

## *Malayan Union Mission Biennial Session*

By ROGER ALTMAN, *Secretary-Treasurer,*  
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The ninth biennial session of the Malayan Union Mission was held in the Malayan Union Seminary chapel January 9-16, 1956. On the opening night Pastor J. M. Nerness, now the acting president of the union, gave his report in which he reviewed the work in this field from its early years, and showed the rapid progress in the last ten-year period in comparison with the first 40 years.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1945

Membership	1591
Added	3472
Lost	874
Net Gain	<u>2598</u>

1955 (End of third quarter)

Membership Total	4189
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Percent of Net Gain 163%

In other words, where we had one Seventh-day

Adventist for every 30,000 non-believers in 1945, we have one Seventh-day Adventist for every 12,000 today. The Sabbath school is a large factor in making these gain possible. It also serves as an index to future membership gains.

One of the greatest blessings of postwar days is the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence school. This has proved to be a most effective medium of soul winning. Our field pioneered the production of the lessons in Malay, Vietnamese and Thai. Schools are conducted in six different languages. Some of our most promising postwar workers have learned the message through this medium.

The publishing arm has always been a mighty force in Seventh-day Adventist work. Even though we distribute about US\$100,000 worth of literature each year, we know there is much more which should be done. This Malayan Union field has been the unwilling host to three of the world's most active trouble spots, namely Malaya, Laos, and Vietnam. Our ministers as well as the colporteurs have been restricted in giving to otherwise fruitful areas. The hope is that peace will come again soon.

*Delegates to the Malayan Union Mission Biennial Session.*

Photo by T. S. Ho



During the first 40 years of the work of God in the Malayan Union we had only two church buildings between Singapore and China. At least 10 such buildings have been built since 1950 and four or five more will be built in this area in the next year or so.

It is encouraging to note the steady increase in our tithes and offerings during this biennial period. Our hope is that through proper promotion and the liberality of our members a greater increase may be shown during the next two-year period.

The educational department reports that God has greatly prospered our schools in spite of problems. Ten students have graduated from the Junior College of the Malayan Union Seminary during the biennial period and more are in training. A Chinese training school is also being conducted in connection with the Seminary, but still the numerous calls for teachers cannot be filled. There are openings for at least nine church schools and these could be started immediately if it were not for the shortage of teachers. Teachers have been called from the Philippines but there are immigration difficulties to be overcome in the securing of the same. Our goal is to make it possible for every Seventh-day Adventist child to be educated in a church school and by God's help we shall work to that end during this next biennial period.

The reports given by our medical institutions were very inspiring. As we heard of the thousands receiving help through "the right arm of the message" we could not help but feel and know that God's word sown in deeds of kindness will not "return unto Him void." A special plea was made for a strong campaign to encourage our young women to look to our Bangkok School of Nursing for training in the medical work. It is our hope that before long a school of nursing can be started in one of our institutions in Malaya with full government recognition.

Our hearts were especially cheered as we heard of the establishment of our newest medical center, the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Difficulties in the way have been great but through prayer, faith and the gifts of friends, we have been able to start this institution in Saigon. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Winton and the cooperation of the local mission committee. Truly this is a monument for God in that city.

All of our missions reported a steady growth in membership in spite of many difficulties. The emphasis laid on lay preaching and evangelism in general has been a contributing factor in soul winning. There were many prayers about our young people being active in missionary endeavors. We are seeing the prophecy of Joel fulfilled, namely "... I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: ... your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28) The youth in this union mission are seeing a vision of Jesus Christ and they are going out to "share their faith" to a world waiting in darkness.

A number of successful efforts were held during the past two-year period. However, the question

comes to us, how can we finish the work in this vast territory with Indo-China's millions, Thailand's stronghold of Buddhism, Malaya's Islamic allegiance, and Borneo's superstitious heathenism. We find the answer in Zechariah 4:6: "... 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts.' Through the united and consecrated efforts of every worker and member of God's remnant church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit the gospel will go to all.

Evangelism was stressed in a strong way in the two councils held prior to the union session. The first was a workers' meeting conducted by Pastor J. R. Spangler, ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Successful methods of evangelism were presented followed by discussions in which all participated freely. As a result of this meeting, very definite plans were laid for efforts to be conducted this year in all parts of the union mission.

The second pre-council on child evangelism was conducted by Pastor W. J. Harris of the General Conference Sabbath school department, and Pastors H. E. McClure and R. A. Pohan, Sabbath school department secretaries of the Far Eastern Division and the Malayan Union Mission, respectively. The opportunities for child evangelism in well-equipped and properly conducted Sabbath schools are limitless. Many helpful methods were demonstrated in the successful and well-attended workshops.

The timely and helpful counsel of Pastor A. V. Olson was greatly appreciated both in the work of the committees and in the morning devotional periods.

One major change in administration was the combining of the North Borneo Mission and the Sarawak Mission into one mission to be known as the Borneo-Brunei-Sarawak Mission. This move was felt necessary in order to better serve all three fields and to coordinate their activities.

