in increasing numbers. When he has his permit; and can advertise for practice, he will be a busy man. There is a note of courage and faith expressed throughout the field, that greater things are in store for our work in Japan.

From Brother and Sister Hughes, of Chengtu

LETTERS from Pastor and Mrs. Alton E. Hughes, of Chengtu, Szechwan, dated March 5, bring word of "a wonderful opportunity to work this year." "We can travel anywhere," writes Brother Hughes; "and there is very little danger; but the opposition against the spread of the gospel seems stronger and more determined than ever before.

"The money situation is serious in the vicinity of Chengtu. There are no dollars to be had; and the great quantity of half dollars in circulation are nearly all called dza-ban, being only a small per cent, silver. There are dozens of kinds of paper money, much of which is bad. Nearly everything sells for copper, and the silver cannot be exchanged for copper. Our Chinese workers are in consequence having much difficulty just now, financially. This situation surely will change for the better shortly."

Sister Hughes writes: "I am so thankful the children are both well and have good appetites. They have a lovely place to play. We could only wish them the companionship of other children. Ross often speaks of the children in Shanghai with whom he used to play.

"We have had some wonderful spring weather the past two weeks. The birds have returned, trees are covered with leaves, and everything in general shows that spring is here."

Brother Hughes writes further of conditions: "Szechwan is as peaceful as though nothing was going on in the rest of China. But soldiers are everywhere. One of our chapels at Chengtu is still occupied by them, and all negotiations to have them leave have failed thus far."

From Pastor T. T. Babienco

WE have recently received word from Brother Babienco, who has returned to his temporary home at Irlington, Ontario, Canada. He tells us of his long visit to many churches in the West and later in the East, covering a period of four and a half months, during which he visited twelve conferences, seventy-seven churches, fourteen schools, three sanitariums, traveling fifteen thousand miles by train, auto, and carriage, and speaking one hundred seventy-eight times. He praises the Lord for this privilege of setting forth the conditions and needs in mission lands. He hopes to arrange early for the translation of two works into the Russian language; namely, "Christ our Saviour" and "Christ's Object Lessons."

Good News from Central China

PASTOR N. F. BREWER, superintendent of the Central China Union, reports from Hankow of the receipt of an excellent report of Shensi conditions. The one temporarily in charge of Shensi Mission, Brother Chen Wen Hsioh, has been holding a Bible class for twenty days, and has had thirty in regular attendance. His goal for the present year is fifty souls. The Shensi Sabbath-school offerings for January and February were \$14.37 Mex.; tithes for the same period, \$27.03. It may be possible to hold annual meeting in Shensi this coming fall.

Word from Honan reports five who are beginning to keep the Sabbath. A general meeting for Honan also, this coming autumn, is contemplated.

In the province of Kiangsi Brother Tai, the treasurer, had a narrow escape from death, he having been arrested by mistake as a "communist." He treated his captors kindly, conversing with them, and finally they released him, greatly to his joy. In his luggage had been found a small knife used by him for sharpening pencils, and this was counted as evidence that he was a communist. The incident occurred while he was traveling from Nanchang to Kiukiang.

"Remember us in your prayers," writes Pastor Brewer, "that the Lord may open up the way for His work to advance in this great field, so that many souls may be won to Christ."

From Pastor F. Dittmar

A RECENT communication from Pastor F. Dittmar, sent from Grindelberg 15A, Hamburg, Germany, brings us the word that he and his family have been in good health during their sojourn in the homeland, and that they are gathering strength for another period of service in the Malaysian Union. "We think very many times of our dear mission field far away in the southland," Brother Dittmar writes. "Before long we shall be back into our field in Malaysia for another period of service."

Pastor Dittmar sends greetings to his associates in the Far East, and expresses his belief that the Lord's blessing will attend the labors of the workers through the field.

Meetings in South Fukien

E. E. CARMAN

TWO weeks have already slipped by since we closed our workers' institute. During that time Pastor L. C. Wilcox and I have visited some of our schools and have checked over their work. These schools seem to be holding the good will and respect of the places where they are located, and the attendance is better than formerly.

Elder MacGuire was with us two weeks, and held meetings especially for the workers. His theme throughout was "Christ,"—our need of Him, and His desire and willingness to fill that need. Each worker took careful notes on the studies. We expect the seed sown to bear a rich harvest. The workers returned feeling they had a fuller understanding of the gospel than ever before. As they pass on blessings received, they themselves will receive greater blessings, and our brethren throughout the field will be brought to a closer union with Christ.

Professor L. C. Wilcox, of Canton, was with us, and held special meetings each day for the students in the schools. His practical studies on every-day Christian living appealed to the students, and a large majority signified their desire and intention of becoming Christians. Since the meetings have closed, we have a baptismal class of twenty, including some outside of the school.

Recently we have had a colporteur's institute at Amoy, at which there was a good attendance. Brethren Strahle and Tan Kia-ou were with us during this time.

Pastor C. C. Morris was with us for our spring committee meeting, when plans were laid for our summer's work. We are planning on the biggest Big Week we have ever had.

Rescue the Perishing

JOHN OSS

I was on the Yangtze river, China's great waterway, returning to the city of Nanking. It was a beautiful morning, and I had just left the little cabin and had gone up on the deck of the launch on which I was traveling to enjoy the beauties of nature and see the boat cast anchor at a small stopping-place on the south bank of the river.

As I was watching the busy crowd, I felt a sudden jar, and noticed that the anchor was dropped. There was a great commotion near the rear of the boat and curiosity led me to run back there to see what it was all about.

"A man overboard" ("Save his life") were some of the things I heard among the confusion of voices. Some shouted to a few men in a small boat for help, they immediately hastened to the rescue. Others threw out ropes and poles to save the drowning man.

The eyes of all were fixed on the man in his distress. He had gone down, once, twice; would he come up again? The little boat was now near the place where he had gone down the last time. Everyone was watching closely. Up he came, and quickly one of the men snatched the drowning man, and with the help of the others lifted him into the boat.

What rejoicing! The details of the rescue sounded from nearly every lip. The rescued man was taken ashore and cared for as the vessel waited.

My heart was greatly stirred as I saw the interest manifested by all in this rescue. The thought came to my mind. "You are a Christian; you know the truth for this time, and that the end is near. Why do you not do something to rescue those going down to destruction on this very boat?"

I went back to my cabin, and there opened one of my suit-cases and secured some tracts and distributed these to the passengers. The Lord greatly blessed, and I had several good visits as I told the people of the love of Christ and His power to save.

I learned an important lesson that morning. Souls are going down to Christless graves on every hand. Do I feel the responsibility of saving souls as I should? I must labor for them to-day. To-morrow many will have passed beyond my reach.

In all my contacts with judgment bound souls, I should drop seeds of truth, and labor as one who must give an account—not only for what I have done, but also for neglected opportunities.

Hochow, China.
April 17, 1928

BIG WEEK

Watch, Work, and Pray for the Big Week, June 2-9,—the week in which the Missions Extension Fund for 1928 will be raised.

The plan devised for raising this fund will also be a means of spreading the gospel light in the homes of the people. Favorable weather is not the secret of success in this campaign. Good territory is not the secret. Being a capable worker has very little to do with it. Waiting to see how many others are going to do something is not the secret. A record report from a few does not make it a success. Acting according to our feelings is by no means the determining factor.

The secret of a successful Big Week lies in each one making an extra effort. That which puts "big" in Big Week is the special effort made by each member. Bad weather and a lack of inclination to start out, and many other obstacles may exist, but none of these can stop us from having a Big Week June 2-9 if we individually purpose in our hearts, and carry out that purpose in determined effort. The man who wins out is the man who makes a way.

Should not every Seventh-day Adventist member begin at once to plan for a definite part in this work? Let none say, "I pray thee have me excused." Every effort put forth will bring a three-fold blessing. Your own soul will be watered, the one to whom you sell the book will be helped, and the proceeds will be used of God for the upbuilding of his Kingdom.

Remember the secret. It is Special Effort and Each One at work. May God bless you as you go forth to do your part to help finish the work of this three-fold message.

The 1928 Extension Plan "Big Week" Calls for United Effort

An Exceptional Opportunity

W. P. HENDERSON

"THE restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other. Society is composed of families, and is what heads of families make it. Out of the heart are the 'issues of life,' and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation, is the household. The well being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 349.

