

# MALAYAN UNION MISSION

## NOTES OF PROGRESS

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### A Look Round The Field

By Pastor E. A. Moon

Since our return to Malaya from furlough I have been busy attending committee meetings, studying reports and correspondence, and attending to other work at headquarters, and have not been able to visit the field, except for one trip to Penang. However, I have been much interested in learning of the progress of the work in the different sections of the field. Mrs. Moon and I arrived in Singapore on May 11 after a pleasant trip back from America by way of England.

During the latter part of May Professor Bradley, Brother Bohner, and I made a trip up the Peninsula, visiting our work at Kuala Lumpur and at Penang. At Kuala Lumpur we found the Te Sin school busily at work. Principal Liew Yun told us that the enrollment was most encouraging and that there were good prospects for another year. The English school was also visited and we found the two teachers busy with their classes.

In Penang we met with the English church for their midweek prayer meeting. The attendance was good. A church school is being carried on at the chapel premises and the church much appreciate the opportunity of sending their children to this school. The interest continues good in Penang and a number are receiving Bible studies. Professor and Mrs. Hendershot, Pastor Ng Hong Boon, and Brother Daniel Liem, are carrying on an active evangelistic work.

We found Dr. Hebard busy at the Clinic with the usual work for those who need help. Most of the beds are full and quite a large number of out-patients were receiving care. We were especially pleased to learn of the good increase in the patronage at the Sanitarium. Dr. Hayward had come down from Bangkok and we talked over plans which we believe will greatly strengthen the influence of both the Sanitarium and the Clinic. After the first of July Dr. Hayward will be a regular

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

For July and August

- July 1—Home Missionary Day  
July 29—Educational Day—Offering for Theological Seminary  
August 5—Home Missionary Day  
12—Harvest Ingathering Rally Day

member of the Penang medical and surgical staff, and we are sure that with two experienced doctors stationed there the work will develop in a most satisfactory way.

From French Indo-China we learn that the new chapel at Tourane is being erected and will be finished before long. Brother Wentland and the church members there will greatly enjoy having this new building in which to worship. Plans are progressing for the establishment of the branch publishing house in Saigon which is being fostered by the Malayan Signs Press. Some machinery has already been ordered. Brother Bowers will soon be going up to Saigon to join Brother Howlett in setting up the plant and in getting printing work actually started. Brother Bentz is carrying on with his work in Cambodia. A letter received from him since my arrival expresses courage and enthusiasm for the prospects in that part of the field.

Our two Mission schools in Siam have a good enrollment and continue to exert an influence for good. Brother Ritz and Brother Kon have already done some Ingathering work towards the 1939 goal. Brother Abel and Brother Tan Kia Ou recently made an Ingathering trip to northern Siam and collected nearly a thousand ticals.

The Bangkok Clinic keeps on breaking all past records. Each month the work seems to be greater than the previous month. We must soon provide our own institu-

tion in Bangkok and doubtless the business men will be willing to give funds toward this project. Our present rented quarters are all too small for the work. Dr. Hayward is relieving at the Clinic while Dr. Waddell and his family take a much needed vacation.

Brother Nerness has arrived at Kuala Lumpur and is taking over his new duties as director of the Malay States Mission. This Mission has recently been going over the church records and have eliminated duplications, the churches have disfellowshipped some who have not been heard from for a number of years or who have not been living the truth for a long time. This has resulted in a serious loss in the membership of the Mission. We are hoping that the baptisms in the Union will be more than enough to offset this before the end of the year.

Pastor and Mrs. Lake will be going over to Kuching the latter part of June where Brother Lake is to take up his assignment as director of the Sarawak Mission. There are good prospects for our work in Sarawak. A number are awaiting baptism on the Tatau River. The Sunny Hill school has a very good enrollment. The Ayer Manis school is being reorganized and soon will be again serving its purpose in the work for the Dyak people.

In British North Borneo the work is onward. The Dusun Training School which has had such an uncertain history is actually getting established on a piece of property which we have purchased and some buildings are already being erected. Professor Bradley and I are on our way to Borneo as I write this, and we expect to spend several weeks with Brother Youngberg and the other workers visiting the churches and assisting in other ways.

