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## All One In Christ Jesus

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WITHIN the Far Eastern Division territory are many countries densely populated with people of different nationalities, diversified habits and customs of living; with various forms of worship and ideas of religion; and speaking many languages and dialects. Perhaps no section of the world field exceeds our territory in these features. As workers in God's vineyard we must heed the words of Paul, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

The world is filled with the sound of discordant voices. Many organizations; religious, political, and social are actively at work endeavoring to win support or justify their particular aims and interests. Nationalism never was stronger than now. In the midst of the propaganda going to the nations of earth it is difficult for even workers to keep a clear and impartial outlook. This is especially true when racial and national interests are a part of the problem. As workers we should rise above nationalism, for God is making of all nations *one* people.

It is right that we should love our country and those of like racial ties. The old Proverb says, "Blood is thicker than water." But "Blood must not be thicker than religion." Our religion must make us all one in Christ Jesus. "And if ye are Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

As workers we are to represent Christ to the world, not some national trait or custom. In our associations we will meet many things which are not according to our ideas or standards. It will be so easy to speak disparagingly of others. By our words, or actions, or looks, we can easily offend or repel the very ones we hope to win. The following quotation from "Ministry of Healing" is to the point:

"It was a continual pain to Christ to be brought into contact with enmity, depravity, and impurity: but never did He utter one expression to show that his sensibilities were shocked or His refined tastes offended. Whatever the evil habits, the strong prejudices, or the overbearing passions of human beings, He met them with pitying tenderness." Page 165. Again we read, "We need to put ourselves in the place of the tempted ones. Consider the power of heredity, the influence of evil associations and surroundings, the power of wrong habits." Page 168. "It is always humiliating to have one's errors pointed out. None should make the experience more bitter by needless censure. No one was ever re-



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claimed by reproach." Page 168.

Could we take this as our standard of contact and service we would never let nationalism bar the way to success in soul winning. In this age of nationalism with all its evil fruits, we need to be guarded and careful in what we think, say and do. More and more it will behoove us to see that we give no cause for offence.

## ENCOURAGING PROGRESS AMONG THE IBANS AND SEA DYAKS OF BORNEO

By Dr. R. T. Morrow

The 1st of February will long be remembered by those of us who have the welfare and the progress of the Lord's work among the Ibans or Sea Dyaks of Borneo, the once famous head hunters of this island.

On this day, the first Iban church in the jungles of Sarawak, besides the very long and winding Tatau river, was dedicated to the worship of an all merciful and all loving God, through whose Son, our blessed Saviour, has been manifested. We were privileged on this auspicious occasion to have with us Pastor and Mrs. Gjording, their niece, Miss Loraine and son, Master Calvin. The work on the Tatau was the dearest to the heart of Pastor Gjording. We were indeed very happy to have him and Mrs. Gjording with us.

On this lovely Sabbath morning, as we wended our way in the little outboard motor, everything around seemed to be in its element, even the little boat as it ploughed its way laden with its heavy load. Our hearts surely rejoiced as we caught a first glimpse of the little church from afar which though strictly conforming with the simplicities of a natural jungle surroundings, certainly looked beautiful. Although it does not compare with anything like the buildings we often see in towns and cities, still it will vie with any church in the world in the purpose for which it was built. The material was donated by a jungle tribe of good people who have come to learn of a loving Saviour and are yielding their hearts to Him. The material was also generously supplied by them. Pastor Gjording helped us to put the finishing touches to the building. Where once stood only a desolate hill, now stands a church, and where once grew wild trees and long grass; now a band of Sabbath school and church members assemble from Sabbath to Sabbath to learn and to praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

On this eventful Sabbath morning as our motor arrived alongside the wharf, little paddle boats, "prows" as we call them in Iban, laden with good folks, young and old, with eager eyes and smiling faces, dressed up in their best clothes, clean and neat, greeted us. The preliminaries at the landing stage over, we all filed along to the church, which was soon



*Newly baptised church members*

filled. The very air seemed to be infused with peace and happiness, but much more the hearts of all those assembled.

In the beautiful dedicatory service Pastor Gjording took for his text, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." He very vividly impressed us with the thought in the latter part of the text, considering that there are Ibans, Punans, Kayans, Bukitans, Saribas and Malos inhabiting the country along this river and neighbouring rivers. Elder Suiaga offered the dedicatory prayer in Iban, and the service closed with the song, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

It was with rejoicing and gladness of heart that we entered into the baptismal service that followed. Four candidates were baptized. Although many others had requested baptism, it was thought advisable to hold another baptismal service later, thus giving additional time for further study on the part of those desiring this sacred rite.