On Sabbath, January 14, six workers were ordained to the gospel ministry in a very impressive service. As the charge was read to K. B. Tan, K. T. Chin, R. D. Hall, A. I. Krautshick, E. B. Smith and S. T. Soh, all the ordained ministers who had taken their places on the rostrum, realized anew the great task lying before the ministry of this church. We pray that God will richly bless those newly ordained to the gospel ministry. We know that God's arm is not shortened toward those who labor for souls. It will not be long before the earth will be lightened with an eternal glory. In this work of saving souls, as well as in our personal lives, may this be our constant prayer:

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears.

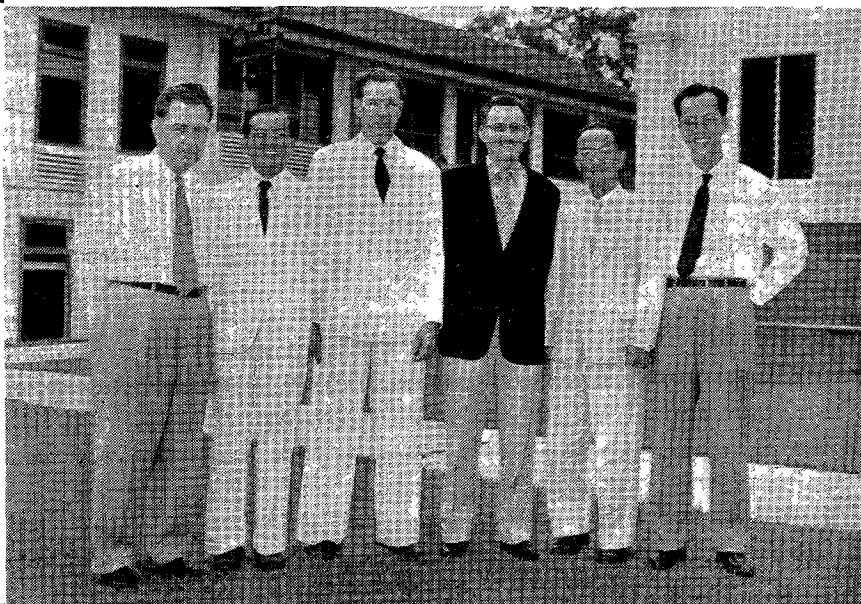
Thy cross is lifted o'er us  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest  
Lead on, O God of might.

*Workers who were  
ordained to the  
gospel ministry.*

*Left to right:*

*A. I. Krautschick,  
K. T. Chin, R. D. Hall,  
E. B. Smith, K. B. Tan  
and S. T. Soh.*

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## The Rise and Development of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church

By F. A. MOTE

(PART 5)

An all-wise God permitted the invention of the printing press in order that the work of the gospel might go forward rapidly in every section of the world field. The publishing department, as we find it in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was formulated early in the history of the Adventist movement through the direction of the Spirit of prophecy.

In April, 1846, Sister White's first vision had been printed. In May of that same year Elder Joseph Bates had published his tract, *The Opening Heavens*. In August his forty-eight-page pamphlet, *The Seventh-day Sabbath a Perpetual Sign*, appeared in print. The next year he put out an eighty-page pamphlet on *The Second Advent Waymarks and High Peaks*. Elder James White published a twenty-four-page pamphlet, *A Word to the Little Flock*.

There is an interesting story about how Elder Joseph Bates spent his fortune in the Advent Movement. He had no money for publishing literature, but he was deeply burdened to get the truth regarding the Sabbath before the public and his faith was strong enough to believe that God would provide a way for him to do it. One day he seated himself at his desk, and placing his Bible and concordance before him, proceeded to write:

"Joseph," called Mrs. Bates, as she opened the kitchen door about an hour later, "I haven't flour enough to make out the baking." Then she mentioned other groceries she needed.

"How much flour do you lack?" asked Captain Bates, looking up from his manuscript.

"About four pounds," said Mrs. Bates.

"Very well," said the captain; and leaving his desk, he stepped into a near-by store and purchased the groceries his wife desired. Placing them on the table, unobserved by her, he quickly resumed his work at the desk.

"Where did this flour come from?" she exclaimed when she discovered a bit of meal in a sack.

"Why, isn't there enough?" asked the captain.

"Yes, but where did you get it?"

"I bought it. Is not that the amount you wanted to complete the baking?"

"Yes, but have you, Captain Bates, a man who has sailed vessels out of New Bedford to all parts of the world, been out and bought four pounds of flour?" exclaimed his thrifty wife.

"Wife," confessed the man of faith, "I spent for those articles the last money I have on earth."

"What are we going to do?" asked Mrs. Bates between sobs. She had been used to plenty, and it was not easy to be penniless.

"The Lord is going to open the way," said the captain cheerfully, after he had explained his plans for writing a book about the Sabbath.

And the Lord did open the way. That very day Captain Bates felt impressed that there was money at the post office for him; and going there, he received a letter containing \$10. That was a real encouragement to him, and helped greatly to strengthen the faith of his wife.—*Story of the Advent Message*, p. 120.

About two years after this experience, in the latter part of 1848, while a few earnest believers were assembled in conference, some of the brethren were having a very earnest prayer meeting, pleading with God for wisdom to know how they could publish the message to the world. God heard their cry and speaking to them through His chosen messenger, He

bade His heavily burdened workers press forward. The message of heaven to the Adventist people at that time was as follows:

"I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper, and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*Life Sketches*, p. 125.

