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## Our Time and Our Work

By F. A. MOTE

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"And that, knowing the time, that it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom. 13:11. "Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: for He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:27, 28.

It is with solemnity in our hearts that we begin the work of this council and session of the Far Eastern Division, for we realize that on October 22, 1844 the investigative judgment was begun in the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary. One hundred and eleven years have already passed and still the work of God on earth is not finished.

### Our Time

God's providences all declare, "All things are now ready" for the gospel of the kingdom to be preached quickly in all the world "for a witness unto all nations," and thus bring the end. Ah, yes, this might have been done years ago and the people of God might have been in heaven now, should the Lord have willed it so and made everything ready on His part for its accomplishment; but His own people have stood in the way and have thus delayed His coming. Had the purpose of God been carried out by his people in giving the message of mercy to the world, Christ would have come to the earth and the saints of God would ere this have received their welcome into the city of God. (See Vol. 9, p. 29.)

### Our Message

"Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again!"

It appears that the Advent Message, which has been sounding through the world during the past 120 years, is simply the final step in the work entered upon by John the Baptist, "prepare the way of the

Lord." We are to give the Advent Message "in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17.

This is the crisis of the ages, and we have now come to the crisis of that crisis, for after 111 years of the judgment-hour period have passed by and the work of God still isn't finished, some are saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming." But just now the cry must be taken up with renewed power, "Behold He cometh," and our single purpose must be to give "the Advent Message to the world in this generation." Soon "THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER."

### Our Field

Jesus said, "The field is the world." We are responsible for the 282,000,000 souls who live in the Far Eastern Division. Out in the darkness, men and women at this time are everywhere waiting for us who have the light. "Can we whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high, can we to men benighted, the lamp of light deny?" God forbid! His light has arisen upon His people and His glory shall now be seen upon men in every part of this dark earth.

### Our Duty

"The churches need to have their eyes anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, that they may see the many opportunities all about them to minister for God. Repeatedly God has called upon His people to go out into the highways and hedges, and compel men to come in, that His house may be full; yet even within the shadow of our own doors are families in which we have not shown sufficient interest to lead them to think we cared for their souls. It is this work lying nearest us that the Lord now calls upon the church to undertake. . . .

"And still our General who never makes a mis-

take, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord."—Mrs. E. G. White, General Conference Bulletin, 1901.

#### *Our Danger*

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—Life Sketches, p. 196.

Everyone who knows the beginning of this movement, knows that there was wondrous power in it; not because they had all the truth which God proposed to reveal to His people before He came visibly in the clouds of heaven, but because they walked in all the light He gave them, rejecting nothing He sent them.

#### *Our Privilege in Giving*

"And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

The second coming of Christ is one of the most precious messages of the Gospel. To it the heart clings with longing desires, and once having tasted the sweetness of full assurance, "earth's joys grow dim, its pleasures pass away."

There should be a definite planning on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist both to produce money and to economize that he may be able to give more to the Lord. The Lord's work is not done in simply being good and refraining from evil in these last days; but one must be a positive factor in doing good. One must be a producer in the cause of God, adding strength and energy, hope and confidence, in order that the work of God may succeed.

#### *Our Opportunity for Service*

As we look back over the past year, we are caused to thank God for all of His many blessings and His tender care over His people in the Far Eastern Division. We thank Him for the privilege of service, and for the thousands who have been won to the message as a result of the work which has been done by our faithful workers and lay-members. We also thank God for our spirit-filled, loyal and faithful leaders in each of the fields, departments, and institutions who have helped to do what has been done in the winning of precious souls. We are thankful for the more than 100,000 Sabbath school members who meet regularly each Sabbath day throughout our territory.

We are grateful to the General Conference for those who have been sent into our midst to assist us with our work. We have had a number of General Conference visitors from among the officer group, as well as leaders in the different departments of God's cause. We are grateful for the services of

Elders A. V. Olson, R. H. Adair, W. J. Harris, and Dr. T. R. Flaiz, who are with us for these meetings, and who shall continue to assist us during the next several weeks.

We also wish to express our appreciation to the General Conference for the most liberal appropriations which have been provided for the work in the Far Eastern Division, not only in the past, but also for the year 1956.

#### *Our Future*

As we face the future of our work during 1956, let us remember that nothing can stop the onward movement of God's work to ultimate and early victory. Our task is to evangelize the millions who live in the Far East.

As we enter upon the business of this session and the work of our committees; as plans are laid for the finishing of God's work, let us remember the following:

1. Evangelize large and small cities.
2. Evangelization by administrators, workers, departmental leaders, institutional heads and lay-members.
3. Establish all members in the faith.
4. Strengthen plans for training efficient workers.
5. Enter new territory.
6. Organize missions.
7. Secure land for mission work.
8. Build new churches, schools, presses, sanitariums, clinics, and erect other buildings as needed.
9. Make improvements and enlarge present buildings.
10. Complete our institutions and buildings in process of construction.
11. Hold Administrative Councils.
12. Have workers' and church officers' meetings.
13. Hold Departmental conventions.
14. Lift up denominational standards.
15. Set our finances in order.
16. Increase tithes and offerings.
17. Strengthen our leadership in fields, institutions, departments, and churches.

Let us pray much, and may we be given wisdom from heaven above as plans are made for our work during the coming term of service. May we have the assurance that all of our plans are ordered of heaven. Let us all go forward with courage "knowing the time," and that soon our work will be finished and Jesus will come to receive us into His everlasting kingdom.

