

Notes of Progress

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THE REPORTS

We have today more mission stations, more churches, more Sabbath Schools, more Young Peoples' Societies, more members, more baptisms and more workers than we had a year ago. This is all very encouraging and shows that there is a vitality in the onward momentum of this message which no forbidding circumstances can destroy.

The financial features of the report reveal the depression through which we are passing. With our increase in membership our total tithe receipts are practically the same and the per capita shows a decline of \$0.49. Total Sabbath School offerings show a decline of more than \$200.00, in spite of an increase in membership of nearly 200. That looks as if every member added to the Sabbath School means \$1.00 less in offerings for the quarter. We must not fail to remind ourselves that the cause of God continues to advance through good times and bad. Unquestionably people have less to give this year than they had last but who shall say that every one gave to the limit last year? The decline in literature sales is more than \$2000.00. With Brother A. J. Werner now in the field and Brother MacEachern of the Division visiting us during the next few weeks we will surely never have to look at such figures again.

I know the question which is uppermost in your mind is, "When is Brother Gjording coming back?" A letter just received says he has given up his May 25 booking and hopes to get away sometime in June, if all goes well. Now you know exactly when to look for him.

A word of sincere appreciation is due the field for their cheerful and patient cooperation with the Union office. If you can continue to bear with us we will prove that our only purpose is to treat you right.

The first four months of 1931 indicate that the union has run behind something like \$1600.00 Straits. We have overdrawn in matters of travel and of course vacations are not distributed evenly throughout the year. After making all allowances, however, the stubborn fact remains that we shall have to exercise economy if we are to finish the year on the right side of the ledger. The deficit referred to has nothing to do with local missions' accounts but include only the operation of the general office.

Charles Dickens says that it is not well to be too sanguine, because when we know the worst we immediately make up our minds to make the best of it. This strikes us as a word of wisdom which can well be applied to our financial operations this year. We will do our best at this end to see that you always know the worst.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS AT THE

MALAYAN SEMINARY

The students and teachers of the Malayan Seminary are enjoying the present school year. The school is indeed "a haven of refuge" for the youth of our people. The Lord is visiting us with spiritual blessings in a greater measure than in former years. I am recording some of these blessings for the encouragement of our workers throughout the Union. We have not been writing before of what the Lord has been doing, but He has been very definitely answering the prayers of the student-body for a deeper Christian experience.

I can truthfully say that this year is more encouraging from a spiritual standpoint than any other year in my history as Principal. In spite of many misgivings and uncertainties the Lord has not held back His Spirit. In this period of transition we have sought the Lord most earnestly for His mind and methods. We have great confidence that the Lord will use this institution mightily in the finishing of His work in Malaya.

A recent census has revealed over forty graduates and former students in the Lord's work in the Dutch East Indies and Malaya. Of the last two graduating classes all are either in the work or studying for places of wider usefulness in some of our advanced schools.

The Prayer Band is held thrice weekly, the attendance being optional. It meets at 5:15 a.m., and the attendance throughout the first four months has grown continually. It is a most inspiring service, the prayers being short and numerous. If the attendance at Prayer Band is any evidence of the spirituality of a school, we have ample reason to rejoice.

About three months ago we began work at the Leper Asylum in Yio Chu Kang Road, having obtained the permission of the authorities. We hold a weekly meeting at which from forty to fifty lepers attend. We have distributed about forty Chinese Bibles and portions, as well as sixteen copies of the New Testament in Baba-Malay. A regular series of talks are being given by Mr. Laurence Fox, looking forward to the baptism of a number of them. Although three other mission societies are working among them, they profess to enjoy our visits most. They call the students that visit them, the "happy band."

An English-speaking lady, who is an inmate, is studying the truth every Sabbath with the undersigned. She is not only a leper, but totally blind as well. But her soul is aglow with the hope of a soon-coming Saviour, which doctrine she has accepted. Her favorite song is, "I feel like singing all the time." I have not heard one word of complaint from her in these months that I have studied and prayed with her. She is a brilliant woman, talented, and has a lovely voice. She, if converted, will doubtless lead all the inmates to Christ. These poor leper folk daily pray for us and our school at Bidadari. I am sure the Lord will hear such prayers as they utter.