The brethren continued to pray. Elder James White, with two other brethren, mowed one hundred acres of grass by hand in order to earn sufficient money with which to print the first papers which were circulated to the people in their vicinity. In the year, 1849, the little paper, *The Present Truth*, was published for the first time. This was done with a true spirit of prayer and sacrifice, and these pages of literature were sent forth on wings of prayer and faith. Of the beginning of this publishing work, Sister White wrote:

"My husband then began to publish a small sheet at Middletown, eight miles from Rocky Hill (Connecticut), and often walked this distance and back again, although he was then lame. When he brought the first number from the printing office, we all bowed around it, asking the Lord, with humble hearts and many tears, to let His blessing rest upon the feeble efforts of His servant. He then directed the paper to all he thought would read it, and carried it to the post office in a carpetbag. Every number was taken from Middletown to Rocky Hill, and always, before preparing them for the post office, they were spread before the Lord, and earnest prayers mingled with tears were offered to God that His blessing would attend the silent messengers."—*Life Sketches*, p. 260.

In 1850, *Present Truth* became known as *The Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*. This paper has become very well known throughout the entire world as our denominational church paper.

In 1852, the brethren began to print a paper for our young people called, *The Youth's Instructor*. In the year 1855, our first little printing establishment was begun, known as the Review and Herald Publishing Association. It is remarkable to study the Spirit of prophecy and see how God has so wonderfully led in every step that has been taken regarding the development of our publishing work.

It was in the year 1874 that we began publishing the periodical so well known around the world, *The Signs of the Times*. This periodical is now being published in many different languages, and reaches thousands of homes every week.

In 1879 the following instruction was given to the Seventh-day Adventist church through the Spirit of prophecy:

"Some things of grave importance have not been receiving due attention at our offices of publication. Men in responsible positions should have worked up

plans whereby our books could be circulated, and not lie on the shelves, falling dead from the press. Our people are behind the times, and are not following the opening providence of God.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing and praying with and for them—is a good work, and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labor."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, pp. 388, 390.

Our early pioneers were perplexed to know how to carry out this instruction. It did not seem possible that our books containing the Adventist message could be sold to the public. Elder Uriah Smith had written two books, one by the name of *Thoughts on Daniel*, and the other *Thoughts on the Revelation*. Brother George A. King requested the General Conference brethren to allow him to sell *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, but the brethren felt that he would not be successful in this work. Finally, the leading brethren of the denomination agreed to print a special edition of 500 copies, with the understanding that Brother King would promise to sell the entire edition. These books sold so rapidly that it was necessary for larger and better editions to be printed, and thus began our work known the world around as colporteur evangelism. From that day until the present time, the colporteur work has continued to prosper, and we are told in the Spirit of prophecy (*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 35,) that the colporteur work "is to be carried forward with increasing success."

According to our latest denominational statistics, we are now publishing the message of the soon return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in 198 languages. In addition to this we are preaching in another 524 languages, making a total of 722 languages in which the Advent Message is being proclaimed to the inhabitants of the earth.

We are also able to report 42 publishing houses in the world field. In the latest available statistical report, it is stated that our literature sales for one year amounted to US\$16,469,911.99. The latest world report of our publishing department work shows that we have about 4,800 colporteurs distributing our wonderful literature to the people of the different parts of the world.

It is easy for us to look back and see how God has led in the establishment and development of the publishing work in connection with our church. We can see that the Lord was leading when He instructed Sister White to have our people begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. It was small at first, but as the people read they would send in means with which to print and the work would be a success from the very start. Then Sister White said, "From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*Life Sketches*, p. 125.

## Sabbath School Soul-Winning Institutes

By H. E. McCURE,  
Division Sabbath School Secretary

A successful series of soul-winning institutes has just been completed in the Far Eastern Division. On Sunday, January 6, Pastor W. J. Harris, associate secretary of the Sabbath school department of the General Conference, joined your Division Sabbath school secretary in Tokyo. We left immediately for Seoul, Korea, and the next morning found us on our way to Pusan. Three large institutes were held in Korea with many hundreds attending each of these meetings. These institutes lasted several days each, and included workshop periods. Child evangelism was featured in all of these meetings, as well as in those throughout the Division. Many and pointed are the statements appearing in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy calling our attention to the importance of using up-to-date, attractive methods to make the Sabbath school not only beautiful to the children but also soul saving and soul holding. Our people responded whole-heartedly to the instruction and entered enthusiastically into the workshop periods.

There was time for approximately one week in Taiwan prior to the Division Council in Hong Kong. Our first meeting there was at Tainan on the southern end of the island. Present at that institute were many of our mountain tribesmen, many of them fresh out of heathenism. The second of these meetings in Taiwan was held at the Taiwan Training Institute near Taipei. Here again our people were thrilled as these new and challenging methods of labor for the children in our Sabbath schools were presented to them. We received the impression that our work in Taiwan, though it is new, is in a healthy condition and promises to make rapid strides in the months to come. We are happy that child evangelism is to receive its proper share of emphasis and attention in this new field.

Immediately following the Division Council in Hong Kong it was our privilege to meet with a large gathering of our believers from the Hong Kong area in three days of institutes and workshops at the Boundary Street church. Hundreds were present and they were keenly interested in the new and better methods of working for our children through the Sabbath school.