## Are We Doing Our Part?

By A. V. OLSON, *Vice President of the General Conference*

Another year is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a hectic year—the international situation has been fraught with danger and the whole world has lived in fear of another blood bath. We thank God that the winds of strife have been restrained and that the tension has been eased somewhat. People are breathing more freely again. The immediate future, they feel, looks a little more promising. What God will permit to come upon the world tomorrow, He only knows. We must trust Him and press forward with courage and confidence.

Notwithstanding the stress and strain of the year that is now passing into history, the work of God has moved steadily forward. Great victories have been won. Thousands of souls that were bound in the chains of superstition and sin have been set free to rejoice in the "Blessed Hope." The Advent Movement has lengthened its cords and strengthened its stakes. When the records are all in and tabulated, we believe it will be seen that the year 1955 has been the most prosperous year in our history.

Recognizing that these achievements of the past have been due to the good hand of God that has been upon us, we humbly give all praise and honor and glory unto Him from whom all blessings flow. With courage and confidence we face the future, determined to press forward in the battle until the final victory is won and the Lord of heaven shall come to gather home His saints. The only thing that stands between us and that glorious event is the finishing of the work of God on earth. This is a stupendous task. At times our minds may almost stagger when we think of the size of the unfinished task. But not for one moment must we permit our faith to waver. With the help and blessing of God it can and will be accomplished.

God stands ready to do His share. There will be no delay because of a failure or neglect on His part. How is it with us? Are we ready to do our share? God has chosen us to be His co-laborers. We are to be His ambassadors, His witnesses, His messengers. By consistent lives, by voice and by pen, we are to proclaim God's last message to all the inhabitants of earth. To every land and clime, to the most wicked city as well as to the most peaceful island, the message must go.

This will call for faithful, devoted service and for sacrificial giving. The reports that come to us from many a mission field tell of marvelous openings and of urgent needs. Heart stirring appeals come to us for more men and means with which to meet the most urgent needs. Think of the South African Division, for instance, with 90,000 souls in the baptismal classes and more converts constantly pressing in. To properly instruct and establish this growing multitude in the faith and to garner in the golden grain calls for a vast army of workers. Yes, it calls

for a growing army. Unfortunately, the leaders have been compelled, because of lack of funds, to ask some of the missionaries who have come home on furlough, not to return. The same thing has happened in some of the South Sea Islands.

This has been a crushing blow to our struggling over-worked laborers. Brethren and sisters, if you could have been present at some of these mission committee meetings, you would have seen strong, stalwart and experienced committee members, heart-broken and weeping bitterly over the situation. They know not how to cope with the problem. This ought not to be. They must have help. New recruits should be going forward to swell the ranks.

For this to be realized there must be a more liberal flow of funds into the treasury of the Lord. It is high time our members around the world join in earnest prayer for God to send a new spirit of sacrifice into the hearts of His people in every land in order that more workers may be employed without delay. May God help us increase the Sabbath school offering week by week, and, by His grace, shall we not make the Annual Offering the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, the biggest in our history? God will bless every cheerful giver.

## 1955 Malayan Union Mission Activities

*A summary of the report given Dec. 3 by Pastor Nerness at the Division Council in Hong Kong*

Our field is divided politically into no less than ten parts. More than thirty different languages are used by the population.

The Malayan Union Mission contains the world's three most active trouble spots, Malaya, Laos, and Vietnam. But we are happy to assure you that throughout the entire field the message of hope for the distressed millions is going forward.

Our Bible Correspondence School, using the six major languages, contacts many who respond to the truth presented through this medium. The Vietnamese Government has very kindly given us free radio time weekly on two of their stations. We believe that such ministry will prove fruitful.

Sabbath school membership has increased by 20%. The North Borneo Mission alone, reports 423 new Sabbath school members thus far this year.

We distribute about US\$100,000 in literature per year. In Indo-China seven colporteurs have been taken from their families by death during the political disturbances.

We testify again of God's blessing upon the medical work, enabling us to employ in these institutions 38 overseas workers in addition to more than 400 national workers. Our physicians give truth-filled literature to the patients with their medicines. They have also conducted nutrition demonstrations. Some have spoken in efforts, given evenings to the training of an orchestra for evangelism, and served as ministers on the Sabbath. One institution reports that

again this year, eight have taken their stand for this truth.

We have fine schools in North Borneo, in Sarawak, and in other fields, as well as our training school in Singapore. Here we operate a small Junior college. Five are graduating this year from the English section. Nine other youth are taking college ministerial training in the Chinese section. We take justifiable pride in these young people.

One of the most cheering experiences of the year was to meet again our believers at Omon, Vietnam, who were made free again to gather for worship. The vicissitudes of war had driven them from their homes, from their school, and from their church building. With the return of peace they have come back. Their church must soon be rebuilt.

In the large Mohammedan state of Johore, a new church building has just been completed.

Brother C. M. Lee in Singapore is just completing a beautiful, conveniently planned church building which, with the land, is being presented as a gift to God's cause from him and Sister Lee.

The finest building in North Borneo is our M\$70,000 church building in Jesselton. The money was largely donated and the building is to be dedicated soon.

Everywhere we see evidences of the awakening prophesied by Joel and look forward with confidence to the opening providences of God awaiting us in the few remaining days to come.

