

## NOTES OF PROGRESS

**UBOL SCHOOL  
COMPLIMENTED  
BY OFFICIALS**

*By Pastor R. P. Abel*

At our recent closing exercises, after the usual songs and recitations, something unusual happened which meant a great deal to us.

The Assistant Superintendent of the Government Schools was present to hand out the forty-six certificates to the students that had successfully completed the government examinations. Before presenting the certificates he said, in part: "The Ubol Mission School of Seventh-day Adventists was the first private school to be opened in this province, and it has grown and prospered from the first. It is not my purpose to praise the school just because I have been invited here today, for the fact that although my brother is a teacher in the government school, I put my children in this school is recommendation enough.

"Everyone loves his own children more than anything else, therefore he chooses the best school possible for his children. I examined this school carefully before I sent my children here, now I encourage all of my relatives to patronize this school.

"Some of you may think that you have come to the Mission school just because there is no other place to learn and that when opportunity presents itself you will leave because the Christian religion is taught. You should not let religion stand in the way because all religions teach us to be good and prepare for heaven. No matter what religion we believe if we do not live up to it, it is of no help to us. The school that does not have religion is not of high standard. The children are unruly and undependable.

"Let me say in closing that so long as this school holds to its high principles I will keep my children in it."

(EDITOR: Since the above was written Brother Abel told me that a new Superintendent of Schools for that province, which is the most populous in Siam, has been appointed. The new Superintendent also has his children attending our school. LFB)

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

For May and June

May 6—Home Missionary Day  
June 3—Home Missionary Day  
24—13th Sabbath Offering—  
South African Division

**BRITISH NORTH BORNEO  
ANNUAL MEETING**

*H. W. Jewkes*

We haven't had rain for weeks, so we cannot have the big meeting," were the words that greeted us as the 'S. S. Darvel' pulled along side the Jesselton wharf. History does repeat itself, for this took our minds back to two years ago when the laity of B.N.B. were disappointed in that they were then asked not to come because of the scarcity of water. Nevertheless the workers gathered at the Jesselton church for a five day meeting.

Sabbath was a day of special blessings. Soon after the sun began to rule the day, companies of believers began to come from the nearby churches for the meetings. By Sabbath school time 251 persons were assembled to enjoy the privileges of studying the word of God. A liberal offering was given for Mission work. The Missionary service was enthusiastically conducted and then Prof. G. H. Minchin preached an uplifting sermon.

This being the only day that so many could be together we continued the session. An Investiture service was conducted in which a goodly number of young people received their Insignia, a very fitting way to close a season of refreshing.

During the other days of the meeting, devotional services, departmental sessions, and general meetings, as well as in an illustrated lecture each evening were conducted by Pastor G. B. Youngberg, Prof. G. H. Minchin, and the writer.

Reports from the workers revealed an advance in all places. During the past year 30 were baptized, and there are now twelve ready waiting for baptism. Each worker requested that we pray for the work in his particular part of

the field. Truly the Lord is leading. Many of the new believers have been won by the labours of the laity. What a truly great work would be done if every church member would take hold of the task given to us. The work will never be finished until we all work as the disciples of old.

The meeting closed with a short Committee session, at which time a few changes were made in the location of workers. An important note of progress was sounded when the Committee voted to begin a mission lending library. The Malayan Seminary will help by lending some of their 3600 volumes, but some books on Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer work were ordered so that the workers will always have them for reference and help. If any one has a book, or books, that would be appropriate for this library, please feel free to send them. They will be received with open arms.

**DUSUN TRAINING SCHOOL  
BEGUN**

*By Pastor G. B. Youngberg*

You will be glad to know that building on our Training School for Dusuns has at last begun!

Through the kindness of Mr. Phillipps, the manager of the North Borneo Trading Company, we have received a shipment of very good timber at a greatly reduced price. The British Borneo Trading Company, through the efforts of Brother A. C. Tidbury, have offered us a quantity of mixed timber at less than half the price we would have to pay locally.

In the building now under construction we will provide for the temporary storage of this excellent material until it is used.

Already our school-to-be has received much publicity for it is situated on a conspicuous hill overlooking the main road and the Tuaran River. Many people have remarked upon the excellency of the location.

We heard yesterday (March 29) that the R. C. Mission has obtained from one their members a plot of ground almost on our border, on which they propose to open a school. It seems that this was not thought until after our plans had become known.