Our work as Christians and as missionaries is the restoration of humanity to the image of God, the uplifting of humanity to the high plane of Christian experience. Whatever we can do to bring Christianity into the home will be the beginning of the accomplishment of our purpose.

What a golden opportunity we have of bringing a Christian influence into hundreds of thousands of homes in China this year through the circulation of the *Home Special* of the *Signs*. This is to be a splendid magazine; its beautiful appearance will attract the attention, and its excellent articles will bring the message of salvation.

Recognizing the selling advantages which are gained through having the names of a few nationally known men appear among the contributors, we have secured articles from Dr. Hu Shin, who is known as the father of the Chinese Renaissance; Mr. Yu Yah Ching, of the National Chamber of Commerce; Dr. T. H. Lee, president of the Fah Tan University; and Mr. Wang, head of the Editorial Department of the Commercial Press.

A very fine lot of photographs, especially taken for this issue, appear in the *Home Special*. It was very interesting to have the opportunity of photographing living rooms, dining rooms, and bedrooms, of some of the finest Chinese homes. Also the men who contributed articles were photographed at their desks. These special photographs will greatly interest the Chinese and will be very helpful in selling.

The *Home Special* provides an excellent opportunity for everyone to have a part in Big Week. This paper should be distributed by hundreds of thousands. It carries the gospel message, and the returns are needed to meet the Extension Fund program for medical, educational, and publishing work in China.

Something New for Big Week

W. P. HENDERSON

BIG WEEK is the time when we all take part in giving the gospel through the printed page; and we who do not sell regularly want something easy to sell. You will be happy to know that a new book will be ready for use in this year's Big Week campaign.

"Enemies of Health" is the title of the new book. It has a very attractive cover design in colors. The book contains 128 pages, printed on Eggshell paper, which makes its bulk almost equal to the dollar edition of "World Struggles." It is nicely illustrated and the price is only fifty cents per copy, selling on the subscription book basis. It should sell very readily.

China today is faced with three distinct enemies to public health. No longer is the old water pipe popular; it requires too long a time to prepare for one little whiff of smoke, it does not require the use of enough tobacco to meet the sales plans of avaricious tobacco companies. These companies have introduced cigarettes together with modern machinery for turning them out by the billion. And these companies are fast reaching their pernicious goal of "A cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman and child in China.

Then there is the age old problem of opium, and its millions of addicts. Today, the warring factions, recruiting huge armies for which they have insufficient funds, are encouraging the growth of opium as a source of revenue. Therefore the abundance of opium and the low price combine to greatly increase the number of addicts who suffer from its ravages.

Still more alarming than either of the first two is the more recent intro-

duction of stronger drugs, such as morphine, cocaine and heroin. Morphine and cocaine are ten times more powerful than opium, while heroin is thirty times more powerful. When we find that these drugs are being introduced as medicines with alluring names, and as cures for the opium habit, we can realize a little better the great menace they are to public health.

With these facts before us, do we not face a responsibility in sounding an alarm against these dangers? It also furnishes us with an excellent opportunity of pointing man to the soon-coming of Christ, who only can free men from slavery to sin as well as from slavery to drugs.

What Every Believer Should Know About the Big Week

The Missions Extension Fund "Big Week" campaign has for its objective a threefold program. 1. Erecting and equipping new publishing houses and depositories in all large language areas of the world. 2. Erecting and assisting mission schools in foreign fields. 3. Erecting and assisting struggling hospitals and dispensaries. Since the inauguration of the campaign in 1921 and including the 1928 budget, the Missions Extension plan has made wonderful advancement.

Heretofore our highest record in behalf of the "Big Week" has not exceeded \$3 6,000 (1927). Shall not \$100,000 be our aim for 1928? The fields are calling for the assistance. In writing of his needs one young doctor in the heart of the Dark Continent writes, "As you know I have no dispensary building or hospital, and must do all my work in an old hut. My hospital consists of a half dozen huts which have been put up by the patients' people. Do you think he appreciates the "Big Week"? Ah, friends, let us work and pray this year as if we were "over there." They are our sons and daughters, and may God help us all to lend them this helping hand, that many souls for whom Christ gave His precious life, may be brought into the heavenly garner and the coming of Jesus hastened.

General Conference Home Missionary Department.

Annual Reports

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES PUBLISHING HOUSE: ANNUAL REPORTS.

JUST prior to the annual meeting of the Division Committee held in Shanghai, the board of directors of the Signs of the Times Publishing House met to receive reports for the past year, and to lay plans and elect officers for the new year. Brother W. P. Henderson was continued as manager and treasurer, Pastor Frederick Lee as general editor of the periodicals, Brother H. C. White as factory superintendent and director of the art department, and Miss Edyth L. Roberts as assistant treasurer and cashier. The local board named is I. H. Evans (chairman), W. P. Henderson (vice-chairman), Frederick Lee (secretary), Wang Wen Tien, Hsu Bao Chuen, Dr. H. W. Miller, Frederick Griggs, Chen Peh Deh, H. W. Barrows, H. C. White, J. J. Strahle, C. C. Crisler, J. G. Gjording.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Henderson, manager, in his review of the work of the past year, called attention to many items that inspire courage, notwithstanding adverse conditions bringing much perplexity and some financial loss. To quote from his reports.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. We are happy that God, through the generosity of His people, has made possible a well-equipped publishing house for carrying on this phase of gospel work in China. But the publishing house is merely the manufacturing center; and to distribute successfully the literature after it is printed requires an army of faithful workers, and the co-operation of our brethren throughout the field. We are indeed thankful for the loyal field secretaries who have been sent from the homeland and for the corps of colporteurs they have enlisted and trained.

"While we regret to report there has been a decrease in the circulation of the *Signs* from the high mark of over 62,000 subscriptions reached during 1926, to 48,277 for December, 1927, we feel that our field men and colporteurs have done remarkably well to keep the circulation as high as it is. There is no other religious magazine in China with a circulation that begins to compare with that of the *Signs*, and as far as we have learned, only one secular journal with a circulation as large.

"The sale of subscription books was also very low. The amount sold was only \$19,915.42, the lowest record for the past ten years. It is not surprising that the sales for 1927 were low when we remember the experiences China has passed through. In ten of China's eighteen provinces, it has been impossible to work. In seven of these provinces active colporteur work had been carried on, but when the trouble came the work was absolutely stopped, so that not a single colporteur was left working in these provinces. To-day conditions have improved to the extent that work is being started; but, sad to say, the colporteur force is nearly all gone, and our field men are facing the big task of searching out new material, which must be trained and led into the work.

"In view of the perplexing situation which the experiences of the past year have brought to the literature work, we feel constrained to invite the workers in every other department to lend a hand in building up this department which has suffered so heavily.

"We are indeed thankful to the General Conference and to our brethren in the homeland whose efforts in Big Week have made possible the splendid addition to the factory which is now nearing completion.

"In closing this report, we wish to express our appreciation of the very cordial relations and kind cooperation of our brethren both in the publishing house and in the field."

EDITOR'S REPORT

Pastor Frederick Lee, in giving an outline of the work in the editorial department of the Signs of the Times Publishing House the past year, said in part:

"Under the guiding hand of God we have been able to issue our important publications without interruption throughout the year. Not one week has passed without seeing our church paper going into the homes of our constituency in China, and not one month has gone by without our evangelizing magazine being sent to every province. During the year 672,050 copies of the regular issue of the *Signs* magazine have been sent out to every section of China and Malaysia, carrying a message of hope and salvation to many in darkness. Over 120,000 copies of the *Shepherd's Call* have gone into the homes of church members, bringing them news of the onward progress of the work in all lands, as well as instruction from the word of God and the spirit of prophecy. This church paper has no doubt been a great encouragement and help to our church members in a time of exceptional trial and persecution.

"The *Sabbath School Helper*, which is edited by the Sabbath school department of the Division, and the *Educator*, which is edited by the educational department of the Division, have had a steady circulation during the year, each totaling around six thousand copies. These periodicals, issued monthly, are the means of greatly strengthening our churches along the lines which they specially feature.