## The Face of a Brother

By D. A. DELAFIELD

L. W. Kilgore tells the story of an Indian looking out across the plains who saw an object on the horizon, and supposing that it was a wild animal, prepared to run. As it drew nearer he saw that it was a man on a horse. Assuming him to be an enemy, he prepared to shoot. As the man came nearer he saw it was not an enemy but one of his own tribe, and he prepared to welcome him. When he drew up close, the Indian recognized the face of his own brother and embraced him.

This little story sheds much light on the question of human relations. What the Indian conceived to be a wild animal proved to be a fellow man on horseback. Here is the sequence; wild animal, fellow man, member of his tribe, his own brother.

If we will get close to people in sympathy, we will recognize all men as our brothers. Every man is a brother man. Every face is the face of one near of kin.

A few pride-shattering questions, suggested by Coston J. Harrell; "Is the ignorance and poverty of the lowliest repulsive to you, or does your heart go out to them? On the street and highway do you see only the crowd, or do you see the pinched faces of little children and the discouraged faces of young men and women struggling against heavy odds, the tragic faces of the aged who have known better days, and the hard faces of those who never had a fair

chance? Are you indifferent to others' limitations and sorrows and sins, or are you wounded by them? Answer these questions, and you will know whether you have the mind of Jesus the Christ."

When men are thrown together by disaster, when they meet face to face in the emergencies of war and peace, the differences of race and rank, colour and creed, wealth and poverty, disappear. Five-star generals and privates, millionaires and paupers, coloured and white, appear as human brothers dependent on the goodness of God and their own understanding of sympathy.

Our heavenly Father knows our frame and remembers that we are but dust. He has fashioned all human hearts alike. It is eternally true that—

"There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given."

On earth we may learn to see in the face of every man "the face of a brother"—and a son of God. Let not our sympathy fail us because the prejudices and customs of society have created long distances between us. If we will, we may bridge the gap and learn now to live with one another in peace and charity.

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## Refugees Converted

By K. S. WONG

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1. In Cholon, Saigon, there are several "free villages" giving shelter to the refugees from North Vietnam. These are an unfortunate people. The government has helped them often. Our brethren and sisters in the U.S., constrained by the love of Christ, sent 2,000 packets of food to be distributed among the villagers around Cholon and the refugees from North Vietnam. This relief work was highly praised by the leaders of the community and was reported in the newspaper.

Some of the refugees, realizing that God is their refuge and strength, came to the church to worship and seek the truth to find spiritual rest. We organized a Bible class for them. Six men and women studied earnestly, and thank God, two men and one woman surrendered their lives to the Lord and were baptized by Pastor H. W. Peterson on October 29.

Sister Mo Jo Cheng, formerly of Haiphong, was a music teacher. After coming to Cholon she tried to find comfort in piano playing. She often went to the Sunday keeping church to seek the truth, but she was disappointed. Later a friend recommended our church to her. After careful studying of the

Bible, she found the way to eternal life.

Brother Wong Weng Cheng received his education in Chinese, French and Vietnamese in North Vietnam. While working in Cholon he studied English under Miss Edith Ho. She encouraged him to attend our church and he came to realize the importance of keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. He approached his boss, asking to have his pay cut by 500 piastres so that he would not have to work on Sabbath. Deeply moved by his religious convictions, the boss granted him Sabbath off without cutting a cent from his salary.

Brother Ho Ti has been a teacher for many years. He had studied the Bible of Caodaism (an amalgamated religion of Christianity, Taoism and Buddhism in South Vietnam) before moving to Cholon. He attended our church and enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondance school, and believed what he studied. He is now working in our new Saigon Hospital as a pharmacist. Please pray for these new brothers and sister in the truth.

Recently we received a shipment of ninety bundles of clothing from the States to be given to the refugees. We hope that by this welfare ministry many will come to know the Lord.

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## Lee-Spangler Evangelistic Effort

BY MRS. J. L. POGUE

The Lee and Spangler effort was launched Sunday evening, September 18, with a Mandarin meeting followed by an English service and then closing with a Mandarin service translated into Cantonese. It was thrilling to see the Balestier Road church filled to capacity each time.

After the 3rd night a heavy blow came as the city transportation company went on strike. This made it very difficult for the people to come out night after night. Taxis were expensive and so an appeal was made for church members with cars to help bring the people to the meetings. In spite of Satan's endeavour to stop our meetings people continued to come. One Roman Catholic woman was walking five miles each night and she never missed a service. "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." We are but to be the instruments in His hands and great things can be accomplished for His glory.

A wonderful spirit of co-operation has been present and it has been a splendid opportunity for the Chinese Training students and the College Ministerial students to learn ways and means of being more efficient workers for God. Pastor Milton Lee has worked diligently with these Chinese speaking workers.

在星洲英語佈道會期間受浸的十二人



PHOTO BY T. S. HO.

*The twelve candidates that were baptized during the Evangelistic effort in the English section.*

A very unique feature was carried out during these series. The night that the subject of baptism was presented an actual baptismal service took place. In the English section 12 were baptized and 7 went forward in this rite at the Chinese service a week later. Although these candidates had been studying for many months, it was an inspiration to those who had newly taken their stand. One boy said to me at the close of the service, "I hope to be baptized next year."

