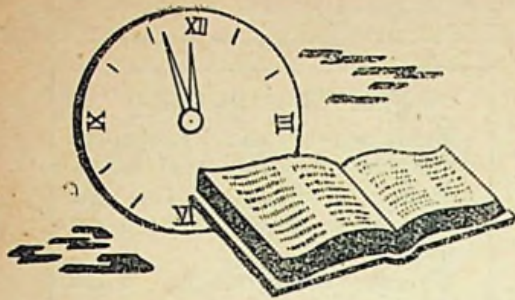


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JAPAN HARVEST

"Lift up your eyes and look.....the fields are white unto harvest."

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REACHING A READING NATION

The challenge of aggressive, Bible-patterned literature ministry in this "land of the rising sun" completely defies description. Whether in evangelistic outreach or in Bible-centered training, the possibilities of this vital ministry are almost unlimited—and as yet almost untapped.

In population Japan ranks fifth in the world, surpassed only by China, India, U. S. S. R., and U. S. A., and her 89,060,000 people present the greatest single mission field which can still be reached through literature and through one language medium.

With near 100% literacy opening the door to the literature field, and with a favorable government attitude withholding restrictions, little more could be asked. The opportunity may not be of long duration, but for the present at least it knows no bounds.

In bold contrast with the low literacy rates of other mission fields, Japan boasts one of the highest in the world. Few people realize that even the United States, with all its material advantage, runs behind Japan in the literacy race. Only tiny Finland, with its four million people, is ahead.

Much has been said about Africa, with its growing army of literates. But there are still more readers in Japan than in all of Africa—and they are not divided among scores of languages.

In South America with its wide expanses, the total population (estimated at 120,000,000) is only 1/3 larger than that of Japan. And the majority of her people still turn a blind eye to the printed page.

And so it is around the world. Hundreds of missionaries have longed and laboured for the opportunity-laden literacy advantages which prevail in Japan. Yet, to us, they become so commonplace.

You have seen the people reading the newspapers (over 13,000,000 are printed every day!). Have you not longed that they should read of your

Saviour?

You have seen the book stores lined with literature of every description. Have you had no desires that vital Christian literature should be just as readily accessible to the reading multitudes?

See Japan Harvest's Literature Survey—Page 5.

You have seen the forces of Communism and ultra-nationalism make amazing advances through the printed page. Does your heart not long that the Gospel message, too, should be set free on the wings of literature to break out of its present narrow confines?

You have seen precious young lives brought to spiritual shipwreck on the rocks of unholy literature. But have you failed to realize that truly God-honouring literature can be an even greater force for establishing men, immovably, on the Rock of Ages?

Over the centuries, God has mightily blessed the use of Christian literature, beginning with the giving and preservation of the Bible in written form.

Think of what a difference there would be if the Church today were left without a single Bible in print!

Think of what a difference there would have been in your own spiritual history is you had not been strongly influenced, in one way or another, by good Christian literature!

Think of the devastating effect on the Church of Jesus Christ in Japan if it is not strongly molded in the future by vital, God-honouring, Bible-centered literature!

It is beyond dispute that one of the greatest and most timely contributions which can be made to the cause of Christ in Japan is in the field of Christian literature. Such a program is pregnant with possibilities.

IS IT DARK?

Eric Gosden

A condensation of the message delivered November 18 at the E.M.A.J. Annual Conference. Reported by N. Overland.

"Who is there among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." Isaiah 50:10.

We aren't reading about a man who is a sinner or an evil doer, this is one of God's men!

In the first place he fears God.

A missionary working in the midst of the New Hebrides revival has pointed out that one of the outstanding characteristics of that movement of God's Spirit is an awe of God. Not a slavish fear, but a very real awareness of the "Almightiness", and "Holiness", that truly is God's.

Don't get too familiar with God. Sometimes we pray "Dear Father" and we might better say, "Holy Father", as did Jesus when he prayed the prayer recorded in John 17.

He is the Holy God, He is the Everlasting God, He is the Eternal Burning. (continued on page 10)

A Memo for Today!

For only ¥1000, you can have

- 1½ year's membership in the E.M.A.J. (for husband and wife; ¥900 for single person)
- 1½ years subscription to Japan Harvest.

Has your subscription expired?

Many subscriptions expire with this issue (which completes the first full year of publication). Take this opportunity to renew at this special price!

Is your membership up to date?

You ought to be adding your weight to the E.M.A.J. and its united testimony for the glory of God. Save money by taking advantage of this greatly reduced "package offer."

Why delay? Do it today!

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

News of the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan

At the annual meeting of EMAJ on Nov. 18 Donald E. Hoke was elected to head the intermission group for the next 20 months. Since the annual meeting of the association was changed to August, the incoming cabinet will serve until August, 1956, outgoing president, Lon Fulton, announced.

Gilbert Benson, CBFMS missionary and former treasurer, will serve as vice-president for the new term. Miss Elaine Nordstrom, General Conference Baptist will continue as secretary, and Robert Matheson, Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, will be treasurer. Members of the cabinet are Brigadier A. Long, Salvation Army, Ray Oram, Christian Literature Crusade, and Norman Overland, Free Methodist. Kenneth McVety, past president of EMAJ, will continue as editor of *Japan Harvest* until April.

The annual conference also approved the idea of the appointment of regional vice-presidents of the association to promote its objectives in the various geographical areas of Japan. An expanded program of regional, mid-year spiritual life conferences is among the pro-

jected plans for regional expansion. Dr. Harold Osgood, Far Eastern secretary of the American Assemblies of God, spoke to the evening conference session on "The Implications of Planting New Testament Churches in the Far East." The Rev. Eric Gosden of the Japan Evangelistic Band and author of *Night Came to Japan*, addressed the afternoon session.

Outlining the position and plans of EMAJ for the next year, Mr. Hoke also spoke briefly in the evening session. He stated that EMAJ's program embraces fellowship, co-operation, and representation. He pointed out the recent growth of the organization, and called on the members to pray and work for 1,000 members in the next year in order to further the cause of Christ through united evangelical action in Japan.

Plans for an evangelical quarterly magazine to supplement *Japan Harvest* are also underway, he pointed out. Details of the expanded objectives and plans of EMAJ will appear in the next issue of *Japan Harvest*.

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OUR FIRST MILESTONE

With this issue, *Japan Harvest* completes its first year of publication (7 issues of 10 pages, in place of the originally planned 8 issues of 8 pages). Although beset with numerous problems (no less than six active members of the editorial staff have taken furloughs or sick leave!), it is with rejoicing that the editors reach this first milestone. At the same time, we see many shortcomings and sincerely wish we could have done better.

During the coming year, *Japan Harvest* will be improved and strengthened. Make sure that your subscription is up to date!

E.M.A.J. CHARTER PLANE TO JAPAN

Summer of 1955

FOR: PASTORS FRIENDS RELATIVES
RETURNING MISSIONARIES

If enough reservations are received by April 1, the following rates will apply:

Round Trip, Vancouver, B.C. to Tokyo

If 40 persons, \$ 700

If 50 persons, \$ 575

On luxurious DC-6B, world's finest plane.