"Besides these periodicals, the editorial department has been responsible for an edition of the Harvest Ingathering magazine; a booklet containing five chapters of Great Controversy; a Sabbath School booklet; a Terms Book; and numerous tracts. We have been able to accomplish this work only through the hearty co-operation of our Chinese editor, Brother Dzo, who has been in the house nearly twenty years; our translators, Brother Peter Chen and Brother Hsu Hwa, as well as the Superintendent and the Foreman of the factory. This spirit of cooperation has been greatly appreciated on the part of the editor.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

"A word regarding the unique position of our leading publication, the *Signs of the Times*, may be in order. Twenty-three years ago, in a remote town of Central China, a work was begun in feebleness and faith that was destined to play a large part in the spread of the message throughout China. The issuance of that first magazine, called the *Gospel Herald*, edited, set up, and printed on a small hand-press with home-made ink and equipment by Dr. H. W. Miller, was an event of great significance when viewed in the light of later developments. That weak child, born in the midst of heathen darkness and without wide-spread acclimation with only the aid of a lonely missionary and his few helpers, has become the parent of a large number of periodicals and books which are now well known in every part of China.

"The magazine itself, now known as the *Signs of the Times*, has grown to a position of prominence, and has the widest circulation of any magazine in China. It fills a unique position among the numerous periodicals which are being issued on the presses of this country. Its birth was none too soon. Surely God led in preparing such an instrument of usefulness, and at the right time. China has broken away from her long generations of seclusiveness, and is now grasping for knowledge of every kind. Our magazine has now come of age, and the door of opportunity stands wide open for it to enter and take up seriously its duty of giving this last message of warning to the millions of this ancient land.

"We believe the *Signs* is ready to do a great work in China. Its name is well known in almost every province. The magazine is modern in style and appearance, and is prepared to present the news of the world in the light of prophecy, in such a way as will be appreciated by the Christian and the non-Christian alike. We have caught the vision of the great work before us, and we know that it will not be long before the *Signs* will be read every month by half a million people. When its circulation receives this impetus, we believe its growth will not stop until it is being read by millions. With the loyal cooperation of all our field men, we are sure this can be realized not far hence. This vision of the editorial department is helping us to shape the *Signs* in such a way as to make it appeal to the many classes to be found in China. We must prepare our material with all in mind. There is the reader who has a modern outlook on life and desires to know the trend of world affairs. There are those who only read a simple literary style, which is rapidly revolutionizing the make-up and languages of the numerous newspapers and magazines issued throughout the country. We are doing our best to reach every class of reader, and we believe that we are succeeding to some extent. We will not be satisfied until our magazine is a model of modern literary style and make-up, so that the truths of this message may be presented in as pleasing a manner as possible.

"We must not forget that this paper is an evangelizing agency, and that everything which enters into its make-up must be with this one object in mind. We are endeavoring to shape all our material, whether news, commercial articles, or items of interest, in such a way as to have some bearing on the message, to awaken an earnest inquiry in the heart of the reader regarding the times in which we live, and to cause him to realize his need of seeking a better life. We do not believe that involved doctrinal discussion should be taken up in this magazine which has to reach such a variety of people, but we do endeavor to present in a plain manner the saving truths of the gospel and the special message of preparation to meet our Lord, which we must give to all peoples.

"In giving consideration to this important magazine, I must not neglect to mention the excellent help which has been rendered by Mr. Hsu Hwa, who joined our staff some months ago, and is giving us a portion of his time each week. With his efficient help we believe that we can make this magazine a soul-winning agency that will be read by all classes in China.

THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

"Our goal for the *Shepherd* is, 'Every church member a reader of the *Shepherd*.' This slogan appears regularly on the cover-page of this periodical, which is one of the best means of strengthening the church members in faith. In order to reach this goal we earnestly solicit the faithful cooperation of our constituency. The paper has played a large part in caring for the flock during the past year, when disturbances made it often impossible to hold Sabbath services, and when personal visitation has been interrupted to a large extent.

"It is the aim of the editors to publish that which will be most fitting for the building up of the church in China in the knowledge of the truth and in spiritual experience. Articles from the pen of Sister White are printed regularly in every issue. Besides a department for general articles, we carry the following departments at definite intervals: Hygiene, World Field, Our Work in China, Our Homes, Young People's Corner. Once a month we have a page giving the world events of the month in the light of prophecy. Thus our members are enabled to keep up with the fulfilling signs which tell of the near approach of our Lord.

"We have been most fortunate in securing the help of Miss Elsie Liu in the conduct of Our Homes Department, appearing twice a month. Mr. P. Chen, who has been translating the *Shepherd*

for a number of years, is giving us faithful service. During the year he was sent to the South China Union in the interest of the paper. The Lord blessed in helping him to arouse a greater interest among the workers and church members in this important periodical.

"We desire that the *Shepherd* shall grow in usefulness to the church of China, and win its place in the hearts of all our people throughout this country. We solicit your help in contributing articles of a spiritual or doctrinal nature as well as reports of progress. Let us work hand in hand for the establishing of the Chinese church in the faith.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL HELPER

"The *Sabbath School Helper* holds a place of great usefulness in the work of the church. The material which is prepared by the Sabbath School department of the Division is well adapted for use in China. Miss Liu, the translator, is greatly interested in her work, and is doing it most acceptably. We believe that this small monthly magazine deserves greater support on the part of every worker interested in the development of our Sabbath Schools.

THE EDUCATOR

"During the last half of the year the *Educator* magazine has been handled wholly by the educational department, which takes the responsibility for the translation work as well as the preparation of the original material; but it will not come amiss here to say that we believe the field is greatly appreciating the good work that is being done by the editorial staff and Mr. Yeh, the translator. The paper is full of help for our young people and workers, and its monthly issuance is very prompt. This paper can be made a great factor in holding our young people firmly in this time of temptation.

CONCLUSION

"In closing we wish to express our appreciation for the excellent cooperation we have found in all departments of the house, and from our brethren in the field. We need your continued support as well as sympathetic and intelligent criticism on all our publications. We fully realize that the adaptation and translation of English material in the Chinese has its great handicaps, and that with even careful and intelligent translation the material often loses its forceful style and striking beauty. We believe that we must work with greater care in all our translation work. On the other hand, we must develop men in China who can present in their own language the truths of the message in all their beauty and logic. We would greatly appreciate any assistance in helping us to search out and train such native writers.

We desire above all that we shall be made more useful to the field in the work which we share with them,—that of winning souls to Christ, and hastening the day when He shall appear. This can only be done as we work in close cooperation and the best of understanding. Let the year 1928 find us working along these lines, hand in hand for the finishing of the work."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brother H. C. White, factory superintendent, rendered a report, a synopsis of which follows:

"Like the leaves of Autumn," is an expression very familiar to every Seventh-day Adventist. It is from one of the many statements made in the Spirit of Prophecy regarding the publishing work and the part it should have in giving the gospel message to the world. The sole object of the *Signs of the Times* Publish-

ing House is to follow the instruction which says, "Unvarnished truth must be spoken in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn." While we regret that our report this year is not larger, we feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father for His blessing which has made possible the work that has been accomplished.

"It may be of interest to see the number of pages of gospel literature that have been published in Chinese during the year. Dividing the output of the House into groups, it is as follows:—

Church periodicals	2,729,031 pages
Tract Books—prepared for	
the church	505,338 "
Harvest Ingathering	840,000 "
Subscription Books	2,323,773 "
Signs	26,382,416 "
Tracts, Broadsides, & Bible	
Reading, Leaflets	3,242,768 "
	36,123,376

"It is a most remarkable fact that during the year, in spite of numerous labor troubles and strikes on every hand, when all other mission publishing houses were forced to close their doors for long periods of time, our papers containing the blessed truths, continued to come from our presses, not one issue of any of our periodicals being dropped, even when the political and industrial troubles were at their height. In this we have a striking example of how God's protecting hand is ever over His work.

"At the close of the year we had sixty-five regular workers in our office and factory, and in addition to these, about seventeen women who come in to do the folding on our books and magazines when required.

"We believe with all our hearts that in the providence of God the literature ministry has a leading part to act in the finishing of God's work in China, and for the Chinese people throughout the entire world. We have faith to believe that beyond the clouds of difficulty there is light; and that in spite of civil war and plague and famine that prevail in many parts of China, under the blessing of God this literature work is bound to succeed and to triumph gloriously, just as surely as we know that this message will triumph. The very fact that during 1927 our leading magazine, the *Signs of the Times*, maintained an average circulation of 56,000 copies per month, perhaps the largest circulation of any magazine in China, is a mighty argument that God's hand is in this work, and that this Publishing House has yet a mighty work to do in these closing days of the Message."