Our institutions in Singapore, the Seminary, and the Press are carrying on their usual work. The Seminary has an enrollment larger than it has had for many years. There is a good spirit among the faculty and the students. Professor Hendershot re-

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cently conducted a week of prayer for the students with a good response. A baptismal class of about forty is now studying the Bible preparatory to being baptised. Our literature sales are showing increases month by month.

And so the work goes forward. We have not mentioned all the features of the work nor all of our workers in this brief report. But it is a great privilege to be connected with the Lord's work, and I am happy to be back in the field to again join with all the workers and church members in carrying the Gospel to the millions in Malaya who are as yet unwarned.

### MEDICAL MISSIONARY COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCES

By C. A. Davidson

The intelligent God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister.

This is the third year of my colporteur work, I feel that I am holding the noblest and highest commission from God, superior to all walks of life in the world. God has given me a sense of the value of precious souls and I always have a burning desire to enlighten and interest the people whom I meet in our Truth and in the knowledge of the salvation of Jesus Christ. "No science deserves so close a study as the science of Salvation, which is the highest of all sciences." I am not on an order hunting campaign but on a soul winning mission to hunt and fish precious souls for my Master's kingdom. Every colporter should bear this in mind to win souls by medium of orders. Whenever I get an opportunity to confess Christ before men I never backslide, but confess my Master before both great and small.

I find it is very pleasant to meet the same folks year by year this breeds good confidence. From my own personal experience I believe it is advisable to adopt the policy of sending the same man with the same periodical to the same territory year after year.

Of course we must know our canvass and the scriptures so as to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15.

A canvasser must have love being helpful, and courteous. We must be as meek as Moses and as chaste as Joseph. Then only can we have great success.

This year the Dear Lord has blessed me abundantly. As the year goes by my success increases many-fold as I go with the burning desire and burden in my heart for valuable souls for His Glorious Kingdom.

The most striking experience I had this year was being shipwrecked at Kemaman (Trengganu) in the mouth of a crocodile infested river. The boat I was in capsized and I was thrown into this river where the ferocious crocodiles were enormous. The current was very swift and was sweeping me away from shore. By the providence of God after measuring the deep I came to the surface where I was greatly handicapped by the current. A boatman at last came to my rescue and saved me from peril. The loving God who still had need of my physical service shut the mouths of the carnivorous crocodiles and rescued me miraculously as he did Daniel in the lions' den. "I count all things but loss for the excellency of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them dung, that I may win Christ" Phil. 3:8. When I got ashore I was not in the least discouraged, though I learned that just a few months before a large crocodile more than twenty feet long was shot at the same place. I left courageously for Trengganu on the following day without any sorrow or discouragement. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. Hard experiences are my delight hard tasks my hobby, with Jesus by me I can face any danger and I am game for it.

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### BAPTISM

A few weeks back two baptisms were held in British North Borneo, one of five young people at Sandakan and another of six at Jesselton.

The first baptism from Tonkin has been reported with another to follow shortly.

There was a baptism at the Singapore English church on Sabbath, July first. A large group including at least one chief are awaiting baptism on the Tatau river.

Every man has in himself a continent of undiscovered character. Happy is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul.—*Sir J. Stevens.*

### HAVE YOU REACHED THE GOAL?

Those of you who were at the Convention in Singapore last February will remember how earnestly Elder L. H. Christian urged us to scatter literature while we have freedom and opportunity.

In these uncertain days we know not how soon something may happen that will prohibit or make exceedingly difficult all our mission work. Perhaps when that time comes we will look back to these favourable days with deep regret and wish we had sown literature everywhere.

It may seem that we are doing all that we have time to do, but if we could but look ahead to the troubles and difficulties that we know are coming in these last days, and to the joy and reward for souls won and for having done our best, would we not do much more than we are now doing?

Though reports are not complete nor accurate they are a fair indication of what has been done. For the past 15 months the reports show literature given away as follows:

1st quarter	1938	11,254
2nd "	"	9,806
3rd "	"	19,313
4th "	"	48,161
1st "	1939	30,516
Total		119,050

That is a lot of literature and represents much earnest effort. We have for years worked toward the goal of each member giving away A TRACT A DAY. Surely this is not a high goal for each one, but if we had reached it the total would have been 672,500 pieces of literature used instead of less than one fifth that amount.