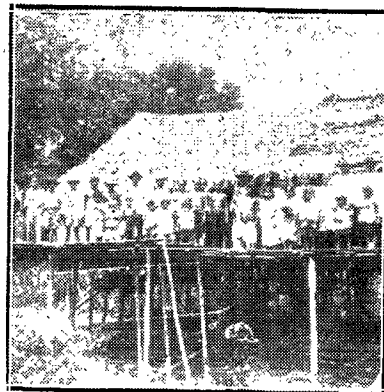
Those baptised were, the first chief, Luming of Rumah (long-house) Bibau, the fish family, Layan and his wife Tauta, incidentally also the first woman to be baptized, and Tiudin a bright intelligent schoolboy. That the Lord may greatly add to this number is our fervent prayer, and we solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters to this end.

As the Sabbath was drawing to a close, the newly erected hospital on the mission premises was also dedicated to the "Great Physician" for service to suffering humanity. Considering that disease is rampant, and that the nearest physician is about a 100 miles from

here, the Ibans and other tribes living along this river and adjoining rivers are most grateful to those who have had a share in contributing towards this much needed medical institution. Thousands have reaped its blessings, and will continue to do so. The many who have survived and will survive to glorify Him through this practical ministry of love and labour, only enhance the value of this mighty right arm of the message.

The hospital building is located on top of a small hill overlooking the river which lends enchantment to the view. A fourth part of the building serves as an operating room, another fourth provides a dispensary and an out-patient department, while the remaining half is a spacious, airy ward admitting plenty of light and sunshine.

We are grateful for the equipment and the facilities provided, such as, an operating table, a microscope, a supply of surgical instruments, and an Icyball Refrigerator, the latter having been very generously donated by Mr. C. M. Lee, of Singapore. When we come to realize how this hospital has advanced and progressed from its small beginnings we can only reverently bow our heads and thank our loving Father with all our hearts and say, "Oh Lord, may this hospital redound to Thy glory."



*Group of Church members—  
Bibau*

## OFF TO SINGAPORE

By V. T. Armstrong

The Far Eastern Division headquarters has been temporarily located at Baguio, Philippine Islands for the past six years. It is not easy to say goodbye to Baguio with its beautiful pine trees

and cool mountain air. However, it has been decided to make Singapore the future headquarters, and with adding machines, typewriters, letter files and numerous other boxes and crates aboard the "President Adams," C. L. Torrey, Miss Atkins and the writer sailed from Manila, October 28, for Singapore.

The company of believers who constitute the church in Baguio gave us a touching farewell on the last Sabbath, and by words and actions expressed their appreciation for the help given the church work by the Division staff. The company has been growing in numbers during the time the Division office has been in Baguio, and the Sabbath school now numbers about 50.

The last evening in Manila the workers from the College, Press, Sanitarium and Union office spread a delicious supper on the headquarters' campus, and with speeches, food and good wishes bade the Division staff farewell. Many times during the past six years the staff of the institutions and union office of the Philippine Union have gone to the dock to assist Division workers as they have arrived or departed, helped with custom examinations and checking of baggage, and done numerous other kindly deeds that have meant much to the workers of the Far Eastern Division. The farewell exercises were just another reminder that the workers of the Philippine Union are delightful hosts and always expressing their love in service for others. While it is hard to leave the Philippine Islands we are glad they are still a part of the Division and will still be with us in our associations in the work in the days to come.

## AMONG THE "BABAYLAN" OF ORONG

By E. M. Adams

A number of the Ilog brethren of Occidental Negros accompanied me to Orong by way of Kabankalan. We traveled to Kabankalan on a truck and from there over the rails of the hacienda, walking the rest of the way and arriving at Orong at about noon.

Soon after arriving we began to examine candidates for baptism, and in the latter part of the afternoon it was my privilege to baptize six candidates in the nearby river. Of these six candidates, five are the first fruits from the mountain people. It was a beautiful sight to see those who had been serving the devil, now give themselves to the Lord with their whole heart.

A seventh candidate had been examined for baptism and accepted—a woman whose husband has persecuted her. She has been faithful for about two years, keeping the Sabbath and paying her tithe. Notwithstanding the fact that her husband opposed her, her thought was to follow her Lord in baptism. Just before we went to the river we took a picture of the candidates and she was standing at the left of the group. However, before I could take the picture her husband came running across the field from his home with a bamboo stick; he struck her on the back and drove her home, pushing her and cursing her as she went. When they reached the house he took her by the hair and dragged her upstairs. This prevented Sister Conchita from being baptized with the others.

The next morning the mother of one of our brethren there asked to be baptized. She has been keeping the Sabbath for about two years and has been living a very consistent Christian life with the exception of the use of *bugo* (chewing leaves of this vine with betelnut which is a vice): but this she had long since discontinued. The baptism of the day before and conversation with the brethren had so stirred her heart that she earnestly requested baptism. By that time Sister Conchita, who had been persecuted but had returned, went with us back to the river where these two sisters were baptized. The husband told Sister Conchita that if she were baptized he would not support her any more. This was a very touching baptismal scene as was also the one which took place the day before. When the mother of our brother came out of the water her son fell upon her neck weeping for joy.