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Thanksgiving to God.—The year 1927 has seen the intervention of the hand of God in the affairs of the publishing house. With intense strife manifested in the industrial affairs in all China; with agitation reaching such a height even in Christian institutions as to cause many to close their doors for many months, and some permanently; and with political chaos in almost every province, resulting in greatly decreased circulation of Christian literature; yet we have been blessed of God. The house has been able to carry on its production of literature throughout the year. Although there has been a reduction in the sales of the house because of the breakdown of the colporteur work in many places as the result of anti-Christian agitation, yet because of the specially good sales in many sections not so seriously affected by the political upheaval, we did not sustain such great losses in circulation of our literature as we had feared.

For the loyal support of our staff of workers during times of great political disturbances, and for the hearty co-operation of our constituency, we express our sincere appreciation; and for the special manifestation of love and care on the part of our heavenly Father, we offer

Him our most earnest thanks; and with renewed consecration we face the work of a new year with hope and courage, believing that greater opportunities of usefulness are before us, and knowing that the Great Leader of this movement will always cause us to triumph in Christ Jesus.

Promotion of Colporteur Work.—WHEREAS, The message of God's love and of a soon-coming Saviour must be preached to the millions of China, and Seventh-day Adventists have found colporteur work to be one of the most effective and rapid means of carrying the message; and—

WHEREAS, The personnel of the literature department has sustained great losses during the past year through the intense anti-Christian agitation which has made it well-nigh impossible for our colporteurs to make a living, thus causing many to give up this work; therefore,—

WE RECOMMEND, That all our workers foreign and Chinese, throughout the China field, be urged to assist in rapidly building up the sales of our literature, by encouraging suitable church members to take up the sale of literature; and that any workers who have special training along this line be encouraged to give some definite time during the year to selling literature themselves.

CIRCULATION OF THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES MAGAZINE

WHEREAS, God has abundantly blessed in the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* magazine, making it the leading magazine in circulation throughout China, and recognizing that under God's blessing it is a most effective soul-saving agency; therefore—

RESOLVED, That we put forth greater efforts to increase the circulation of this truth-filled magazine, that it may be used of God to do a still larger work in giving the last message to the Chinese people.

CIRCULATION OF OUR CHURCH LITERATURE

WHEREAS, The church in China is greatly in need of careful and continuous instruction in the truths of the Word, and in the messages that have come to the church through the Spirit of Prophecy; and—

WHEREAS, The vastness of the China field, the difficulties of transportation, and the limited number of workers, makes continuous personal instruction well-nigh impossible; therefore—

WE RECOMMEND, That a special campaign be undertaken in every field during the month of May, with the object of making the *Shepherd* available to every member of the church, and that greater endeavors be made to induce our church members to obtain other church literature, such as the *S. S. Helper*, the *Educator*, and various tracts and books produced by the house for the upbuilding of the church.

INCREASED SALES FOR OUR BOOKS

WHEREAS, The circulation of denominational books is very effective in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth, as well as being a source of revenue to aid the house in carrying on its missionary endeavors through literature which brings little or no profit; and—

WHEREAS, The sale of subscription books has greatly declined in the past three or four years; therefore—

RESOLVED, That we meet this situation with a determination to put forth every possible effort to increase the sales of our books by special promotion work, by assisting the field in carefully studying methods by which we can overcome the peculiar difficulties surrounding this work, and by urging our field leaders throughout China to appoint men definitely to the book work, and to give them such personal supervision and help as is necessary to make them efficient book salesmen.

I. H. EVANS, CHAIRMAN
FREDERICK LEE, SECRETARY

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT OF THE
FAR EASTERN DIVISION—1927

J. J. STRAHLÉ

(Report rendered by Pastor, J. J. Strahlé, secretary of the Far Eastern Publishing Department, Feb. 21, 1928, during the annual meeting of the Division Committee).

THE Lord has given us great and important truths relative to our times. We are commissioned to give these truths to the uttermost parts of the earth, warning the people that the end of all things is at hand, and that the inhabitants of this world must prepare to meet their God.

It brings joy to our hearts to report some of the results of publishing saving truths for our day by means of the printed page in the Far East. In the Philippines the colporteurs have had spiritual blessings as a result of witnessing to the fact that they are Seventh-day Adventists. One man who would not listen to a canvass, became very friendly at the mention of Seventh-day Adventists, and eagerly purchased the books. Another who had shown prejudice towards our books, was completely won over by the colporteur when he told him he had a Seventh-day Adventist book.

In Chosen one colporteur raised up a home Sabbath school of six members. Another colporteur stirred up an interest which resulted in a wide-awake company of thirty members, supporting a church school with twenty pupils. In the southern part of Korea a colporteur sold some literature to a Japanese. The following year the colporteur met this Japanese again, and learned that he was keeping the Sabbath. The Japanese showed his books to the colporteur, and they had been red-pencil marked in his search for truth. He is now lending these marked books to his friends.

THE rural districts of China are now being worked. In conversation with some of the colporteurs, I learned that they were having the best spiritual experiences they have ever had. They related that the people in the villages welcomed them and were most happy to receive them. No one had ever been there before to visit them with Christian literature. Those who could read were delighted with the "Signs Magazine." In some villages our colporteurs were able to take twenty subscriptions in a few hours, while on the other hand in the smaller villages only one or two subscriptions could be taken because of the illiteracy. The colporteurs said that often word went ahead of them telling the people that there was a man coming who had a message from heaven. On arriving, our colporteurs discovered, to their joy, that they could stay with the head families of the villages when the day's work was done. It was a revelation to our colporteurs; for in city work they had to stay at the inns—off-times most unsatisfactory places for them.

In Manchuria Brother Mu did splendid work last year in canvassing country districts for the Signs. He had averaged about four subscriptions a day. A few years ago it was thought impossible to work the rural districts of China.

Recently Brother Abel has related how he and a Siamese colporteur spent about twenty hours in a Government building in Bangkok, coming out with one hundred and fifteen orders. "We met princes and noblemen of nearly every rank and position, foreigners, and ordinary office men."

Brother Abel writes: "We were given a hearty welcome by the Siamese. Contrary to the opinion held by some, we found the people anxious to investigate Christianity. Many, although not Christians, read the Bible every day. There are some who asked us to bring them a copy of the Scriptures. One man said, 'I want to place Buddhism and Christianity side by side and see for myself which is the best.'

"We next went to the Ministry of the Interior. One of the King's elder brothers, the Prince of Lopburi, is head of this department. After a wait of about thirty minutes we were ushered into the presence of the Prince. To my great surprise, he welcomed us as any foreigner would have done. He spoke English fluently. I showed him my book, and added his name to my order list. Then he said, 'We want you missionaries to have a free hand in this country. We appreciate the good work you are doing for our people. As we left the room we felt new courage coming into our hearts. The prospects for the book work in Siam are good. A new day seems about to dawn for the work in Siam. The name 'Our Day' is translated into Siamese as 'Light for the Present Day.' I truly believe that many will come to the light as a result of the work this book will do."

Our work is comparatively small, but I believe the Lord will help us to multiply greatly what we do to-day, if we will do our utmost. I believe the work will stretch out over these eastern lands, just as the ripples spread out in every direction when you throw a stone into a mill pond. He who speaks through the printed page casts a precious stone into the sea of humanity, and the ripple never stops till it reaches the end of time.

Despite the loss sustained in the China field, we are not discouraged. In fact, the Lord has given us a new vision of the great possibilities that lie just before us. We can see as never before the need of consecrated men and women to take hold and help finish the great task of circulating our truth-filled literature which the Lord has said is the very work He would have His people do at this time. In order to reach the vast multitude with our publications, we must more than double our force of colporteur evangelists in every local mission. We should pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into the harvest field, making it possible to distribute our truth-filled literature on a scale hitherto unknown to this field.

It is our firm conviction that the present is the hour of opportunity for pushing forward the work of God in the vast mission field of the Far East. It seems to us that if this opportunity is promptly seized and pressed to its full measure, the gain to our cause will be far greater than we can possibly conceive.

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS OF CHINA
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—FEBRUARY 16, 17, and 26, 1928

The annual constituency meeting of the board of directors of the China Theological Seminary met shortly before the opening of the spring meetings of the Far Eastern Division Committee. Pastor I. H. Evans, chairman, called the meeting to order and read the operating policy of the school. It was assented that a quorum was present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor W. A. Spicer.