The special music, the screen pictures, diorama, messages of truth, and personal visiting, have all gone into making a most successful series of meetings. We have greatly appreciated the work of these evangelists—Pastor Milton Lee and Pastor R. J. Spangler, and know that these meetings will bring a rich harvest, and many precious souls will find their way into the remnant church as a result. Only eternity can reveal the seeds sown and victories won during these series.

Although November 27 is the closing night of this particular series, there is much more work to be done to prepare those for baptism who have taken their stand for Christ. Some are facing Sabbath problems—others have home difficulties, but God can still work in behalf of honest seekers for truth.

It is not the evangelists, or the pastors, or the workers who are going to finish this great work. We are told that "As the time comes for it (the Last Warning Message) to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service." "Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given." G.C. 606 & 612.

This is the day for the people of God to arise. Concentrated effort on the part of all of God's children will hasten the coming of our Lord, and may we bring many precious souls with us into the kingdom, is our prayer.

## Back to Malaya

By ROGER ALTMAN

It is good to be in Malaya again. Of all the dreams that Mrs. Altman and I have cherished, the one of coming back to this field has been among the sweetest. When we saw the skyline of Singapore gleaming in the sunshine of August 23, we could scarcely realize the blessing that had come to us.

In the year 1920, thirty-five years ago to the very month when our present term began, we first landed at the old P. and O. wharf with two other families. Pastor F. A. Detamore greeted us, with his wife and children. The trip to the mission compound was by street car in leisurely stages. There were four regular missionary homes, two attap houses, the press building, and one school building. Not a sign of medical work was to be seen in all the union, except for the help that could be given at the back door of some one who had nurse's training, or who had read Kellogg's Home Hand Book with spirit and understanding. Electric lights, gas, running water and sewer, were all absent, to say nothing of refrigeration.

The union territory included all we have now, with the entire Indonesian field in addition. Total church membership was 500. The Biennial Session held at the close of 1920 was attended by I. H. Evans and H. C. Lacey. Earnest study was given to the unfinished task, to the need for consecration and devotion, to methods of appealing to the unwarned millions. There were the usual committees, such as plans, nominations, credentials, audit, and the rest. The usual recommendations were made, complete with abundant "whereases," vigorously discussed and heartily voted. We parted with renewed zeal and fresh determination.

Now we approach another Biennial Session. Years have passed. The older leaders of 1920 have laid down the burden. The young workers of that day are now grey and growing a trifle weary now and then. Some are no longer living. A few, sad to say, have lost the vision they once had, and bear the torch no more. But thank God, the light of truth has never been extinguished. Calamity and war have ravaged the land. Sickness and death have taken their toll. But the beacon of truth still shines across the darkness, calling men and women to prepare for the everlasting kingdom. We thank God today for the thousands of loyal church members who witness to the saving message they love, and for the stalwart, trained, consecrated workers who have now pressed to the forefront of the battle and with energy and ardor wage the warfare of the cross. What marvelous progress the years have brought! What cheer the present-day reports bring of growth on the right hand and on the left! With what zeal we should meet the challenge of the coming days!

The task of the church is still overwhelming from a human standpoint. The triumphs of past years will not suffice for the future, but they do assure us that beyond any doubt, the God who has led us

thus far will continue to go before us until the work is done. Just what the few remaining days may bring us, none can say in detail. But we know that to every humble, devoted heart they will bring continual evidence of a rapidly finishing work and a glorious triumph.

And so we join our hands and hearts with yours in good cheer, confident of your consecrated love for the great work to which God has called us, every one, unworthy though we be. May He bless our fellowship and crown our efforts with His own divine and immortal reward as we yield ourselves to His unerring guidance day by day.

## Farewell to Dr. & Mrs. James H. Nelson

By B. P. HASKELL

It is with sincere regret that we of the Youngberg Memorial Hospital say farewell to Dr. and Mrs. James H. Nelson. They leave us on November 30, for Saigon, where Dr. Nelson will give valuable assistance for a few weeks, before continuing their journey to the homeland.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson joined our staff in May, 1953; formerly they had served at the Penang Mission Hospital. Only this year the family added lovely little Arlinda Fern to our Hospital family. Their service has always been of the highest order, both professionally and spiritually, in the hospital and in the church. Just recently, Dr. Nelson presented a series of health lectures in conjunction with the Singapore Way of Life Evangelistic Campaign.

Dr. Nelson has been accepted at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, for a residency in radiology, which will occupy his time for the next three years. It is our desire, however, that upon completion of this course, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson will find it possible to return to service here.

We thank them for their faithful endeavors here, and wish them Godspeed on their journey homeward and in their work there.

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Dr. and Mrs. James Nelson, and Arlinda.

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### No Neutral Ground

By A. MOUNTAIN

There were just two classes in the day of Noah's flood—

Those who were inside the ark, and those who outside stood.

There were just two classes in the waiting virgins ten—

The foolish missed the wedding; the wise ones entered in.

There were just two classes in the net drawn from the sea—

The good fish placed in vessels, the bad ones cast away.

There were just two classes by the judgment story cleft—

The sheep that stood upon the right, the goats upon the left.

There'll be just two classes when the fiat falls from heaven—

"Let the righteous remain righteous; let the wicked stay unshriven.

There'll be just two classes when the plagues shall be released—

Those who have the seal of God, or bear the mark of beast.

There'll be just two classes when the Saviour comes again—

Those who welcome Him with gladness, those by His brightness slain.