The leper work is not all that the Seminary is doing. One of our teachers has found an interest among his own nationality in Singapore, and cottage meetings have begun among them.

I am at the present studying secretly, with a Pathan Mohammedan, who has been in Singapore only five months. His relatives here are very fanatical and would assuredly put him out of the way if they knew that he was preparing for baptism. He is about ready to declare himself a Christian, although he knows what the result may be.

Last Friday the Baptismal class was organized. There is a large enrollment. Others have promised to join, and we are expecting from fifteen to twenty souls this year. We solicit your prayers on our behalf.

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	MISSIONS		Mission Stations	Mission Out-stations	Org-an-ized Churches	Baptized Member-ship	Baptisms during Period	Net Gain During Period	Per Cent of Baptisms applied on Net Gain	For.	Local	For.	Local	For.	Local	For.											
1	British Borneo		1	10	7	256				1			5	1	4	1											
2	Malay States		2	3	4	214	4	2	50.0	1			3	1	2												
3	Siam		1	3	1	139	8	8	100.0	1			1	1	5												
4	Singapore		1	5	4	332	20	14	70.0	1	1		4		3	1											
5	General									2			6	2	11	5											
6	Cambodia		1							1					1												
7	Cochin China		1		1	5				1					1												
8	East Siam		1							1					1												
9	North Siam		1									1		1	1												
10	Sarawak		1	1	1	83				1			1		1												
11																											
12																											
13																											
14	TOTALS		10	22	13	1029	32	24	75.0	10	1	7	16	18	21	?											
15	15	16	17		18	19	20		21 (* loss)		22		23		24												
	Bible Women	Other Foreign Women (Unlic-ensed)	Publishing Department Labourers		Medical Department Labourers	Other Lab-ourers	Total Lab-ourers		Tithe		Total		Per Capita (excl. Foreign)														
	Local		For.	Local	For.	Local	Foreign	Local	From Foreign Labourers	From Others																	
1						6	2	15		\$ 247.61		\$ 247.61		\$.97													
2						4	2	9		515.97		515.97		2.49													
3				2		4	2	12		248.83		248.83		1.92													
4						1	2	9		2035.77		2035.77		6.74													
5			2	5	3	13	11	20	30	\$1556.58		1556.58															
6								2																			
7								2		127.80		127.80															
8								2		3.16		3.16															
9								2																			
10						4	2	6		105.38		105.38		1.30													
11																											
12																											
13																											
14			2	7	3	13	30	38	81	\$1556.58	\$3284.52	\$4841.10		\$3.10													
25	26			27			28			29			30			31			32			33			34		
Index No.	Sabbath Schools			Sabbath School Offerings									Foreign Missions Offerings (excl. columns 29, 30, 31 & 59)			Contributions for Home Mission Work (excl. columns 37 & 60)			Contributions for Local Church Work (excl. columns 33, 37 & 61)								
	No.	Member-ship	Attend-ance	For. First 12 Sabbaths			For. 13th Sabbath			Total																	
1	11	337	326	\$ 110.37			\$ 21.99			\$ 132.36			\$ 5.75			\$ 40.29											
2	4	193	160	142.35			45.07			187.42			5.50			79.06											
3	6	127	153	151.68			31.99			183.67			.79			35.82											
4	5	265	257	566.10			128.34			694.44			233.00			380.37											
5													45.00														
6	1	2	2	46.15			3.55			49.70																	
7	1	7	3	8.40						8.40																	
8	2	76	73	2.37						2.37																	
9	1	2	2	17.38						17.38																	
10	1	99	90	59.19						59.19						47.05											
11																											
12																											
13																											
14	32	1108	1066	\$1103.99			\$230.94			\$1334.93			\$290.04			\$582.59											