Following the baptism on the preceding day, we gathered in the plaza and preached to the people who gathered there, on the meaning of the gospel and the importance of getting ready to meet the Lord. It was a very quiet and impressive service. On Monday morning after the second baptism, we proceeded to the mountain, accompanied by a few of our brethren, to visit the homes of the mountain people. Some traveled on foot all the way; I rode about four kilometers on a baroto, then walked about five kilometers, reaching the house of Brother Remigio Portaliza at about 1:30 in the afternoon, tired and hot. After resting and eating dinner, I went down to visit the home of Brother Domingo, one of the "babaylan" members who had just been baptized. His house consisted of one room about as wide and long as I could span twice with

my two arms. He had planted vegetables, bananas and other crops on his land.

On the way to his place we stopped to visit a family that was practising "diwata." They had both diwata and babaylan (devil worship) in that section. In front of the houses of these devil worshippers is usually found a cross on a high pole above the top of the house. Sometimes there is one cross piece, sometimes two or three. On the end of the pole and on the end of the cross pieces are leaves of the anahaw tree or a piece of white cloth. It is said that they must not use rattan or any other thing on this cross or else the spirit will be angry.

The house had an open space or porch in front of it. Once a year tables, that are kept on a shelf inside the house, are placed in the center of this open square and on these food is put, and the worshippers bow down and pray to the devil, asking him to forgive their sins. They get up and dance once around the tables and bow and pray a similar prayer. This is done until they have danced around the food seven times. That ends their service.

In the afternoon of that day we held a preaching service in the home of Brother Remigio, and a few of the neighbors came in.

The following morning we returned to Orong and from there to Kabankalan by banca. Three times on that banca trip it rained very hard so when we reached the home of Brother Tupas at Kabankalan, we were thoroughly drenched, and some of our clothes in the suitcase were wet. The following morning I proceeded to Aguisan. I spoke in the evening to the brethren in their chapel, and in the morning returned to Iloilo.

## BIBLE TRAINING CLASSES

"BIBLE TRAINING CLASSES. Throughout North America there is a great revival of interest in training for giving Bible readings. Some conferences have a class in almost every church. We believe these classes are doing a most excellent grade of training work, and fully expect to see many thousands of members actively engaged in Bible work from house-to-house. The Home Study Institute is also carrying forward

fine advance class work in many churches. This indicates the readiness of our members to work if they are taught how to begin. We hope this Bible training class work will be carried on in our churches throughout the world. The General Department will cheerfully give any information that may be required to get this work started."

## FAR EASTWARD BOUND By C. L. Torrey

Sailing from Bombay, India, on October first I arrived in Penang on the early morning of October 8. In order to obtain a view of the harbor and city of Penang, the first port of call in my new field of labor, I had arisen early. I also wanted to be ready to go on shore as soon as the brethren, working in Penang, arrived. As soon as the ship docked Pastor Hendershot, with a cheery smile, came on board and warmly welcomed me to his beautiful city. First of all we drove to his home where I had the pleasure of meeting Sister Hendershot and little daughter. Pastor and Sister Hendershot are living in an airy upstairs apartment while the ground floor is being utilized for a chapel and Sabbath school rooms. They are very fortunate in securing such a desirable place. The quarters seem to have been built for the very purpose for which they are now being used.

An evangelistic effort was in progress with a good attendance and a real live interest was being manifested. Pastor Hendershot had all he could possibly do in meeting his Bible study appointments and caring for his meetings. The evangelistic work was moving forward in real earnest and the brethren and sisters in Penang were of good courage and in high hopes for the future of the work of soul-winning. Already some had indicated their desire to join the church.

There is a very healthy opposition on the part of the other churches in the city, which is a good omen. Our ministers usually feel that without opposition to advertise their meetings that there is little to be gained.

I remember hearing of one of the pioneers of the movement holding an effort in a certain city in America. His tentmaster came to him several days after the meeting had opened, joyful in the fact that there was no opposing voice. He felt sure of success. But the older brother was greatly depressed and prophesied failure. At the close of the effort only two or three were baptized.

The next town where they

pitched their tent bristled with opposition. The pastors of all the churches appealed to their members not to attend the Adventist meetings. It seemed that the hand of every man was against the evangelists. The tentmaster was much perplexed and concerned and downcast, but the dear old brother in charge of the effort, rubbed his hands together in glee assuring his tentmaster that there was sure to be a good harvest of souls in this place, for where there was opposition, there were honest souls seeking for truth. The effort closed with a large baptism of souls and the establishing of a church.