There'll be just two classes when the thousand years expire—

The saved within the jasper walls, the lost in judgment fire.

In which of these two classes, my friend, will you be found?

Have you made the great decision? There is *No Neutral ground!*

You must settle this great question once for all, without a doubt.

Wait not a more convenient time, for *Time is Running Out!*

### A World Record?

By A. MOUNTAIN

We want our "Messenger" readers to become acquainted with the latest addition to North Borneo churches—The Limpotong Church. This church was

林寶洞教會之忠心教友



PHOTO, COURTESY OF PASTOR MOUNTAIN.

*The Limpotong Church, and loyal members.*

completed within one month of the purchase of the land, which is indeed a record—maybe a world record—in this part of the world where speed is unknown.

The leader of this company (it is not yet an organized church) is Brother Miasin bin Bandal, who has quite a gift for building. He recently built a 24 foot boat, powered with an outboard motor, with which he takes passengers up and down the Papar River. It was his enthusiasm that sparked the project; and he had the hearty support of a loyal band of helpers who gave liberally of their time and means.

The building is 18 by 37½ feet, which seems rather small, but Borneo standards are most elastic, and so it will seat 100. At present it has to accommodate only 43 Sabbath school members, 22 of whom are baptized. The floor and foundation pillars are of concrete, walls of wood, no ceiling, and an aluminum roof—gift of friends in the United States. The upper part of the roof is raised a little, overlapping the lower, thus allowing the entrance of air but not rain. To this extent the place is air-conditioned. The total cost, including land, was \$3,000!

We sing about "The church in the Wildwood"; this is a church in an old rubber grove. Some of the trees are still producing, and this will add a little income to the church expense fund.

This report is of special interest because this group of believers have no worker stationed among them and only occasionally do they have a visit from headquarters. The local people themselves have built this fine church. There have been 12 persons baptized this year, and they have a fine Missionary Volunteer society. This shows what our lay people can do when they have a mind to work. May the good Lord stir up more of our members to work like this.

Pray as though no work would help, and work as though no prayer would help.

—German proverb—



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## Faithfulness In Yala

BY R. A. POHAN

Although we do not have a regular Mission worker in Yala (South Thailand) the work among the Malay speaking people is steadily progressing. God has richly blessed the soulwinning efforts of our dear colporteur, Bro. Sailon Sitanggang. Several people have been baptised into the Truth. It is a joyous privilege to meet the faithful and zealous group of believers at Yala.

Among the precious souls who have been gathered into the fold through baptism recently is a lady, Sister Chi Way Lin, who is earning her living in that small town as a midwife. She is not rich in earthly goods but her heart is filled with happiness, joy and peace. Since her acceptance of Jesus as her personal Saviour she has become a living witness for the truth of God.

Shortly after her conversion she came to Brother Sitanggang and handed him an envelope with the words, "my tithe"! Our brother expected to find a few teicals when he opened the envelope since our dear sister is a person with limited means. Instead he found 600 teicals to his pleasant surprise. Sister Chi assured our brother of her continual faithfulness in the things of God.

We would sincerely ask you all to remember our faithful group and the work in Yala in your prayers to the end that God may quickly gather the waiting souls in that section of His vineyard into his kingdom before it is forever too late.

## Our Work in Haad Yai

BY C. K. WONG

We of Haad Yai are very thankful that the Thailand mission could send Brother Chiou Jion Sang to hold a one-month evangelistic effort here. The Lord

never deserts His children, nor does He fail to answer our prayers.

Brother Chiou accepted the call to come to Haad Yai on September 2. The church board immediately held a meeting to lay plans for the effort which was to begin on September 7 and end October 2. All the church members helped in sending out invitation cards. There were to be four meetings each week—Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, in the church.

At the first meeting, the church was filled to overflowing, with many people standing outside listening quietly. Even though it rained during the day, it was always dry during the meetings. Our attendance averaged between thirty to forty. Please pray that the seeds sown during this effort will bring forth much fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixtyfold and some one hundredfold.

When the rainy season is over we want to build a church near our hospital. We do not have the money in hand, but we solicit your prayers that the Lord will provide the means in due time.

### THE LORD'S WORK FIRST

"The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work. The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light that the Lord has committed to His church to be given to the world. The books sold by our canvassers open to many minds the unsearchable riches of Christ. . . .

"Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us, and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth in all places."—Colporteur Ministry, pp. 16, 17.

## Non-Tithe Payers

"God lays His hand upon all man's possessions, saying, I am the owner of the universe, and these goods are Mine. The tithe you have withheld I reserved for the support of My servants in their work of opening the Scriptures to those who are in the regions of darkness, and who do not understand My law. In using My reserve fund to gratify your own desires, you have robbed souls of the light which I made provision for them to receive. You have had opportunity to show loyalty to Me, but you have not done this. You have robbed Me: you have stolen my reserve fund. 'Ye are cursed with a curse.'" 6T 387.