Reports were received from the Principal, the Dean, the Auditor, and the heads of departments. The year passed had brought much of encouragement notwithstanding the temporary suspension of the school because of the revolution in China. Committees on nominations and on plans were appointed, and these reported the following day. The report of the Committee on Plans as finally adopted is as follows:

"That for the present the China Theological Seminary receive only Seventh-day Adventist youth, members of the church in good standing, who have in mind training for the Lord's service.

"That the controlling committee in the local Missions carefully select those who should attend and that each student make satisfactory arrangements with the Mission for his return travel before leaving the field to go to school.

"That insofar as possible the Mission Committee make suggestions regarding students from its field as to the courses each should follow.

"That the Seminary open in September, 1928, for Special Theological courses (it being understood that local conditions will have a bearing on this recommendation).

"That a Summer School for Seventh-day Adventist teachers be held at Chiao Tou Djen or elsewhere this summer, June 20 to August 1.

"That plans be laid for a one year's course for workers to be offered at the China Theological Seminary.

"That Professor D. E. Rebok act as Principal of the Summer School, and that Professor S. L. Frost be associated in the work of teaching and that Union Educational and Young Peoples' Secretaries, and Local Educational Secretaries be invited to attend this Summer School. And further—

"That a committee of five consisting of Professors D. E. Rebok, S. L. Frost, W. A. Scharffenberg, P. E. Qutmbay, and Pastor J. G. Gjording work out for the school the program and assignment of teaching work.

"That the Local Board be authorized to arrange for housing space for in-patients of the Hospital unit as seems advisable.

"That owing to the uncertainty of the future, we do not deem it wise to lay down a detailed policy for all operations of the school; but that we ask the Local Board and Division Committee to keep in touch with the situation and advise as conditions may warrant.

"That the buildings of the China Theological Seminary be properly painted and such other repairs on the walls of the dormitories be made as advised by our Division builders; and that the expense of the same be met from 1927 Surplus Funds.

"That the program for the drainage of the rice paddy fields as outlined by the Agricultural Department be undertaken to the extent of one-third (1-3) of their entire program and that the cost of this work estimated at \$472 gold be met out of 1927 Surplus Funds.

"That the Local Board be authorized to repair the roof of the Main Building according to the plans proposed by Brethren Wood and Landis and that the cost of same be met from reserve funds in hand.

"That the statements of financial loss sustained by our Chiao Tou Dien Training School due to the occupancy of the school buildings by the Nationalist Armies and their subsequent looting, be filed with the proper parties for restoration and compensation. And further.—

"Owing to the impossibility of working out in detail the courses of study for the Theological Seminary during this meeting; and the fact that the selection of a faculty is dependent upon the courses offered, we.—

"RECOMMEND, That the question of courses, faculty, and the budget for the Seminary, be referred to the available members of the Board of Directors, the Local Board, and the Division Committee.

The Nominating Committee rendered their report, which was voted as follows: Local Board Members: I. H. Evans, chairman; D. E. Rebok, vice-chairman; H. L. Shull, Giang Tsung Kwang, Ernest Hurd, B. A. Liu, F. A. Landis, Yeh Kwen Gan, Djang Hsi Hsin.

Business Manager, D. E. Rebok; Treasurer, H. L. Shull; Superintendent of Agriculture, Ernest Hurd; Superintendent of Industries, F. A. Landis; Associate Superintendent of Mechanical Industries: Machinist, and Electrician, J. A. Guild.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT CHIAO TOW
DJEN

A report was made embodying a plan in detail for the holding of a summer school at Chiao Tou Djen, June 20 to August 1, 1928; and upon motion, duly seconded, this report was adopted by vote for incorporation into the minutes as a guide for the holding of the school as follows:

"That the summer school be conducted for both teachers and evangelists.

"That a request be lodged with the Far Eastern Division for the services of Elders W. E. Strickland and J. G. Gjording to assist in the work of instruction in the section for evangelists.

"That we invite the following individuals to assist in giving a series of lectures; Frederick Lee, Professor Frederick Griggs C. C. Crisler, Dr. H. W. Miller, N. F. Brewer, John Oss, and Meade MacGuire.

"That we request W. A. Scharffenberg to join D. E. Rebok as soon as possible in going over all the summer school records.

"That we offer an advanced class in educational administration, giving three hours college credit, same to be applied on professional certificates, and that we open this class to secretaries, principals, preceptresses, and middle school teachers; and further that we invite W. A. Scharffenberg to conduct this class.

"That we invite Mrs. D. S. Williams to conduct a class in normal arts.

"That we request J. G. Gjording, P. E. Quimby, and W. A. Scharffenberg to draw up suggestive curriculum for evangelists and present at a later date.

"That the details of arranging the teaching work and courses of study to be offered at the summer school be worked out by the available members at a later date.

The East Szechwan Mission

J. Effenberg

The Lord has been very good to us out here in East Szechwan. We are in health. The work is progressing, and the outlook is very encouraging. We now have seven outstations, five organized churches, eleven Sabbath schools with an average attendance of over three hundred. We operate five church schools with a total enrollment of seventy.

We are limited in our labors because of our lack of many trained workers. We have, of Chinese, no ordained minister now, Pastor Shi having left for Fengtien. There is one licentiate. We have six missionary licentiates, two Bible women, five teachers, and four canvassers. Some of our good workers of former times are now connected with the Western Kweichow Mission. We are holding institutes, hoping thus to train additional workers and to bring added strength to those already with us.

It has been my privilege to spend more than six months on the road, visiting among the churches and in places where there are some who are seeking for the light of Bible truth. I have spent nearly ten months in holding institutes for the systematic training of workers who wish to advance in knowledge and wisdom.

I might report also that in the midst of other duties, I have had opportunity to treat upwards of nine thousand patients.

Chungking, April 15, 1928.

Enroute to Tatsienlu

Dr. J. N. Andrews, writing from "Just beyond Kiukiang-on-the-Yangtze," April 15, 1928, says: "We have really but little progress to report, after nearly four weeks out of Shanghai. We are used to delays in the native ways of travel beyond Chungking, but really had not expected to experience them down in this civilized part of the journey. Our boat is an upriver boat, built with powerful engines for the rapids above Ichang. Because of this, the company was tempted to put on a heavy 'lighter,' to carry extra freight on this more level stretch of the river. Only a day or so out of Shanghai this broke away from us, and we lost sixteen hours in getting it again.

"On the fourth day, early, both ship and lighter ran onto rocks. There was not much damage to either, but it was impossible to get off. More than forty Chinese boats were called to take the freight off, in an effort to lighten the ship, but before it was sufficiently lightened the water fell, leaving us high on the rocks, where we stayed for fifteen days. One more week was spent in getting the cargo back onto the ship, and in waiting for money to come from Shanghai to pay these Chinese boats.

"Last night fire broke out on the ship. A room near the smoke-stack, which contained flags, some canvas awnings, and various other things, became overheated, and produced quite a fire next to our cabins. But today all is well, and we are going along nicely. This delay has given us a chance to spend much time in language study, with a lot of conversation drill in Tibetan, and time also to carry four children through chicken-pox, which we had tried to avoid in Shanghai by keeping the children out of school for two weeks before leaving! We have also been able to give out quite a bit of literature to the many boatmen and villagers who came aboard, and to explain our truth to Chinese and foreigners.

"It seems a long way to Tatsienlu, but when we get beyond this foreign steamship travel, we shall know more what to expect! We should reach Chungking early in May, and then another month. We had hoped to make more progress before the warm weather comes on.

"It is good to be going again. We are well, and are indeed thankful to the Lord to have been protected during these various accidents."

Brother and Sister Hartwell are with Dr. Andrews and family on this journey. A more recent word has been received, reporting their safe arrival at Ichang, enroute to Szechwan,

In North China

"Just at present things are more quiet than they have been," writes Brother H. N. Brodersen from Peking; "but we do not look for this quiet to continue very long. Our foreign workers stationed at Tsinanfu, as you have doubtless learned, were asked by the consular authorities to move to Tsingtao. In Peking and in the province of Chihli we as yet feel no serious effects aside from the many taxes being placed on everything we have to buy.