Write your pastor, mission officials, and friends now to take advantage of this service. If enough reservations are received by April 1, plane will be chartered. Some seats will also be available from Japan to Vancouver for returning missionaries. **But you must act NOW!**

Write: **Japan Harvest**

346 Eifuku Cho, Sugunami Ku, Tokyo.

THE CHURCH MUST HAVE A LITERATURE VISION.

Ray Oram

(Christian Literature Crusade)

It is safe to say that every reader of this magazine has at some time or other been approached by a "Jehovah's Witness" endeavouring to sell his books. Other groups display an equal zeal in distributing their literature. It would seem that their very salvation depended on it. They have a literature vision.

The Communists in any country do

not hesitate to use force, yet they perhaps most of all employ the printed page. Every party member must buy and sell so much proporganda. Men go without food and sleep to produce and distribute papers and tracts. Housewives must get up early, leave their families, to sell Communists papers at works entrances. **They have a literature vision.**

It is said that China was conquered more by the pen than by the sword. At one time here in Japan over 1400 Communists periodicals had been suppressed! Their books in English are found all over the country. They

have a literature vision!

Tokyo has an area of many acres where every main road, side street and back land contain little but bookstores, printing presses, wholesale literature houses. Every station platform, every village street, every department store seems to have its bookshop or literature section. The people read. **They have a Literature Vision!**

The Church of Jesus Christ in Japan too must have a literature vision. The salvation of the Christian
(continued on page 12)

PREACH
Other sheep have
I, them also must
I bring. John 10:16

JAPAN-O-GRAM

News of Missionary Interest

TEACH
Jesus saith unto
him, "Feed my
sheep." John 21:17

T-V Challenge in Japan

Tokyo, E/P..... Don Nelson, director of the AVED Evangelical Mass-Communication Center of Japan revealed a vital need and opportunity to get the evangelical message on sustaining time on commercial T-V. There are 2,500 television sets sold monthly, 3,000 made monthly, 28,000 in use now and by next spring there will be 70,000 sets. Over 50% of the sets are in public places, giving an estimated monthly audience of 4½ million viewers. Already the first relay station has been erected in North Japan (Gumma Ken) and Shikoku has reception now. Plans are underway to push into the Philippines and Thailand and within 5 years, Japan will be the Far East's leader in T-V. There is still a possibility of getting a gospel program on sustaining time if AVED and POBC (Pacific Orient Broadcasting Company) could buy a T-V Camera (cost \$2,100) immediately. How long this opportunity will remain is doubtful as negotiations are under way for an exchange program between Japan and USA.

Missionaries Mutual

Gokasho, E/P..... II. V. Nicholson, veteran Japan Missionary, is interested in reviving a Mission's Mutual Aid Association here. Recalling that in the Meiji era (1870) missionaries formed the association to help in time of sorrow or need and it was very successful till the war broke it up. Over 600 missionaries belonged to this at one time. Featuring also a Mutual Fire Protective Association, thousands of dollars were saved in insurance premiums. The association found that whereas the average fire insurance rates were 4.50 per thousand, fires actually amounted to less than one yen per thousand. If there are

enough interested in forming a new MISSIONS MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION, there is a strong possibility that a united effort along these lines may be realized. Details of the former association will be gladly furnished by H. V. Nicholson, Gokasho P. O., Shiga Ken.

Servicemen Reached for Christ

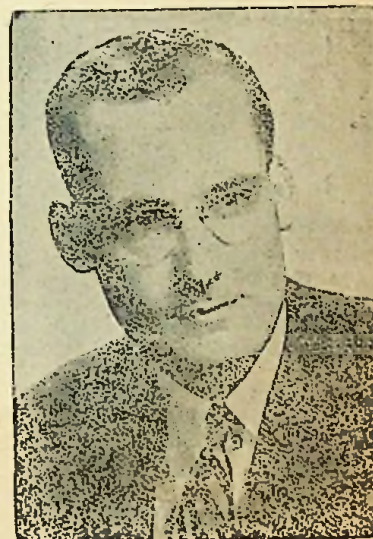
Tachikawa, E/P..... The Servicemen For Christ, Japan (SFC, J) center here celebrated it's 1st anniversary on Thanksgiving with a "feed" followed by a message by Chaplain Hal Carruth from Korea. The 2 story center which is open 7 nights weekly to U.N. military personnel with a program aiming at leading men to Christ and building them up in the faith is under the direction of TEAM missionary Bill James and a staff of Christian servicemen. Dec. 3rd, Dr. Frank C. Torry, pastor of the Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Penna. spoke at their Banquet at Hotel Tokyo.

Far East Advances of O. M. F.

Sapporo, E/P..... From behind the "bamboo curtain" word trickles out that 40 young people in Shanghai attend a daily Bible School and 30 attend night classes in a large Baptist Church. A helpful book "Seven reasons Why there is a God" was published. In Bangkok, Thailand, a Gospel booth reached many at the Big Constitutional fair. There are 15 workers seeking permanent visas to difficult Indonesia. To date only 2 who are co-operating with Andrew Gih's Bible College in Java have received visas. A qualified electrician is needed in the Philippines to construct and supervise placing of portable radio sets to get out the gospel. In Hongkong, one of the problems facing the Christian Witness Press

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A Word from the E. M. A. J. President



The vision of a united evangelical voice for Christ among Japan missionaries is increasingly bright. More significantly, it may soon be an imperative to protect the privilege of unfettered preaching of the gospel here.

You have an important share in this united voice. Your influence, too, is needed to make concerted impact for the cause of Christ on the missionary level.

THE EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN is a fellowship of missionaries who believe unreservedly in the historic fundamentals of the faith. Since its organization five years ago, God has blessed its program of sponsoring spiritual life conferences, fostering cooperative efforts in Christian work and unitedly voicing the viewpoint of the evangelical missionary body.

Membership in EMAJ has almost trebled in the last two years. You are needed to bring our membership to 1000 this year. Add your voice to that of fellow evangelicals for the cause of Christ across Japan. Let us together pray and work to exalt Christ in these islands.

Donald E. Hoke

BE A SPARK PLUG!

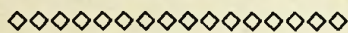
The automobile groaned on the steep hill..... and threatened to stop. But new spark plugs soon restored the power, and the climb was continued.

The venture of placing a Gospel tract in every home in Japan has been called the "impossible task". But it can be done! Just as the spark plugs may be needed for the automobile, YOU may be needed as a "spark plug" to move forward this Gospel effort into some unreached area of this vastly populated nation.



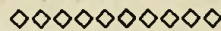
The tracts have been provided by faithful, praying Christians. Will you join hands with them—and organize systematic distribution in your area?

Write in today telling how many tracts you can use, and what area you will plan to cover.