Interesting sessions were held in Saigon and Bangkok just before Christmas. The day following Christmas, Pastor Harris and I left for Indonesia. Three workshop sessions were held in that country covering a period of approximately ten days. Indonesia proved to be no exception when it comes to interest in Sabbath school work. They are keen to use the latest and best methods possible in working for our children.

Following the Indonesia meeting we returned to Singapore and had the opportunity of meeting with our workers and laymen just prior to the opening of the Malayan Union biennial session. The child evangelism institute was held in the Seminary chapel. Some expressed the opinion that they had never seen such a keen interest in Sabbath school work as that manifested in Singapore. Workers and laymen alike entered into the workshop program. Many sets of materials which had been ordered from the Review and Herald and were on hand were disposed of immediately.

It is in the Philippines that our Sabbath school work has grown to the greatest proportions and where our attendance at the institutes was the largest. Two weeks were spent in the South Philippines and two weeks in the North Philippines. The leadership of both the unions as well as the local missions gave their whole-hearted support and this meant much to the success of the program. In some places the attendance ran as high as 1,000 to 1,500 persons with a very large corps of delegates sent by their Sabbath schools to take advantage of the instruction. Workshop periods were held in each of the four missions in the South Philippines and in four different locations in the North Philippines. Interest ran high

*Delegates and visitors  
who attended the child  
evangelism institute  
held in Lucena, Quezon,  
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and it is our expectation to see a new day dawn in the Philippines as a result of these institutes.

Japan was last on the itinerary. A little less than two weeks were spent in the Japan Union beginning with Fukuoka in the southern part of the country. A workshop was held in Kobe. We made a brief visit to Japan Missionary College followed by a meeting with the workers in Tokyo and after that another child evangelism institute. Throughout Japan our believers showed their interest in fostering the Sabbath school work. They expressed their deep appreciation for the new things they had learned.

We wish to thank all of our leaders in every field for their splendid cooperation in making facilities possible for the holding of these institutes and for bringing in the large number of delegates who were present at all of the meetings. May we now urge that every effort be made to follow up these institutes and workshops so that the information and instruction will not be lost but that hundreds and thousands of our boys and girls here in the Far East will be found in God's kingdom as a result of our combined efforts.

## Publishing Progress

BY C. L. FINNEY,  
*Division Publishing Secretary*

If you were to ask any one of our 800 colporteur-evangelists in the Far Eastern Division the question, "Why are you a colporteur?" I believe you would receive but one answer, namely "To win souls for Christ." Of course they need to make a living and God says that the laborer is worthy of his hire. He also tells us that He wishes above all things that we may prosper. And so God is blessing our colporteurs in this respect, too. Hundreds of our colporteurs are earning several times the amount earned by the average layman in other lines of employment. But colporteurs are out to win souls for Christ and all heaven is interested in their work. During the year 1955, God used our colporteurs to bring 480 precious souls into the truth. One of our faithful sisters in Korea sold our literature, gave Bible studies, and helped to raise up a church with more than 20 members.

In the Philippines there is a church which the members call "The Church of the Man in White." The reason for this is that as the colporteur went from home to home selling books and winning souls the people saw a man in white by his side. This church has over 40 members because of the work of this faithful colporteur. This is happening not only in the Philippines and in Korea but in Indonesia, Japan, and throughout the entire Division.

A number of changes have taken place recently in the union mission publishing departments. H. W. Peterson is the new publishing secretary in the Malayan Union. In the Indonesia Union, W. L. Wilcox is replacing E. A. Brodeur who is returning to the States permanently. I. C. Ladia is assuming the publishing department responsibilities in the North

Philippine Union inasmuch as Ben Buck is also returning to the States permanently. In the South Philippine Union Mission, A. N. Santiago is the new publishing department secretary. We feel confident that the Lord will be with these men to bless as they take up their new responsibilities. We hope to see more souls won and more books sold in 1956 than ever before. The colporteur work is not easy but what a glorious reward will be theirs in that glad day when Jesus shall return to claim His own.

## Theological Seminary Extension School

BY L. E. SMART,  
*Division Educational Secretary*

The Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary Extension School which opens on the campus of Philippine Union College on March 19 is the first to be held within the territory of the Far Eastern Division. Representatives will be present from every union in the Division except Korea. The enrollment is expected to be slightly over one hundred and fifty.

The courses being offered are: Evangelistic Procedures, Pastoral Ministry, Voice and Diction, Prophetic Guidance, Archaeology and the Bible.

Dr. S. H. Horn is the director of the Extension School, and Dr. R. G. Manalaysay and Pastor L. E. Smart are the assistant directors. Miss Irene Wakeham will be the registrar. The lecturers are: Dr. S. H. Horn, Pastors W. Schubert and Arthur White, and Miss Wakeham. Students may receive a total of ten hours credit for work taken at the Extension School.

The work of the Extension School will do much to strengthen our ministry and add to the effectiveness of our over-all evangelistic and pastoral program throughout the entire Division field.

The closing exercises of the Extension School will be conducted May 11-13. Pastor F. A. Mote has been invited to be the commencement speaker. Further notice regarding the details of the commencement exercises will appear in the OUTLOOK prior to the event.

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## Colporteurs' Retreat at Port Dickson

BY H. W. PETERSON, *Publishing Secretary,*  
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"And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."  
—Mark 6:30, 31.