Pastor Hendershot drove me over to the beautiful little sanitarium on Burmah Road where we found Miss Ina Moore busy with her patients. Dr. and Sister L. L. Harrop soon arrived and showed me through the institution which is nicely equipped, after which we went over to the clinic. A number of patients were waiting the doctor's arrival. But before seeing his patients the nurses and compounders came together for their usual worship.

The clinic was a very busy and interesting place indeed, although the quarters are much too congested and there is urgent need for a more suitable building. The doctor is working under a real handicap and it is hoped that in due time he can purchase land and erect a building which will better suit his needs. It was wonderfully cheering to learn that there was already a nucleus of a fund in trust for this purpose.

There seems to be ample scope for a second doctor and it is hoped that Dr. Gardner's replacement can come with a minimum of delay. It was a great disappointment to Dr. Harrop and to the workers generally to learn that Dr. Gardner would be unable to return to Penang. It is hoped that the Gardners will be able to return when their problem now obtaining has been solved satisfactorily.

I was much impressed with the kindly way the doctor treated his patients, and needless to say they respond to his treatment by showing their good will and confidence in him. This doubtless explains the reasons why the patient list and financial income has been maintained. Usually it requires many months, in the conservative East, for a new doctor to establish himself, but it is a pleasure to report that in this particular instance the high standard set by Dr. Gardner has continued since Dr. Harrop took over the work. Dr. Harrop is to be congratulated.

Miss Moore motored me about Penang and showed me something

of the city. It was a delightful trip.

The brethren and sisters in Penang were very happy in their service and the Lord was blessing their efforts. They were all putting forth a supreme effort to make their work a success. Let us pray for them that their labors of love may result in the garnering in of many precious souls.

Leaving Penang at 5:00 P. M. Thursday I arrived in Singapore on Friday afternoon October 9. As I stood at the rail with others a voice called my name and soon Brethren Moon and Lake were on board with a welcome on their faces and in their hand clasps. Inasmuch as I had never before had the privilege of meeting these brethren, it was quite a marvel to me how they were able to pick me out from among so many others. I thought perhaps they must be related to Sherlock Holmes. Sister Moon, who had waited on the dock joined us as we came off the boat. Brother Moon drove us "the longest way home" thus enabling me to see much more of the city of Singapore than would otherwise have been the case.

I was much impressed with the splendid buildings on the water front; the large number of fine cars everywhere in evidence; the cleanliness of the city through which we passed; the wide and well made roads; the intelligent looking faces we passed along the way; and the beautiful green lawns.

I found all the brethren at Singapore hard at work and putting in long hours in order to keep abreast the work. It seemed to me that all of them were doing two or three men's work. Brother E. A. Moon, besides carrying his treasury work was acting as the superintendent of the Malayan Union as well. He was carrying a heavy burden, but was doing it cheerfully and to the best of his ability. The brethren have greatly appreciated the faithful and earnest work of Brother Moon since he connected with the Malayan Union. Sister Moon is also busily engaged teaching in the Seminary, where she is giving efficient service.

Pastor W. W. R. Lake had only recently concluded a series of interesting and important lectures in a large and centrally located auditorium with an attendance of from 400 to 900. A smaller effort is now being conducted in our own church with a goodly number coming regularly. The small corps of workers assisting Brother Lake were inadequate during the larger meeting to cope with requests for studies. In view of the circum-

stances it was impossible to visit personally all the interested ones desiring to know more of the facts concerning the truth. Pastor and Sister Lake, were busily engaged following up interests, hoping and praying that a large number of souls would eventually take their stand. The foreign workers connected with the union office and a large number of the seminary students furnished a choir of about 85 voices for the large effort. It must have been wonderfully inspiring to have heard them singing the songs of Zion.

Brother L. I. Bowers has charge of the Malayan Signs Press carrying the work of both manager and editor. The work of preparing literature for so large a field is very important indeed, Mr. Bowers is enjoying his work.

Two new families had recently arrived in Singapore to join the "busy workers" there. Professor H. W. and Mrs. Jewkes are connected with the seminary and are fitting in well. While they have doubtless found the educational work and system a little different than at home, yet they were adapting themselves to their new problems in a very satisfactory manner.

Professor G. H. Minchin was itinerating out in the union in the interests of Educational and Young Peoples work, so I was not privileged to become acquainted with him, but it was a pleasure to meet Sister Minchin.

The Harvest Ingathering program was in full swing in Singapore and Penang and the brethren reported a goodly sum already solicited. The seminary goal had been reached by the students and there was real cause for rejoicing. The students on one field day raised more than one thousand Straits dollars. Surely they have ample cause for rejoicing and we rejoice with them in their accomplishments.

Busy people are usually happy people, and so it was with our brethren and sisters both at Penang and Singapore. It was indeed a real pleasure to meet them all and to learn something of their work and problems.