望。自從由友人介紹到本會聽道，詳查聖經，知永生有路，卒獻身歸主。另一位是黃榮昌兄弟，他曾在越北受中法，越三種文字教育，來西貢商行辦事，因為研究英文，為何美羅學生，得其鼓勵，來堂赴會，及至明白安息日的重要時，即向東家要求減薪五百元越幣，准其在聖日停工，但東家受感，將薪照給。意志堅定，終得加入屬靈團體。另一位是何帶兄弟，曾在教育界服務多年，偕父母兄弟姊妹，由海防搬到西寧，曾研究高台教經典，後全家來堤岸居住，到堂聚會，又加入星洲聖經函授學校，埋頭查考，深信不疑，實行守道，要求他受浸。現在富潤基督復臨醫院服務，任職為調劑師。

現仍有一班查經者，係由李嗣貴牧師一週佈道所招來者，請讀者當代禱告為盼。最近美國教友，又運來舊衣服九十餘大包，為救濟難民者，不日施送分發，願越南人士感於基督徒之善行。而接受真理。

## 北婆建新教堂

北婆區會長 孟玉山

我們很高興地向各位報告，北婆羅洲區會最近又添多了一所新教堂——林寶洞教堂。在我們離地的一個月後，便將此教堂建築成功，可說是立下了一個紀錄。

這一班信徒（現在尚未組成正式教會）之領袖是班杜兄弟，頗有建築房屋的天才。他最近造了一隻廿四呎長的摩多船，運載來客來往川行於巴巴河。因為他的熱心和領導，並獲得忠心教友慷慨報效時間和金錢，林寶洞教堂乃得建完。

此新教堂寬十八呎，長卅七呎半，以北婆羅洲的標準來說，這是一個相當寬大的教堂，足夠容納會眾一百人。目前每安息日有四十三人來赴安息日學，其中有廿二人是教友。教堂的基柱和地板是水門汀，牆壁是木板，屋頂是美國朋友所送的鮮板，但天花板則付之闕如。全座教堂連地皮的總值，共是叻幣三千元。

我們特別向各位報告此事，乃使各位知道平信徒可做出許多偉大的事。我們除了偶爾從區會派人巡視林寶洞之外，並未有一個職員長期住在該地工作。但林寶洞的教友自己出錢出力蓋了一所教堂，他們也在今年招引十二個人加入教會。願主的靈激勵更多的教友努力工作。

## 雅拉之聖工

南洋聯合會 包漢

我們雖然沒有派遣一位傳道士到泰南的雅拉作經常的佈道工作，但是聖工在這些講馬來語的居民中却日日進步。上帝大大賜福文字佈道士施丹干的努力，所以已有幾個人受洗歸入教會。我們能在雅魯會見忠心和熱誠的信徒，心中實在有說不出的快樂。

在最近受洗的幾個人中，有一位姊妹名叫紀惠蓮，她在這小市鎮當接生婦。她雖然不是富有的人，但心中却充滿了快樂與平安。自從她接納耶穌為個人的救主之後，便日日為主作見證。在她悔改不久後，某日她去見施卅干兄弟，交給他一個信封，說道：『我的什一！』因為她是一個經濟不很充裕的人，所以施卅干兄弟以為裏面不過是幾元而已。然而當他打開信封後，不

禁又驚又喜，因為裏面是泰幣六百元。紀姊妹向施兄弟保證說，她將繼續在上帝之聖物上忠心。我們懇請各位為雅拉的聖工禱告。

## 合艾教會近聞

泰國區會 黃仲欽

我們實在感謝主恩，泰國區會當局本年在本年各年會時決議派丘九尚先生來合艾負責佈道任務一月之久。蒙主應允我們的禱告，沒有放棄她在合艾的兒女，丘先生毅然肩起這重大的佈道使命，于九月二日前來工作。於是我們議決由每位復臨信徒協同發號邀請各界赴會。合艾佈道會乃于九月七日晚起至十月二日晚止，每逢安息一、二、四、五、四晚七時半在基督復臨安息日會福音堂演講聖經真道并第三天使之警告。首晚參加聽眾殊為擁擠，座談不敷，致多站在堂門外街道中靜聽，直至會畢不覺倦容。此次佈道會大得上主開路，每次聽眾平均三、四十人左右，俱皆樂意靜聽真道。我們於會畢分送小冊單張，他們歡喜領受。此次集會自始至終沒有天雨之阻，雖日開下雨，迨至聚會時刻便是月高照銀河在天，給我們安適做完主所托的聖工，實是感謝讚美主恩不盡也。但求主賜福，并請同道弟兄們時當代禱，使此次新宣揚真理發生長大，如沐浴佳美之地，結實三十倍，六十倍，百倍以待主之再來。可惜我們這裏堂宇狹小，是商店式，殊不合崇拜會所。茲計劃在雨季過後另行興建聖所於本會禮堂醫院近處。對於經濟尚付闕如，懇望各地愛主的弟兄姊妹們多代禱告，求主賜福合艾聖堂能合主旨，早日完滿竣工，以榮耀主聖名，阿們！





慈祥地看顧我們。我們感謝祂給我們有服務的機會，並有許多人因為忠心的工人和平信徒之努力而接受真理。我們感謝上帝，祂給每一個地區，每一個機關，和每一部分的工作都有忠心與充滿聖靈的領袖。我們感謝上帝，在遠東總會內，每安息有十萬個學員來赴安息日學。

我們感激全球總會不時派遣領袖協助我們。我們也感激在這次年會中有幾個全球總會之職員前來赴會，給予我們許多寶貴的指導。我們也感激全球總會歷年以來在經濟上慷慨幫助本總會。