Japan's *Every Home Crusade*

346 Eifuku Cho, Suginami Ku, Tokyo.



HOW MUCH IS YOUR TIME WORTH?



Plenty! It's the most valuable thing you have. But when it comes building time you can fritter away a fortune of it. There's the endless tea and talk making the plans and deciding the price. There are the hours wasted and the trips made to find the lumber and nails and bolts and screens and door knobs. And after its all done perhaps the screens won't fit and doors won't jibe.

You need low-cost, satisfactory housing in which to carry on your work! What missionary doesn't? Here is a 20x55 foot pre-fabricated building that comes delivered to your door in one package that includes every item needed to complete it. Yes, Sir! There's even a new paint brush to put on the paint. The price is right: ¥400,000 plus freight from the factory in Nagasaki. And you save a fortune in time. Write:

Mark G. Maxey
Kanoya, Kagoshima

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To encourage: Daily Bible reading for Japanese christians.
Daily family worship in Japanese homes.
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The Scripture Union is a well known method of systematic daily Bible reading that covers the Bible in five years. Beginning in England in 1879, the Scripture Union now has a world membership of about 1 million, and membership cards are issued in over 90 different languages.

Nothing can be more important to healthy growth in the Christian life than a daily waiting upon God in a prayerful study of His Word. This, the Scripture Union seeks to encourage. To this end, notes are issued according to age grouping and Daily Bread notes by Guy H. King has been chosen as the basis for the Japanese edition. An example of the English notes is given at the right.

Why not send subscriptions for Japanese christian friends as a gift? You can be assured of the ability of the writer to "rightly divide the Word—", and of both his and the translators implicit confidence in the Scriptures as the very Word of God to the individual heart.

Christian homes in Japan are in need of that extra encouragement to conduct daily family worship when the word of God is given its rightful place. Sample Japanese notes are available on request.

Order immediately
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Price per Annum, Post Paid: ¥300

Sample of English Notes—>

Editors: *Funaki Junichu*
Hatori Akira
Yoshioka Shigeru

Represented Missions:
Christian Literature Crusade. Central Japan Pioneer Mission.
Overseas Missionary Fellowship. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.
Word of Life Press.

—the twelve disciples have been busy serving that crowd, now it is their turn—one basket each. Was that what happened?

A Prayer: O Lord, take my life into Thy hands for the blessing of others

Keynote—"GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"

Wed. Aug. 11 ST. MATTHEW 14. 22-36

(i) *Jesus can see in the dark—* in the fourth watch of the night" (v. 25). Up there on the hillside where He had gone to be alone in communion with the Father He was still aware of the needs of His disciples. Your darkness may be not physical, but spiritual—and you are, in your weakness, tempted to think that God doesn't know, doesn't care, doesn't do anything. The Hebrews in Egypt were in the dark, but God said, "I have seen" (Exodus 3. 7, 8). "and I am come down to deliver" (ii) *Jesus can walk on the water—* "walking on the sea" (v. 25). No boats are available at night; but He has come down from that mountain to deliver—how shall He reach them? Fire couldn't hinder Him, when He went to deliver three young men from a furnace (Daniel 3. 24, 25). Shut doors couldn't stop Him when He went to deliver disciples from their fears (St. John 20. 19). Water shall not stay His course now as He goes to deliver the needy. (iii) *Jesus can save sinking disciples—* "Jesus caught him" (v. 31). As soon as he left "looking unto Jesus" (Hebrews 12. 2), Peter was "beginning to sink", and in answer to his appeal the Master rescued him to the safety of the ship. Is any one of my readers "beginning to sink"—not in some sea but in some sin? Make Peter's prayer yours; so shall Peter's salvation be yours, too.

A Prayer: O Lord, I thank Thee that Thou art able and willing to save.
Keynote—"LORD, SAVE ME"

LITERATURE SURVEY --- 1955

In the United States, CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine (December) was able to report that during 1954, "evangelical publishers have made available to the public an amazing array of select books" and "out of the thousands of religious books which have rolled off the presses in 1954" offered a survey of 70 select publications. But in Japan, a survey of evangelical literature presents a thoroughly contrasting picture. Including even booklets of less than 50 pages, only 156 publications (plus a few strongly denominational books) are currently available in the Japanese language.

JAPAN HARVEST's up-to-the-minute survey of the literature situation lists a total of 26 groups engaged in the publishing of evangelical books. Some are small and isolated efforts, while others have a nation-wide outreach.

Of the 26 publishers listed, nine are very small, having published no more than one or two volumes. Five others are definitely denominational in their program, and an additional four concerns are restricted to one particular type of literature. There are six publishers handling a variety of literature and seeking, in greater or lesser degree, to serve the overall body of evangelical churches. Two other companies have produced a limited amount of Scripturally sound literature although the main thrust of their efforts is in the non-evangelical field.

Ten of these 26 publishing concerns are under Japanese management, the others for the most part being operated jointly by Japanese and missionary personnel.

Leading in the number of publications is the Word of Life Press, with 39. Buxton Press and the Evangelical Publishing Depot follow with sixteen and twelve publications respectively.

Of the 156 publications listed in this survey, 45 have more than 200 pages, and 58 have less than 100. The number of books in each size bracket is as follows:

- Series or sets, 10
- Over 300 pages, 14 books
- Over 200 pages, 21 books
- Over 100 pages, 53 books
- Over 50 pages, 34 books
- Less than 50 pages, 24 books

Obviously, the main purpose of evangelical publishers in post-war Japan has been to strengthen and stir up believers. Over 25% of the books published have dealt with

Bible study, and an additional 25% has been given over to devotional writings. 32 of the 156 books could be classed as "evangelistic", including elementary follow-up books. Here is the approximate breakdown:

- Books of Bible Study, 37
- Devotional (or Deeper Life) Books, 35
- Evangelistic (including Follow-up), 32
- Biographies, 13
- Children's Books, 12
- Books on Important Problems, 10
- Bible Study Helps, 6
- Others, 8

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES in Japan

Tokyo

- ×Christian Literature Crusade (early 1955) (I.V.F. Center, Ochanomizu)
- ×Evangelical Publishing Depot (274 3-chome, Hyakunin Machi, Shinjuku Ku)
- ×Kyobunkan (Ginza, 2-chome)
- ×Lutheran Literature Society (16, 1-chome, Fujimi Cho. Chiyoda Ku)
- ×Shin Yaku Sha (1495 2-chome, Takadahon Cho, Toshima Ku)
- ×Word of Life Press (Kitazawa Cho, Suginami Ku)

Sendai

- ×Christian Literature Crusade (23 Yanagi machi)

Kobe

- ×Covenanter Book Room (39 1-chome, Nakayamate Dori, Ikuta Ku)
- ×Sei Bun Sha (Lutheran) (36, Shimoyamate Dori)

Kyoto

- ×Christian Literature Crusade (Teramachi - Imadegawa Sagaru, Kamikyo Ku)

Osaka

- ×Nichiyo Sekai Sha (28 Hidain Cho, Tennoji Ku)
- ×Osaka Evangelistic Tabernacle (Japan Apostolic Mission)

Kiryu

- ×Central Japan Pioneer Mission (Kiryu, Gumma Ken)

Karuizawa

- ×Christian Literature Crusade (summer only)

Tachikawa

- ×Christian Literature Crusade

Shizuoka

- ×Sanichi Shoten

Fujisawa (Kanagawa Ken)

- ×Shin Yaku Sha

Miyazaki (Kyushu)

- ×Southern Baptist

Fukuoka (Kyushu)

- ×Southern Baptist

THE POSTWAR PICTURE

A glance at the evangelical literature situation in postwar Japan provides a picture of rapid advance against a background of staggering need. The accomplishments made, though falling far short of what might be desired in this vital field, are encouraging.