The fourth quarter of 1938 and the first quarter of this year show a good gain over previous quarters. This may be due largely to the interest of using the new tracts in Chinese, Annamese, and English. There are still many thousands of these tracts in stock. They must get out to the people. Let us as workers and leaders, by diligent promotion and earnest example arouse young and old to reach this goal.

250,000 tracts were purchased by the Chinese church of Peiping, China and they plan to use them all within 8 weeks.

One local mission in U.S.A. has just ordered 360,000 PRESENT TRUTH and members plan to visit regularly 18,000 homes with these papers.

## REPORT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

MALAYAN UNION MISSION—JANUARY—MAY 1938 and 1939

*(All items in local currency)*

Mission	Tithe		Gain or Loss	Sabbath School		Gain or Loss	Mission Extension		Gain Loss
	1938	1939		1938	1939		1937x	1939	
British Borneo	507.90	772.30	264.40G	206.98	248.83	41.85G	21.03	3.72	17.31L
F. Indo-China	448.14	732.78	284.64G	213.49	150.88	62.61L	34.62	28.83	5.79L
Malay States	4692.66	5446.26	753.60G	1785.18	1876.79	91.61G	142.86	76.73	66.13L
Sarawak	518.58	396.88	121.70L	176.49	190.27	13.78G	25.95	13.90	12.05L
Siam	588.16	1001.51	413.35G	303.44	310.49	7.05G	5.83	27.71	21.88G
Totals	6755.44	8349.73	1594.29G	2685.58	2777.26	91.68G	230.29	150.89	79.40L

x No Mission Extension Offering in 1938.

Leonard F. Bohner, Treasurer.

### A TRIP IN EAST SIAM

By Pastor Tan Kia Ou

If you have been reading the reports in our papers you will know that the mission work in Siam has made very good progress in the past few years. But just a further word about the schools.

The school in Bangkok has grown till there are over 170 students and every seat in every room is full. Many others wish to attend but there is no place for them. The mission has already purchased a small piece of land adjoining the school and church and it is hoped that before long, enough money can be raised to erect more buildings, that those now seeking a true education may be able to attend.

The school at Ubol, East Siam, has been established only about 6 years, but its well-known over a large district, has a very good reputation and has been a great influence for good. Enrollment is already over 300. The building now rented for the school is so old and delapidated that it is necessary to do something without delay.

Plans have already been approved to buy a piece of land and build. As there are no mission funds for this project application was made and permission obtained from Government to solicit for our needs.

I joined Pastor Abel soliciting in Khon Kaen, Udon, Nong Cai, Vientiane, Mahasarkam, Roi Ed and Ban Thai. Though it took 18 days to work these 7 towns actual soliciting time was only 65 hours. At that we had to hurry so, that often we missed our meals. When the bus stopped at small market places for passengers to rest and eat, we immediately set out to find the principal men and solicit them. 34 Ticals was obtained in this way. Altogether we saw 196 men. A total of Ts. 931.50 was contributed

by 190. Hotels and eating shops in these places were very dirty, hot and uncomfortable. We did not mind these difficulties however for our good experiences made us forget hardships. We found the people—mostly all Chinese—very willing to assist this work. No doubt God's spirit influenced them and perhaps in this way is preparing them to get acquainted with His work and later accept of the message.

Let us pray for these who have so generously assisted, and follow up the contacts with letters and literature and strive to lead them to God.

### M. V. PROJECT

*Urgent Need of a Proper Boat for the Present Sri Iban Engine*

By Elam Sinaga

A sampan to us on the Tatau River is like feet to the people in town; a motor car to a town-dweller is like a motor launch to us whose only way of travel is by water. At present we are fortunate enough to have an outboard motor to carry us here and there for missionary work. But the expense of running it is high that we are spending beyond our budget which in the long run will dry up the mission treasury and finally the mission will have to be abandoned for lack of means.

To economize on benzine we only use the motor to go to Sabbath School, once a week to visit our people and once a month take the mails from the Post Office. Even that little travel costs us \$12.00 a month. Yet that does not give us a chance to visit the houses upriver beyond our Sabbath School or downriver below the post office.