### 我們的前途

當茲我們在計劃一九五六年的工作時，應當記得沒有一件事物可以阻止上帝工作之進行。我們的工作是要向遠東區域內的幾千萬人宣揚主之真道。當我們在會中討論各部門的聖工時，請記得下列之事：

- 一 在大小城市舉行佈道會。
- 二 行政人員，職員，幹事，機關首長，平信徒等都積極參加佈道的工作。
- 三 堅固各位信徒之信仰。
- 四 加強計畫訓練有效能之工人。
- 五 進入新地區工作。
- 六 組織教會。
- 七 取得土地以進行佈道工作。
- 八 建造教堂，學校，報館，醫院，診所，及其他需用之建築物。
- 九 改良及擴充現有的建築物。
- 十 完成現在進行之建築物。

- 十一 舉行行政會議。
- 十二 舉行職員會議及當地教會職員會。
- 十三 舉行各部門聖工之會議。
- 十四 提高本會的標準。
- 十五 穩定我們的經濟。
- 十六 增加什一和其他捐款。
- 十七 加強各地區，機關，部門，及當地教會之領導人材。

願我們多多地禱告，使我們在計劃未來的工

作時有自上頭而來的智慧。我們既然『曉得現今就是該趁早醒睡的時候，』願我們大家都勇往前進，快快完成主工，俾耶穌早日接我們進入祂永恆的國度。

### 一九五五年度

## 南洋聯合會聖工報告

南洋聯合會  
會長 倪遇士

(本文係節譯自倪遇士會長

於十二月三日在香港向出席遠東  
總會年會之同道所作的報告)

南洋聯合會工作的地區在政治上至少分為十個區域，通用卅種以上的文字。在本聯合會，有世界上三個動亂之地方——馬來亞，寮國，和越南。然而我們很高興地向各位報告，各部分的聖工都有長足的進步。

我們的聖經函授學校採用六種文字，將真理介紹給許多慕道的人。南越政府善意地允准我們在兩個電台每週作定期的廣播。

安息日學的學員人數增加百分之廿。單只北婆羅洲區會一地，在今年內共添多了四二三位的新學員。

我們每年分派十萬美元的真理畫報。在越南區會，不幸有七個文字佈道士殉職。

我們衷心感謝上帝賜福我們的醫藥機關，使我們能在三十八機關裏任用卅八個西國佈道士及四百個當地職員。我們的醫師開處方時，也同時把真理小冊送給病人。他們也主領營養教導班，有時也在佈道會演講衛生要道，或利用晚上閒餘時間訓練音樂隊，或在安息日上台證道。有一所醫藥機關報告說，今年又再有八個人接納真理。

我們在北婆羅洲和沙撈越有良好的學校，在星洲也設有訓練學校。在此訓練學校內設有初級大學。今年的英文部初級大學有五個畢業生，在中文部初級大學有九個學生受傳道訓練。

今年有一個最快樂的經驗，就是我們能夠再與越南島門的信徒相見。他們又可自由地聚集做禮拜了。由於戰爭的影響，他們被逐出家庭，學校和教堂。休戰之後，他們乃得回來。他們迫切的需要和計畫，便是重建教堂。

在馬來亞柔佛州的首府新山，我們建立了一所教堂，這是我們在該州建立的第一所教堂。

李劍錨夫婦在星洲建了一所美麗的教堂，將之連同地皮奉獻給上帝。

北婆羅洲最漂亮的建築物是本會價值叻幣七萬元的亞庇教堂。此錢大部分是捐得的。在不久後此教堂便可舉行奉獻禮了。

因為我們得救，現今比初信的時候更近了。』(羅馬書十三章十一節)『以賽亞指着以色列人喊着說，以色列人雖多如海沙，得救的不過是剩下的餘數；因為主要在世上施行祂的話，叫祂的話都成全，速速的完結。』

我們懷着嚴肅的心來赴遠東總會的年會，因為我們知道查案審判的工作，自從一八四四年十月廿二日在天上的至聖所開始以來，已經有一百一十一年了，而上帝在地上的工作仍然未能完成。

### 我們的時間

上帝本着其一切的美意宣佈稱，『各樣都齊備』了，要使福音早日傳遍天下，『為萬民作見證』，這事本來早已應當成就，而上帝的子民也應早在天上，然而祂自己的子民却站在路上，阻擋祂早日降臨。上帝的子民如果努力將祂的信息傳遍世界，耶穌早已降臨，而他們也已進入上帝的聖城了。』(見證言卷九第廿四面)

### 我們的信息

『信徒須宣告，使普世人聽，耶穌必定要再來！』

在過去一百廿年中向世人宣揚的復臨信息，乃是施洗約翰所起始的『預備主的道』最後的工作。當我們宣揚此信息時，我們必須『有以利亞的心志能力，行在主的前面，叫為父的心轉向兒女，叫悖逆的人轉從義人的智慧；又為主預備合用的百姓。』(路加一章十七節)

這是一個危險的世代，而我們今日已面臨這

危險世代中的一個大危險，因為在開始施行查案審判的一百一十一年之後，上帝的工作仍未完成，而有一些人更在心裏暗暗地說：『我的主人必來得遲。』現今我們必須大聲宣揚道：『看哪，祂必降臨！』我們惟一的目標，就是將復臨的信息在這一代中傳遍天下。