"The work of the Lord is progressing nicely in all places where there is no fighting. The people seem to be waking up, and are waiting to have the message come to them. Often of late we have been hearing of interested people who have read one of our tracts or papers and who are seeking for more light. We are of the best of courage."

Brother Brodersen enclosed the quarterly report of the North China Union for the first three months in that field, showing a net gain of twenty-six baptized believers during that period.

Division Notes

Pastor W. L. Rodriguez will make Cotobato, Mindanao, his headquarters while continuing his labors in that island field. At present he is in the midst of an evangelistic effort at Davao, Mindanao, associated with him is Brother Doroteo Noval.

"Great Controversy," in abridged form, is to be issued by the Manila publishing house in Cebu by about the close of the present year. This is the fourth Filipino language into which "Great Controversy" is being publishing—those already on the market include the Tagalog, Ilocano, and Panayan editions.

A census of the youth of our Seventh-day Adventist church in the Far East is being taken under the general supervision of the Y. P. M. V. Department. Let us all endeavor to make this as complete as possible.

Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Butka and children left Shanghai early in May for Hankow, hoping to go on shortly to Yencheng and Chengchow, Honan, in order to resume medical missionary work in those parts. Miss Edith Johnson hopes to find it practicable, to join the workers in Honan soon. She was formerly connected with the Honan Mission hospital work, but for sometime soldiers have been occupying our hospital, and during this period Miss Johnson has been serving in the Shanghai Sanitarium.

On the 9th of April Pastor and Mrs. Karl Schroetter and Brother and Sister Erich Aurich reached Shanghai from Germany after a long voyage of two months and six days on the one ship. Soon after reaching Shanghai they entered the Mandarin language school conducted at 31 Ningkuo Road, and have been hard at work in a study of the vernacular. We rejoice in the coming of these strong workers who have had considerable experience in Germany prior to their appointment to this field.

Brethren Beecham and Hoetaeroek, of the Malaysian Union, report an excellent colporteur institute at Batavia, Java. About twenty were in attendance. Brethren Eelsing, Patison, and others assisted in every way possible. Brother Beecham has gone on to East Java and Ambon, to assist in the training of colporteurs, and in extending the literature ministry far and wide.

The sad word has come from Loma Lirida that Brother Angel Banzon, a young Filipino student in the medical school, was suddenly killed in an automobile accident recently. His parents reside in Pilanga. We extend sympathy to them at this time, and pray that God may grant them His presence and comfort.

"The glory of life is to love—not to be loved; to give—not to get; to serve—not to be served."

Encouraging Advancement

NOTES FROM THE KIANGSU ANNUAL MEETING

K. H. WOOD

THE annual meeting of the Kiangsu Mission held in February and March, 1928, has been one of special blessing to all our workers. On account of political conditions, it was impossible to hold our meeting last year.

Bible studies were given by Professors Griggs and Rehok, and Elders Finster and Gjording, throughout the meeting, which were a great help spiritually to those present. As the studies progressed day by day, faith seemed to spring up, with a realization that the Lord desired to bless in a special manner. Above all, there seemed to be a desire for a new vision and an in-filling of the Holy Spirit for the work He desires to accomplish. We were not disappointed, and the close of the meeting witnessed a courage and faith which were in great contrast to that prevailing at the opening.

Among the first matters to receive attention in the way of business was a daily program for our evangelists. A schedule was arranged beginning at six o'clock in the morning, and running until nine at night. According to this schedule, six hours each day are to be devoted to evangelistic effort, embracing preaching and house-to-house work; two hours a day to personal Bible-study and self-improvement, in addition to an early morning devotional period. Five regular evangelistic meetings are to be held during the week. Individual goals for soul-winning were set by those present; and as all plans were made the subject of special prayer, we expect the Lord's blessing to attend their execution.

To increase the efficiency of our workers and strengthen our membership, the matter of obtaining subscriptions to our church papers and the distribution of the Bible was given attention. Our workers who had not already done so subscribed to the *Shepherd*, the *Sabbath School Helper*, and the *Educator*, besides purchasing other helps, including 35 complete Bible Concordances, and 25 sets of the Bible Encyclopaedia.

We regret to report a decrease in our Sabbath school membership during 1926 and 1927. In the past, our Sabbath school membership has held quite steadily to the proportion of twice our church membership. On this basis, we should now have a membership of nineteen hundred in our Sabbath-schools. When we brought this to the attention of our workers, they unanimously pledged themselves to do all in their power to make up this loss, and set 2,500 Sabbath school members as the goal to be reached by the end of the present year. This means that every member must win another to join with him in the study of God's word. It is a task which will doubtless tax the faith and strength of the workers, but the One who led them to set this goal will aid in its accomplishment. One of the best ways of reaching souls to Christ is to get them to attend Sabbath school, and it is a line of endeavor in soul-winning in which all may have a part.

Study was given to ways of keeping in touch with those whose interest in the truth is aroused by the work of our colporteurs. Brother Oss, the East China Union Field Secretary, will assist in following up these interests. Where there are groups of interested ones, someone will be sent to visit them, and make such arrangements as may seem advisable in caring for them. Already we have word that the Lord is blessing this work. One of our colporteurs reports a company of Christians who have been left for a year as sheep without a shepherd. Their former church connections have been broken off, and they request that we come and teach them. Our colporteurs have gone forth with

the avowed purpose not only of taking more subscriptions, but of winning souls.

The financial problem was another we had to face. Operating expenses have greatly increased, including travel and the cost of living. Not only had we insufficient funds for present work, but not a dollar for advance work. When this matter was presented to our brethren, they felt that the way out of our difficulty was to place greater emphasis on the tithe question. It was decided to conduct two tithing campaigns annually, that the privilege and duty of tithing might be kept before our believers. The second Sabbath in each month was designated as the one on which tithing should be received.

In this way all would be regularly reminded of this matter, and encouraged to greater faithfulness.

The tithing question is often neglected in our promotion work, and as a result it has become one of the secondary resources instead of the primary source of income in the church. If the tithing received half the attention that is given the Sabbath school and other offerings, it would be increased much above its present amount. We hope to reach a goal of \$9,000 native tithing during the present year, or twice the amount received during 1927.

The experiences of the past year have caused our workers to sense their need of Divine help as never before. We do not know how long we may give the gospel under the present favorable conditions, and we feel that each one should now exert himself in earnest effort for the finishing of the work. We also realize that it is "not by might nor by power," but by the Holy Spirit, that the work must be done, as it is only He who can move upon the hearts of men and cause them to turn to the Lord.

We are full of courage as we face the future. God is going before His people, and He has promised to raise up a standard against the enemy whenever he would thwart our efforts. Isaiah 59: 19.

MANY ENCOURAGEMENTS IN NORTHEASTERN CHEKIANG

It was my happy privilege to spend ten or twelve days with Pastor K. H. Wood and some Chinese evangelists in visiting several churches and small centers of interest in Northeastern Chekiang during the latter part of April. At Hangchow, where Pastor Li, of the Kiangsu Mission, is at work, we found a well-appointed chapel on one of the main streets of the city. Hangchow is a wonderfully attractive metropolis of upwards of seven hundred thousand inhabitants and presents many opportunities for evangelism. Thus far our church has not prospered as well in this city as in some other portions of the field. This may be because of the changing nature of the population. Hangchow is a pleasant city, and one of the most popular resorts in China, and the general experience of our ministers throughout the world field is that difficulties of an unusual sort are to be met with in such centers. A few precious souls have been won. Pastor Li should have the prayers of everyone in behalf of the work in that great city.

We found the work at Shao-hsing, a city of half a million inhabitants, in a healthful condition. Twenty or more are being added every year to the membership and great activity is manifested on the part of the church members in personal soul-winning endeavor. The evangelist stationed there is an earnest man who has had many answers to prayer. God is blessing wondrously in that ancient city. Out in the country round about little interests are springing up, and in two places small groups are preparing for baptism.

At Chu-ki the brethren were found to have remained faithful, notwithstanding many persecutions during the past eighteen months. Quarterly services

were held in this city as well as in several other places visited, and the brethren and sisters seem to enjoy much this privilege after having been without the ordinances for upwards of two years. Here also we found interests springing up in country districts. In one place twenty-five li from Chu-ki, a man had had a dream two or three days before we visited his ancestral home, and in this dream he had been instructed that a stranger who appeared at his home had light for him and his household. When Brother Wood and others of us visited his district, he seemed exceedingly attentive, and the next Sabbath, after walking in to our main station twenty-five li away, he acknowledged that he had had a dream, and that in this dream he had seen Pastor Wood as the one who had light for him and his household. This, insofar as we know, was the first testimony he bore in behalf of His faith in the Lord Jesus as the living Saviour. He and his household are determined to put away their idolatry and to serve the true God. His brothers are like minded, and thus another family long in darkness are now coming into the light.