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1 Index No.	2 NAME OF MISSION.	3 Mis- sion stations	4 Mis- sion out- stations	5 Organ- ized Chur- ches.	6 Baptized Member ship.	7 Baptisms during period.	8 Ordained Ministers.		9 Licensed Ministers.		10 Licensed Missionaries.		11 Bible Women.		12 Other Foreign Women (unlic- ensed.)
							Frgn.	Local.	Frgn.	Local.	Frgn.	Local.	Frgn.	Local.	
1	British Borneo	1	9	5	224		1			6	1	4			
2	Malay States	2	3	4	172	6	1			4	1	3			
3	Siam	1	2	1	111	8	1			1	1	4			
4	Singapore	1	2	4	321	15	1			5		3	2	1	
5	General						3	1	5	3	11	6			
6	Cambodia	1					1				1				
7	Cochin-China	1		1	5		1				1				
8	East Siam						1				1				
9	North Siam	1							1		1				
10	Sarawak	1		1	70		1			1	1	1			
11															
12															
13															
14	TOTALS	9	16	16	903	29	11	1	6	20	19	21	2	1	

Index No.	13 Publishing Dept. Labourers.		14 Medical Dept. Labourers.		15 Other Local Labour- ers.	16 Total Labourers.		17 Tithe.			18 Per Capita (excl. Frgn.)	19 Total Offerings Foreign Missions (excluding columns 27, 29 & 51.)			
	Frgn.	Local.	Frgn.	Local.		Frgn.	Local.	From Foreign Labourers.	From Others.	Total.					
1					6	2	16	\$	\$	329.39	\$	329.39	\$1.49	\$ 6.00	
2					2	2	9			526.86		526.86	3.36	3.00	
3		1			3	2	9			232.02		232.02	2.32		
4					1	3	10			1,645.78		1,645.78	5.75	2.00	
5	1	5	3	7	6	19	22			1,567.67		1,567.67			
6						2									
7						2				348.25		348.25			
8						2									
9						2									
10					3	2	5			153.92		153.92	2.26	31.18	
11															
12															
13															
14	1	6	3	7	21	38	71	\$	\$	1,567.67	\$	3,236.22	\$4,803.89	\$3.89	\$42.18

Index No.	20 Total Offerings Home Mission Work (excluding column 21.)	21 Harvest ingathering.	22 Total Offerings Local Church Work (excluding columns 20 & 21.)	23 Sabbath Schools.	24 S. S. Member- ship	25 S. S. Average Attend- ance.	27 Sabbath School Offerings.			28	29	
							First 12 Sabbaths.	13th Sabbath.	Total.			
1		\$	\$ 50.89	10	275	255	\$	119.11	\$	23.88	\$	142.99
2		1,343.15	58.91	5	203	204		193.30		73.90		267.20
3			12.46	5	103	109		135.94		41.06		177.00
4			284.70	4	254	241		563.56		212.70		776.26
5												
6												
7					1	9	8	67.99		6.87		74.86
8												
9								3.16		4.74		7.90
10			55.98	1	73	73		104.90		36.19		141.09
11												
12												
13												
14		\$1,343.15	\$462.94	26	917	890	\$	1,187.96	\$	399.34	\$	1,587.30

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Index No.	36 MISSIONS	37 Harvest Ingathering Receipts	38 Literature Sales (Retail Value)			40 Church Buildings Owned			43 Seats Capacity
			38 Periodicals	39 Subscription Books	40 Total (All Literature)	41 No.	42 Estimated Value		
1	British Borneo		\$ 11.30	\$ 3.50	\$ 66.50	11	\$ 8,420.47	900	
2	Malay States			.50	26.75	1	22,999.53	120	
3	Siam		270.76		279.71				
4	Singapore	\$3.00	99.34	56.60	299.39	1	8,773.78	250	
5	General		33.75	13.20	231.73				
6	Cambodia								
7	Cochin China								
8	East Siam								
9	North Siam								
10	Sarawak					1	2,730.00	200	
11									
12									
13									
14	TOTALS	\$3.00	\$415.15	\$73.80	\$904.08	14	\$42,923.78	1470	