As we enter 1955, it is already difficult to remember that a very few years ago, the Christian Church and especially the cause of evangelical literature, had been reduced to near nothing. The ravages of war and persecution not only cut off the flow of new Bible literature, but destroyed pastors' libraries and stocks of books. The entire cause was set back by many years.

Liberal and neo-orthodox groups were quick to recover after the war. With experienced personnel and mats of pre-war books, and riding the crest of the war-imposed church union, an early start was relatively easy. Now, these groups present an imposing list of about 250 titles, and an all-round strong literature program. The Protestant Publishing Company alone boasts a total of about 180 publications, most of them heavy theological works and over half of them by Japanese authors. Of their translated books, almost 50% are by Barth, Nehbeur, Schweitzer and Brunner, and none except such as Pilgrim's Progress and Calvin's Institutes can be recommended by evangelicals. Two other concerns actively share this non-evangelical field, the Literature Department of Japan's United Church (30 books), and the Kyobunkan (20 books).

The appalling effect of this flood of modernistic literature has been very noticeable throughout the churches of Japan, and has stirred in the hearts of many Bible-loving leaders a strong desire to see evangelical literature take a much more prominent place of leadership.

Among evangelicals, literature work in postwar Japan has been plagued with major difficulties. Not the least of these has been the scarcity of capable personnel—especially in the editorial and translation fields. A shortage of funds for publishing work has been a second major problem.

In spite of the many obstacles, evangelical publishers have produced an estimated 680,000 books and booklets, about 1/3 of them evangelistic pamphlets. These represent 156 titles, covering a wide variety of subject matter, with special emphasis on Bible study and Christian living.

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EVANGELICAL PUBLICATIONS IN JAPANESE

Listed according to publishers

The following is a comprehensive survey of current evangelical books available in the Japanese language, suitable for general use (a few strictly denominational publications, etc., have been omitted). For your convenience, each book is marked according to the following code, which is intended to be a general guide only, rather than a strict designation.

- B-Biography (including testimonies, etc.)
- C-Children's Books.
- D-Devotional and Christian Living.
- E-Evangelism (including helps for new converts).
- H-Helps for Bible Study (commentaries, concordances, etc.)
- P-Problems (false teachings, etc.)
- S-Bible Study.

While a concerted effort has been made to include all the publications which fall within the scope of this survey, no guarantee can be given that the list is complete. Any additions or corrections will be made gladly in future issues of *Japan Harvest* if written notice is sent to the Editors.

The books listed here are guaranteed to be free from liberalism and neo-orthodoxy and other faith-destroying doctrines.

Together with the brief introduction to each publishing company, the name of the representative or leader is given (in brackets) in many cases.

Although the number of pages is not listed, a fair estimate of the relative size of each book can be determined from the prices listed. As a general rule, the yen price is slightly more than the number of pages. For instance, a book selling for ¥ 80—¥ 90 usually contains about 100 pages; a ¥ 100 book, about 120 pages. Small pamphlets (¥ 10—¥ 15) are mostly about 40—50 pages.

BUXTON PRESS (Tokyo)

This press is the outcome of the labours of Barclay Buxton and Paget Wilkes of the Japan Evangelistic Band, and is mainly engaged in publishing the works of these two authors. (K. Ochida).

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| SD | The Dynamic of Faith, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 200 |
| SD | The Dynamic of Service, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 200 |
| SD | The Dynamic of Redemption, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 180 |
| SD | The Dynamic of Life, Vol. I, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 180 |
| SD | The Dynamic of Life, Vol. II, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 160 |
| S | Notes on Genesis, Vol. I & II, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , ca. | ¥ 180 |
| S | Notes on Romans, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 180 |
| D | Addresses, Vol. I & II, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 80, ¥ 50 |
| D | Sanctification, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| S | So Great Salvation, <i>Paget Wilkes</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| B | The Reward of Faith (Life of Barclay Buxton), | ¥ 300 |
| D | Akayama Lectures, <i>Barclay Buxton</i> , | ¥ 200 |
| D | Addresses, <i>Barclay Buxton</i> (Vol. I, II & III), ca. | ¥ 60 |
| S | Song of Solomon, <i>Barclay Buxton</i> , | ¥ 80 |
| S | The Book of Ruth, <i>Barclay Buxton</i> , | ¥ 50 |
| S | The Book of Jonah, <i>Barclay Buxton</i> , | ¥ 40 |

CENTRAL JAPAN PIONEER MISSION (Maebashi, Gumma Ken)

This Literature Department was started in 1948 by Miss M. A. Barnett and Miss D. A. Parr. Its aim, to publish books for the unsaved and to lead Christians into a deeper spiritual experience. Operates a bookstore in Kiryu Shi, and is planning another. (J. Funaki).

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| E | The Way to God, <i>D. L. Moody</i> , | ¥ 100 |
| E | All of Grace, <i>Chas. H. Spurgeon</i> , | ¥ 120 |
| D | Rivers of Living Water, <i>Ruth Paxson</i> , | ¥ 100 |
| D | Much Fruit, <i>Mrs. J. Penn-Lewis</i> , | ¥ 30 |

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| S | Minor Prophets (2 vol.), <i>B. Horiuchi & S. Oya</i> , | ¥ 130 |
| E | The Path of Life, <i>J. Stafford</i> , | ¥ 50 |
| E | The Truth of Salvation, <i>Akira Hatori</i> | ¥ 15 |
| E | The Way of Life, <i>Norman B. Harrison</i> , | ¥ 15 |
| C | Come and See, <i>J. L. MacMinn</i> , | ¥ 150 |
| C | Come Before Winter, <i>J. L. MacMinn</i> , | ¥ 100 |

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE CRUSADE (Ichikawa Shi, Tokyo)

The C. L. C. specializes in the distribution of evangelical literature, operating five bookstores with a sixth planned for Tokyo in 1955. Also works through more than fifty agencies (in secular bookstores) covering the capitals prefectural throughout Japan. (R. Oram and S. Kawai).