Before leaving San Francisco after the General Conference Session, Pastor Armstrong and I agreed to meet in Baguio on or about the 15th of October. I arrived in Hongkong on the 15th of October and Pastor Armstrong arrived on the 16th. It was a real privilege and a pleasure to accompany him on the trip to Manila during which time we had opportunity of discussing some of the many problems of the far flung Far Eastern Division and make plans regarding the transfer of the Division headquarters

to Singapore.

Our boat was rather late in reaching Manila, but as Buddha said, "All things come to an end, nothing lasts," so it was in this case. Even before the boat docked we could see friendly hands waving a welcome. As soon as the boat docked the brethren came on board to welcome us and made us feel at home among them. I believe that most of the foreign workers living in Manila had come to the boat. It was a privilege indeed to meet brethren and sisters who had severed home ties in the homeland and had given themselves and their all in willing sacrifice that those in darkness in the Philippine Union might hear the glad news of salvation and be saved in God's eternal kingdom.

There was Pastor R. R. Figuhr, Superintendent of the Philippine Union, whom I had known and gone to school with a quarter of a century ago. Little did we dream away back in those days that we should be called together in this way to serve God in the same Division field.

I had also known Brother and Sister Leland in the homeland, Sister Leland having began her nurses' training course at the New England Sanitarium in 1922 before I left to answer the call to Southern Asia, and Brother Leland who was connected with the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Mountain View, California, where we spent our furlough. I enjoyed very much staying with them in their comfortable and hospitable home during my sojourn in Manila. Brother Leland is serving as the manager of the Philippine Publishing House at Manila and carries heavy responsibilities. Besides Pastor Figuhr and Brother Leland, there were: Dr. Erickson, Medical Superintendent of the Manila Sanitarium; B. E. Failing, Manager and Treasurer of the Manila Sanitarium; Pastor F. A. Pratt, Editor and Treasurer of the Philippine Publishing House; Pastor F. A. Mote, Field Missionary Secretary of the Philippine Union; Pastor M. F. Wiedemann, Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary of the Philippine Union; Professor A. M. Ragsdale, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Philippine Union; Pastor E. J. Urquhart rendering valuable service in Manila in connection with the Harvest Ingathering work; Sisters Erickson and Urquhart; and last but not least, Sister Nora Atkins who so courageously carried on with the Division accounting and general office work being father and mother, as the Indians would say, to the field generally, in Baguio staying by the stuff during the absence of the

Division staff. I am sure that the workers throughout the field have appreciated her willing and efficient service.

The following morning I met Sister Wheeler who had also braved the rains at Baguio with Sister Atkins having during those months given excellent and cheerful service as the Editor of the Far Eastern Division "Outlook" together with her numerous other duties. It is very sincerely regretted that the Far East is to lose her from the field. We wish her God's blessing as she goes on her much needed and well earned furlough and returns to the China Division for further valuable service in the mission field.

Our visit to the Philippine Union College was a wonderfully inspiring occasion. We found this advanced training school well staffed and strong work was being done in preparing young men and women for God's service. Definite plans were being laid to enlarge the student body in 1937 and onward without additional budget provision from the Union. Vocational subjects are being taught and a number of students are earning their way through school. It was a source of much encouragement to learn that approximately 100 souls are being baptized annually as the direct result of the efforts put forth by the students and school staff.

I have not seen a finer school plant in other mission fields where I have visited. With the addition of premedical course equipment, the college will be in a position to prepare students for almost any line of endeavor. I feel, after visiting the college and becoming personally acquainted with the acting principal Professor O. A. Blake and his excellent staff of workers, that the Philippine Union College is in a unique position to give our boys and girls throughout the Far Eastern Division a thorough and comprehensive education. All of the heads of departments are well qualified. Staff members such as Professors B. B. Davis, C. L. Witzel, C. C. Morrison, Roman Senson and Sisters Sr. and Jr. Blake, Davis, Witzel, and Morrison and the Philippine staff members are giving their best to the students and the response on the part of the students is very wholehearted.

The Manila Sanitarium has been enjoying a good patronage. During 1935 and thus far in 1936 the expenses, aside from the wages of foreign workers, have been less than the income to the institution. Dr. Erickson enjoys the full confidence of his patients and the medical work in Manila is sure to develop strongly. The doctor has very efficient coworkers in Nurses

Parker and Irvine and others.

I was especially impressed with the sincerity of all the workers I met along the way to Baguio. They were all of good courage. The warmth of their welcome was so genuine and so sincere that I felt very much at home among them. How wonderful this blessed truth binds our hearts together in Christian love and makes us one in Christ Jesus.

I am looking forward in happy anticipation of meeting brethren and sisters in other parts of the Far Eastern Division.

### BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS No. 2 The Program

Several have told me that they were anxious to start a branch Sabbath school, but that they did not know just how to arrange a good program. A few days ago I sent out a questionnaire to a number who were conducting successful branch schools; and in reply I found that their programs were very simple. Here are two:

#### *Small School (1 to 6)*

Song (Those who do not sing, read a hymn)

Prayer

Scripture Study

Study of the lesson

Song

Mission study (as found in the Missions Quarterly)

Offering to Missions

Mark record

Song

#### *Large School (6 or more)*

Song Service

Opening Song

Scripture Study (Repeat memory verse, 23rd Ps., the Commandments, Books of the Bible, etc.)

Prayer

Secretary's report

Mission study (as found in the Missions Quarterly)

Offering to Missions

Song or special music

Children pass to their classes

Review of last week's lesson

Class record

Study of the lesson

Song

Prayer

One lady writes, "I find that the people take a greater interest in our school when they have a part on the program."

Another adds, "I never let my program drag. As soon as one part is over, I announce the next number."

A brother says, "I find that forty-five minutes is long enough

for my children. We close before they begin to look at their watches."

One leader said, "At first I was afraid to take up an offering, but I found that when the children heard the stories in the *Missions Quarterly*, they were glad to give."

"We began taking up the offering from the first. The people expect it now," adds another.

Speaking of the lesson study one lady has this to say, "At first I just read the lesson to them as it was in *Our Little Friend* and still felt very nervous. Then I got so bold I could tell the story myself. Now I tell them the story and ask them questions without thinking how I feel. It is surprising how many questions the children can answer."

### Where to Conduct the School

There seems to be no problem at all for those who are willing to take hold of the work. The most of our branch Sabbath schools are being conducted in private homes. Some are conducted in the same home week after week and others "visit about." In some sections of the country where church services are rare, the people are glad for someone to come to their church and start a Sunday school. Others have their meetings in a school house, or hall, or vacant store building.

### Who should Conduct the School

"No, we do not have a branch Sabbath school in our church," a good brother sadly remarked to me. "Our superintendent is so busy, it would be asking too much to even suggest anything more to him."

Poor man! Evidently he did not know that anyone with a vision can start a branch Sabbath school. There are a number of Sabbath school teachers who feel that they are better prepared to lead out in a branch Sabbath school after they have been to teachers' meeting and have taught a class in the home school. There are mothers who find that by inviting some of their children's playmates for a Bible story hour Sabbath afternoon that their children enjoy the Sabbath more. Some with a live missionary spirit find that this is an excellent way to bring cheer to the shut-ins week by week. They say that their visits seem to have a purpose to them now. Some shut-ins find that their lot is not so hard to bear when they can look forward to Sabbath or Sunday when some of their neighbours and friends will come to their home for a Sabbath

school. Some of the young people are finding it one of the very best training schools for themselves to learn how to speak in public. In fact, no one who is anxious to see souls saved in the kingdom of God need feel that he must wait for someone to get him started. The possibilities in the branch Sabbath school are many.

—ARCHA DART,  
*Sabbath School Secretary, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.*

### SIAM MISSION

Sabbath is a busy day here in Bangkok. Our Siamese services begin at eight o'clock in the morning and close at nine forty-five. By ten o'clock the scene has changed and the Chinese members are in their places for the opening of their Sabbath school. In the afternoon branch Sabbath schools are conducted. One of these will soon be organized into an English Sabbath school beginning at four P. M., as we expect that Dr. Waddell will soon be here to help. His help is greatly needed as I am required to spend a large amount of my time out in the country.

We now have our own printed Siamese lesson quarterlies, as well as mimeographed notes for the teachers. And the Missions Readings are translated. The students in the schools study the Sabbath school lessons for a few minutes each morning. We have our own Siamese song books also in mimeographed form, but we are slowly adding to the collection, and will print proper hymnals when we can.

We have nearly completed preparation of the material for a series of twelve new tracts in Siamese. Pictures will be inserted to make them more attractive. Then as soon as our new stereopticon supplies arrive we plan some extensive village work,—giving the message by the eye-ear method. We do not know how, with so few workers, we can ever reach the millions of Siam in any other way. So far over seven thousand of the ten thousand copies of our new Siamese magazine Number 5, have been sold from North to South throughout the country. These contain some important phases of the truth for our time.

Our Siamese-English school is staffed with four teachers, and the present enrollment is about one hundred. The school also fosters



an energetic J. M. V. society, which meets on alternate Friday evenings. Fifteen members received Friend pins last year, and others are working for them now. Fourteen are trying for their Companion pins.

The Chinese work suffered for a time due to a lack of workers, but is gradually improving again. We are thankful to have Brother Kon Vui-leong and family back again after an absence of two and one-half years. During this time they were connected with the North Borneo Mission. We will soon leave for a combined visiting and Harvest Ingathering trip in the Southeast.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Doctor and Mrs. Waddell. How long we have hoped and prayed and called for a doctor for Bangkok! And now we are sure our hopes will soon be realized. A clinic similar to the one in Penang will greatly strengthen our work here.