## PENANG CHURCH SCHOOL OPENED

By V. E. Hendershot

For years we have wanted a church school in the important city of Penang. We have had a strong medical work here since Dr. Gardner's arrival in 1922. We have had a Chinese church since 1923, an English church since 1932 and a Malay church since 1938. But we lacked any educational endeavour. We felt this deficiency, for the Message has three phases, the absence of anyone of which weakens our missionary effort. With the increase of members and the increase in attendance resulting from several evangelistic efforts and constant cottage meetings in the homes of enquirers, quite a large number of Adventist boys and girls crowded our Sabbath School. What a pity it was to see them all in the schools of the world. However, we determined that we would not open a school until we could have a proper one, of which we would not be ashamed.

At the beginning of this year a retired domestic servant, an Englishman and not of our faith, urged us to start a proper church school. His three children wished to enter so that they could escape the bad influence in another school. His family had begun to attend our church regularly. His desire was expressed in a more concrete way as he handed me a cheque for \$50.00. We found three of our Adventist teachers who were willing to teach for what we could pay. So our school opened with an enrollment of twenty-six and it has since climbed up to thirty-six boys and girls. We are teaching primary and four standards in English and primary and standard one in Mandarin. We thank God for a church school with all Adventist teachers!

Pray for this youngest church school!

## ENJOYING YOUR WORK

Pastor R. M. Milne

Colporteurs, have you ever,—do you ever,—feel sorry for yourselves? Maybe think you have a harder job than someone else you know? Harder than some friend that seems to have everything so easy? Perhaps think you would like to do something else? Perhaps even wish you were not a colporteur?

Perhaps Satan has whispered such thoughts. It would not be strange. That is the temptation he presents to keep this old world full of discontent and failure.

But the Lord gives encouragement. Colporteur Evangelist, p. 5 says, "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time."

Charles M. Schwab head of a very large steel company in the United States, said, "A man will succeed in anything about which he has real enthusiasm."

Another says, "It is just as easy to enjoy your work and life as it is to hate it and be miserable. The man who hates his work does so, not because the work is necessarily hateful, but because he has failed to learn a few simple devices which will change his attitude."

Of a good king the record says, "And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart and prospered." 2 Chron. 31:21. And Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

## STRIVE FOR 100%

By J. H. McEachern

When we speak of a 100% reporting members, that means that all believers would be working members, which should not be an impossibility. Where there is life there must be some action—all live-members should therefore be working and reporting members. Whatever the methods used to get these reports, there must be a system of reporting this work in operation, so that the reports are gathered from all the members once a week. "Let all have a part to act, . . . and from week to week bring their report to the missionary meeting telling what they have experienced and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs."—Vol. IX, p. 116. "A report is borne to heaven of every successful effort on our part to dispel the darkness and to spread abroad the knowledge of Christ. As the deed is recounted before the Father, joy thrills through the heavenly host."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, page 154.

A good report always brings a thrill of joy on earth as well as in heaven.

Here is an example of a church in the Azores Island in the Southern European Division: They have 150% reporting membership, and give almost one Bible study a week per member. There are more people in the baptism class than there are members in the church. Missionary correspondence is carried on with 100 interested people in other Islands. A group of eight members are

studying how to give Bible readings. They follow the monthly programme. But the church has a live missionary leader, and that is no doubt part of the secret to the activities and good report of the church. Can we duplicate this in our churches too?

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this."—Vol. IX, p. 116.

Whatever may be the cause of churches not being 100% faithful in reporting, let us try to remedy it by all possible means. It requires most persistent efforts on the part of missionary leaders and secretaries to secure and maintain a full 100% of reporting members. Let us hope for, work for, and by determined effort make a better showing in this matter during 1939.

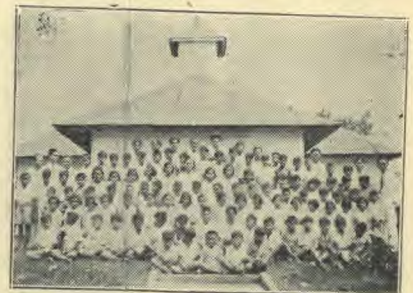
## MORE ABOUT SARAWAK

By Pastor Tan Kia Ou

Sunny Hill School

This school, established years ago, is doing a good work. Many students have attended it during the years, and all seem well satisfied with the work of the school. The Mission director, Pastor Nerness and the school principal are energetically pushing this work and we see the results. At present there are about 110 students registered, and a real spirit of study is manifest.

At the opening of this semester Pastor Nerness discussed with us the need of giving the students a deeper and better appreciation of the truths we teach, and the value of a Christian education. We planned a series of meetings to be held at the first hour of school each day during the opening week. We were happy to see the real inter-



Students of Sunny Hill School, Sarawak.