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| BE | A Grain of Wheat, the Story of Igura Kazuo, | ¥ 80 |
| D | The Calvary Road, <i>Roy Hession</i> , | ¥ 80 |
| H | Concise Concordance, | ¥ 180 |
| C | Jesus Came, Bible Picture Book, | ¥ 65 |
| C | The Little Man, Story of Zaccheus, | ¥ 85 |

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (Hiroshima)

Although not operating a complete publishing department, the C. & M. A. has produced several volumes, especially on Christian living. (A. P. McGarvey).

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| S | The Gospel of Mark, <i>S. Oya</i> , | ¥ 100 |
| | The Gospel of Healing, <i>A. B. Simpson</i> , | ¥ 100 |

Deeper Life Series

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| D | Christ in the Tabernacle, <i>A. B. Simpson</i> , | ¥ 90 |
| D | The Self-life and the Christ-life, <i>A. B. Simpson</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| D | Walking in the Spirit, <i>A. B. Simpson</i> , | ¥ 130 |
- (The 3 books above published through the Word of Life Press)

EVANGELICAL PUBLISHING DEPOT (Tokyo)

This literature effort (Brethren) was actually started before the war, and since recommencing in 1950 has produced many thousands of tracts and booklets, as well as larger books. (R. J. Wright)

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| D | Daily Light, devotional readings, | ¥ 200, ¥ 350 |
| D | Following Fully, <i>W. Gilmore</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| E | Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment, <i>Cutting</i> | ¥ 10 |
| E | The Reason Why, <i>Robt. Laidlaw</i> | ¥ 10 |
| E | God's Good News | ¥ 25 |
| E | Revival Addresses, <i>R. A. Torrey</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| E | Sailing with Paul, <i>H. A. Ironside</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| E | Soulwinner's Guide, <i>M. Zimmerman</i> , | ¥ 50 |
| P | Divine Origin of the Bible, <i>R. A. Torrey</i> , | ¥ 50 |
| S | Notes on Genesis, <i>C. H. Mackintosh</i> , | ¥ 350 |
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| S | Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, <i>C. I. Scofield</i> , | ¥ 60 |
| | Reikansu Hymnal, 150 hymns, | ¥ 250 |

JAPAN EVANGELISTIC BAND (Kobe)

A publishing effort carried on in close conjunction with the J. E. B. Bible School. (G. Sawamura).

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| D | The Spirit of Christ, <i>Andrew Murray</i> , | ¥ 200 |
| D | Bible Characters, <i>G. Sawamura</i> , | ¥ 220 |
| E | A Guide to Christianity, <i>G. Sawamura</i> , | ¥ 40 |
| E | A Guide to Faith, <i>G. Sawamura</i> , | ¥ 10 |

JORDAN PRESS (Tokyo)

The Literature arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, specializing in Sunday School materials and tracts. Has published several volumes for its own denomination.

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| C | Pilgrim's Progress, Illustrated, | ¥ 200 |
| E | Personal Evangelism, <i>Edwin Dozier</i> , | ¥ 100 |
| | The Four Gospels, <i>A. T. Robertson</i> | ¥ 500 |
| | The Meaning of Baptism, | ¥ 25 |

KIRISUTO SHA — IVCF (Tokyo)

Seeking to reach students in Japan's universities and colleges, it publishes a magazine for students, *The Kirisutosha*, and has produced a number of booklets especially for this class of reader.

- D Quiet Time, an I. V. F. booklet, ¥ 15
- E Have you Considered Him? *Wilbur Smith*, ¥ 10
- D Christ our Sanctification, *M. Lloyd Jones*, ¥ 25
- P A Chinese Christian Compares Christianity and Materialism, *John Wu*, ¥ 25

KIRISUTOKYO BUNSHO DENDO KAI (Tokyo)

A personal venture of Mr. Keisen Mori, begun in pre-war days. He has produced translations of several well-known books.

- B "Hall of Fame" Biography Series—Muller, Sankey, Luther, Calvin, Moody, Wesley, ca. ¥ 300, ¥ 250
- D The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life, *H. W. Smith*, ¥ 200
- E The Way Home, *D. L. Moody*, ¥ 150
- E Saved from the Depths of Despair, *Rev. Izawa*, ¥ 25
- How to Work for Christ, *R. A. Torrey*, Vol. I & II, ¥ 300, ¥ 250

- S What the Bible Teaches, *R. A. Torrey*, (Part II only), ¥ 250

LUTHERAN LITERATURE SOCIETY (Tokyo)

This literature program was launched in 1951 by the Lutheran groups working in Japan. It has produced mainly denominational material of good quality. It operates an active bookstore in Kobe. (Douglas Swen-seid).

- B Here I Stand (Life and times of Luther), *R. Bainton*, ¥ 600
- D Prayer, *O. Halleby*, ¥ 170
- D God's Word for Today, *O. Halleby*, ¥ 325
- S Luther's Large Catechism, *M. Luther*, ¥ 180
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- S Brief Explanation to the Ten Commandments, Apo-stles Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, *M. Luther*, ¥ 70

PROTESTANT PUBLISHING COMPANY (Tokyo)

Began with the amalgamation of several publishers during the days of wartime difficulties. Japan's leading publisher of liberal and neo-orthodox literature--although a few evangelical volumes have been in-cluded in their program.

- B The Life of Christ, *Pascal*, ¥ 140
- C The Stories of Moses, Joseph, Esther, Elijah and Elisha, Ruth, Jesus, ca. ¥ 50
- S Teaching the Word of Truth, *Barukhouse*, ¥ 320
- Calvin's Institutes (Vol. I-III), ca. ¥ 550
- In His Steps, *Chas. Sheldon*, ¥ 240
- Pilgrim's Progress, *Bunyan*, ¥ 200
- Grace Abounding, *Bunyan*, ¥ 200
- The Story of the Hymnbook, ¥ 120

(See also listing of Seisho Tosho Publishers).

SALVATION ARMY (Tokyo)

This group has been engaged primarily in publishing volumes written by its late leader, Gen. Yamamuro.

- E The Gospel for the Common Man, *G. Yamamuro*, ¥ 80
- S The Gospel of Matthew, *G. Yamamuro*, ¥ 180
- S Sermons of *G. Yamamuro* (Vol. I to IV), ca. ¥ 400
- D Helps to Holiness, *S. Brengel*, ¥ 150

SANICHI SHOTEN (Shizuoka)

An independent effort (mukyokai) which has produc-ed a variety of books, among them several well-known evangelical publications.

- B Retrospect, *Hudson Taylor*, ¥ 170
- D Abide in Christ, *Andrew Murray*, ¥ 200
- H From the Rubbish Heaps of Egypt, *Moulton*, ¥ 140
- S Sermons of *Rev. Sasao*, ¥ 150

SEISHO TOSHO PUBLISHERS (Sendai)

The Literature Committee of the Conservative Bap-tist Mission; met with a remarkable response in its publishing of Halley's Handbook. Plans to produce substantial evangelical works, with the pastor and theological student especially in mind.