Some time ago calls were placed for two new workers, one a native Karen from Burma to work among the thousands of his own people in the hill country of Northwest Siam, and the other a Batak man and family to locate in Southern Siam to work for the Malays. These should both prove to be fruitful fields and should be entered while we still have freedom to do so.

Since Brother and Sister Abel left for their furlough we have looked after the work in East Siam as best we could. We feared that the enrollment in the school might drop considerably, but it is still standing at a little over two hundred in spite of opposition. The teachers are doing nobly under the circumstances. We hope to baptize two of the students on our next trip. The wife of the head man of the town of Ubol is a real friend and helper of the school there. The government of Siam is putting more emphasis on Buddhism of late, thus hoping to preserve the unity of the people.

Before the rainy season we were able to visit Brother Boon Mee and family. He operates a small clinic in a village about fifty kilometers from Ubol. The Lord is blessing Brother Boon Mee in his work, and giving him favor with the people. The officials there spoke highly of him. From this place three of us, with one bicycle between us, walked and pedaled twenty kilometers to visit another family of church members.

Thus our work is onward and we thank the Lord for His blessings. We believe that if we work earnestly and thoroughly, sowing the seed, we will find many honest

hearts here in Siam. Please pray for our work and workers in Siam.

## GRADUATION EXERCISE, TOKYO SANITARIUM

By V. T. Armstrong

Sunday evening, September 27th, a class of five nurses received their pins and credentials from the Tokyo Sanitarium hospital. This is the third class that has finished the nurses training work in the institution. Another class of eight entered for training in September of this year. Because of inclement weather many friends from Tokyo and Yokohama were not privileged to attend the exercises of the evening.

The class address was given by the writer. Prayer was offered by Dr. Watanabe, the diplomas were presented by Dr. Paul V. Starr, the pins given by Mrs. C. D. Forshee, superintendent of nurses, while Dr. Elmer Olson offered the closing prayer. The class in unison repeated the Florence Nightingale Pledge. It was an inspiration to attend the exercises. The class just starting their course marched in first, then the graduate nurses, and then the class who were just finishing their work.

We thought back to the beginning of our medical work in Japan in 1929. At that time we had no trained nurses to help in the work. Now a fine group of nurses are giving their best to the work for which they have been trained and to which they are devoting their lives. Surely the Lord has blessed, and is blessing the medical work in the Japan Union. Many are receiving spiritual and physical help and the work is prospering financially.

## GOVERNOR MERRIAM'S TESTIMONY

R. R. Senson

During the last General Conference, I was privileged to hear Governor Merriam of California address the delegates assembled, concerning his personal observations of the work of the Seventh-day Adventists. It was very interesting indeed. He classified our work into three main divisions, namely: health, education, and evangelism. He said:

"Your threefold program of religious work is worthy of high commendation and general acceptance. You wisely emphasize the necessity of promoting good

health, of extending educational opportunities, and of furthering world evangelism through the publication and distribution of Christian literature and through personal contact.

"The contribution you have made through your health program should never be underestimated. It has been of inestimable value to individuals in all walks of life. . . . . The mission of your religious body, that of world evangelism, is a subject worthy of generous public appreciation. The example which you have set of doubling your membership every ten years, and of increasing your missionary activities nearly five hundred per cent during a similar period, is somewhat unique in the history of religious progress.

"Another distinctive contribution that your religious organization is making to modern civilization is found in the character and ideals of *your system of education*. . . . . So successful have been your plans in the promotion of knowledge that a recent prominent educator, Dr. J. H. Coffin, in recommending a program of education, for his own religious denomination, had this to say in connection with your policy of vocational training. 'Let any one who is in doubt about the educational value of such a method read the literature put out by the Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute at Madison, Tennessee (A Seventh-day Adventist school). As a purely incidental matter, our school and colleges which are waging a desperate battle to keep their noses above the financial waters, would do well to look into the financial achievements and present status of this wonderful Seventh-day Adventist institution.'

"Such a program of education becomes a social agency of the highest order. It has as its major purpose the formation of character through the proper evaluation of human and spiritual values."

The people of the world have not been slow to recognize the supremacy of our own methods of education over the too theoretical system such as we see in the land. The Lord ordained that we should lead in this matter. The words of Governor Merriam should be a challenge to us all. It is a pity that only a very small percentage of our young people are receiving the benefits of our Christian schools. These schools are ordained by God to do a very specific work in these last days.

When the Lord, through the prophet Josel said, "Gather the people. . . . .g a t h e r the children," he meant that they

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## FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK

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### DIVISION NEWS NOTES

The Division office has been temporarily located at 106 Orchard Road, Singapore, S. S. Workers addressing mail to the Far Eastern Division should use Box No. 226. The very valuable assistance rendered by Brother E. A. Moon has been greatly appreciated. His knowledge of the city and conditions here has been invaluable in our search for suitable office and living quarters for Division workers. He has made a careful study and done considerable investigating with reference to the possibility of securing land for the Division headquarters.