Jesus had called the twelve disciples and later appointed the seventy to give the gospel message in His day. They had spent some time with Jesus and had observed His methods of labour. Success in a measure had attended their efforts. On their return they came to Jesus to place before Him their favourable or unfavourable experiences, their joy at seeing results from their labours, and their sorrows because of their failures. Their intimate relationship with Him encouraged them to confess their faults and their weaknesses. "They had committed errors in their first work as evangelists, and as they frankly told Christ of their experiences, He saw that they needed much instruction. He saw, too, that they had become weary in their labours, and that they needed to rest."—*D. A.* p. 359. They needed to go to a place of retirement where they could hold communion with Jesus and receive instruction for future work.

The colporteur ministry under the most favourable circumstances is strenuous "for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties." From experience and from counsel received we know that it is not wise to be always under the strain of work and excitement. Even in ministering to men's spiritual needs there is danger of cherishing spiritual pride and thus falling under Satan's temptations as success attends our efforts. Also personal piety is often neglected, and the powers of mind and soul are overburdened.

In thinking of the colporteur work and its many needs, we were fortunate in locating a bungalow near Port Dickson along the sea for our colporteur institute which closed on March 16. It was a place well suited for the three objectives which we sought to set forth, namely spiritual refreshment, rest and recreation, and Christian salesmanship. Eighteen colporteurs were present—seventeen from the Malay States Mission and one from North Borneo. We also had one visiting colporteur.

During our recent recruiting campaign three colporteurs decided to take up the literature ministry, namely Albert Tan, Mrs. V. Rahamin, and Tsen Tau Nam. These joined with us in the institute. C. L. Finney, publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division, was with us throughout the institute and he gave us instruction in Christian salesmanship. K. T. Chin, publishing secretary of the Malay States Mission, had charge of arrangements and he did his work well. We were also happy to have the services of T. C. Chin, Samuel Tsai, E. N. Wendth, and W. Y. Chen, all of whom were with us for a part of the week. During the devotional services which were shared by several speakers, precious treasures of divine truth were more fully opened to all of us. We are certain that all who were in attendance felt vitalized by divine power and were inspired with greater hope and courage.

Since evangelistic canvassing is of such a high calling, it behooves each colporteur to seek for heaven's perfection in his work. We must ever remember that we are handling sacred truths. "We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others."—*Testi-*

*monies*, vol. 9, p. 20. "Heaven's perfection is to be your power."—*Ibid.*, p. 21. "It is the purpose of God to glorify Himself in His people before the world. He expects those who bear the name of Christ to represent Him in thought, word, and deed. . . . The religion of Christ is to be interwoven with all that they do and say. Their every business transaction is to be fragrant with the presence of God."—*Ibid.*, p. 21.

The publications sent forth from our publishing houses are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. John was a forerunner, a messenger, and a prophet who gave startling messages of warning awakening men from worldly dreaming. Jesus paid tribute to John's work referring to him as the greatest of the prophets. A similar message is to be given to the world today through our publications. The importance of John's work was outstanding for his generation but it is not to be compared to ours. That which was outstanding and dominant in the life of John must be outstanding and dominant in our lives. There was an intense earnestness connected with the work of John which stirred the people as they listened. The same spirit of earnestness should be proportionate to the magnitude of our work. The power of the printed page cannot be measured. Martin Luther's thesis nailed to a door in Germany stirred the nation. Our existence in this world ought to stir the heart of every man and woman who believes in God. Let us move forward in faith and give to the world the light of truth through the evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals.

## A Dorcas Society Report

By MRS. NEIL R. THRASHER AND  
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*Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital*

It is Thursday evening on the campus of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. We stroll past the cafeteria and its darkness reminds us that there is no study period. This is the student nurses' one free evening of the week. We wonder where they are.

A soft tropical breeze brushes our cheeks and brings faint strains of music. It comes from Mrs. Krautschick's home and we ring the doorbell. What a lovely sight! Seated in every available space are girls of many races—student nurses, graduate nurses, workers and foreigners—each busy with a piece of sewing or embroidery and all singing softly together a medley of hymns. The happy smiles on their faces show their joy in this bit of missionary work. At a table we see the laboratory boys cutting and mounting pictures for scrapbooks. Kok Chee is painting a poster to announce the coming food sale.

This is the campus Dorcas meeting. The secretary reads a brief summary of the year's activities:

- a) Visited the leper home, taking them literature, money, food and clothing.
- b) Visited the orphanage and gave them many hours of free labor, baby clothing, food and scrapbooks.

- c) Gave midwifery patients food and clothing.
- d) Paid hospital bills for worthy patients in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, and helped in times of bereavement and sickness in the home.
- e) Gave large tins of powdered milk to those unable to buy it.

We are interested in the history of this happy Dorcas group. We find that it is less than one year old. When the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital opened its charity Midwifery Department a year ago, they soon realized that some of the mothers were poverty stricken, having no clothes for the babies and no food for themselves. Many of the ladies of the church came together to work out a solution to the problem. This marked the beginning of our Dorcas Society. Mrs. Krantschick was elected the leader and Mrs. Qual as her assistant. They soon found willing workers in every department of the hospital. The problem never has been, Who is willing to help but where will the money needed for supplies come from?