- P What is Catholicism, *Chas. Hodg.*, ¥ 120
- S Pocket Bible Handbook, *H. Hall.*, ¥ 500
- S Introduction to the New Testament, *H. Thiessen*, ¥ 450

(All of the above books have been published through Pro-Testant Publishing Company)

SHIN YAKU SHA (Tokyo)

Begun in 1951 in cooperation with missionaries of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. It is emphasizing indigenous writing and devotional books by well known authors. (S. Higuchi).

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- B Women of the Old Testament, *H. Uematsu*, ¥ 80
- B Women of the New Testament, *H. Uematsu*, ¥ 80
- C Children's Gospel Sermons and Stories, ¥ 100
- C Bible Craft Work Book (text book and craft book), ca. ¥ 80
- D The Prayer Life, *Andrew Murray*, ¥ 120
- D Born Crucified, *L. E. Maxwell*, ¥ 270
- E The Faith of a Christian, *U. G. Murphy*, ¥ 20

KASSUI SHA (Kobe)

The publishing branch of the Presyterian U. S. (Southern) Mission. Has published a number of vol-umes on Reformed doctrine. (J. A. McAlpine).

- E Kept in the Arms of Love, ¥ 30
- E What Brought me Happiness, ¥ 30
- H A Manual of Reformed Doctrine, *Louis Berkhof*, ¥ 400
- S A Hundred Talks from the Life Christ, *A. Peters*, ¥ 200
- The Reformed Library (7 Volumes) ca. ¥ 25, to ¥ 150

WORD OF LIFE PRESS, (Tokyo)

Operated in affiliation with the Evangelical Alliance Mission, it has produced 220,000 books and 17,000,000 tracts since its beginning in 1950. (K. McVety, K. Ko-hama).

- B David Brainerd, *Oswald J. Smith*, ¥ 80
- B Jesus is Victor, *C. ten Boom*, ¥ 80
- B Rees Howells -- Intercessor, *Norman Grubb*, ¥ 160
- B Ten Great Men of Faith, *K. Kohama*, ¥ 30
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- D The Revival We Need, *Oswald J. Smith*, ¥ 50
- D Disciplined through Grace, *J. F. Strombeck*, ¥ 100
- D The Soul-Winner's Fire, *John R. Rice*, ¥ 130
- D His Love, *Norman B. Harrison*, ¥ 35
- C The Story of Jesus, *Harriet Fischer*, ¥ 60
- C Pilgrim's Progress for Children, ¥ 60
- C The True Light, annotated Gospel of John ¥ 20
- E The Only Way, *Oswald J. Smith*, ¥ 10
- E Sowing and Reaping, *D. L. Moody*, ¥ 30
- E The Way to True Happiness, *D. L. Moody*, ¥ 20
- E Whither Bound?, ¥ 20
- E Overcomers (Japanese testimonies) ¥ 80
- E The Cry of New-born Souls, *K. Kohama*, ¥ 25
- E Seven Secrets of a Happy, Prosperous Christian Life, *John R. Rice*, ¥ 50
- E Now that I Believe, *Robert A. Cook*, ¥ 50
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- S Hell, *J. R. Rice*, ¥ 30
- S The Second Coming of Christ, *J. R. Rice*, ¥ 55
- S Lessons in Soul-winning, *Houghton and Wilson*, ¥ 40

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OTHER BOOKS

- C The Life of Christ, (2 vol.), *C. Hamilton*, ca. ¥ 100 (Child Evangelism Fellowship)
- C Lives of the Patriarchs, *C. Hamilton*, ¥ 100 (Child Evangelism Fellowship)
- D How to Succeed in the Christian Life, *R. A. Torrey*, ¥ 40 (Rev. Kaneda -- Tokyo)
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WHY?

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CBFMS Literature Committee

Have you ever said, "Why did they publish that book, I don't even have it in my library." or "...I have it, but never use it"? Briefly I will endeavor to answer this question.

Contrary to a common misconception, the more literature a country has, the more Christian literature it needs. Liberals, Roman Catholics, and Communists know this; but do we evangelicals?

Sometimes we underestimate the ability of our Christians and think what is produced is too difficult. Wilbur Smith once said, "We do not have time for good books, we only have time for the best." Yet, most missionaries spend little time reading the good books let alone the best. At one Christian school Smith's list of the ten best Christian books was read, then a show of hands was called for to see how many of these had been read by the students. The average student had read only 1. Our Japan literature program should be guided by what it should have, not by what we have survived on by the grace of God.

Because Japan has few evangelical books, whatever we give our Christians they will read. We must give them the most vital. I hardly ever use my Halley Bible Handbook and Evan's Book on Doctrine because I have other books containing the material summarized by these books. Hence, for me they are not very vital; but for the Japanese Christians they are vital since it will be a long time before all the other books can be published.

We must also recognize certain needs of the Japanese which differ from ours because of our background. For example, hardly a missionary has a book on Biblical interpretation, and so he feels this kind of book is unnecessary. For the most part, because of our training and background we do not indulge in much fanciful interpretation; however, some Japanese Christians make very weird interpretations. Hence we need separately to have such a book to teach them how to study their Bibles.

We desire to build strong local churches in Japan. We must have

well-trained leaders. However, for the most part we are producing literature which is not vital. Let's put out the books which will cause them to grow as fast as possible. They themselves will be able to fill in with the less basic kinds of books. We may teach the Christians the Christian life, but if we do not teach them the basis for walking the Christian life; the doctrine of God, the inspiration of the Scriptures, etc.; how can we expect to ever have strong leaders in Japan? Have we forgotten what we owe to the great Christian teachers of our western culture? Do we expect the Japanese churches to be strong without their own leaders? Do we think we can completely evangelize Japan without the help of the trained Japanese Christians?

**"GIVE US THE TOOLS
AND
WE WILL FINISH THE JOB"**

Sam. V. Archer

Mr. Archer reports on the progress of Japan's "Every Home Crusade," a nation-wide program of tract distribution.

This world-famous slogan can adequately be applied to the Christian forces at work in Japan. From coast to coast, from north to south, comes

the challenge, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." Every week missionaries, pastors, tent teams, firebrands for God throughout this mass of population come with requests for more help.

"We have done an organized distribution of our home area, but desire to push forward to new valleys. What can be done in providing tracts for the other side?" "We need more tracts." "Thank you for your close co-operation." "Several that we know of are studying the Bible Correspondence Course with evident blessing." One pastor in Kanagawa Ken has organized his affiliation of churches. With twenty-three pastors co-operating they will handle at least 100,000 tracts in house to house coverage this spring. A tent team in Kyushu writes, "Can we count on you to provide us with one tract for every home in these various areas that we will be reaching?"