Index No.	45 Church Schools		47 Intermediate Schools		49 Training Schools		51 Total Enrollment of all Schools	52 Foreign Teachers		53 Local Teachers		54 Total Teachers	55 Estimated Value of School Buildings and Equipment	56 Expense of Maintenance of Schools
	No.	Enroll- ment	No.	Enroll- ment	No.	Enroll- ment		Men	Wo- men	Men	Wo- men			
1	4	80				80			2	2	4	\$ 1,662.76	\$ 201.18	
2	2	87				87			1	2	3	512.50	128.16	
3	2	47				47			2	2	4	420.83	390.47	
4														
5	2	295			1	29	324	2	2	5	5	93,928.69	4290.96	
6														
7														
8														
9														
10	1	110				110			4		4	250.00	49.93	
11														
12														
13														
14	11	619			1	29	648	2	2	14	11	\$96,774.78	\$5060.70	

Index No.	58 Missionary Volunteer Societies		60 Missionary Volunteer Society Offerings		
	No.	Member- ship	For Foreign Missions	For Home Mission Work	For Local Society Work
1	2	49			
2					
3	3	32	\$3.15		
4	2	65			\$ 27.05
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14	7	146	\$3.15		\$ 27.05

REMARKS:

Tithe per capita is based on the church membership of December 31, 1930, less foreign laborers.

All monetary values in this report are given in Straits Settlements dollars on the basis of S. S. \$1.00 representing U. S. \$0.57.

Siam ticals are transferred into S. S. currency on the basis of \$1. representing S. S. \$0.79; and French Indo-China piastres on the basis of I. C. \$1.00 representing S. S. \$0.71.

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Index No.	NAME OF MISSION.	30 Periodical Sales (Retail Value.)	31 Book Sales (Retail Value.)	32 Total Periodical Book & Tract Sales (Retail Value.)	33 Church Buildings Owned.	34 Estimated Value of Church Buildings Owned.	35 Approximate Seating Capacity.	36 Church Schools.
1	British Borneo	\$ 542.02	\$ -.50	\$ 652.93	10	\$ 8,504.46	800	5
2	Malay States	318.65	586.00	976.77	1	23,305.97	120	3
3	Siam	52.96	54.80	180.76				2
4	Singapore	631.26	230.40	1147.42	1	9,029.19	250	1
5	General			11.51				
6	Cambodia			2.63				
7	Cochin-China	11.10	7.70	39.73				
8	East Siam			4.13				
9	North Siam			19.13				
10	Sarawak	57.00		73.97	1	2,827.50	200	1
11								
12								
13								
14	Totals	\$1,612.99	\$879.40	\$3,108.98	13	\$43,667.12	1370	12

Index No.	37 Church School Enroll- ment.	39 Inter- mediate Schools.	40 Inter- mediate School Enroll- ment.	41 Train- ing schools	42 Training School Enroll- ment.	43 Total enroll- ment of all Schools.	44 Foreign Teachers.		45 Local Teachers.		46 Total Teachers	47 Estimated Value of School Build- ings and Equipment.	48 Expense of Maintenance of Schools.	49 Y. P. M. V. Societ- ies.	50 Member- ship of Y. P. M. V. Societies.
							Men.	Wmn.	Men.	Wmn.					
1	118					118			3	2	5	\$1710.42	\$ 487.98		
2	102					102			1	3	4	500.00	309.22		
3	52					52			3	1	4	485.06	324.22	3	63
4														1	118
5	259			1	37	296	4	4	6	3	17	97492.97	4786.42		
6															
7															
8															
9															
10	107					107			3		3	120.00	274.29	1	60
11															
12															
13															
14	638			1	37	675	4	4	16	9	33	100308.45	\$6182.13	5	241

(All Values in S. S. Currency.)

Index No.	51 Y. P. M. V. Offerings for Foreign Work.	52 Y. P. M. V. Offerings for Home Mis- sion Work.	53 Y. M. P. V. Offerings for Local Society Work.
1			\$
2			
3			6.68
4			11.13
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			317.81

REMARKS:

The 'Tithe per Capita' is based on the Church Membership as it stood on December 31, 1929, less Foreign Labourers.

On January 1, 1930, the Kuching Church Membership, numbering 68, was transferred from the British Borneo Mission to the Sarawak Station.

All monetary values in this report are given in Straits Settlements Dollars, convertible into United States Dollars on the basis of One Dollar S. S. currency representing Fifty-seven Cents U. S. currency. Siam Ticals are transferred into S. S. currency at the rate of .79, and Indo-China Piastres at the rate of 1.14.