REPORT OF TITHE AND SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS  
MALAYAN UNION MISSION — JANUARY-MARCH 1938 AND 1939

(All items in local currency)

| Mission           | 1938 1939  |      | Tithe   |         | Gain or Loss | Sabbath School |         | Gain or Loss |
|-------------------|------------|------|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|---------|--------------|
|                   | Membership |      | 1938    | 1939    |              | 1938           | 1939    |              |
| British Borneo    | 295        | 319  | 283.65  | 285.01  | 1.36G        | 122.45         | 154.80  | 32.35G       |
| French Indo-China | 245        | 258  | 331.11  | 362.55  | 31.44G       | 139.55         | 94.55   | 45.00L       |
| Malay States      | 922        | 922  | 2791.61 | 3138.29 | 346.68G      | 1180.27        | 1155.62 | 24.65L       |
| Sarawak           | 102        | 108  | 367.61  | 250.42  | 117.19L      | 110.32         | 112.81  | 2.49G        |
| Siam              | 127        | 124  | 357.27  | 643.88  | 286.61G      | 199.00         | 183.16  | 15.84L       |
| Totals            | 1691       | 1731 | 4131.25 | 4680.15 | 548.90G      | 1751.59        | 1700.94 | 50.65L       |

.13% Gain

.03% Loss

Leonard F. Bohner, Treasurer

est shown by the students in these meetings and hope and pray that they may be the means of stirring some to study further and to accept Christianity. As these students thus become better acquainted with the gospel, they may be the means of saving their fathers and mothers. And thus the desire of the school, expressed in its name "True Light" may be realized. The school is growing and their space is limited. They need more classrooms. Pastor Nerness and the school principal are hoping to use some of the Harvest Ingathering funds this year to build a classroom unit. The workers and members share this great hope and I believe the Lord will add His blessing to their endeavours.

*The Ayer Manis School*

Thirty-seven miles out of Kuching is our Dyak school. It has a good location with plenty of room for expansion. Now that they have put in pipe lines and have water brought right to their door it is much better than formerly. They have a small enrollment, something over 10. Besides their school work, the students help with the building, or work in the school gardens. They are much interested in spreading

the gospel to their own people and every week-end groups of two or three will go out to these villages and conduct services for the people in the long houses, teaching the fathers and mothers and the many children who gather for the story as shown in the Picture Roll which they always carry with them.

Pastor Pohan leads out in this work of evangelizing, and spends long hours in the evenings teaching the people. During the day the people are out in the fields at work but the evening hours are given to the study of the Scriptures. Formerly work among the Dyaks was thought to be dangerous and fruitless, but now it is bearing promise.

FROM THE UBOL SCHOOL

By Pastor R. P. Abel

(Editor: This was received too late for our last issue but we are printing it now just in case some have not done all they might have for the Mission Extension offering. —L. F. Bohner).

We have just received word that the Industries of the Ubol Mission School are to receive the Missions Extension Offering for this year, so I am writing to let you know something of our needs.

The Ubol Mission School passed the 300 in enrollment this year and we are cramped for room for every purpose. However, we have 36 children of our own members most of whom are unable to be in the Mission school for lack of funds. We feel that we should put forth a special effort to provide for these children for it is from among them that we can draw workers in the near future.

Then there is a class of poor boys from many distant villages pressing in to the school, and they do not have money for food and

books. They stay in the Temples with the Buddhist Priests where they receive the food that is left after the priests have eaten. Some of these boys come to school hungry because there is not enough for them. Some of these boys are good material and will become Christians and workers if brought under the right influence. We not only hope to provide work but also a home where they may be under our supervision 24 hours per day.

We pray that God may richly bless all who give to this worthy enterprise.

AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Pastor R. M. Milne

Kom Poon is only 14 years old and has been in the Mission school at Ubol three years. His home is a little farming village five hours away by bus. Very few village people have had a chance to go to school of any kind, much less the big mission school in the district city. So when he went home last vacation everyone wanted to know what he had learned.

Kom Poon was a Buddhist when he came to the Ubol school as all his people before him had been Buddhists. He had no relatives in town, the school had no dormitory, so he did as many other students have done—he went to the Wat (Temple) where, by doing odd jobs and gathering food for the priests, he could get food and lodging.

In spite of these unfavourable conditions, Kom Poon became a Christian, and so it was quite natural that he told his village friends the gospel stories. He had many Sabbath school Memory Verse cards which he had to explain over and over. People asked for the cards till one by one they were all gone.



Students of the Ayer Manis School, Sarawak.