This problem has been solved in many ways. When Mrs. Krantschick was in America on furlough, she lectured in the Brooklyn German church. The church gave her a contribution which was to be used where needed most. This sum was used in purchasing supplies for the newly-formed Dorcas Society. Later, the Dorcas Society had food sales for which many willing contributors were found among the Bangkok merchants. We receive a small but steady income from the sale of bottles, cans, and paper. Clothing for babies has been sold, as well as stuffed dolls and animals, painted tea towels, and many other articles.

In less than a year, 4,228 ticals (over US\$200) have been spent for the needy. The treasury now has on hand 10,430.60 ticals (over US\$500) to be used in 1956. In all of the activities of the Dorcas Society, the Lord has richly blessed and every worker who has contributed toward it has likewise been

blessed of God. We pray that much may be accomplished during the new year to relieve suffering and to point others to our loving heavenly Father.

## Dorcas Activities in North Borneo

By R. A. POHAN

Dorcas was not one of the twelve apostles, nor was she one of the seven deacons for she was only a woman. But being a woman she did what only a woman could do. With a woman's intuition and with a mother's love she found the orphans and widows and relieved their sufferings.

Perhaps we would never have heard of Dorcas had it not been for her death and resurrection for she was only a humble woman. However, the books of heaven would have recorded every one of her good deeds. She could not preach in the synagogue nor cure a crippled man at the gate of the temple but many of the poor of Joppa were clothed and warmed by the garments she made for them. Perhaps her fame did not extend beyond Joppa but she held an important place in the church there. Dorcas is not aware of it but her name has become world famous and she has preached powerful sermons on human kindness through the ages. She was only a woman but she has shown to the world that a woman has a mighty place to fill in Christian missions.

The Dorcas sisters of the Tamparuli church in North Borneo could very well be called the "Busy Bees." They meet each Monday afternoon under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. A. Mountain. They make many articles, such as dresses, aprons, pillowcases, etc., They enjoy their Dorcas activities very much and opportunities to dispose of the articles which they make are not lacking in their community. The aged, the sick and the needy are there and sudden calamities and misfortunes are not unheard of in that section. Our wide-awake Dorcas members know their duties and they go into action immediately.



*Members of the  
Tamparuli Dorcas  
Society.*

*Mrs. A. Mountain  
stands at the  
extreme left.*

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The articles of clothing distributed by the members and the hours spent in Christian help work are all done with a prayer that God will bless their labours for others and that their own lives may not come short of God's requirements for a home in His kingdom.

The work of the Dorcas Society is a wonderful work even though it may be done only on a small scale. It should be kept alive and fostered and encouraged until every sister in the church is a member.

"Women who are willing to consecrate some of their time to the services of the Lord should be appointed to visit the sick, look after the young, and minister to the necessities of the poor. They should be set apart to this work by prayer and laying on of hands. In some cases they will need to counsel with the church officers or the minister; but if they are devoted women, maintaining a vital connection with God, they will be a power for good in the church. This is another means of strengthening and building up the church. We need to branch out more in our methods of labour. Not a hand should be bound, not a soul discouraged, not a voice should be hushed; let every individual labour, privately or publicly, to help forward this grand work."

—*Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895.

## Heard at the Malayan Union Biennial Session

The Thai Medical institutions have assisted the Thailand Mission in providing churches at three of the outstations.

Two churches in Indo-China, namely Omon and Duc My, have been freed from behind the "bamboo curtain" this year and they are now striving to rebuild their churches and schools.

The Malay States Mission has 17 regular colporteurs and during the last two years they have sold more than \$200,000 worth of literature.

About 500 patients were treated in the villages of North Borneo Mission by Dr. G. H. A. McLaren of the Youngberg Memorial Hospital when he visited that field. His visit was one of the highlights of the work there in 1955.

The Thailand Mission increased its church membership by fifty percent during the past biennial period.

A doctor friend in Chiangmai, Thailand, has promised to build a church for our believers there as soon as we obtain land for the same.

The chapel of the Malayan Union Seminary is to be completely renovated during 1956. The seating capacity will be increased from 168 to 300.

Nineteen foreign students are enrolled in the Bangkok Sanitarium School of Nursing. These students have come from the Philippines, Indonesia, Penang and Vietnam. Five students from Singapore, Penang and Vietnam are studying laboratory technique.

The Youngberg Memorial Hospital is now the owner of an ambulance. A new Ford station wagon which has been fixed up for that purpose is in service

and fills a real need for the institution. Funds with which to make this purchase came largely from donations given specifically for that purpose.

A Chinese training school is in operation in connection with the Malayan Union Seminary. Eleven students are now enrolled and it is hoped that this will fill a very urgent need in the Malayan Union Mission for workers trained in the use of the Chinese language.

During 1955 four MV camps were held in the Malayan Union Mission with a total attendance of 166. Camps were conducted in Penang and Vietnam for the first time.

The Youngberg Memorial Hospital sent three of its physicians on missionary journeys during the biennial period. They visited North Borneo, Sarawak and Indo-China.

Afternoon classes are being conducted at the Malayan Union Seminary. The teaching is done by college students. Many non-Christian young people are thus privileged to attend a Christian school. The income from these additional classes has enabled the school administration to reduce the financial subsidy of the institution.