And the answer comes back, "Yes, we have been praying for you. We have all the tracts you need for a systematic house to house distribution." Seven and one-half million tracts have already gone forth to areas throughout Japan. The tools are being provided. Tokyo has felt the impact of a carefully supervised distribution of Goro Sawamura's

tract, "Come Unto Me." Each district was checked carefully as to population and number of homes, then as missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers were contacted, local districts began to be pledged as distribution began. After a complete investigation into every possible contact for local areas, unpledged corners were entered by carefully supervised newspaper distribution. Thus was rounded out the coverage of this world-famed eight-million populated Tokyo.

Not only are the tracts going out, but the contacts are coming in. Bible Correspondence Courses being studied now mount up to well over seven thousand. These original contacts are being encouraged in their Bible Study by special letters and copies of the vital evangelistic monthly, "Gospel for the Millions." Daily, encouraging reports of blessing flood the Tokyo office.

Sponsored by Jack McAlister, the director of World Literature Crusade, Studio City, California, this Every Home Crusade program in Japan is a part of similar endeavors in other mission fields.....Korea, India, Africa, and Europe. World Literature Crusade moves forward only as God blesses in answer to definite importunate prayer. Intercession on

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Will you join in prayer that God will cause that Holy Spirit conviction of sin might settle upon this nation and as the Gospel Message reaches forth in house to house distribution, bring Light into darkened hearts? Japan's Every Home Crusade needs your prayerful co-operation in completing the "impossible task." Has every home in your immediate area been reached with a Gospel tract? The Crusade is ready and happy to fill any requests where the promise is to do a systematic coverage of every home. Yes, we will, even as did Winston Churchill in a time of utmost crisis, valiantly stand firm and cry, "we will finish the job."

"IS IT DARK"—(cont. from p. 1)

We ought to fear God for who He is.

We ought to fear the consequence of being out of God's will.

One great leader told his men, "Fear nothing but sin". Men can't hurt us, the devil can't touch us, and God will keep us, if we have this frame of mind.

This man's second virtue is that he listens to and obeys the voice of His servant.

Maybe to you this will mean following the leadership of your mission superintendent. Loyalty to Christ is good, but loyalty to one's mission is good too.

Refusal to be loyal to these folks who are set over us can sometimes bring real darkness.

And a greater servant than the mission leader, the pastor, or the prophet is His Son.

We are here because we have obeyed His voice. First was an inner concern for these who were without the knowledge of the Saviour. Then a call began to grip our hearts. This was substantiated by God's Word, friends, financial support, and even the opening up of shipping. We all could testify to these things if we should take time to do so.

Then if we are right with God and obeying the voice of His servant we expect all sunshine and no shadow, all confidence and no doubt, all the

blessing of the sanctified, BUT we find "we are walking in darkness and have no light!"

Maybe your experience has been different, but since summer I have found it rather hard going. There has not been the mountain top, but instead has been the shadow in the valley.

What is the trouble?

Let's stop for the double check!

1. IS THERE SIN?

2. ARE WE IN HIS WILL?

If we pass these tests, mark it down that this is a time of testing.

China Inland Mission's Field Report for a time covering the war period was entitled, "The clouds—His chariots" (Psalms 104:3)

These clouds that we are experiencing can be His chariots, and our's too, for greater things in God.

Clouds or darkness can come as the result of several causes.

1. Physical Depression

Elijah hiding in a cave crying, "I, I only am left," can't possibly be the same man who a few days before stood on Mt. Carmel defying the wicked king and all the false prophets, but he is.

Why the downward dive? Did he backslide?

There had been tremendous physical exertion on Elijah's part—He had run with the horsemen—and won. And after that he had fasted 40 days. Elijah was tired physically.

Maybe the end of your term is near. You've worked with all your might and you're physically and mentally tired. This may be the cause of darkness.

2. Subtle Doubt

When you first settled down to the language you were sure it wouldn't be too long before you would be used to bring folks to the Lord just as you were in the homeland.

But now you find the language is a lot worse and you get aches and pains because of the weather, and there's a stiffness in the back of your neck from poring over those books, and you know you'll never get the language anyway.

Certainly the language is difficult, but remember that it's that way for the others too.

If you are in station work and it's going tough, the devil tells you you could do much better in town. If evangelism is going hard, he points out that you should be in the school. In Hebrews we read that Abraham could have gone back but he followed on, not because of what he saw, but because of Him who had called him!

3. Searing Disappointment

There were men walking a tire-

some path to Emmaus whose whole life plan and perspective had been torn from them. They had trusted—but—

Maybe you finished language and there were for a time the scores, even hundreds of the children came.

But gradually, as the real message penetrated or maybe it was as the novelty of you, the foreigner, wore off the crowds were gone and left were the few here and there.

Then just as you conclude that you are going to be concerned with quality and not quantity, those two or three fine young women you are sure will stay, are absent from meetings.

Before you can look into the situation, you hear that they are to be married to some unbeliever—perhaps tomorrow. At least before you can do anything to change the situation.

Or a promising young fellow comes right to the point of baptism, when that "iniquitous" family system steps in and influence that ought to lead him to God and righteousness, pulls him to hell.

A small group remains, but I can't be happy with 10 or 15 when hopeful souls have slipped away.

Searing into our heart is disappointment and the question burns us, "Can't we ever reach and keep them?"

If, or rather, when God sends revival to these islands, perhaps the seed that has been sown in their hearts will spring up into real harvest.

4. Satanic Oppression

As the Negro expressed his religion, this is often "better felt than tell't".

Our wrestle is against spiritual powers and tyranny!

Sometimes the Word gets so dry and it feels as if our spiritual life is just dribbling out.

This is the oppression of the enemy!

Jesus felt it on the cross when he cried out, "Why hast thou forsaken me."

A China missionary was preaching in front of a temple and remarked against the idols inside. A power that seemed physical began to just force him to his knees until he cried out to God for deliverance.

Thank God there is deliverance!

Trust in the name of the Lord!

Trust if you can't trace.

If you can't claim, cling.

God is not unrighteous to forget.

In Genesis 15 God reiterated his promise to Abram, though it really must have looked to Abram as if time was running out on Him. Abram believed God so prepared the sacrifice God ordained.

Instead of the fire of God, came the fowls to pick away the sacrifice. Instead of the fire "an horror of great darkness".

But because Abram believed God, and because he stayed expecting God, God's promise came once more and the evidence, fire on the sacrifice, came.

Romans 4 points out that when it was beyond the realm of possibility to receive, Abraham believed God.

Today I watched a barge man as I waited at Ochanomizu station. The pole went down below the surface of the water and below the reach of sight. The bargeman leaned against the pole—and it began to bow (quite a light flimsy thing anyway). But then almost imperceptibly the barge began its glide forward. The pole had rested on something solid.

Faith needs a void or it isn't faith.

If you are "in darkness and have no light", first make this double check: I. Is there sin? II. Am I in His will?

Then if you know that you "fear the Lord and obey the voice of His servant", be cognizant that now is the time to "trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon your God".

—News— (cont. from page 3)

is the importing of literature into S. E. Asia Countries. They are putting out 130,000 Christmas tracts in 5 languages and trust to get through the various custom offices in time.