Elder A. W. Cormack, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, has been assigned to the Far Eastern Division to assist in Division, union and local meetings for the next few months. He will arrive in December. Brother Cormack spent nearly twelve years in the Southern Asia Division as president of that field and will give excellent help throughout the Division where he will visit. It will be a pleasure to have him join us and assist in the many problems relating to the conduct of the work in the Far Eastern Division.

We are looking forward to the arrival in Singapore of Miss Effie James who is to connect with the Far Eastern Division office staff as stenographer and office secretary. Inasmuch as Miss James spent several years in the China Division and knows something of the problems in that field we are confident that her work will be of real value to the Far Eastern Division. We extend to Miss James a very warm and cordial welcome as she joins the workers in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Mr. Leonard Bohner and family are scheduled to arrive in Manila by the S. S. President Cleveland on December 10. Brother Bohner has been connected with the New England Sanitarium and Hospital in a business capacity for the past eleven years, during which time he has rendered efficient and willing service. He is to succeed Brother H. W. Klaser as secretary-treasurer of the Philippine Union. We are sure that Brother and Sister Bohner will like the work and workers in the Philippine

Union. We wish them God's blessing as they enter upon their new duties.

### MALAYAN NEWS NOTES

We have been very happy to welcome to Singapore several of the Division workers who have recently arrived. Elder J. H. McEachern with Mrs. McEachern and Betty reached Singapore by the "Katori Maru" on October 28. Pastors Armstrong and Torrey and Miss Nora Atkins arrived by the "President Adams" on Nov. 1. Pastor Campbell and his family reached Singapore on November 6 by the S. S. "Touraine." A number of busy days have been spent with these workers searching for places to live in and for a temporary location for the Division offices in the city. They are all now located in living quarters and comfortable offices have been rented in an accessible section of the city. We understand that other members of the Division staff will be arriving later. The Division brethren expect to purchase land and erect a permanent office building and homes for the Division workers just as soon as a suitable location can be found.

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Pastor Kon Vui Leong who for many years has been connected with our work in Siam, but who has been transferred to British North Borneo to assist our work there, recently returned to Siam to continue his work for the Chinese people of that country.

Pastor R. M. Milne, Field Missionary Secretary of the Malayan Union Mission arrived in Singapore on November 4 returning from his furlough. Mrs. Milne is remaining in America a few months longer and expects to join Brother Milne in Singapore next spring. The Union committee has arranged an intensive itinerary for Brother Milne for the remainder of this year. He will first spend some time in Penang in Ingathering work after which he is to visit Sarawak, French Indo-China and Siam for Ingathering work and to assist the colporteurs and promote the Home Missionary work.

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It is planned that within the next few weeks arrangements will be perfected for Pastor W. R. Lake to begin regular weekly broadcasts over a radio station in Singapore. We believe that this will prove to be an effective means of interesting a number of people in the Truth who would probably not be reached by other evangelistic methods.

Work is still being done in the Harvest Ingathering campaign in

various places in the Malayan Union. The students and teachers of the Malayan Seminary went out for their Ingathering field day on Tuesday October 6. Their goal was \$800.00, Straits, and they came back with more than \$1,000.00.

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Dr. and Mrs. Ingle of South Africa recently passed through Singapore returning to their home after attending the General Conference.

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Prof. G. H. Minchin, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Malayan Union, conducted the Week of Prayer for the students of the Malayan Seminary, the week of October 17-24. Brother Minchin left on October 25 for a visit of several weeks to Siam. While he is in Siam, Brother Minchin will visit our schools in Bangkok and Ubol and assist Brother Ritz with Ingathering and other work.

Pastor D. S. Kime, director of the Malay States Mission baptized eight persons on October 17, who have accepted the Truth through the labors of Brother Siregar, our Malay worker in the city of Singapore. These people will become members of our Singapore Malay Church.

—E. A. Moon.

### GOVERNOR MERRIAM'S TESTIMONY

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should be gathered into our own schools and be taught that "righteousness which exalteth a nation." These schools are to be as barriers against the wide-spreading corruption in the land. They are to be havens of refuge for our tempted youth. Here they receive the inspiration for service. It is the aim of our schools that every one that comes under its tuition may be saved from sin and guided in service.

This is the reason why the Bible occupies a very large part in our educational program. It is made the basis of all our instruction. Whether it is English or History or any other subject, the Bible best suits in every program.

Speaking of the products of our schools, the servant of the Lord said, "Many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's word and His works will yet stand in Legislative Assemblies and in halls of Justice to witness for the King of Kings."

Is your boy or daughter in one of our schools receiving this training, this fitness to be a witness for the Great King?