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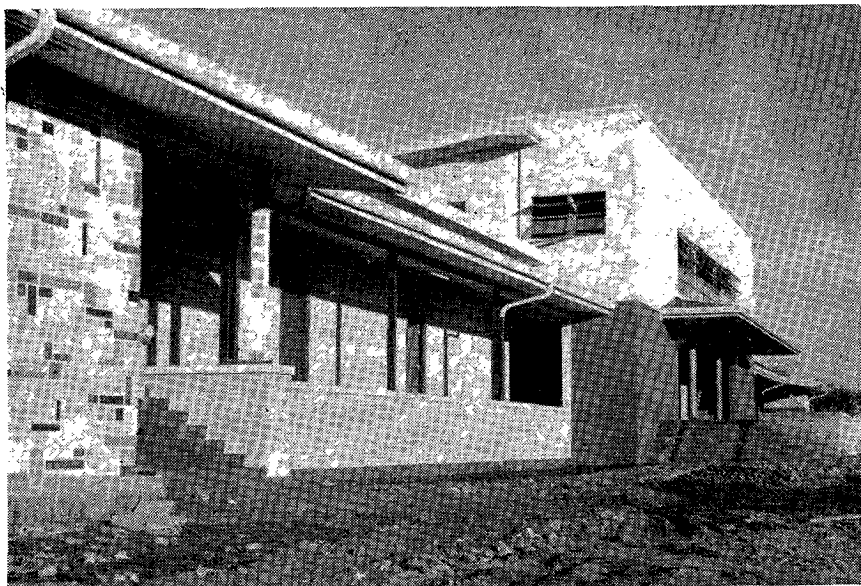
## New Administration Building Dedicated

BY PAZ POBLETE, Registrar,  
Philippine Union College,

This US\$50,000 gift (the new administration building) set on Philippine Union College grounds to face the old administration building, Jackson-Sevrens Hall, was gratefully acknowledged and properly dedicated on February 19, 1956, in the middle of the second North Philippine Union Mission biennial session.

Construction work, which began in October of 1955, was rightly timed to allow the dedication program to be held when representatives from the General Conference, the Far Eastern Division and from all over the North Philippine Union Mission were present in Manila.

In his dedicatory address, Pastor A. V. Olson of the General Conference took the opportunity to review denominational aims in the establishment of educational institutions and to present the spirit of sacrifice involved in the endeavor. He urged the faculty and the staff "to catch that vision in yourselves anew, and to somehow help your students who shall sit in these classrooms to have their eyes fixed upon the world, and fixed also upon the cross of Calvary—to somehow have their hearts moved with



*The new administration  
building at Philippine  
Union College.*

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these needs, moved with compassion until they shall surrender their lives fully unto God to be of service to mankind in all parts of the world field."

Pastor F. A. Mote of the Far Eastern Division pictured to us the new role Philippine Union College is fast assuming as a training center for Far Eastern Division mission workers. Here at Philippine Union College the first union Theological Seminary classes for the Division will be held from March 19 to May 13 under the direction of Dr. S. H. Horn, Professor W. Schubert and Pastor A. L. White. Because of the increased responsibility, Pastor Mote urged that this college should have bigger and better facilities, as well as a first-class faculty.

Pastor W. J. Hackett, the new North Philippine Union Mission president, dedicated the building and its staff to the training of the youth in the Philippines and in the isles beyond. The open-house ceremonies were witnessed by more than a thousand people—parents, delegates, visitors and representatives from the American and Indonesian embassies in Manila. Many expressed delight over the well-planned business offices and the varicoloured classrooms.

A very happy and grateful college student body sat in the eight classrooms on the main floor the day after the building was dedicated. The first meeting held in the faculty session hall (center upper story) was that of the pre-biennial council of mission educators. The hall has also been used as the meeting place of the Filipino Nurses' Association and the Philippine Fulbright Scholars' Association.

This summer (summer months in the Philippines are March, April and May) the construction projects at the college include the remodelling of the dining hall, the enlarging of South Hall (for women), and the laying of the foundation for the US\$75,000 church auditorium with a seating capacity of 4,500. As Pastor Mote aptly put it, "A new day has dawned for Philippine Union College!"

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### **"School of the Light"**

BY T. C. MURDOCK, *President,*  
*Mountain View College*

The young people attending Mountain View College are receiving a practical training in soul winning. This is proving to be of inestimable value to the students themselves and they are certainly being used of the Lord in winning to the truth many precious souls in this area. Every Friday evening and on Sabbath mornings groups of our students go out to visit the following places: Lurugan, Lilingyan, Balila, Fortunate and Lantapan. These young people under the very able leadership of Pastor Mary, our Bible teacher, walk many miles to hold meetings and to give Bible studies.

In the picture will be seen a new church which has been completed within the past three months. The church is located in Lilingyan, which is our nearest barrio. More than 70 souls have already been baptized and their fine building was erected by the new members and our student body. In this church is a fine group of young people who, we believe, will one day be students at Mountain View College.

We believe that this monument to true education will be followed by similar ones where interest has been aroused. We are very proud of our enthusiastic young people who never tire in their missionary efforts. Truly Mountain View College is the "School of the Light."