Much of friendliness was revealed toward Christian teaching in general, and toward us in particular, as we mingled with the people in the beautiful cities and villages of northeastern Chekiang.

Along the Lower Yangtze

J. G. Gjording

We have visited of late all our stations along the lower section of the Great River (the Yangtze-kiang), and have tried to visit three interior places, but had to give it up due to activities of bandits, Pastor O. B. Kuhn accompanied me on these visits. It has been about eighteen months since any foreigners have been to these stations. We praise God for His love and care over His own, as evidenced by what we found. God has again made plain that there is a difference in His sight between those who love, fear, and serve Him with all the heart, and those who merely "hang on" in a nominal way.

At Tai-ping-fu we have a small but solid work. The members have kept faithful, and are more zealous and decidedly more courageous than they were a year ago. They have led the mission in tithes and offerings. Throughout our stay with them, we were made to feel that they were happy to see us. They invited us to their homes, and to meals, and showed many kindnesses. There are a number of inquirers at Tai-ping-fu, and the prospects are good for a strong work in the future.

At Anking, the capital of Anhwei, we have less than twenty members, but these are all "hand-picked" men. One is the chief of police; another is manager of the International Savings Society, representing all the Society's interests in two provinces; another is an editor; one is a dye man; and so on. Every man is with us to-day who was with us a year ago. (This is in sharp contrast with the experience met by some others with members in the same city.) The brethren were exceedingly happy to see us. To show this, they called a special meeting, at which speeches were made, and a vote of thanks given those whose gifts had made that station possible. . . . We felt very happy, and bowed and worshipped the God who in His love had kept them and us of one mind and one heart while we had been separated one from another.

We rejoice in the prospects for the present year. God is setting His hand to finish the work.

Educational and Medical Work

OUR MALAYSIAN EDUCATIONAL WORK

S. L. FROST

A GOOD increase in our Seventh-day Adventist schools and in student enrollment is seen in the Malaysian Union for 1927. The number of schools increased from twenty-four to thirty-three, and the enrollment from 1,258, to 1,828, with only seven extra teachers added.

The Malaysian Union Seminary made commendable progress during the year. The spiritual condition in the school is good, and in spite of the troubled situation in China there has been a good spirit in this school. There were ten graduates at the close of last school year. Industrial work, including the making of furniture, school seats, desks, and equipment, and towel weaving, was put upon a more satisfactory basis. This development of the industrial work has made possible a large enrollment in the school of students who need some assistance in meeting their school expenses. The girls' school has grown until its enrollment is over sixty.

A six-weeks' teachers' school was held near the close of 1927, with about thirty teachers in attendance. Very earnest and faithful work was done by these teachers,—in class work and in special examinations,—and half of this number received teachers' certificates. Four were granted the first-grade certificate, two the second-grade, and nine the third-grade, in recognition of their attainments. We consider this a real beginning in the work of teacher certification in this union. These teachers earnestly request that this plan be continued year by year, to the end that they may become most efficient in their chosen work.

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN JAPAN

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JAPAN has two schools in operation in the Tokyo compound, one a church school for foreign children and the other a Japanese girls' school. It will be remembered that our training school in Japan was moved from Tokyo to its new location at Naraha during the summer of 1926. That year considerable building work was carried on by teachers and students. This work has been continued during 1927, and the school now has three units of the main building, a boys' dormitory, two Japanese teachers' homes, one home for the farm manager, and two foreign homes all completed. The work of the teachers,—Brethren Benson and Webber in 1926, and Brethren Nelson, Webber, Ogura and others during the past year,—is to be greatly commended. It will be a pleasure to remember that the building enterprise there has been carried forward and completed almost entirely through the efforts of teachers and students.

The school has about thirty-five acres of land. The soil is said to be quite good, and gives promise of producing good crops. Already good results are seen in the raising of rice, peanuts, and sweet corn. The two lines of industrial work, carpentry and farming, are enabling students to earn a large part of their school expenses.

The enrollment for the past year is forty-five. These are all students of academic or college grade. Five of this number canvassed and secured scholarships by the sale of literature. A class of thirteen is preparing to go out in this work the coming year. With the completion of the new dormitory a good increase in attendance is expected.

Professor Nelson writes of some real and urgent needs. A number of the students now in attendance have finished eleven grades of work in other schools, and are expecting the school to give them junior college work. The school greatly needs a Bible teacher who has practical qualifications along industrial lines, to make possible the carrying of these two additional grades of work and to supplement the industrial teaching force. The other need is that of an additional \$5,000 for equipment, as follows: A small carpenter shop and machinery for the same; laboratory facilities; replacement of formerly mimeographed Bible and other text-books, the supply of which is exhausted; some farm machinery; furniture for the new dormitory; a heating plant; and some health food equipment.

HOSPITAL DISPENSARY WORK AT WAICHOW

DR. ETHEL JAMES

One evening, on our way home from the dispensary, we met a woman who begged us to do something for her. We took her to our own home for examination, and learned she had a knee nearly as large as her head; and in the swollen member were several openings, from which pus was oozing. This condition had continued four years, and was exceedingly painful, almost fully crippling her. We feared we might not succeed, but invited her to come to the dispensary. For several weeks she came faithfully every day, with the result that her knee became sound as ever. She was indeed a happy woman, and brought us several of her friends for treatments. For a time she has been in attendance at our Sabbath school and church services.

One day a man came in with his arm in a sling. For seven years he had carried it around in this way, the bone having become diseased, swollen, and filled with pus. We told him the only permanent help for him was amputation thus relieving him of his burden. He expressed willingness, and came back the next day to have it done. In a short time he was able to return to his home with rapidly improving health. Not long after leaving the dispensary, he came back one afternoon just about our closing time; and with him were ten of his friends who had walked with him the ten miles from his home to be treated for various ailments.

Another patient was a young man, who had just had a severe hemorrhage from a thumb badly infected. Had he not received treatment, he surely could have lived but a short while longer. We were able to clear up the infection, having to amputate only one joint of the thumb; and eventually he went away rejoicing.

These are only a few instances of help rendered those in need. Many others have been receiving relief from suffering. For several months, because of present conditions and restrictions, we have been unable to be at the dispensary all the while; but in our absence the Chinese workers have been carrying on as best they can.

We now have plans for a hospital-dispensary that we hope may be erected as soon as conditions become a little more settled. We feel sure that the Lord will bless the work of caring for the sick in the large and needy city of Waichow and surrounding districts.

SUNGARI-MONGOLIA

This field reports the operation of the school conducted in the Russian language, carrying work about equivalent to eight grades. There are fifty-two pupils, practically all of whom are children of Seventh-day Adventists. There are four teachers, and the expense of maintenance is about \$1,800 for the year. In 1927 there were six graduates from the school.

"THE CHINA CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR"

During the past year this magazine has made its regular monthly visits to the field. The report for the final quarter of the year shows the subscription list to stand at 642.

A word might be said at this time to refresh our minds as to the object and scope of this magazine. It will be remembered that in the spring of 1925, the policy of this paper was changed. Prior to that time it was devoted exclusively to the interests of our Chinese teachers and young people. Since the change in policy it ministers in a broader way, in that its object is to serve the interests of evangelists and church officers in addition to teachers, leaders, and young people in the Missionary Volunteer societies. The Ministerial Association and Ministerial Reading Course promotion material edited by Professor Griggs comprises about one third of the paper. Brother Strahle edits the Home Missionary Department material provided for the monthly home missionary programs in the churches, and the educational and Missionary Volunteer departments arrange the articles and programs for the teachers and young people.

Mention should be made of Mr. Yeh's faithful and prompt work in the translating of the great majority of this material, and of Mr. Su Hsing's help in the solicitation of Chinese articles, in reading of manuscript, and in helping to make the magazine as acceptable as possible to the Chinese readers. The cooperation of all those responsible for manuscript, the prompt work of the translator and manuscript readers, with the prompt and earnest work on the part of the Press officers and employees have resulted in the making up of time so that the magazine is now punctually meeting its appointments.