Calls from upriver and downriver have been refused because of the lack of means. Any other visit-

ing must be done by hard rowing. You can imagine how hard it would be for a mission worker in Singapore if he had to walk 22 days every month only being able to use his bicycle or the trams eight days a month. Visits that should be made are being neglected because of the lack of funds. For instance, a man came recently from upriver about one and a half days rowing to call me to see a patient with a very bad hemorrhage. He entreated me to go up river with our outboard motor which would have cost about six dollars for benzine. So I had to say, "I can't do it." He went away heavy hearted for he knew that the women must pass away if "the doctor" as he called me could not come. Other similar pressing calls have of necessity been refused.

A proper launch for our present Petter 8 horsepower engine is a very urgent need. With that engine the cost of transportation is only about eight cents an hour. Travelling four hours daily visiting believers and interested people we would only spend \$9.60 a month with the Petter engine whereas with the outboard the same visiting would cost \$120.00 a month. What a vast difference.

The financial condition of the Mission requires that we reduce the outboard maintenance cost which means we will have to do still less visiting. How much can we accomplish if we have to reduce our four trips a month upriver and one downriver. We should be doing a more aggressive work, visiting more longhouses and spending more hours searching for souls. This could be accomplished by a cheaper means of conveyance. That ideal can never be reached by using an outboard motor.

Missionary Volunteers there is an urgent need for a proper boat for the present Sri Iban engine which is lying in store waiting for your help.

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### LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY WORK COMPARATIVE—WORLD FIELD, 3RD QUARTER

	1938	1937
Bible Readings	795,206	813,257
Miss. visits	998,551	1,016,508
Persons taken to services	320,488	301,365
Number given needed help	787,876	815,034
Treatments	246,715	233,949
Hours Christian help work	467,964	367,895
Clothing given	265,650	211,959
Literature given	5,122,328	4,930,908
Letters written	143,309	126,835
Number added to the church	3,047	3,281

### EVERYONE'S PRIVILEGE

Some lack courage and feel unqualified to attempt active missionary work. It is a natural feeling so don't think yourself any different from others. If you feel that way try to realize that the following promises are for you.

"It is working for others that they will keep their own souls alive. If they will become co-labourers with Jesus, we shall see the light in our churches steadily burning brighter and brighter, sending forth its rays to penetrate the darkness beyond their own borders."—H. S. p. 291.

"With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in whole-hearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God's love."—D. A. p. 297.

"As churches are established, it should be set before them that it is even from among them that men must be taken to carry the truth to others, and raise new churches; therefore they must all work, and cultivate to the utmost the talents that God has given them, and be training their minds to engage in the service of their Master."—Test. Vol. 3, p. 205.



Newly invested "Friends" at the Te Sin School, Kuala Lumpur.

### EDUCATION DAY

By Professor G. H. Minchin

Sabbath July 29 has been set apart as Education Day, the offering to be used for the Advanced Bible School in Washington, D.C. As you may know, this School serves the whole world field, and consequently our members in all parts of the world have been asked to join in its support.

Already the School has proved itself of great value to our workers who have had the privilege of attending it. For a long time the need of such a centre of advanced study had been felt, but more particularly in recent years since general educational standards have been raised and the type of education given at the higher places of learning has become totally unsuited to our needs. Workers, both National and European, report that in a marked manner the instruction received at the School has broadened their knowledge and vision, and given them a renewed faith in our cause.

Since this Union has been allotted a definite amount to raise it is to be hoped that the offering on July 29 will be a generous one. We did not provide our quota the last time the offering was taken and are hopeful that we shall not fall behind now. Definitely plan for this service in order that our people may continue to have the advantages that are coming to us as a result of the work done at this school.

### SPECIAL PRICE ON MINISTRY OF HEALING

This is the book to be used as S. S. Lesson Help during this quarter. Every family should have this most excellent book by Mrs. E. G. White. NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. Send your order early through your Tract Society. This book formerly sold for \$5.00 we are making a special offer now for \$1.80 plus postage.

### WITH OUR MEDICAL WORK

May was one of the best months in the history of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital. On several occasions patients had to be turned away from the Sanitarium because every bed was filled. Doctor and Mrs. J. C. Hayward now relieving the Waddell's in Bangkok will shortly connect with Doctor Hebard and his staff in Penang.

The Bangkok Clinic is continuing making and breaking records practically every month. They have a capacity of 33 beds and often keep 34 patients using the operating table for a bed. As one can imagine this becomes embarrassing when an emergency operation comes in. Often for weeks at a time they do not have an empty bed in the hospital.