*The church building  
which was erected  
by the students of  
Mountain View College  
and the members of  
of the church.*

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### West New Guinea Calls for Teachers

BY K. TILSTRA, *President*

In these pictures will be seen two of the buildings on the new school property which we purchased for \$21,500, including the furniture in the house. We have estimated that the value of the furniture and the kitchen utensils is about \$2,000.

We should now have a teacher and that very soon because we have several young people who are ready to enter the school. Even a number of girls have asked for admittance to the school. There are also older women who want to learn how to sew and how best to take care of their babies. If we let this opportunity slip by we may have greater difficulties in getting them later on.

We have more good news to tell. I received a letter from Brother Vijsma in Manokwari telling us that he has made contact with some mountain tribes. He showed them pictures from the picture roll and told them stories from the Bible. They were much impressed and came back for more information. We had sent one of our school boys with Brother Vijsma to canvass in the town of Manokwari. This boy gave these mountain people more studies and now they have sent their head man to ask that we send a teacher to them. No mission work has been done among these people. They promise to build a school-house if we will only send a teacher. A few days later another group came and asked us for a teacher. There are about six or seven villages around here and no other mission has entered them. We must not let these people wait for other missions are ready to enter. I do not know what we will do if we do not get some help for this field.

Our members take a real interest in distributing literature and enrollment cards for the Bible correspondence school. We are handicapped in not having suitable literature for the Malay-speaking people. We do not have a regular colporteur in the field but we have even so been able to sell Fl. 3,317 worth of literature.



## NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● A baptismal service was held in Bangkok, Thailand, on Sabbath, March 24. Twenty-two new believers were baptized, the largest baptism ever held in the Thailand Mission. These twenty-two additions to the church are the results of the evangelistic effort conducted by Milton Lee for the Chinese in Bangkok and also the work of evangelism being carried on at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

● A service unit has been built in connection with the Ubol Mission Hospital. For the present two rooms in this building will be used for schoolrooms thus making it possible to reopen the Ubol mission school. G. L. Juler, M.D., is the medical director of the Ubol Mission Hospital.

● E. H. Wallace, for many years president of the Indo-China Mission, has accepted a call to connect with the Bible department of Philippine Union College.

● A change is being made in the presidency of Japan Missionary College. Dr. Raymond Moore has accepted a call to Philippine Union College where he will serve as dean of the college. T. Yamagata has been appointed president of Japan Missionary College. The latter has served on the faculty of said institution for a number of years.

● R. A. Figuhr and C. L. Torrey, president and treasurer of the General Conference, respectively, are spending a little time in Singapore and in the Indonesia Union Mission en route home to the States from Southern Asia. While in Indonesia, Pastor Figuhr hopes to spend a little time with his son, Richard, and family at Pematang Siantar.

● The Tokyo Sanitarium has been given time on TV on four occasions at news time. The items presented were as follows: free clinic for crippled children, triplets born to a missionary family, Buddhist priest taught the kitchen workers and foreign women how to prepare

vegetables, and the 1955 nurses' graduation.

● E. A. Pender and E. A. Brodeur, returning by boat to Bandung from North Sumatra, had a few days in Singapore with friends. While in North Sumatra, they joined W. L. Wilcox, the publishing secretary of the Indonesia Union Mission, in a colporteur institute for the colporteurs in North Sumatra.

● W. L. Wilcox and family passed through Singapore en route to Bandung, Java, their new field of labour. They had been met in Penang by the parents of Brother Wilcox, Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Wilcox, and brought to their home in Kuala Lumpur for a few days' visit. The latter then brought them to Singapore by car and they again boarded ship for Bandung.

● P. D. Gerrard, public relations secretary for the Christian Record Benevolent Association, is spending a few days in Singapore in the interest of our work for the blind. He addressed the Missionary Volunteer society in the Balestier Road church on Sabbath afternoon, March 24, and told about the contacts he had made while in Singapore. A school for the blind has been built in Singapore near the Division compound. Brother Gerrard had occasion to visit this school and he reported that it is the best school of its kind that he has seen anywhere in his travels. Literature for the blind is now being sent to 54 countries from our Christian Record publishing house in Lincoln, Nebraska.

● Mrs. K. Tilstra sent us this interesting item from the West New Guinea Mission:

"The work at the dispensary is going strong. We have treated well over 200 different patients. Many of these return every week for treatments. At first we held the clinic on the grounds of our future school but we are now working in the village proper. The head man of the kampong (village) has allowed us to use his "front porch" as a dispensary. Working in the village gives us the opportunity to treat the young children and the mothers who never came to us be-

fore. We distribute tracts to the adults who can read and Bible memory verse cards to the children."

● A. P. Ritz, chaplain and business manager of the Penang Mission Hospital, is following up the interest created in Penang during the Spangler evangelistic meetings. More than 100 non-believers attend regularly.

● T. K. Chong, who is associated with A. P. Ritz in the work in Penang, passed through Singapore recently on his way to the Theological Seminary Extension School in Manila. S. M. Siregar, a member of the faculty of Malayan Union Seminary, is also enrolled in this school in Manila.

● The contract has been let for a church building in Haad Yai, Thailand. R. C. Gregory, M.D., is the medical director of the Haad Yai Mission Hospital. Through the influence of the work at the hospital and other endeavors a number have been won to the truth. A church home is greatly needed.

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