CIM Roundup

China: We have received word from China through Chinese Christian magazines that friends working on the Tibetan border, Sinkiang and Mongolia, are still able to carry on a quiet witness while working for their living. The Lord is giving them encouragement and they would value our prayers. From Shanghai comes word that the five years' celebration of the liberation in China was celebrated in great style. We understand that one arch on Nanking Road cost over \$5,000. From Hongkong we have word that Halley's Handbook is completed.

Taiwan: From Taiwan an experienced missionary writes, "These are wonderful days in Taiwan. The time is short and God's Spirit is certainly working."

Thailand: On the borders of Thailand are found the Lisu tribe amongst whom the C.I.M. worked in China. Two of our missionaries were planning to spend some time in Rangoon with Lisu leaders in order to revise the New Testament. However, their visas were refused and they had to return to Bangkok. We hear, also,

The Postwar Picture (Cont. from page 3)

Many of the early publications were lacking both in translation standards and in production quality, but advances of the past two years have produced marked improvements in both of these areas.

One highly encouraging development has been the formation of the **Evangelical Publishers Fellowship of Japan** about two years ago. Through this association, publishers have met together to discuss publishing plans, to avoid duplication, and generally to strengthen and help one another.

One of the greatest bottlenecks has been the lack of adequate distribution facilities. There are now 19 bookstores scattered throughout the country, but more are needed. The **Christian Literature Crusade** is carrying on an aggressive program in this field, with five stores already opened and several more planned for the near future, including a centrally located salesroom in downtown Tokyo. They also have over 50 secular book agencies strategically located throughout the country, through which they handle an effective and expanding distribution program. The C. L. C. plans to greatly increase the number of these outlets as soon as possible.

A remarkable accomplishment of the past 1½ years has been the successful publishing of Halley's Pocket Handbook, by the C.B.F.M.S. The

that the first of the new Miao Gospel records have arrived at a new outpost in North Thailand.

Indonesia: While speaking of visas, we have been encouraged by the granting of these to the Bentley-Taylor for Indonesia, and we understand that those for the Steeds are on the way. However, we have several other missionaries waiting for permission to continue living and working in that land.

Philippines: From the Philippines we hear that the DZAS station has been able to increase the strength of its signal frequency. In two weeks of testing the response from listeners has been encouraging. We also have word from the Philippines that a new introduction to the study of Tagalog has been prepared by Miss Hayman and is entitled "Tagalog in Tiers".

EMAJ Yearly Rally

Tokyo. E/P..... The E. M. A. J. at its Annual Meeting in November elected Donald E. Hoke as president for the coming critical year. The meeting was an all-day fellowship rally at Tokyo's Chapel Center which included a 6:00 A. M. prayer meeting, committee and business meetings, a banquet and guest

Protestant Publishing Company reports that total sales now approach the 15,000 level.

Plans announced by various publishers for the near future indicate a series of very timely publications to be available soon. Among books now in preparation are "The Dawn of World Redemption" and "The Triumph of the Crucified" by Eric Sauer, "The Great Doctrines of the Bible," by Wm. Evans, "The Holy Spirit of Promise," by Saunders, "The Man God Uses" and "The Enduement of Power," by Oswald J. Smith, "The Holy Spirit in the New Testament," by A. B. Simpson, "Notes on Exodus", by C. H. M. and "I and II Corinthians" by G. Campbell Morgan.

The Christian Literature Crusade and the Word of Life Press have announced plans also for co-operation in the publishing of "The New Bible Commentary" (I.V.F.) and a series of New Testament expository volumes.

A venture of recent origin is the publication of the new evangelistic magazine, "The Gospel for the Millions." The Word of Life Press reports an enthusiastic reception to the first issues, and plans for further expansion of this endeavour.

This overall picture of evangelical literature in 1955 gives much cause for rejoicing, but reminds us of the Old Testament exclamation, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

speakers.

Rev. Harold Osgood, Far East Director of the Assemblies of God and former China Missionary, challenged the 200 missionaries present with the practical implications of the New Testament church evangelism. He urged the missionaries to ruthlessly cut down every unnecessary barrier between them and the nationals and stressed the need of patience in witnessing.

On accepting the presidency, Mr. Hoke spoke of the 3 great opportunities for Japan to accept Christianity, first with Xavier over 400 years ago, then 100 years ago with Perry's coming, and thirdly with the war's end and influx of over 1,700 Bible-believing missionaries.

With increasing pressure being exerted against the evangelical missionary referred to as "divisive, splinter-groups" by the World Council of Churches (WCC) through the local National Council of Churches (NCC) the EMAJ is coming to the fore as a united testimony for the numerically superior (4 to 1) evangelicals. As well it provides a broad basis of fellowship and united action in the preminent missionary program of evangelism.

Literature Vision—(cont. from p. 3)
need not depend on it but the salvation of his neighbour certainly may. Great churches appeared in history, having much zeal, then vanished—why? They had no books. For its own survival and growth the church must have a literature vision. Literature must be considered as primary in all planning, in church building, in evangelistic campaigns, in youth work.

How and where is this to be done? Perhaps the key to the situation lies in the missionary himself. He should be really enthusiastic, should make good use of books for his own needs and so impart a like appreciation to the believers. Christians should be urged to build up their own library, however little money they have. Borrowed books are good but bought books are better! In his messages the missionary can refer frequently to various books so that his listeners not only hear the truth during one short hour but can have it in their hands to read and re-read until the reality of its messages grips them.

Lending Libraries in the church are good and should be made use of but they should not take the place of the believer's personal library. Every believer's home should have its collection of Christian books and

in this way the unsaved neighbours and members of the family can be reached.

Colportage Clubs can be formed. Groups of young people once or twice a week, meeting for prayer and then going out to visit the homes around, witnessing to the people, inviting them to the meetings and endeavouring to sell books. If this is done it might be best to choose one book and have a campaign to see how many can be sold, covering the area. Done in connection with the Every Home Crusade a tract could be given to each person.

Running a **Bookstall** during local festivities has been tried by some. It is another way of going "out into the highways and byways" and who can tell the effect from such a witness. The stall should be attractively arranged; don't place the books haphazardly but orderly. Coloured paper or cloth will help to draw the eye; try to have something of interest as a centerpiece, perhaps a large Bible with a big arrow pointing to a selected verse or a Bible picture neatly framed. Inexpensive wooden boxes can be made to carry the stock and to serve as display boxes when set on their side.

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work. Again it may be better to concentrate on a special title for a time and then introduce another. Of course they should read it thoroughly for themselves first: a double blessing.

Magazines like the new one "The Gospel for the Millions" could very well be used in this way. Why not get a number of your members to take six copies each as a start. To encourage sales a prize could be offered for the one selling the most. Be sure that every book or magazine has a slip enclosed giving particulars of your church meetings and an address to which those needing help can come.

If this is made a matter of prayer God will suggest many ways in which a literature ministry may be carried on in your area. The Church must have a **Literature Vision**.

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