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When Kom Poon came back to school he asked Pastor Abel to please send a teacher to his village for lots of people wanted to know of Jesus. He had told them all he knew, but they had asked many questions he could not answer. He said too, that he was going to study real hard now so that he could tell them more next time he went home.

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**HELP!!!**


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"Help help! help!" is the cry from churches all over the field. In some places HELP is needed to keep the church from dying. In other places HELP is urgently needed to take advantage of the openings and opportunities.

More than ever before efforts should be made to answer these calls and provide HELP. Here is a statement that we should consider prayerfully: "The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers." Vol. 7:19.

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**A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**


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In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference passed at the 1936 Autumn Council, affecting such countries as Africa, China, the Far East, South America, Inter-America, India, and foreign sections of other divisions, "that the income from the indigenous constituency support its own work, and that goals be set from time to time for the percentage of self-support to be reached, so that an increasingly larger portion of what is appropriated by the General Conference can be used for opening new work." and,

Whereas, The time has come when our believers in overseas divisions should be encouraged to take a larger part in financing the denominational work by assuming the responsibility for the support of the church in their respective fields;

1. That the goal be to place our indigenous church work on a self-supporting basis, and that the division committees set before the respective union and local fields a goal for self-support within a given period of years.

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**THOUGHTS FOR A FULLER LIFE**


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- When in sorrow, read *John 14*.  
 When men fail you, read *Ps. 27*.  
 When you have sinned, read *Ps. 51*.  
 When you worry, read *Matthew 6: 19-34*.  
 Before church service, read *Psalms 84*.  
 When you are in danger, read *Ps. 91*.  
 When you have the blues, read *Psalms 34*.  
 When God seems far away, read *Psalms 139*.  
 When discouraged, read *Isaiah 40*.  
 If you want to be fruitful, read *John 15*.  
 When doubts come upon you, try *John 7:17*.  
 When you are lonely or fearful, read *Pslam 23*.  
 When you forget your blessings, read *Ps. 103*.  
 For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read *Matt. 5*.  
 For James' idea of religion, read *James 1:19-27*.  
 When your faith needs stirring, read *Heb. 11*.  
 When you feel down and out, read *Rom. 8:31-39*.  
 When you want courage, read *Joshua 1*.  
 When the world seems bigger than God, read *Ps. 90*.  
 When you want rest and peace, read *Matt. 11:25-30*.  
 For Paul's secret of happiness, read *Col. 3:12-17*.  
 When you leave home for labour or travel, read *Ps. 121*.  
 When you grow critical, read *1 Cor. 13*.  
 For how to get along with men, read *Romans 12*.  
 For a great invitation and opportunity, read *Isa. 55*.  
 For victory, follow *Ps. 119:11*.
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2. That frequent appeals be made to our believers by division and union leaders, mission directors, church pastor, and elders, and others on whom responsibility is placed, in an endeavour to bring in sufficient tithes and offerings from our churches to cover the budget requirements for sustaining the church activities in every land.

3. That temporarily additional subsidies may be made to the budgets from division funds. These subsidies may continue until the goal of self-support is reached.

4. That it be the goal of every managing board in mission fields to place our publishing houses, sanitariums, and hospitals on a

self-supporting basis, including all salaries and all operating expense, in order that more funds may be released from the budget for the extension of the message into unentered fields.

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**ONE CENT A WEEK**


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H. W. Jewkes

It was revealed at the workers meeting recently held in Borneo, that if every Missionary Volunteer in the Malayan Union would give one cent a week during this year there would be over \$300.00 raised for the M. V. project. Now one cent a week isn't very much is it? The question that rises is—are we all doing this little bit of giving every week? It takes planning and working as well as talking to keep up the spirit in this our work. Do your best.

A goal of one cent a week is about as low as any goal can be placed, yet from the reports that have come in there are some Missionary Volunteer societies that average about one cent a quarter. Now what are we going to do about this condition? If we keep up at this rate there will be only enough money to build a little row boat. A call comes ringing through the jungles from the Tatau—Missionary Volunteers give a little more, Oh please give a little more." What is the answer?

On the front page of the last issue of the Notes of Progress there appeared an appeal from Sarawak. Why not read it again and act. Then look once again at the Missionary Volunteer song, that also appeared in the last issue of the Notes. Are you singing it? Fine, keep it up! Let us have a new revival in the giving of the Missionary Volunteers. Who will Volunteer?

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**IS THIS THE MESSAGE FOR YOU?**


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"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to EVERY member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out whereby the talents of All might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this." Test. Vol. 9:116.

"Let those who have charge of the flock of Christ awake to their DUTY, and set many souls to work." Test. Vol. 6:436.