We are glad to note an increasing tendency to place subscriptions to this magazine on the perpetual list, thus making possible its visits without interruption. We welcome all suggestions as to how to make this magazine contribute most fully to the needs of those for whom it is designed.

S. L. FROST.

A NEW METHOD OF CLOSE-UP REPORTING

A. KOVSHAR

During our Bible Institute we laid some plans for carrying on the work with more close supervision than hitherto, made possible through a weekly reporting system from the workers instead of the former plan of monthly statements of work undertaken and accomplished. We have had blanks prepared for this purpose, and on these the names of those studying the truth are given, the places where they live, and the subject presented to each during the week. In the chapels we have record books giving a page to every new inquirer who begins receiving Bible studies; and from time to time, as studies are given him, the date of the study, and the subject presented, is recorded. Thus we have a record of (1) how often a Bible worker visits an inquirer; (2) just what he has studied, and when; (3) where he lives; etc., etc. At any time I can write from our general office a letter to the man, and keep in touch with him; and on the other hand, if the Bible worker on his part fails of keeping steadily at the work of presenting new subjects week by week, this can be inquired into and the reasons therefor learned. Our workers seem to like this new system, as it helps them to understand that we are deeply interested in them, and are following their work with our prayers, and by anything we can do ourselves to assist at any time.

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Latest Word from Chosen

Professor Frederick Griggs, in writing of general meetings held in South Chosen at Keizan, and in Central Chosen at Seoul, tells of God's special workings by His Spirit in behalf of the cause in those parts. The brethren have manifested an earnestness and a willingness seldom seen in greater degree than at the present time.

Labors Enroute

Pastor and Mrs. I. H. Evans write of visits at various points in the Southern Asia Division while enroute to Europe. They sailed from Bombay the 7th of April for Port Said. All mail for Pastor Evans should be addressed him at Hoheweg 17, Bern, Switzerland.

Attention is called anew to the notice from Pastor Evans, published in the April number of the OUTLOOK, concerning the carrying of the chairmanship of the Far Eastern Division Committee during Brother Evans' absence, by Professor Frederick Griggs, who may be addressed at all times at 25 Ningkuo Road, Shanghai, China.

Notice

A temporary arrangement has been entered into by the Philippine Union, as authorized by the Far Eastern Division Committee, permitting of Pastor F. L. Chaney's serving for the present as director of the East Visayan Mission, with headquarters at Cebu, Cebu, P. I. (Box 244). Brother E. A. Moon is carrying the secretary-treasurership of the Philippine Union at Manila, P. I. (Box 813) during the time Brother Chaney continues as director of the East Visayan Mission. The shortage of men in the Philippines just now brings in some unusually difficult perplexities, as several of those who remain have necessarily had to undertake to carry double burdens until others can be brought in from abroad through appointment by the Home Board.

From Furlough

Professor and Mrs. H. L. Shull and children arrived in Shanghai May 5 per s. s. "Siberiamaru" for another term of service in connection with the China Theological Seminary.

Miss Lucy Andrus, of the North China Union, reached us early in April, and has proceeded to her station in Peking. Friends in Shanghai were pleased to have her with them during the last few days of her furlough year. Miss Andrus fortunately passed through Tsinan just in time to go on to her station at Peking prior to the closing of communications by rail.

Brother and Sister R. M. Milne sailed from the States per s. s. "Empress of Asia" April 26, and are due to reach Hongkong May 14, where Brother Milne will resume his activities as secretary of the publishing department for the South China Union.

The Big Week

Plans have been perfected by various organizations for an effective use of literature during the Big Week, June 2-9 of this year. The goal, G. \$7,530, is an attainable one. Several publishing houses have prepared literature which should bring considerable in return. In addition, the current stocks are available, including considerable of foreign books and pamphlets which can be sold to advantage to those from abroad who may be within our reach. Let us do our very best during the appointed week to spread abroad a knowledge of Bible truth by means of literature, and also raise the full sum named by the Home Board for gathering from within our boundaries. Any shortage in returns on our part will necessarily have to be deducted from the assignment later made to the various publishing houses within our field.

For Medical Work in the Philippines

At the recent spring council of the General Conference Committee, held in Washington, D. C., during April, a special appropriation of ten thousand dollars gold was made in behalf of medical work in the Philippine Union, in order that the physician coming soon for service in that field may be placed on vantage-ground without delay through provision planned in connection with a Mission property in the heart of the residence district, corner Indiana and Vermont streets. All will rejoice with the brethren and sisters of the Philippines over the prospects for having a well equipped hospital-dispensary at the Manila center by the close of the present year, as the result of the munificent grant made by the Home Board at this time.

A New Chinese Tract Introducing the Saviour

Recently the Signs of the Times Publishing House, Shanghai, issued a twelve-page tract, the English title of which might be translated as "The Coming of a Deliverer." In a winning way the reader is gradually introduced to the Lord Jesus as man's Deliverer, who appeared in ancient times as the Sent of heaven, in harmony with the plan devised by the Father and the Son for the salvation of a lost world. It can be secured at wholesale rates for extended distribution at the rate of two dollars per thousand copies.

Several other new tracts have been issued of late by the Signs Press. These are in the Mandarin language.

Special Notice

Great good can be wrought in many sections of the Far Eastern field, particularly China, Manchuria, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indo-China, through a broad distribution of the new Home Special of the Signs, soon to be ready for mailing from the Shanghai House, and bearing date of June, 1928. Orders will be filled as rapidly as possible, and should be sent in at the earliest practicable date. The paper will be one of the most beautiful ever issued by the Signs Publishing House. It is to be used in connection with Big Week in several fields. Brother W. P. Henderson, manager of the Signs Press, Shanghai, tells more in detail of this special number in an article appearing on page 9.

PLANNING FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR FILIPINO YOUTH

S. L. FROST

THE report of the educational situation among Seventh-day Adventist youth in the Philippines shows eighteen denominational schools in all. Fifteen are of elementary grade, two are junior middle schools carrying grades one to nine, and yet another is the training school at Manila, doing junior college work. There are 986 students in attendance in these schools. The figures reveal seven fewer elementary schools and 225 fewer students than were reported for the year 1926. The total number of teachers, American and Filipino, is forty-four.

Our training school for this field, the Philippine Junior College, has an enrollment of 255. Owing to the fact that at the last spring meeting two families were released to the Junior College for teaching work, one permanently and the other temporarily, the College has been able to allow Brother Millam to serve the union temporarily as educational and missionary volunteer secretary. This has been very helpful to these departments, but there is imperative need of permanent help for the union in this departmental work. A conservative estimate of the young people in this field would probably show upwards of 7,000 who are in some way connected with our churches. We are waiting hopefully for the promised family from the homeland to work definitely for this large number of young people, in whom are wrapped up such wonderful possibilities, but the larger portion of whom are not as yet in our schools or in missionary volunteer societies.

We cannot but feel deeply anxious over the educational needs of our Filipino young people. The allurements and pleasures of the world, its ambitions, honor, and service, have a subtle attraction for them. A Christian education for these young people, given in accordance with God's plan for our Seventh-day Adventist youth, taking the place of the worldly training now being received, would undoubtedly result in the great majority being saved to this message and to God's work. Should we longer delay in making possible the necessary help in men and means, that this army of promising young people may have the privilege of a Christian education,—the rightful heritage of all our Seventh-day Adventist youth everywhere? Conservative comparisons with some other fields would lead to the conclusion that, in proportion to our membership, there should be from three to four times as many schools in operation as we now have in the Philippines.

You ask, Why are there so few schools, and so few students in these schools? There are perhaps several reasons, probably chief of which is poverty, combined with a lack of definite conviction on the part of parents as to the necessity of Seventh-day Adventist education for their children. Again there is a shortage of trained teachers to man these schools, and this work of training requires time; so that with an annual increase of 1,000 to 2,000 new converts, unless a most energetic educational teacher-training program is carried forward, the stabilizing of the school work can not keep pace with the increase in membership and the growth in the number of young people. Accordingly there is need of concerted action all along the line, from the training school down to the church school and home, in making possible the privilege of a Christian education for all; and from the home and intermediate school to the college and field in keeping in the stream of education this large army of young people. Thus would the cycle become complete, and our schools would fulfil their God-given task of supplying consecrated, trained workers for every branch of the cause.