### 我們的田地

耶穌說：『田地就是世界。』我們都應為遠東總會內二萬八千二百萬人的生命負責。現今在黑暗中，到處有人等着我們以真光去照耀他們。『我們蒙上天智慧啓明心思的人，豈可拒絕將真理的光帶給那些住在黑暗中的人？』斷乎不可。上帝的光必藉着祂的子民，在世上各個黑暗的角落照耀光明。

### 我們的任務

『教會需要天上的眼藥擦亮他們的眼睛，使他們可以看見周遭一切為主工作的機會。上帝雖然一再地呼召祂的子民出去到路上和籬笆那裏，勉強人進來，坐滿祂的家；然而就在我們屋頂下的人，我們却未向他們表示關心，主現在呼召教會去做的，就是這近在門口的工作。……』

『我們那位從來不做錯的元帥也對我們說：『前進！進入新的地區工作。在各地高舉真理的旗幟。興起發光！因為你的光已經來到，耶和華的榮耀發現照耀你。』我們的口號是前進！上帝的天使願意在前頭預備道路。除非全地已蒙主的榮光照射，我們不可卸下到我們『以外的地方』

去工作的責任。』(懷愛倫夫人寫於一九〇一年全球總會公報)

### 我們的危險

『除了我們忘記主所已引導我們的道路，及祂在過去給予我們的教訓，我們對於前途無需害怕何事。』(『懷愛倫生平』第一九六面)

每個知道復臨運動發軔的人，都知道它具有奇妙的能力。這並非那些領導者已經有了上帝將要在祂駕雲復臨前向其子民啓示的全部真理，乃是因為他們順命地行在上帝所賜給他們的一切光中，並無拒絕祂所賜下的任何真理。

### 我們施捨的特權

『看哪，我必快來；賞罰在我，要照各人所行的報應他。』(啓示錄廿二章十二節)

基督復臨是福音中最寶貴的消息。人心渴望這事臨到，凡曾嘗過這美好應許的人，都把萬事看作糞土。

每個基督復臨安息日會的信徒，都應有一個計畫，如何增加財富及節儉金錢，以致能將更多的錢財奉獻給主。上帝的工作並非單靠我們做個好人而成就，我們尚要更進一步地積極行善。我們必須作個生產者，加增聖工的力量和希望，使之早日完成。

### 我們服務的機會

當我們回顧過去的一年之時，我們實在感謝上帝不盡，因為祂已賜給我們許多的福氣，並且



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## 我們有盡本分嗎？

全球總會  
副會長 歐遜

很快地一年又要過去了。這是一個狂熱的年头，然而我們感謝上帝，戰爭之風被制止不吹，國際間的緊張多少鬆弛下來，人們又獲得多一些的自由。於是人們覺得眼前的局勢頗是穩定。然而明日的世界究竟如何，只有上帝知道。因此我們必須信靠祂，並且勇敢地向前進。

在這一年中，上帝的工作穩定地推進，祂的子民打了許多勝仗，成千成萬在迷信和罪惡捆綁下的人獲得釋放，他們在有福分的盼望中高興快樂。復臨運動更壯大了，我相信當總會收到完全的報告之後，將發現一九五五年是本會有史以來最進步的一年。

我們承認過去一切的成就都是上帝親手引領我們完成的，所以我們謙卑主前，將一切榮耀與尊貴歸給萬福根源的主。我們懷着勇敢與信心面對將來，立意勇往前行，為主打更美好的仗，直至獲得最後的勝利，以及救主光榮降臨迎接祂的子民歸回天家。在這榮耀之事臨到之前，我們必須完成上帝在地上的工作。這是一個巨大的工作。有時我們想到了這樣巨大的工作，便幾乎不知所措。然而我們千萬別讓我們的信心有一刻動搖的時候，藉着上帝的幫助和賜福，這工作是可以也必定會完成的。

上帝隨時準備實行祂分內的工作，祂從來不疏忽祂的責任。我們且反看自己一下，我們是否預備實行自己的本分呢？上帝已揀選我們與祂同

工，我們是祂的使者和見證人。我們應當藉着言行一致的生活，我們的口，我們的筆，向地上一切的人，宣揚上帝最後的信息。無論是最罪惡的城市，或是最安靜的海島，這信息務必傳到。

這重大的工作需要我們忠心的服務，以及克己的捐獻。我們收到多處的報告，有機會的門奇妙地打開，有迫切的邀請呼籲我們。例如以南非總會來說，已有九萬人參加查經班。我們若要及时教導這日益增多的慕道友，並建立他們剛強的信心，必須有許多工人。不錯，我們的工人應當日日加增。然而因為缺少金錢，教會的領袖不得不請求歸國渡假的傳道士不要再回到佈道區工作。在太平洋海島上，也有同樣的事情發生。

我們的工人本來已工作過度了，這事更增加了他們的責任。各位兄弟姊妹們，你如果有機會到佈道區出席會議，你看見堅強而富有經驗的領袖深為此事痛苦。他們不知道如何解決問題。這本不是應該有的事，他們應該獲得幫助。應當有新的工人加入主的工作。

若要此事實現，我們必須更慷慨地捐輸，以充實上帝的倉庫。我們全世界的教友，現今應當同心懇求上帝，使大家有新的犧牲精神。願上帝幫助我們的安息日學捐款每安息日都有加增，也願上帝使我們在克己安息日努力捐獻。上帝將賜福每個樂意捐獻的人。

## 我們的時間與工作

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再者，你們曉得現今該趁早醒睡的時候，